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Gov. Scott holds seat as Democrats sweep state

BY ANGELO LYNN

As nearly 170,000 Vermonters cast their ballots ahead of Election Day, Vermonters were on track to set record mail-in turnout for a mid-term election with statewide interest high in many races. Vermonters also were on track to approve a slate of Democratic candidates in the state's top offices and

keep a House and Senate dominated by Democratic and Progressive candidates.

Republican Gov. Phil Scott is the lone exception at the top of his party's



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ticket as it appears he will easily beat Democratic challenger Brenda

Siegel. Early results at 9 p.m., with 27% of the votes in, were showing him ahead of Siegel with 73% of the votes cast to 22% for Siegel.

In the 2020 general election Scott beat then Lt. Gov. David Zucker-

man 68% to 27%. Other sure winners at this early hour will be State House representatives from the immediate area: Republican Rep. Butch Shaw, who is running unopposed for a newly redrawn seat covering Pittsford and Proctor, called Rutland-8, and (See *Mid-term elections*, Page 21)

Brandon Reporter to transition to a non-profit in the new year

BRANDON — Significant changes are coming to The Reporter in ways that publisher Angelo Lynn hopes will strengthen the newspaper's ties to the communities it serves. The goal, by the start of Jan. 2023, Lynn said, is to transition the newspaper from a subsidiary of the Addison County

Independent into a community-based nonprofit.

"To create a sustainable future for The Reporter the newspaper will have to increasingly rely on the support of its business community through growing advertising dollars, as well as individuals stepping forward to (See *Reporter transition*, Page 21)

Local Legions resume active outreach, activities following pandemic hiatus

BY ANGELO LYNN AND MARIN HOWELL

BRANDON/ADDISON COUNTY — In March of 2020, American Legion posts across the region were forced to figure out how to continue serving local veterans while creating the necessary distance to keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

Two-and-a-half years later, as most local Legion posts are enjoying a return to some traditional, fully in-person events, some veterans organizations are continuing programs they pivoted to during the pandemic, such as "buddy checks," or as the Brandon American Legion Post 55 has always done, just keep delivering meals to those in need and helping "basically anyone who's down on their luck," said Post 55 Commander Aaron Tucker.

"While we weren't drawing big gatherings (at the Legion), we stayed open throughout the pandemic and kept serving our community," Tucker said, adding the Post 55 members gave out about 10,000 meals during the crux of the pandemic.

(See *Veterans Day*, Page 8)



Infinite grace:

Rev. Jenei Rossigg brings vigor, strength to Church of Proctor

BY MAT CLOUSER

PROCTOR — Grace as a concept is all-encompassing. Secular and spiritual at once, a conundrum but also an aspiration. It's often a thing we want or wish we had, as in physical grace or the ways we might behave in hard times—times that can feel ever-present but not for a little more grace.

The subject of grace has been written about so widely that it can mean almost anything to

anyone. It's comforting yet elusive, distracting at times—even frustrating when it slips our grasp. Yet, always, there's some poetry in it—in the ways that it can obliterate our preconceptions and provide us with solace and companionship where all else may fail. Like poetry, it can't be defined—only experienced.

Although the concept of grace is old, it can constantly be re- (See *Church of Proctor*, Page 3)

A peek inside:

COMMUNITY FORUM

The groundwork for a community nonprofit to operate The Reporter is to be completed and ready to take over operation of the newspaper by Jan. 1, 2023, if there is adequate community support. Read about the initial plans by writer Steven Jupiter.

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HOWARD DEAN

Worried about what the mid-term election means for the nation's democracy? Former Gov. Howard Dean will give a talk this Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. to analyze the 2022 election results

PGS. 7

DMITRI BELIAKOV

Russian photographer Dmitri Beliakov has worked as a photo-journalism for some of the best newspapers and magazines in the world covering wars and conflicts, but when Russia invaded Ukraine, he and his family found their way to Vermont.

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OV FOOTBALL

The Otter Football Club honors the team's 2022 seniors, that includes thanks for all those who supported the team.

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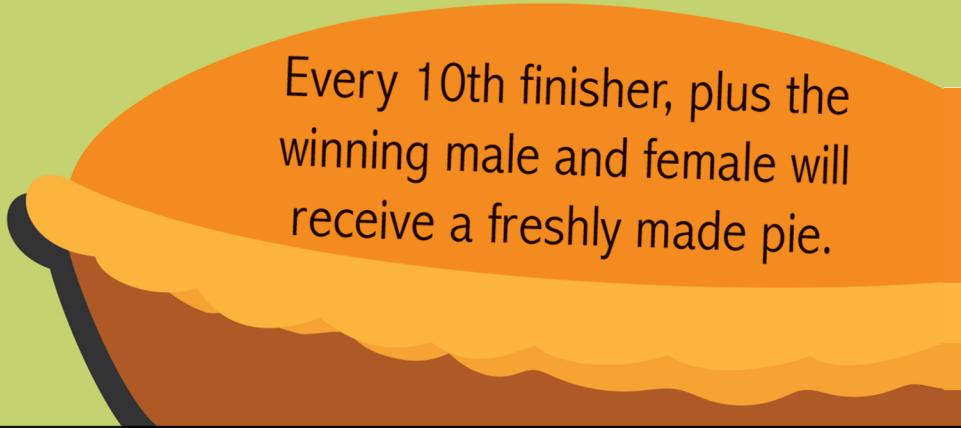
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Church of Proctor

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 newed—and must be if we're to know it at all. The people of Proctor know this as well as any, having seen some of the industrious grace of their lushly marbled past dance away with the decline and eventual closure of the Vermont Marble Company in the 1990s. But business and industry do not define grace—they don't begin to touch it. And those left in their wake—like those who survive any great trauma—know the pangs of grace alongside its joys.

Among those in Proctor who hope to embody grace is the Union Church's new pastor, Rev. Jenei Rossigg—herself no stranger to the mysteries of it, the elation of its renewal, or its fundamental role in handling the frequently inscrutable nature of human existence.

Rossigg, who has been at the pulpit since September 1, says she wasn't raised within a particularly observant family unit—mostly Christmas, Mother's Day, and Easter—and she didn't find her spiritual calling until she was in her thirties and started attending a small Methodist church when her children were little.

"The more I participated, the more I was a part of things, the more I really felt called to be in ministry," she said among the pews and Tiffany-stained glass of the austere, idyllic Union Church of Proctor following a recent Sunday service in which grace was a prevalent theme.

The program that day featured a quote from spiritual writer Mac Lucado on the topic that read: "Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off."

Although she found her calling late in life, Rossigg, a North Carolina native, eventually found her grace and dove into it headfirst, attending seminary at Hood Theological in Salisbury, N.C.—the only American Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion seminary in the world.

She chose Hood, on the campus of Livingstone College (an HBCU), because it had the best balance of race and gender of all the Association of Theological Schools. "I really wanted my life to open up spaces that I needed to reconcile and figure out," she said. "I come from a very old southern family which is fraught with all sorts of difficulties and tragedies and things

that I could never wrap my brain around."

Following her time there, Rossigg worked in various roles for multiple denominations and faiths, including working for Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Catholics—even teaching Hebrew at a small synagogue. "I've been in a lot of different spaces with different denominations and faith communities," she said. "As time went along, I felt like I was still missing something."

Eventually, she discovered that the United Church of Christ was a good fit for her theologically. She went through the ordination process while serving the Western Reserve and Eastern Ohio Associations as director of resources.

Rossigg—who has been married to Sara Rossigg (the current pastor at the Brandon Congregational Church) since 2016 and partnered since 2008—has had her fair share of pushback—including death threats from some of her former congregants—both as a woman and as an out member of the LGBTQ+ community. "You darn well bet that as a woman serving in a church,

(See Church of Proctor, Page 9)



NEW PASTOR JENEI Rossigg brings grace to bear at the pulpit of the Union Church of Proctor.
 Photo by Mat Clouser

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BRANDON REPORTER

Editorial

So long... and thanks
for all the fish wrap

It occurred to me that in the almost six months I've worked as Editor of *The Reporter*, I'd yet to write an editorial of any kind. My personal preference would be never to write one, as I feel an editor should keep their bias and opinions to an absolute minimum.

The job comes with power and responsibility that I take seriously. It's heavy work deciding which stories make it into the paper and which don't. Sadly, the paper can only have so many pages. It's a zero-sum game; everything that makes it in comes at the expense of something else—and there are plenty of stories worth telling, more than I or anyone could ever truly do justice.

As an editor and journalist, I've never felt like it's my role to tell anyone how to think—only to report the facts as I could best assemble them and let the readers come to their own conclusions. I hope you think I've done that reasonably well. I've tried my best to be engaging and accurate—but also to be generous.

And yet, I've always known the time would come when, for whatever reason, I'd have to write an editorial. I never saw it coming that my first would also be my last, but here I am writing to tell you that last week was my final week as editor of *The Reporter*.

Given everything I've just written, perhaps you'll agree with me that there's both irony and poetry in my eschewing the writing of an editorial until the very last moment—even just a little beyond. This job has never

been about me.

Still, for my last few moments, perhaps you'll humor me as I center in on myself—perhaps, too, you'll allow me some of the grace that I wrote about in the story of Rev. Jenei Rossigg (see Page 1) as I slip out the door.

I've learned a ton in my time here, and my experiences have been predominantly positive ones. I've been enriched with the knowledge and experience that comes with taking a hard (and sometimes lighthearted) look at parts of the world that I might otherwise never have seen.

As a relative newcomer to the area, I've been afforded the opportunity to make connections in Rutland and Addison County that might have otherwise taken me years to accomplish. By and large, the community has been welcoming and kind to my family and me, and we're grateful for that. There is much to love and admire about this place.

I'm sure many would like to know why I'm leaving and what will happen next, both for me and—more importantly—for the paper. In keeping with the theme outlined above, I'll start with the last before I get to the first.

In the short term, Angelo Lynn will resume his previous role as editor. I won't write about what may happen after that—although you can read all about it in today's paper starting on Page 1. It's an ongoing process—one that will involve an even larger transfer of power than simple editorial duties—but one that I think is in the best interest of the long-term health of *The Reporter*.
(See *So long*, Page 5)

**Ferdinand?**

THIS DOCILE BULL was captured ruminating the state of affairs post election.

Photo by Dale Chrisie

Community Forum
To keep *The Reporter* vibrant,
we'll need all of *your* support

As many of you already know, there have been many changes at *The Reporter* this year. Mat Clouser became editor in the spring and set about returning the paper's focus to the communities it serves. There were many more articles about local people, news, and events than had been the case for the previous few years. Mat did a terrific job, and we heard much appreciation and praise from our readers.

However, running a weekly paper is a demanding, relentless task, and Mat has decided to step down. We owe him a huge debt for reinvigorating *The Reporter* and hope we'll work together again.

Angelo Lynn, the publisher, has graciously agreed to step back in and edit *The Reporter* while we sort out the next phase: the transition of the paper to nonprofit status and operation as a community resource. Angelo will transfer his ownership of *The Reporter* to this new, nonprofit entity but continue to provide necessary infrastructural

support (e.g., ad sales, printing, distribution).

As required by Vermont laws governing nonprofits, we have assembled an initial Board of Directors, consisting of myself, George Fjeld, and Barbara Ebling, and drawn up a set of by-laws. We will be submitting these to the Vermont Secretary of State to establish our nonprofit status at the state level. The establishment of 501(c)(3) nonprofit status with the IRS is a separate process that we will also undertake as soon as possible.

We intend to add members to the Board to represent the varied communities we serve. We intend to feature more writing and photography by community members. We intend to develop cultural, civic, and educational programs. In sum, we intend to operate as a true community resource, run by community members, for the communities in which they live.

There are risks, however. Right now, *The Reporter* is oper-

ated as a subsidiary of *The Addison Independent*, with all the benefits of that larger paper's infrastructure. Even though *The Independent* will continue to provide practical support, *The Reporter* will have to pay those costs. In order for *The Reporter* to survive, it will have to generate enough revenue to pay for its own operation. There are several ways you can help:

1) Subscribe, if you don't already. We will be raising the price from \$0.75 to \$1 per issue, for both subscribers and newsstand purchasers. We believe that we will be providing at least a dollar's worth of content for you every week.

2) Advertise, if you don't already. If you run a local business but don't currently advertise in *The Reporter*, please consider taking out a recurring ad. We have a range of options, and it's really this revenue that keeps the paper going.

3) Donate, if you can. Once we've established our nonprofit (See *Your support*, Page 9)

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Letters to the Editor

Get to know your neighbors before lashing out

There was yet another post on Brandon Front Porch Forum last week fixated on just one area of the Brandon selectboards' duties. There are so many urgent priorities! It is commonplace for the board to adopt policies as recommended to them, and then prioritize their work according to urgent need, input from the community (and not just a few), staffing, recommendations from the

Town Manager, VT League of Cities and Towns, current law and changes to law, the legislature, etc.

The majority of our community is quite happy to elect responsible citizens to handle and prioritize these important issues. A few seem to want to micromanage that work with limited history in our beautiful state and town, leaving much homework for themselves and

our selectboard and community to bring them up to speed on the rural community's priorities.

The length of time one lives in a place means less than their willingness to be a healthy part of that community. Attention-seeking to make Brandon like the locations left before does not build positive relationships. We urge the critical and attention-seeking new folks to

take your time, get to know people in the community, realize you are but a few and have only one vote each, help others selflessly, and be careful pushing your city agendas on rural folks as it will likely sour your rapport in your new place.

It is easy to purchase property and move here. It is harder to learn about those you agreed to live near, to show care and concern for others, and set aside your demands and, rather, hear about other's needs.

We Vermonters are slow to warm to change and look deep for character and good intent. We don't care much about income, fancy jobs, fancy education. We don't tout that. We don't need to be told to be nice to all people because we know, and that's how we live. We protect each other from excessive criticism, stand up for our neighbors, and genuinely care about others and reach out to those in need in a quiet way without drawing attention.

Please join us in being trusting, friendly neighbors and let our selectboard alone to do their work of prioritizing the many requests they receive from Brandon's citizens on many issues.

Use your vote to choose selectboard members that meet your priorities and step back and treat others as you wish to be treated. It creates a warm and friendly neighborhood and community if we all realize we are just one of many that may have input and these selectboard members donate enough time after work and away from their families that they need to be able to get home at a decent time in the evening. Let's show our appreciation for their important work by giving our input in a brief succinct way and leaving them to do their work.

Let's also join together and help our neighbors this winter, as many are struggling with the high costs of food and gas and heat. Let's focus on building community instead of tearing it down.

The only real way to make Brandon better is to help each other and listen to each other, and, in doing so, our voices must be soft and humble and must not demand center stage. That is the Vermont way.

*Sharon Stearns
Brandon*

So long

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porter and local independent news. Ultimately, it's no longer my news to break.

As for me, I'm stepping away to find more time to focus on the writing that I'm most passionate about. This isn't to say I'm not passionate about the community here—quite the opposite. But I'm a poet and a storyteller. I was never trained as a journalist.

My best writing probably has a home someplace else, although I do hope to continue to find ways to engage with the community where I will continue to live—it's just that engagement and those stories will live on in other, as yet undetermined pages.

Again, the paper isn't about me. It was here long before me and hopefully will be long after I'm gone. I won't be an em-

ployee by the time you finish reading this, but I will still be a subscriber as long as I live in Brandon—something that won't change anytime soon.

I hope you'll join me in supporting the future of the paper—whatever it may look like.

*Mat Clouser
Brandon*

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Obituaries

Kenneth Charles Thomas, 98, Brandon

BRANDON — Kenneth Charles Thomas, age 98, passed away Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, at Helen Porter Health & Rehabilitation Center in Middlebury.

Ken was born in Brandon on March 23, 1924. He was the son of Raymond and Ethel (Kelsey) Thomas. He grew up in Brandon, where he received his early education and graduated from Brandon High School, class of 1943. Ken served in the United States Navy during World War II as a Carpenter's Mate 2C. He was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone at the submarine operating base in Balboa. He was honorably discharged in May 1946.

After his discharge Ken joined Racine Tower Construction, building radio towers across the United States. Ken then joined his father and brother in the building trade, with R.J. Thomas & Sons of Brandon, where he built houses for most of his working life. After retiring from the home building business he worked part time for Vermont Protective Coatings. Ken was a



KENNETH C THOMAS

long-time member of the Brandon Fire Department and a life-long member of the Brandon Congregational Church, where he was involved in many aspects of church life.

He is survived by his daughter, Dale Bastian (Gene) of Weybridge; three sons; Kirk Thomas (Tracy) of Brandon, David Thomas (Lisa) of Bloomsbury, N.J., and Doug Thomas (Catherine) of Cincinnati, Ohio; and his brother; Robert Thomas (Joan)

of Brandon. Also surviving are: seven grandchildren (Jessica, Amanda, Jordan, Whitney, Mallory, Owen and Charlie); three great-grandchildren (Ellis, Emerson and Ainsley); one niece, Linda (Mike); and one nephew, Robert (Debbie). Ken was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth "Bette" Thomas, on July 29, 2010.

Ken was a kind and gentle man who will be greatly missed.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m., at the Brandon Congregational Church. The graveside committal service and burial, with Military Honors, followed the ceremony at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Calling hours were private.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made, in his memory to; Brandon Area Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 232, Brandon, VT or to the Brandon Fire Department, Franklin Street, Brandon, VT 05733.

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

Robert Henry Bride Sr., 79 Forest Dale

FOREST DALE — Robert Henry Bride Sr., age 79, passed away Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at his home in Forest Dale.

Bob was born in Rutland on Sept. 10, 1943. He was the son of Merald and Gladys (Cox) Bride.

He grew up in Rutland, where he received his education. Following high school, he served in the United State Navy. After his Honorable Discharge, he returned to Vermont and began his working career as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He retired in 2005.

He enjoyed carpentry work, was an avid hunter and a New York Yankees fan and a New England Patriots fan. He was a member of Brandon American Legion Post 55.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Knight) Bride of Forest Dale, whom he married July 19, 1992; one son, Robert Bride Jr. and his

wife, Cathy; a daughter, Karen Bowen and her husband, Ralph; one brother, Michael Bride; four sisters, Judith Wiskoski, Jacqueline Grant, Margaret Lanphere and Linda Galo; a stepdaughter,

Lisa Torres; and three stepsons, Mark Little, Fred Little and Brian Little. Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him. He was predeceased

by his parents; a brother,

Merald Bride Jr., and a sister, Sally Geno.

Honoring his wishes, a private celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made, in his memory to; Brandon Area Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 232, Brandon, VT 05733.

Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon is in charge of arrangements.



ROBERT HENRY BRIDE SR.

Obituary Guidelines

The Reporter will publish paid obituaries and free notices of passing. Paid obituaries cost 25 cents per word and will be published, as submitted, on the date of the family's choosing. For those who do not wish to purchase an obituary, the Reporter offers a free notice of passing up to 100 words, subject to editing by our news department. Photos (optional) with either paid obituaries or free notices cost \$10 per photo. Obituaries may be emailed to news@brandonreporter.com. Submissions must be received by 11 a.m. on Monday for publication in the Wednesday paper.



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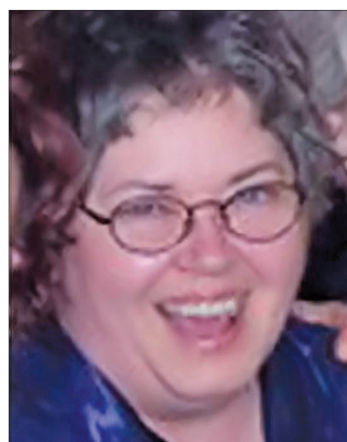
Tree lighting with singing will take place on Sunday, November 27 at 3:30 pm in front of the **Town Hall**.

Many thanks to Steve & Elsie Sherrill for generously donating the pretty trees!!

Wendy Jane Noel Frederick, 67, Brandon

BRANDON — Wendy Jane Noel Frederick, beloved wife, sister, aunt, and friend of the community, passed away from pancreatic cancer on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury at the age of 67.

Wendy was born in Glen Cove, N.Y. on March 13, 1955, the daughter of Dick and Helen (née Tracy) Noel. Wendy moved with her family to Vermont in 1965, graduated from Otter Valley Union High School in 1973, and received her BA degree in Piano



WENDY FREDERICK

Performance from Johnson State College in 1978.

Upon graduation, Wendy returned home to Brandon where she became very active in local arts. She was a lover of all forms of art and creative expression and worked in several mediums throughout her life.

Shortly after graduating from Johnson, Wendy worked at the music library at Middlebury College. She was president of the Friends of the Library in Brandon for many years and designed the

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Former Gov. Howard Dean discusses what the midterm elections mean for American Democracy

Middlebury...Physician and former six-term governor of Vermont, Howard Dean, will present a talk, "What Do the Midterms Mean for American Democracy?" on Thursday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. This event will take place at Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society at 2 Duane Ct. in Middlebury, VT. This event is free and open to the public.

This presentation is jointly sponsored as a community program by the Henry Sheldon Museum and the Hawthorne Club, both long associated with the history of Middlebury and Addison County. The Hawthorne Club was founded in 1877 to establish closer relations between members of the Middlebury College community and citizens of the town. It is named for Nathaniel Hawthorne, a national literary hero whose talks at the College made him a local celebrity. The Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History was chartered in 1882 as an art museum, archeological, and historical society, and the institution continues to fulfill roles associated with those fields. Amongst its holdings are the archives of the Hawthorne Club.

The two organizations formed a partnership in 2015 to offer annually to the public at large a talk by a recognized specialist. The organizations have welcomed Judge William K. Sessions III (2015), who reflected upon his judicial career and philosophy, and Jay Parini (2016), who detailed his Hollywood experiences when his books were made into movies. In 2017, Alex Wolff, veteran Sports



HOWARD DEAN

Illustrated journalist, examined the recent history of the Olympic Games, and in 2018, Jane Lindholm, radio journalist, host, and commentator, reflected on her years with VPR's Vermont Edition. This year, Howard Dean, a prominent political leader in the state of Vermont and former presidential candidate in 2004, will provide insight into the relationship between the democratic political process Democracy in the United States today.

The Henry Sheldon Museum is located at 1 Park Street in downtown Middlebury across from the Ilsley Library. Museum hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Research Center hours: Thurs. and Fri. 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call 802/388-2117 or visit our website: www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org

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Hard Tellin'

BY DAVE PRAAMSMA

Negotiating November

If there is a month with a bit of baggage here in Vermont it has to be November.

November – how do I say it nicely – isn't getting punctuated with any kind of exclamation marks. Nobody's scheduling any weddings in November. November is the reason we start talking again about putting Prozac in the water.

The November Mindset, if I could call it that, might really be about mental preparation (or maybe mental surrender) to the coming terms of a Vermont winter. A month meant to remind us of the fine print on the Vermont Winter Contract we residents tacitly agree to. A glass of cold water in the face of Winter Denial.

Sure, we've all heard a few good jokes about Mud Season. But you'd be hard pressed to find any good humor about the November pseudo-season we call Stick Season (which may also speak to this mirthless time of year). Frankly most of us are just a bit melancholy about a landscape reduced to grayscale that just weeks ago had us all giddy with its colored leafery.

One of the more charitable analogies I've heard is that November is pretty much a loose equivalent to when house guests finally leave. It is, after all, a time when our state exhales all those leaf-peeping tourists and we all resume normalcy. What's overlooked in this metaphor is that it is also a time when even our own residents seem to be

sneaking southward. November, it seems, might be more like house guests leaving...with a few family members stowed away under the hatchback.

It is interesting also that while November is far from poetry month (that would be April), curiously rhymesters have not been silent on the subject. Emily Dickinson once wrote "November always seemed to me the Norway of the year" which certainly does not sound like a compliment. And poet Thomas Hood most probably wasn't singing November's praises, when he toyed with the month's rather unfortunate moniker: "No leaves, no shine, no birds, no flowers...No-venber!"

Recently I was grumping about my November disaffection to an artist friend, and was soundly scolded for my irreverence. November is a time to enjoy Vermont's austere beauty! he lectured. His gritty early winter landscapes are typically painted with boney trees and overcast skies. A Thomas Kinkadee painter he is not. Those scenes of hop-scotching children in perfectly pastoral New England settings are deeply aggravating to him. I'm paraphrasing here, but I think he prefers that other Vermont- perhaps the unvarnished one. The Vermont that has room for the grayscales of November as well as the colors of October. That late-year Vermont that really wants to know how deep our affection runs for these northlands.

But if there is a more severe

scolding I usually get from neighboring November-lovers it's that I simply haven't learned to love this month for its smells. If October is known for its sights then November might be better appreciated with the nose I'm now told. (All of which seems like a rather desperate attempt of overly-optimistic Pollyannas.)

The cultivated November nose, I'm told, is really about taking in the perfumed aromas of hearth and home. November, after all, it that time of year when we collectively fire-up of those pungent woodstoves. A kind of Aroma-therapy for the disaffected. A time of year when we follow those fragrant smells homeward to even better smells of apple pies and cheesy casseroles. Comfort foods for the coming uncomfortable cold!

It is a point I will take into consideration under my sun-lamp.

And what about the fact that November is Gratitude Month I am often told. (Yes, and here is where I really begin to feel truly guilty and unworthy as a Vermonter) Because I suppose if we can really reach down deep in hardy Norwegian fashion and find something good to say even when the sun is setting unreasonably at 4:30, I suppose there's something really commendable going on.

I will try harder.

But if there is any lasting November wisdom I will confess that it comes from those that say my expectations are just too high. Like maybe expecting that dried rice cakes can somehow be made tasty. What's really called for in the 11th month is a kind of Scandinavian Stoicism. (Aren't those guys still scoring high on the international happiness scale?)

It is a good point. And this too I will diligently ponder. With an extra serving of mashed potatoes and gravy by the woodstove.

Wendy Frederick

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Christmas wreath auction poster art for the Brandon Free Public Library for several years. When Brandon had a contest for a new town logo, Wendy won, and an edited version of her art can still be seen on town vehicles to this day.

Wendy loved to sew and used her skills in the fabric arts to make everything from furniture covers and home decor to wedding dresses and men's fashion. She also made many Christmas outfits and dress-up costumes for her nieces and nephews. In the late 1980s, she opened her own alterations and fabric store with a partner, Suit Yourself, in

Rutland.

Wendy was a talented musician who was skilled in playing piano, flute, French horn, and the violin. Her greatest love, though, was always the piano, and she loved sharing her love with anyone who would ask. She was an accompanist for several vocal groups, including the Brandon Festival Singers, as well as the piano accompanist for multiple productions at both Neshobe School and OVUHS. She also taught piano to many over the years.

She loved challenging music and reveled in playing Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Stravinsky, Copeland and Rachmaninoff,

among others.

In the late 1980s, Wendy began showing symptoms of multiple sclerosis. It greatly affected her mobility, and as the disease progressed her hands became less agile to the point she was no longer able to play the piano or work on a sewing machine. In the 2000s, she turned to mosaic art and became a moderator for mosaicartists.org and was very active and well-respected in the Society of American Mosaic Artists.

Within a few hours of her passing, more than 30 artists in the group from around the country shared their stories of how Wendy had mentored and affected their art expression, brought the community together, and even helped resolve conflicts between artists.

In her personal life, Wendy had a hilarious and imaginative sense of humor that could break the tension in a room. Often irreverent and shocking, it was rarely mean-spirited, but brightened the room and helped people not to take things so seriously. She was a highly empathetic person who knew the right things to say to leave people feeling better than when they had come to her.

She loved sharing her knowledge and experience with people and had a unique understanding of how individual people learned.

Wendy was an animal lover, especially of the feline variety, and always had at least one or two cats in her home. Most of them came to her, almost as though they knew she was The Cat Lady who would help them.

Wendy is survived by her husband, Greg Frederick of Brandon, whom she married in St. Johnsbury on December 8, 1979; one sister, Kathie Butler of Delaware, OH; one brother, Jeffrey Noel of Brandon; two nieces, three nephews, and two great-nieces; and many cousins. She was predeceased by her parents.

A private gathering in celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to: Brandon Area Rescue Squad, PO Box 232, Brandon, VT 05733. Arrangements are under the direction of the Miller & Ketchum Funeral Home in Brandon.

Veteran's Day

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"We had a drive-through at the Legion, with lots of volunteers who would cook and serve the meals — Colleen Wright with the town Rec. Dept. did most of the organizing — and we had a bucket for a donation if anyone could afford it, but it was free to everyone," Tucker said.

The donations, nonetheless, were enough to pay for putting up a new ceiling in the Post's social room.

COVID CHALLENGES

But challenges were ample throughout the pandemic including trying to meet while also protecting each other from getting the COVID-19 virus.

As a result, American Legion Post 19 in Bristol started a program called buddy checks to keep tabs on the wellbeing of veterans in the county when local Legion members could no longer see their fel-

low veterans regularly.

Post 19 Commander Ron LaRose explained that Adjutant Alan Smith would call local veterans to see how they were doing and ask if the post could provide any help.

"He knows all of the veterans in the area, whether they belong to the post or not, and he keeps track of them, making sure there's not any issues emotionally or mentally," LaRose said of Smith. "He's making sure they have what they need and are getting where they need to go."

Buddy checks have continued at Post 19 even as in-person gatherings have returned. LaRose said these calls are a good way to check in on the mental wellbeing of local veterans, which is a priority at Post 19.

"We can be aware of the veterans that might be struggling a little bit

so that we can just be a voice, be a shoulder to lean on," he said. "We stress that at all of our meetings."

Bristol's Post 19 has also continued to offer use of a Virtual Living Room, or VLR, a space was set up just a month before the start of the pandemic and gives veterans throughout the state a way to remotely conduct telehealth appointments with their doctors at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction.

The room has soundproof doors and an acoustic ceiling, suited for veterans to log on and set up a video call with their healthcare provider. It opened in February of 2020 and was originally intended to alleviate the burden of driving across the state to access healthcare services.

Turns out the VLR offered an added benefit when COVID-19 hit Addison County and meeting remotely was a way to stay safe from the virus.

LaRose said veterans are still able to call Post 19 and make an appointment to use the room, though the service hasn't seen as much use as originally hoped.

"The VA is doing the best they can to get the word out about it," he said. "I think we've had maybe six or 10 people use it."

BACK TO NEAR NORMAL

While they've continued some successful pandemic-inspired programs, local Legion posts have also enjoyed a return to fully in-person gatherings.

Brian Gebo, commander of American Legion Post 14 in Vergennes, said the post is currently trying to build back up its programming that withered under COVID-19 restrictions.

"I think we are in a serious rebuilding stage after the pandemic. We tried to keep going the major events that we could, but in reality the post kind of shut down during COVID-19," he said.

Post 14 has seen an increase in attendance at recent dances and bingo events, and Gebo said the post was happy this past spring to bring back the Memorial Day parade, which is typically the largest of its kind in the state.

"That was something that we felt we needed to do. We got the parade back and continued with the fireworks in town and getting the community engaged again," he said.

The Vergennes post is still trying to get back to pre-pandemic levels of programming, but Gebo said the post is glad to be able to host in-person gatherings again for veterans and community members.

"We've had absolutely outstanding attendance at those events. People are hungry to get back out there, and so we're trying to make sure we're offering those events for the community and of course for our veterans," he said.

Post 19 in Bristol has also appreciated a return to fully in-person

operations. LaRose said retired community members often use the space and have enjoyed being able to spend time at the Legion again.

"They come to play tickets and socialize, and so when we opened back up they were right back in the routine again," he said.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

LaRose said opening the Legion up last year was also important for the community because the Legion hall is a space often used for programs like Boy Scout and staff meetings, as well as other community events.

"The Legion in many small communities is the center for a lot of activities, not just for veterans," he explained. "It is a focal point in our community."

Brandon's Post 55 Commander Tucker emphasized that very point when he recalled the 10,000 meals the Post had served, adding the Post would soon be gearing up to serve Thanksgiving meals to area residents.

Tucker recalled the Post served 165 hot Thanksgiving meals during last year's holiday, adding that "it's nice to get a hot meal on Thanksgiving Day — and it's hot too. We cook it that morning and deliver it fresh."

Tucker emphasized that the Post delivers meals (and other assistance) "to anyone, veteran or not."

"If someone's down on their luck and needs a meal, or medical help, or whatever we can do, just reach out to us. We're here to help and we like doing it," said the almost 80-year-old veteran of the Korean War said.

Tucker said the Post had about 141 current members, plus another 60 or so through the Legion Riders and Sons (and daughters) of the American Legion, as well as about 45 in the Ladies Auxiliary. He said they also had an active recruitment effort getting younger veterans — from the War on Terrorism (2001), invasion of Iraq, and Afghanistan to the present — to join.

While the Post's membership naturally skews older, Tucker said the Post recruits everyone who has served, but keeps the focus of each member on helping others. He said he discourages veterans from thinking membership is about getting something from the military because they earned it, but rather to acknowledge they were fortunate to have served and "we're doing what we do not for ourselves, but for others."

VA hospital to host Veteran's Day event

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in White River Junction will recognize the service of veterans with an in-person and virtual ceremony on Nov. 11.

The VA Healthcare System's Veterans Day Ceremony in honor of all veterans who have served Friday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m.

White River Junction VAMC staff, veterans and members of the general public are invited to the ceremony on the Veterans Memorial Brick Walkway at the VA Medical Center, which is located at 163 Veterans Drive in White River Junction, Vt.

People may also take part virtually via a Facebook Live Event — go online to <https://fb.me/e/2dZocUSod> of visit the White River Junction VA

Medical Center's page, va.gov/white-river-junction-health-care.


This annual Veterans Day ceremony will honor all who served our country. Music will be performed by the Lyme Town Band, a memorial wreath will be placed in front of the Memorial at the medical center and Taps will be played to honor those no longer with us.

The ceremony will be offered both virtually and in-person. All are welcome to attend.

The Public Affairs Office continues to look for available/active Color Guards. If you are part of or know of an available Color Guard willing to volunteer services for this year's event please contact Katherine. Tang@va.gov or (802-295-9363 ext. 5880).

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Veteran's Day events

November 11:

The Town of Pittsford will host a Veteran's Day Ceremony and Veteran's Wall Dedication on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Pittsford Municipal Offices. The ceremonies will include a welcome by Town Manager Brenda Fox-Howard, the national anthem, invocation by Pastor Michael Dwyer, Pittsford Congregational Church and the Pledge of Allegiance by Pittsford Boy Scouts.

The keynote address will be by Major Mathew Hefner, followed by the Lothrop

School Singers and Lothrop Music Teacher Carolyn Bruce singing "My Country Tis of Thee," and a dedication of the Veteran's Wall by Anne Pelkey of the Pittsford Historical Society and Shelly Williams, librarian.

All are welcome at the event, which is typically held outside of the town office building at 426 Plains Road.

The Brandon Veteran's Day event will be Friday, November 11th @ 11:00 am at the Civil War Memorial.

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Church of Proctor

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there will always be people who will leave," she said.

"They will leave because you are a woman, and they just can't believe that a woman can be a pastor," she continued. "Yes, in 2022, it still happens. It's hard—and then, when you're an out woman on top of that, it doubles down for a lot of folks."

It's required uncommon strength and guts to learn how to be graceful in the face of it all. "When you are approached with something like that—treat somebody with respect, treat them with care, but you also don't have to take it."

In other words, she's learned to take the good with the bad and keep moving with the grace of her convictions. "Sometimes, just walking like you know that's true is enough for others."

Rossigg says she hasn't encountered anything like that during her time in Proctor. "I can't think of any situation in which I haven't been met with pure joy and hopefulness—they've just been amazing," she said.

"Honestly, it's been a really long time since I met a church like this—people who have really great boundaries; people who just want to serve—they want to figure out how to do the best they can with where they are and learn to grow," she said.

That the church is interdenominational has been a bonus, says Rossigg, given her experi-

ence working within churches of all types. "It sounds corny," she said, "but honestly, I just feel in love with them. I love talking to them."

A visit to the church for a recent Sunday service confirmed that joy and hopefulness in action—itsself a form of grace—as newcomers (in this case, the author of this story) were met with generosity and warmth, including a sincere welcome from nearly every parishioner in attendance.

Still, despite the grace of its parishioners, the church faces a number of dilemmas. "I think all churches are really struggling—particularly with COVID and trying to come back," said Rossigg. "People have found that they can feed that spiritual need in a lot of different ways."

"The biggest thing for churches right now is to understand there isn't just one way to be a part of the spirit. We have to open ourselves up—really uncomfortably open ourselves up to acknowledging and celebrating the diversity of how the spirit moves and be willing to be a part of it."

"This church is a little more aged, as most are these days, but I think there's so much still that they can do," she continued. "They're not limited. Just because there are not a ton of children here doesn't mean that there's any less spirit moving."

"I see so many churches that

don't think they have any vibrancy anymore—that they are not a vital place because they don't have tons and tons of [parishioners]," she added. "Vitality isn't about numbers; it's about your zest for wanting to share the gospel message. It's about embracing who you are and living into that fully."

Rossigg says there are some plans to change the role of the church in the community—to see it used as an event center and place of congregation for people of all faiths or no faith at all, even going so far as to open up its spaces for things like game nights and a cornhole tournament to be held right between the pews.

Regardless of what the events may be, Rossigg said it's critical for all people in Proctor and places nearby to be able to gather. "Not just under the auspice of the church," she said, "but a place where people know that they can be in a safe space; where they can have different kinds of meetings; where they can be embraced for who they are and are becoming—and that's exactly what I'm starting to see this church doing."

When asked about the subject of grace directly, Rossigg, who was adopted and raised by her grandparents, grew circumspect, sharing painful memories from her past. In particular, she mentioned the murder of her mother when she was 18.

Her past was so painful that during her ordination period (in which prospective pastors must



ONE OF THE many Tiffany stained-glass windows that adorn the Union Church of Proctor
Photos by Mat Clouser

share vast swaths of their personal lives), it caused some in the church to question whether or not she'd be able to minister at all.

"I got flat asked—I just don't believe you can really have any grace or believe in grace after all the things you've gone through in your life," she said. "I was just dumbfounded by this. The first thing I said, and I truly believe to the depth of my core—because it plays out literally every day in my life—is that grace is infinite. It doesn't mean it's cheap. It means everything," adding that if we can't have grace in the face of tragedy, when will it show up?

"The guy who killed my mother—don't you think I wanted to hold that as this big old ball and chain that I could swing around and knock the hell out of

people with? Sure, absolutely," she said. "And then, there was this moment of one day going, 'I can still hurt and know that I could look at him [when he was up for parole] and find the grace to forgive him.'"

"[Grace] is a practice," she continued. "It sometimes begins as nothing more than rote, and then at some point you realize the magnitude of what you're trying to develop as a habit. The biggest piece is when you experience the turning point... trying to do it, trying to offer it, trying to be that 'better' person... and then having this moment of—OH—I understand what it feels like. I understand the impetus behind what's happening here."

"Like, as in love, the more you give away, the more you get."

Your support

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status at both the state and federal level, please consider a donation of whatever amount is comfortable for you.

If the community doesn't step up and help continue the operation of *The Reporter*, the paper will simply cease to exist. It's going to be a lot of work, but the alternative isn't attractive. The paper provides a sense of shared experience necessary to the cohesion of the community. Without it, we will easily drift apart. If we lose the paper, we lose each other.

We understand that this may all come as a surprise and spark

some controversy. This is why we're arranging a town-hall style meeting for the community on Thursday, December 1, from 6-8 p.m. in the auditorium at Otter Valley Union High School. If you have questions, concerns, suggestions, please come and speak with us. This is going to be a community effort (Brandon, Pittsford, Proctor and other nearby communities) and we want to hear from you.

We hope you're as excited by the prospect of a community-run paper as we are. We will need your support.

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Fall foods less abundant for wildlife

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is reporting that several important fall foods for wildlife are less abundant this year, following the bountiful 2021 fall season.

Fish and Wildlife biologists survey oak and beech stands around the state each fall season to assess how plentiful these important foods are for wildlife. Last year both acorns and beechnuts were plentiful across much of Vermont.

Results for this year found

both acorns and beechnuts are less abundant. Surveyed beech stands had complete crop failures and acorn surveys showed the lowest counts in 10 years. Without abundant acorns and beechnuts many of Vermont's wildlife species will be on the move looking for alternative food options before winter strikes.

The last time Vermont saw poor production of acorns and beechnuts in the same year was 2018. Without these important wild foods many bears will enter

winter dens early this year, and those that remain active will be searching for alternative food sources.

"With acorns and beechnuts scarce and bears searching for other food sources, it is important that Vermonters remain diligent about securely storing common bear attractants such as garbage and birdseed until winter conditions arrive and bears enter their dens," said wildlife biologist Jaclyn Comeau, who is the department's Black Bear Project Leader.



Fish & Wildlife asks deer hunters to report wildlife sightings

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking hunters to participate in its annual deer hunter effort and sighting survey.

The survey asks hunters to record how many hours they hunted and how many deer, moose, bears, or other wildlife they saw each day they hunted. This information helps the department evaluate how hunting pressure and the number of these animals varies around the state.

The easiest way to complete the survey is to use the Deer

Hunting Log feature in the Vermont Outdoors mobile app. The app allows hunters to track their effort and wildlife sightings each day during any of the 2022 deer hunting seasons. It also includes useful features like a check station locator tool and lots of hunting and fishing related information. Vermont Outdoors is available through the App Store or Google Play.

A web-based version of the survey will also be available on Fish and Wildlife's web-

site www.vtfishandwildlife.com after the start of the regular season on November 12.

"This survey is a great opportunity for hunters to let us know what they saw and to help inform management of deer and other wildlife," said Nick Fortin, Fish and Wildlife's deer and moose project leader. "If we hear from more hunters, our population estimates will be more reliable, and our management will be more effective."

Rutland United Methodist Church to hold holiday auction

Rutland United Methodist Church will hold its HOLIDAY FEST AND SILENT AUCTION (formerly the church's Chocolate Fest) on November 19th! This will be held at the Rutland United Methodist Church, 60 Strongs Ave. from 10 am to 3 pm. A silent auction, arts and crafts, baked goods and chocolate treats will be available for purchase, plus luncheon items. AND the Chocolate Fountain will be returning

after an absence of 3 years!

The Holiday Fest will be carrying on the Rutland United Methodist Church's Chocolate Fest tradition (with a smaller footprint) to help care for our community's hungry, homeless and those who live with food insecurity, through its Companions in Wholeness program, which is also supported by other area churches. Every Monday through Thursday RUMC gives

out 150-200 hot breakfasts at the Comfort Zone, plus clothing and assistance with needs such as gas money. Members visit the homeless to assist with their needs such as socks and hygiene items as part of the Faith on Foot program. Breaking Bread is the third arm of the Companions in Wholeness program, offering free community suppers.

For more info or to donate call Ellie McGarry at 802-236-3136.

Honoring Otter Valley Football 2022 Seniors

The Otter Valley Football Club would like to congratulate our seniors and thank the community and volunteers for helping to make our season a success



Morgan Currier: (Team Manager) Very reliable and extremely helpful to have her on the team. She is always positive; picking the team up and cheering them on. She is dedicated to the group and always finds ways to help out.



Tucker Babcock: (WR, DB) Leader by example, works hard and encourages his teammates to follow suit. He is a cerebral player on the field. He understands concepts of what is trying to be accomplished. He can be versatile and play anywhere. He is a great teammate on and off the field.



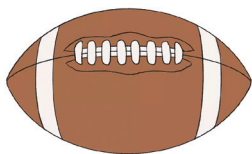
John Coleman: (O, D Line) One of the leaders of this group. He had a great ability to lift his teammates and bring out the best in them. He is a two-way player that was able to make an impact up front on both sides of the ball.



Wyatt Fitz-gerald: (O, D Line) Really emerged his senior year on both sides of the ball. He uses technique and fundamentals to win the line of scrimmage. He does a really good job of applying coaching points to in game scenarios. He is hard working, dedicated and a great teammate.



Richard Lafontaine: (D Back, WR) Great personality and character. He was always a coachable player. He really improved from year to year. He came to work everyday and was trustworthy. He had a knack for finding the football and making plays on the ball on the defensive side.



Keevon Parks: (LB/RB) All around great player. Toughness and physicality are two of his attributes that make up his identity. He has great instincts, always carries a positive attitude and has natural leadership qualities. He is coachable, yet not robotic. He is also capable of playing anywhere on the field.



Cody Pariseau: (O, D Line) Happy to see him come out his senior year! He brought a great attitude to every practice, worked hard, and seemed to really enjoy playing this year. He seemed to get better every day, and did a great job when his number was called.

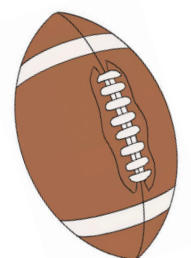


Derek Raymond:(O, D Line) Has good size and length. He is starting to put fundamentals into use along with his strength. He also is disruptive in the pass game with bringing pressure as well as knocking passes down in the short game. He does a great job pulling and delivering a blow on kick out blocks. He can be used anywhere on the line.



Caleb Whitney: (DB, LB/ QB, WR) Greatest attribute for him would be his athleticism. He has great speed and elusiveness. He is really good with the ball in his hands as well as making a play on the football. He also has toughness to go along with being a great athlete.

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Calendar of events

November

Wednesdays

Ping Pong

The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club would like to announce the beginning of its new season!

The club has begun play on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. It will meet nearly every Wednesday year-round in the gym at the Rutland Area Christian School in Rutland, located at the corner of Melrose Ave. and Lincoln Ave. in Rutland, a block from the intersection of Route 7 and Melrose Ave.

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.

10 13:

Castleton University theater arts department presents "Silent Sky"

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

its initial appearance at the Brandon Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Group was formed in 1994 and craft exciting original arrangements, stretching their harmonic vocabulary and producing killer soloists. TICKETS... ADULTS: \$8.00, STUDENTS & SENIORS: \$6.00. Sponsored by Rowe Real Estate, John & Lynn Wilson, Dick & Lucy Rouse, Kathy & Bob Clark, Vermont Country Store, National Bank of Middlebury.

Brandon Artists Guild Holiday Market

Discover the magic and wonder of winter as imagined by the warmhearted artists of Brandon Artists Guild from Nov. 11 through Jan. 29. "Just Imagine! A Holiday Giving Market," is the guild's artisan market, full of handcrafted wonders,

from enticing pottery and stained glass, distinctive jewelry and glorious photography, precious ornaments and eccentric dolls, as well as a delightfully large selection of finely crafted original artworks by more than 30 Vermont artists. There's something for everyone.

Joining the guild this holiday season are three talented exhibiting members, so come see the new creations imagined by new and seasoned artists.

An opening reception, free and open to all, with an opportunity to celebrate and meet the artists will take place from 5-7 p.m.

12:

Foley Brothers' Chili Fest

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

Proceeds will be donated to the local American Legion Veterans fund.

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

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

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Button Up Brandon

A Do It Ourselves (DIO) Cooperative Event held on November 13 from 10 a.m. to noon will teach you how to save energy dollars and

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 were awarded First Prize at the 2015 Lyon Interna-

tional Chamber Music Competition and, in 2018, were recipients of the inaugural Merito String Quartet Award and Valentin Erben Prize, and a prestigious Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship.

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.

(110 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701).

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.

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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.

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

"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.

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.

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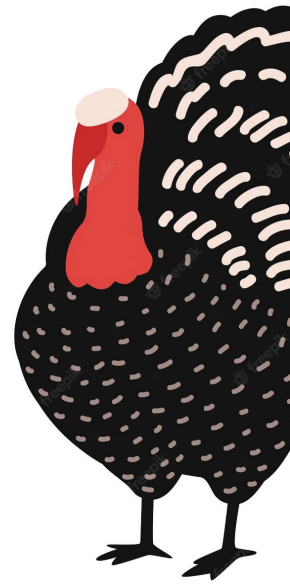
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Woodcarving & Booths at The Art Center

10am to 2pm at The Art Center for od carving by Al son and Christine end. Additionally, we ve vendor booths rian Fagan, Raven o and Heather n.

League of Women Voters Series: The Impact of Climate Change in Vermont

League of Women of Vermont, in ership with Kellogg- ard Library presents st in its 2022-23 e series on the t of climate change mont.

ason will look at ct on the personal, mic, and ecological closing with action as been taken and ve can do individu- d 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 via Zoom and is open to the public.

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

17:

Audubon West Rutland Marsh Birdwalk

Join our friendly and knowledgeable birders on our monthly marsh walk in this Audubon Important Bird Area from 8:00–11:00 a.m.. No experience necessary. Go the entire 3.7 mile loop or go halfway. Meet at the marsh boardwalk kiosk on Marble Street at 8 am.

All are welcome! More info: birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org

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 Bense. "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."



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 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 Somalian rock number to Mahmoud 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.

19:

Town Hall Theater Silent movie: Her Sister from Paris

The scene: Europe. The cast: Rich people. Get swept off your feet by not one but two privileged ladies, both played by amazing actress Constance Talmadge, in this effervescent battle-of-the-sexes comedy. Plus, comedy short subject. THIS IS A FREE WILL DONATION EVENT. Sponsored by Harold & Jean Somerset, Vermont Country Store.

23:

Annual Gingerbread Contest Entries Due at Chaffee Arts Center

Interested bakers, schools, businesses, organizations, families, individuals, and young people are invited to submit their imaginative gingerbread creations.

The gingerbread designs will be on display in our historic 1890's mansion starting at the Gingerbread Showcase on December 3rd from Noon to 2 PM, until December 23rd.

\$10 per entry.

Details, rules, and entry form at www.chaffeeartscenter.org Pre-registration appreciated.

Awards: People's Choice in all categories

Drop Off: November 22 (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) or November 23 (10 a.m.– 2 p.m.)

Happy Baking!

24:

Neshobe Pie Gobbler Fun Run

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 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.

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November 11, 2022 at 11:00am
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- ★ **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!



PHOTOGRAPHER DMITRI BELIAKOV in October 2014, working for The Wall Street Journal, in the aftermath of a battle in the Donbas region of Ukraine. A burned out tank is behind him.

'I am alive': Russian photojournalist Dmitri Beliakov lands in Vermont

BY DAVID MOATS, Vt Digger

The hills outside were tinged with the muted late autumn colors of Vermont. Inside, Russian photojournalist Dmitri Beliakov was describing his years covering war and terrorism in Chechnya, Ukraine, Syria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia.

It is a career that took an abrupt turn on Feb. 24 — the day that Russia invaded Ukraine. Russian security services knew who Beliakov was because of his many years working in war zones. They had detained and interrogated him before. It was plain to Beliakov and his wife as soon as war broke out that Russian authorities would never tolerate legitimate journalism, and they would be certain to arrest him.

Beliakov was working on a major photo project in Armenia when the war began, and he never returned home to Moscow. His wife, Nellie, and their three children left their home behind, and he joined them in Bulgaria. Then, on Oct. 11, they flew from Istanbul to Boston, and the next day Lisa Chalidze of Benson, a town at the southern tip of Lake Champlain, brought them to a new home in Vermont.

It has been a wrenching turn for a journalist whose career has taken him to numerous war zones and exposed him to many close calls. But it was not an accident that he ended up in Vermont. Lisa Chalidze, a lawyer on the faculty of Castleton University, is the widow of Valery Chalidze, a Soviet-era dissident whom Soviet authorities banished after he had arrived in America on a lecture tour. That was in 1972.

Valery Chalidze was a colleague of Andrei Sakharov, the nuclear physicist and human rights activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1975.

Sakharov's granddaughter, Marina Sakharov-Liberman, vice president of the Andrei Sakharov Foundation, now runs a program helping those opposing the Ukraine war to emigrate. Lisa Chalidze is a member of the foundation's board of directors, and with the foundation's support in obtaining visas, and with Lisa's help in finding them a new home, the Beliakov family has made its way safely to Vermont.

During a long and animated conversation over lunch at Lisa Chalidze's home, Beliakov recounted the harrowing moments of a long career covering seven conflicts, mostly on the periphery of Russia.

For a moment, however, he paused, reflecting on the fact that two revered champions of human rights, Sakharov and Chalidze, through their granddaughter and widow, have allowed his family to reach safety in America. It was a thought that caused him to put his face in his hands for a moment to regain his composure.

Beliakov, 52 years old, has practiced journalism at the highest level, working for The Sunday Times of London, Der Spiegel in Germany, Bloomberg News, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Le Figaro, Paris Match and numerous other outlets. His photographs have won awards and been exhibited internationally. He has prided himself on covering both sides in the many conflicts

he has witnessed — including that which began in the Donbas region of Ukraine in 2014.

The notable moments in his career have been many, but an important one occurred in 2004. It happened when terrorists seized a school in the Russian town of Beslan and held it for three days until a massive explosion ended the siege, claiming 330 lives, including those of 186 children.

Beliakov's photos were iconic representations of the event, including a sequence showing a 6-year-old girl who was blown out through a window of a large building. Most of her clothes have been blown off, and she is seen rising from the ground next to a woman's body and then trying to climb back into the building, where she hoped to find her mother.

The images of the girl, Aida Sidakova, have been likened to the famous photo of the Vietnamese girl, running naked in flight from a napalm attack. The girl and her mother survived, and Beliakov has photos of them years later, looking healthy and happy. CBS later made a documentary about the Beslan siege called "Three Days in September," narrated by Julia Roberts, with Beliakov prominently featured.

Another notable event occurred in 2014 in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. Pro-Russian insurgents had seized a local resident, Iryna Dovhan, saying she had been spying for Ukrainian forces. A photo showing her mistreatment came to the attention of United Nations (See Legislative report, Page 15)

Dmitri Beliakov

(Continued from Page 14)

human rights monitors, and Beliakov, with his friend Mark Franchetti, a reporter for The Sunday Times of London, pleaded with the pro-Russian rebel leader to release her. They appealed to his conscience, Beliakov said. Their intervention won her release.

Danger has been a constant in Beliakov's work. In Syria, he said, he had planned to be with the American war correspondent Marie Colvin in the city of Homs on the day in 2012 when she died in a mortar attack. But his plans had changed.

He recounted six times when he found himself in life-threatening situations — missing in the mountains of the Chechen-Georgian border, surviving air strikes in Chechnya and Nagorno-Karabakh, surviving heavy artillery and mortar bombardment in Ukraine.

Beliakov said he had traveled to the North Caucasus more than 50 times and is one of only two Russian photographers to document the second Chechen war from all sides — the Chechen armed resistance, regular Russian troops, pro-Kremlin Chechens.

Practicing neutrality as a journalist has been complicated. Independent journalism in Russia has been quashed. At the same time, Ukraine has so far refused to grant him a visa to enter the country to cover the present war, presumably because he is Russian.

But his work has encompassed more than war coverage. His many projects include one called "Last Witnesses of Stalin's Largest Mass Exile," with stunning portraits of men and women driven by Stalin in 1944 from Ingushetiya in the Cau-

casus to exile in Central Asia. One man was said to be 115 years old. They are ancient survivors of Stalin's policy of forced migration who years later were allowed to come home.

That Putin today is engaged in forced migration in Ukraine is an unsettling parallel.

Now Beliakov is trying to reconstitute his life in Vermont. His children are 26, 15 and 12 years old, and Dmitri is working to negotiate the bureaucratic steps needed to obtain Social Security numbers, driver's licenses and telephones for them. A generous Rutland County resident has provided them with a home on a remote mountain road.

At Lisa Chalidze's house that afternoon, his son Sergey, 12, was with him — a good-natured boy who likes soccer and fantasy books, but who has seen his family uprooted and transported to another continent. He seems to have responded with equanimity. With his father translating, he said of his family's journey: "Everything has been registered in my mind. I remember every episode in its way. But there's no discomfort."

Dmitri Beliakov said of his son, "He has lost quite a lot of illusions." Dmitri's other children are Kirill, 26, and Varvara, 15. He said they have matured during a difficult period transformed by war and its effects.

Beliakov himself takes a dark view of Vladimir Putin and the catastrophe he has caused. "I think too much power turns men dark, and Putin is a classic example," he wrote me in an email. "He is an excessively vain character who's trying to look bigger than he is. Under

Putin's rule, Russia has taken a very nasty turn."

Friends and fellow journalists have been murdered in Russia, and Beliakov has lost hope for journalism there. "The whole phenomenon of journalism was compromised in Putin's Russia; no one believes a journalist anymore, and no one really understands what the journalism is about."

Of the present war, he said, "Conflicts expose and reveal the truth. Conflicts allow us to speak out. I wasn't silent; I spoke freely about how I feel about this aggression in my interviews, articles and in the social networks." He knew it would blow back on him and his family, and he decided it was impossible to live and function as a journalist in Russia. Like thousands of other Russians, he and his family have left.

Now Beliakov has gained an appointment as a research fellow at the Peace and War Center of Norwich University. Dr. Travis Morris, director of the center, said Beliakov would be a valuable resource for the center and for the university as a whole. At the Peace and War Center, Morris said, "the goal is peace, but in reality, that's not how the world works."

Beliakov knows how the world works when peace fails, and his experience of war's cruelty offers many lessons. The Peace and War Center sponsors research, promotes student engagement and serves as a forum for diverse voices, and Beliakov will have much to offer, Morris said.

In a period in which anti-Russian sentiment is at a high level, would Beliakov be subject to bias against him?

"I've already seen it," Morris said. "It's one of the reasons why he's here" — to hear from a Rus-

sian who finds Putin's war abhorrent will be a valuable lesson for the university community and beyond. Beyond the stereotypes, there is an "element of humanity" that Beliakov embodies.

From his new home in Vermont, Beliakov monitors the war in Ukraine from afar and harbors fears about what Putin might do. He said he believes Putin "has basically lost it and has been driven to the edge." He said the only one capable of buying more time and avoiding the worst is President Biden.

He said someone needs to talk with Putin the way an FBI negotiator tries to talk down a potential suicide. He said he believes the Russians have already placed a nuclear charge inside Ukraine, and the worst is possible.

Beliakov calls Lisa Chalidze his sister for all the help, logistical and otherwise, that she has provided. She calls him "little brother." Chalidze herself continues to pursue activities meant to further the cause of democracy and human rights. She has donated her late husband's archive to the National Parliamentary

Library of the republic of Georgia, and she does work in Georgia to encourage the country's fledgling democracy. She travels to South Africa every year for similar work.

She and the Beliakov family enjoy a kinship connected to the oppressive rule of Soviet or Russian leaders. Many people helped Valery and Lisa Chalidze during his exile, and she says her help for the Beliakov family is a way of "paying it forward."

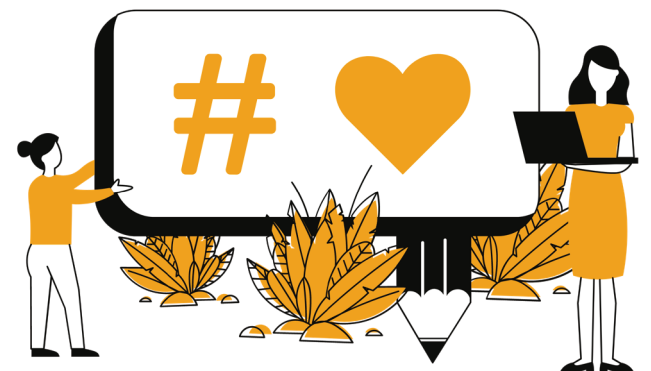
Thus, one of Russia's most accomplished war correspondents is now far removed from any war, enjoying the sanctuary of Vermont, but with images in his mind and in his vast portfolio of the worst that human beings can do to one another. The displacement of his family is one instance of the cost that the war has brought to millions of others.

But he is looking ahead. "I am not a victim of political repression," he told me by email. "Some of my colleagues and friends ended up in grave, some are in prison for doing the same job I did. I was luckier than some of them: I am alive."



EX-HOSTAGE ALLA IS overwhelmed with emotions over the grave of her daughter, killed in a crossfire during the siege of Beslan school No 1. Photo by Dmitri Beliakov November 2004, Beslan, North Osettiya, Russian Federation
Photo by Dmitry Beliakov

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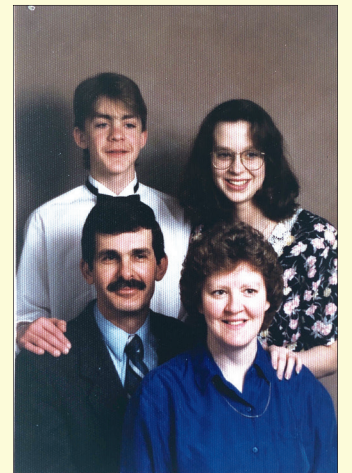


Recognized



Bill Mathis called to identify Steve Morse, music teacher at Otter Valley printed in the November 2nd issue. He took the Otter Valley Orchestra, along with some community members, to play at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Michael Dwyer also emailed to identify the music teacher, printed in the November 2nd issue. Steve Morse, who headed Otter Valley's Music Department for more than a dozen years, he ended up leaving in the late 1990's.



We found some Mim's identifications that slipped through the cracks while our associate publisher was out on maternity leave. We apologize for this inconvenience, and for not getting them in sooner!

Susan Hibbard emailed to identify the family photo printed in the August 10th issue. Rev. Larry Hart, his wife Sharon, their son Scott and their daughter Terri. Rev. Hart is a scriptural counselor and Bible teacher who has ministered at the Leicester Church of the Nazarene and the former Forest Dale Wesleyan Church, now the Forest Dale Christian Fellowship.

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Clip a small piece
5. Enter forcibly
11. Southwestern Native American tribe
12. Helps you smell better
16. Sun or solar disk
17. Low frequency
18. Former Houston football player
19. Federal crime
24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
25. Approval
26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
27. ___ student, learns healing
28. Indian groomer of horses
29. Line where two pieces meet
30. One might be brief
31. Type of sword
33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
34. Stinkhorns
38. Stroke
39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
40. Sir ___ Newton
43. Wild goat
44. Muslim ruler
45. Scottish ancestor
49. Hat
50. Horse mackerel
51. Alcoholic accompaniment
53. Tech department
54. Manifesting approval
56. Upper bract of grass
58. Of I
59. Large wading bird
60. Military prisons
63. Famed American cartoonist
64. Rise
65. Greek God of war and courage

CLUES DOWN

1. Sewing needles
2. Functionary
3. Induces vomiting
4. The finger farthest from the thumb
5. Not moving
6. Sports official
7. Water purification process (abbr.)
8. University of Dayton
9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
10. High schoolers' math course
13. Yankovic is a weird one
14. Adversaries
15. Merchandisers
20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)
21. Atomic #52
22. The back
23. One-time computer giant
27. Female of a horse
29. Football's big game (abbr.)
30. Vehicle
31. Single Lens Reflex
32. It's becoming more prevalent
33. Political action committee
34. Makes lightbulbs
35. Natural home of an animal
36. In bed
37. Superman villain
38. The Golden State
40. One who leads prayers in a mosque
41. They accompany a leader
42. Atomic #18
44. Electronic countermeasures
45. The appearance of something
47. Deep red color
48. Secret affairs
50. Drenches
51. Contains music
52. Expression of surprise
54. Intestinal pouches
55. Where birds are born
57. ___ and behold
61. Cools your home
62. The First State

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Sudoku

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

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Level: Intermediate

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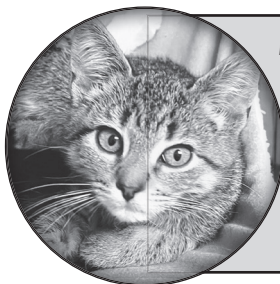
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Rutland County Humane Society Offers Tips for Walking Your Dog in The Dark

Daylight Saving Time ended this past weekend, so while you and your furry friends are resting up with that extra hour of sleep, remember that it also means earlier sunsets are coming and so are more dog walks at dusk and after dark. With reduced visibility can come safety concerns for you and your pup. With reduced visibility Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) would like to offer some tips to make your walk safe! Make yourself and your dog visible. Avoid dark clothing, and think about getting some reflective safety gear (especially for darker dogs). Stick to your usual routines. If you stray from the beaten path at night, you may find yourself in unfamiliar territories which can come with fewer street lights or hazardous traffic. Explore new routes during daylight hours! Keep your dog on a leash. Even if your best friend aced dog training school, it's easy to get spooked! Make sure your dog has ID so you can be reunited if they do get loose. If your dog goes missing, please contact the adoption center at 802-483-6700.

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Adult Fiction

The Boys From Biloxi, by John Grisham (large print).

Keith Rudy and Hugh Malco grew up in Biloxi in the sixties and were childhood friends, as well as Little League all-stars. But as teenagers, their lives took them in different directions.

No Plan B: A Jack Reacher Novel, Lee and Andrew Child (large print).

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Local juveniles had tough week

Brandon Police Report

BRANDON — The week of Oct. 31 was a difficult for the younger residents of Brandon, and police were called to aid with multiple situations throughout the week.

It began on the morning of Halloween with a call from a grandmother to report that her grandson had been assaulted with a tennis racket during gym class at Otter Valley Union High School. Police referred the incident to school officials for disciplinary action.

Not long after, the caretaker for a property on Pine Tree Lane called to report that one of the tenants has two marijuana plants in the front yard of the residence. There was no crime found to have been committed and the issue is to be handled civilly between property management and the tenant. Another resident called wanting to get advice from police on how to remove an unwanted roommate from his residence on Carver Street. Police advised the caller that the matter was civil in nature and would have to be dealt with through an attorney and/or the Civil court system.

Around lunchtime the same day, two separate reports of suspicious activity came in from Franklin Street. The first report involved a female that came onto the property at a residence on Franklin Street, took some belongings and then drove off in a truck. The incident was found to be civil in nature with the information later provided to the investigating officer. The second report was of a suspicious male wearing a clown mask, bright orange vest, and carrying a large object in his hand walking slowly by Otter Valley Union High. Caller reported that the male may be hitchhiking. The area was searched, but the oddly dressed individual was not located.

In the evening of the 31st, police received a call concerning a woman slumped over the wheel of her vehicle near the downtown area on Union Street. When officers located the woman, she let them know that she was tired and having "spinal troubles." Police found no evidence that the woman was under the influence and recommended that she should probably refrain from driving for the rest of the night until she could get some rest.

Just after 8 p.m. on the 31st, officers were called to the Hannaford parking lot, where a group of juveniles were reportedly threatening to jump another juvenile after he got out of work at the supermarket. The officers checked the area but could not locate the individuals who had made the threats. The matter is believed to be related to an incident that occurred at Otter Valley Union High School earlier

in the week between two of the youths.

That same day, police opened a child pornography investigation concerning one juvenile female allegedly sending another juvenile female inappropriate photographs. They also received a request for assistance from Brandon EMS with a woman on Champlain Street who was unable to breathe. Officers assisted the female until rescue arrived on-scene and she was later transported to Porter Hospital for treatment.

November 2 brought more juvenile issues to the forefront. About midmorning police received a call from Neshobe Elementary School for assistance with a 9-year-old who was having an emotional breakdown. The child had walked away from school and was headed down Forest Dale Road. A school staff member was following the child. The responding officer assisted in escorting the child back to school where, upon arrival, he was left in the care and custody of school staff. A few hours later a grandparent called to report that her grandson's classmate at Neshobe School had been physically bullying him. The incident was documented for informational purposes and the grandparent was advised to report the matter to the appropriate school personnel to determine possible disciplinary action.

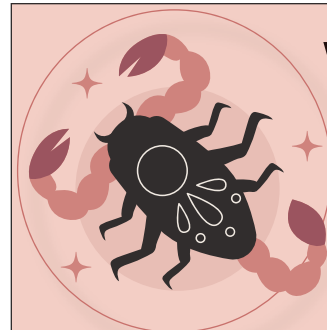
A report was made to Brandon police on the afternoon of Nov. 3 of possible suspicious activity involving someone entering another's apartment on Mulcahy Drive. An officer spoke with the tenant and then checked the perimeter of the building but found no one in the area.

Later in the day police were notified to be on the lookout for an erratic operator traveling northbound on Route 7 in Pittsford heading toward Brandon. An officer from the Brandon Police department subsequently stopped the vehicle as it came into Brandon. It was later determined that the incidents of erratic/dangerous operation did not occur in Brandon, but rather in Rutland and Pittsford. The operator was advised about his driving and released from the scene.

In the morning on Nov. 4, Police responded to a residence on River Street for a disturbance between a mother and daughter. The responding officer located the girl hiding in the woods behind a neighbor's house and determined that the

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE



need a little extra attention for the time being. fortune with others and when that will occur.

LEO July 23-Aug. 23

Luck will manifest itself in some surprising ways over the course of the next few days, Leo. Seemingly out of nowhere you will have a good turn of events that propel you forward.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A sweet connection with someone else could happen this week, Capricorn. This may be the start of a lasting relationship, whether it is romantic or platonic.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Don't be afraid to showcase your natural talents, Aquarius. Your unique skill set enables you to have a little fun with others and show off a bit at work.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

Figure out ways to connect with the life force that is all around you, Pisces. Try meditation in the outdoors to blend two experiences.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 10 Neil Gaiman, writer (62)
- Nov. 11 Kurt Vonnegut, writer (d)
- Nov. 12 Roland Barthes, literary theorist (d)
- Nov. 13 Robert Louis Stevenson, writer (d)
- Nov. 14 Astrid Lindgren, writer (d)
- Nov. 15 Liane Moriarty, writer (56)
- Nov. 16 Chinua Achebe, writer (d)

ARIES March 21-April 20

You may become impatient with the slow progress of a project at work, Aries. Before you get your feathers all ruffled, figure out if bringing more people on the team may help.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

It may have taken a while, but you'll start to see some results from actions you initiated weeks ago, Taurus. Your steady pace will pay off in a big way.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Lean on all of your social contacts this week, Gemini. If you're looking to get out of the house and have fun, they will probably have some ideas on where to go.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Be on guard with issues concerning your love life and relationships, Cancer. Things that were working out smoothly may

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Negotiations will go in your favor this week, Virgo. Therefore, if you've been seeking a raise or a promotion, you may see that the tides have finally shifted in that direction.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Watch out for overspending that can derail the careful budget that you have set in place, Libra. It may be wise to leave a credit card at home for the next few days.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Brace yourself, Scorpio, as things could get a bit wild this week. Energy levels rise and tempers may flare. Figure out the best way to stay calm amid this confusion.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Plenty of good vibes are coming your way, Sagittarius. You just need to figure out if you're going to share some good

Police report

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child was hiding because she was fearful of her mother after they had argued. The child was later transported back to the police station and then brought to school for the day. The matter was forwarded to DCF for further review and/or investigation.

While responding to the disturbance on River Street, Police were dispatched to another juvenile disturbance on Franklin Street, which involved a juvenile female who had left home because she was upset with her parents and was now walking down the street without shoes on. The responding officer located the upset child and got her to agree to go back home with her mother.

Later in the day police received a report of extortion through multiple spam social media accounts concerning child pornography on Carver Street. The case will be investigated by appropriate outside agencies. They also received a report of a juvenile who had run away from her home on Fox Road. The investigating officer tracked the juvenile down to a residence in Leicester and later returned her to her mother.

Close to 11:30 p.m., an officer on foot patrol noticed a vehicle that had inexplicably stopped in the middle of the street near the intersection of Park and Marble. The occupants were in the midst of a domestic argument. Tara May Hughes (26) of Brandon was charged with DUI-1st offense.

Hughes was released on citation to appear in Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division on Nov. 12. Investigation into the domestic disturbance revealed that the occupants had been involved in a violent domestic altercation in which a firearm may have been displayed. As this is considered a domestic assault felony the investigation of the assault is ongoing.

Police were asked on Nov. 5 to check on the welfare of a juvenile residing on Park Street. Officers located the juvenile and found no suspicious circumstances upon speaking with the family. On Nov. 6, a juvenile was reported doing wheelies on McConnell Road with a dirt bike. The juvenile crashed and fled the scene. An officer located him at his residence and not in need of medical attention. Vermont Department of Children and Families was notified of the situation.

In other police activity:

On Oct. 31

- Received report of an assault at Otter Valley Union High School on Franklin Street.
- Responded to a landlord/tenant dispute on Pine Tree Lane.
- Investigated a report of a suspicious activity at a residence on Franklin Street.
- Investigated a report of suspicious activity near Otter Valley Union High School on Franklin Street.
- Received a 911 hang-up call at the Jiffy Mart on Grove Street.

No emergency was found upon arrival.

- Stopped a motor vehicle for unreasonable speeds given special hazards on Franklin Street near the intersection of Park Street. The operator was issued a warning for speeding and a ticket for having an expired registration on the vehicle.

- Took fingerprints for nursing licensure.
- Patrolled Center Street on foot.

- Responded to a motor vehicle complaint on Union Street.

- Handed out candy to trick-or-treaters on Park Street.

- Stopped a motor vehicle on Carver Street at Franklin Street for driving without headlights. Warning issued.

- Responded to a suspicious event in the parking lot at Hanaford Supermarket.

- Patrolled outside Otter Valley Union High School.

- Assisted Pittsford Police with a domestic disturbance call on Hendee Lane in the town of Pittsford.

On Nov. 1

- Made a welfare check on an elderly female living on River Street by a family member that lives out of state and hadn't heard from her in several days. The woman was found to be safe.

- Took fingerprints for school employment.

- Received a report of two males illegally dumping bags of trash into the woods in the area of Syndicate Road/Carver Street.

- Received a report from a household on Basin Road of

threatening messages from a person out of state via telephone.

On Nov. 2

- Responded to a juvenile problem at Neshobe School.

- Took fingerprints for school employment and nursing licensure.

- Received a report of mailboxes vandalized on Newton Road.

- Enforced traffic rules at the intersection of Franklin Street and Park Street. One operator stopped for making an illegal left turn on a red light.

- Stopped a motor vehicle for traffic control signal violation at the intersection of Franklin Street and Park Street. A warning was issued.

- Enforced speed limit on Grove Street. Stopped one vehicle for a violation.

- Stopped a motor vehicle on

On Nov. 3

- Responded to a report of possible suspicious activity on Mulcahy Drive.

- Investigated a report of an erratic driver headed north on Route 7 from Pittsford.

- Took fingerprints for nursing licensure and school employment.

ON NOV. 4

- Responded to a juvenile problem on River Street and another one on Franklin Street.

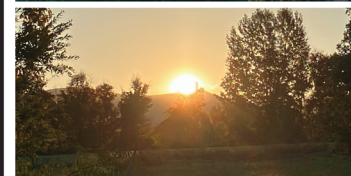
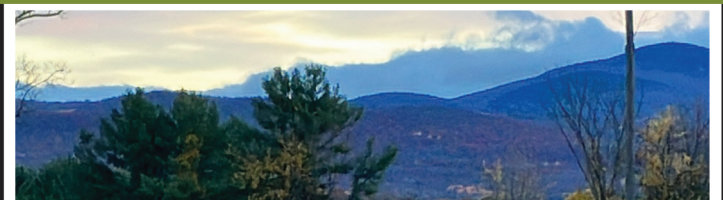
- Court subpoena served in hand per request of Rutland County State's Attorney's Office at a residence on River Street.

- Responded to a complaint of dogs that had been outside for a prolonged period of time on River

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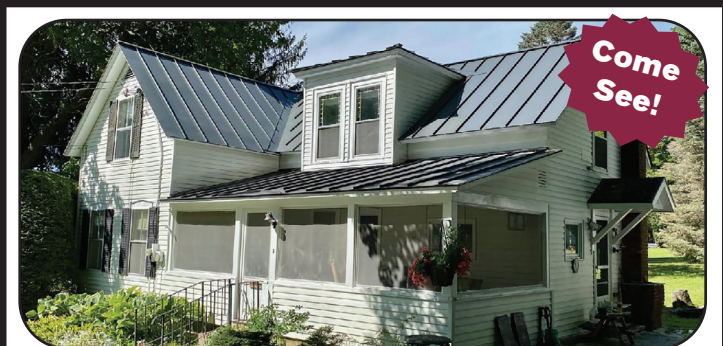


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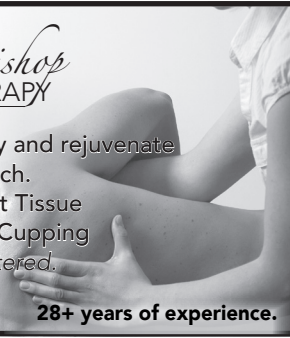
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Midterm elections

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Democrat Rep. Stephanie Jerome, running to represent Brandon in the new Rutland-9 district.

The six-seat race for Rutland



GOV. PHIL SCOTT

County Senate and several close House races in Rutland County, however, are too close to call at this early hour but will be key to whether Democrats can create a veto-proof majority in both houses of the Legislature.

Early turnout appears to be strong. According to data from the Secretary of State's Office, town and city clerks had already received 168,568 ballots by Monday afternoon. That's more than half of the

total votes cast during the last midterm election in 2018, when turnout reached 278,230. That year, just 72,222 Vermonters voted using early or absentee ballots — about 26% of the total vote.

Early voting spiked in 2020 after lawmakers instituted a temporary, universal mail-in voting system to preserve ballot access at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. That year, which also included a presidential election, 280,455 Vermonters voted using early or absentee ballots — about 76% of the total 370,968 votes cast.

Early returns as of 9 p.m. Tuesday night, with about 25% of the town results in, showed what will be almost certain victories for the following statewide candidates:

SCOTT LEADS SIEGEL

• In statewide offices, Gov. Phil Scott had a 51-point lead over Siegel with 27% of the votes counted,

73%-22%, but which did not include the more liberal and populous towns like Burlington, South Burlington, Winooski or Shelburne. Scott is running for a fourth term as Vermont governor.

Siegel, who stepped into the race after no other Democrats moved to challenge Scott, has used a tenacious campaign to criticize the governor, raising issues with his vetoes of climate and opioid legislation and arguing that he has failed to live up to his promise to make the state more affordable.

Also on the ballot were Peter Duval, Kevin Hoyt and Bernard Peters.

LT. GOV. RACE

• Former Lt. Governor David Zuckerman will have a tougher time to retake the open Lt. Gov. seat, though in pre-election polls he was favored by up to 20 points against Republican Sen. Joe Benning, who has served in the Senate since 2010. As of 9 p.m., however, Benning was just 7% points behind Zuckerman, 53%-45% with 27%



DAVID ZUCKERMAN

Reporter transition

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support the newspaper through subscriptions, individual donations and community support in supplying news and leads to advertising dollars," Lynn said. "All of this is more likely if the paper is in the hands of a strong nonprofit supported by the community than it is under a private corporation."

Lynn purchased the Brandon Reporter from Roy Newton in 2004. The Reporter grew in popularity and quality over the ensuing years, but like other businesses has had difficulty hiring staff during the pandemic. Housing shortages in Vermont have made it increasingly difficult to hire experienced editors or anyone outside the immediate market area. After editor Lee Kahrs left her job in May 2021, Lynn took on the task of editing and reporting for The Reporter for a year through May 2022. Lynn hired Mat Clouser as editor/reporter in May 2022.

"Mat's done a great job revitalizing news coverage for these past six months," Lynn said, "including writing and covering some very difficult stories involving threats to one of the Brandon librarians from an unruly Rutland County mental health patient living in Bran-

don, as well as the controversial replacement of a selectboard member in Brandon. He's done those stories and many others, especially his features of area residents and more recent stories about Otters sports teams, with terrific writing and style.

"But being the editor of a newspaper is not for everyone, even when they're good at it," Lynn said, announcing that Clouser had recently submitted his resignation for the post with this issue being his last as editor.

"Mat took on a big task and did a great job," Lynn said, "but ultimately decided it was not what he wanted to do for years to come. The good news is that he elevated The Reporter's quality and made it ever more important to the community. The challenge now is to maintain that quality during the transition to a nonprofit."

"We intend to feature primarily the writing and photography of community members. We intend to develop cultural, civic, and educational programs. In sum, we intend to operate as a true community resource, run by community members, for the communities in which they live."

—Steven Jupiter

Lynn noted that the move to a nonprofit was essential in a market as small as the Brandon-Pittsford-Proctor area because business advertising, the main revenue source for the paper, won't support the paper on its own. Lynn said he had operated

the newspaper on a break-even basis for the past two decades largely because it provided a good service to the area communities and, as a sister paper to the Independent, they could share some common stories, advertising sales and services.

The past three to four years, however, have presented more challenges in a challenging time and have prompted the need for a new direction.

NONPROFIT IN THE WORKS

To that end, Lynn began a conversation with Brandon resident Steven Jupiter about six months ago pitching the idea of creating a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and the two have continued pursuing the idea with more vigor over the

past several weeks with a goal to make that happen in early 2023.

Jupiter has created the core of a nonprofit board of directors (a minimum of three are required by law), which will be comprised of himself, George Fjeld and Barbara Ebling.

In comments about the nonprofit, Jupiter said the board "intends to add members to represent the varied communities we serve. We intend to feature primarily the writing and photography of community members, as well as staff that we're able to hire. We intend to develop cultural, civic, and educational programs. In sum, we intend to operate as a true community resource, run by community members, for the communities in which they live."

Jupiter outlines ways that area communities can help strengthen and sustain The Reporter as well as the risk of seeing the newspaper falter and close if community support is not adequate. As a way to get the community involved, Jupiter, Fjeld, Ebling and Lynn have set a Town Hall style meeting for Dec. 2 at the Otter Valley Union High School at a time to be announced closer to the event. How the newspaper will operate as a nonprofit and how residents can help make it thrive will be among the topics of discussion.

Current plans are for the Addison Independent to continue



MIKE PIECIAK

• For U.S. Senate, former Vt. Congressman Peter Welch will post an easy win over Republican Gerald Malloy, an avid pro-Trumper who moved to Vermont from Massachusetts just two years ago (in 2020.) Welch held a 37-point lead as of 9 p.m., 67%-30%. He was called the victor in that race by the Associated Press shortly after the polls closed. Also on the ballot were Mark Coester, Natasha Diamondstone-Kohout, Stephen Duke, Dawn Marie Ellis, Cris Ericson and Kerry Patrick Raheb.

• For Vermont's lone congressional seat, former Senate Pro Temp

Becca Balint will take the seat vacated by Congressman Welch over her Republican challenger Liam Madden, who is a self-proclaimed Independent. Balint had grabbed an early 32-point lead as of 9 p.m., 62%-29%. Also on the ballot were Libertarian Ericka Redic, one of Madden's primary rivals, plus Matt Druzba, Adam Ortiz and Luke Talbot.

STATEWIDE OFFICES

• In statewide races for Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, for Democrats were poised to easily capture those positions with substantial leads over their challengers:

• Democrat Sarah Copeland Hanzas held a 26-point lead over Republican challenger H. Brooke Paige, 63%-37%.

• Charity Clark held a 28-point lead over Republican Michael Tagliavia, 64%-36%.

• Democrat Mike Pieciak also held a 28-point lead over perennial Republican challenger H. Brooke Paige, 64%-36%.

• Democrat/Progressive Doug Hoffer also led Republican Richard Morton by 28-points, 64%-36%.

BALLOT MEASURES APPROVED

Vermont voters overwhelmingly approved two proposed amendments (See Midterm elections, Page 23)

to support and provide services for the newspaper, even after it becomes a nonprofit, by partnering to provide advertising sales, distribution and mailing, and front office accounts receivable and billing — all of which are services that require dedicated computer programs that are inefficient for a small operation to provide.

Between now and the end of the year, Lynn will resume editing the paper and will help Jupiter and others learn the tools of the trade to produce a quality newspaper of their own.

"It's an exciting time for The Reporter," said Lynn, who recently stepped down as president of the New England Newspaper Press Association that serves over 350 New England newspapers. "Community-based nonprofit newspapers are springing up all across the country to replace lost papers or to bolster ones that are seeking new revenue models. It's no secret that we're in a disrupted industry and we need to rethink how we build and sustain a reliable revenue model for small town community newspapers.

"What we know," Lynn said, "is that communities have shown a strong desire to keep their local papers and support them. That's 90% of the battle. Now we just have to tap into that support and develop a newspaper that serves the community better than ever."

Vermont Broadband Board offers recruiting, training to build network

MONTPELIER — Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) recently released a Workforce Development Plan focusing on targeting, recruiting, and training people to work on all aspects of Vermont's universal build-out of broadband.

The VCBB is partnering with Vermont Department of Labor, the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Communications Union Districts (CUDs), the Vermont Technical College, Vermont State Colleges, and

industry leaders to launch education and training programs to address worker shortages, speed up the build-out of universal broadband, and provide high-paying jobs and career paths for Vermonters.

The build-out will require the construction of 8,000 miles of fiber optic network over a five-year period. This will create additional demand for more than 200 fiber optic technicians, as well as interrelated jobs, such as tree-trimmers to prepare rights-of-way and electric utility line-workers.

"With the tight labor market, we need every able-bodied

person to be in the workforce. In each aspect of the program, the VCBB Workforce Development Team will consider how to support a more inclusive and diverse workforce. Workforce programs that build coordination of service and support delivery will proactively mitigate barriers that limit workforce participation, such as physical, financial, and child-care," said Christine Hallquist, VCBB Executive Director.

The Workforce Development Plan addresses the need for additional human resources with apprenticeship programs, tuition assistance for job training,

job placement, an earn-to-learn program, a centralized resource for sourcing workers, programs targeting the underemployed, and housing support.

Some of the Workforce Development Plan's training and apprenticeship programs are underway, including a well-attended fiber training session. Additional components are in the planning stages and will begin next year.

More information is available at publicservice.vermont.gov/content/workforce-development-plan.

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Police report

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Street. The dogs were later brought into the house by their owner after the complainant made contact with

her.

- Investigated a domestic disturbance in a vehicle on Park Street.

- Investigated a report of extortion and child pornography on Carver street.

- Patrolled the area of Barlow Avenue.

- Assisted with locating a juvenile runaway from a home on Fox Road.

- Investigated a domestic disturbance and DUI incident in the area of Park and Marble Streets.

On Nov. 6

- Stopped a motor vehicle at the intersection of Pearl Street and Conant Square for a stop sign violation.

- Made a welfare check on juvenile residing on Park Street.

- Enforced speed limit on Grove Street. No violations.

- Assisted Rutland County Sheriff's Department in trying to locate a missing person at a residence on Brookdale Street.

- Patrolled Franklin Street and stopped one car for cell phone violation.

- Stopped a motor vehicle on Grove Street for a cell phone violation and operating with defective equipment. Warning issued.

On Nov. 7

- Responded to a dirt bike accident on McConnell Road.

- Responded to an ATV incident involving a juvenile on Basin Road.

- Assisted with a mental health event at Brandon Police department on Forest Dale Road. Citizen transported to Rutland regional Medical Center for evaluation.

- Patrolled locations in Brandon for the purpose of LIDAR training.

- Enforced speed limit on Franklin Street. One ticket issued.

- Stopped a speeding motor vehicle on Champlain Street and issued a ticket.



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The REPORTER

Midterm elections

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 approved two proposed amendments to the state constitution. Each proposal had been passed by the Vermont House and Senate twice, over two consecutive two-year sessions. Because a majority of voters decides in favor of the proposals, both will become part of the Vermont Constitution.

Proposal 2

Voters approved Article 1, Proposal 2, which clarified Vermont's prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude. As of 9 p.m., Vermonters were supporting the proposal, 89% to 11%.

Proposal 5

Also known as Article 22, this amendment would enshrine "personal reproductive autonomy" — including the right to choose or refuse abortion, contraception or sterilization — in the state constitution. The proposal has drawn significant attention since the U.S. Supreme Court in June overturned

Roe v. Wade, eliminating the federal right to abortion and returning authority over the issue to states. Vermont is one of three states, including California and Michigan, that are voting this Election Day on constitutional amendments that

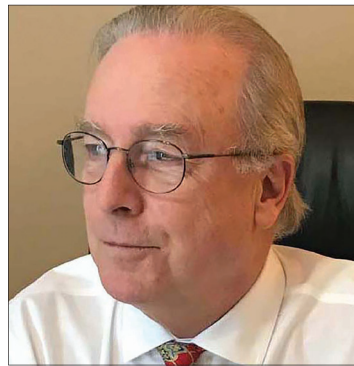


CHARITY CLARK

would make explicit the right to abortion. As polls closed, Vermonters were favoring the amendment, 77% to 23%.

LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY?

While Democrats are expected to retain solid majorities in both chambers of the Legislature, the outcome of Tuesday's local races could shape the party's ability to pass priority legislation in the next biennium. Democrats are seek-



DOUG HOFFER

ing at least a two-thirds majority in each chamber in order to override gubernatorial vetoes, should Republican Gov. Phil Scott win another term. Democrats currently hold 93 seats in the 150-seat House, Republicans hold 46, Progressives

and Independents each claim 5, with one current vacancy.

Among the competitive seats in the Senate were the six seats in Rutland County where three Democrats — Anna Tadio, Bridgette Remington and Joshua Ferguson — are going head-to-head with three Republicans — incumbent Brian Collamore, David Weeks and Terry Williams. In this race, two of the three incumbent senators are not seeking reelection. Only incumbent



SARAH COPELAND HANZAS

Collamore is running for an additional term.

In House races, Rutland County also has three that are competitive:

Rutland-2, a four-way race for two seats, in which former public school teacher and legislator Dave Potter is hoping to win back his district from conservative Rep. Art Peterson, R-Clarendon. Incumbent Tom Burditt, R-West Rutland, and Democrat Ken Fredette are also competing.

Rutland-3, where Republican candidate Jerrod Sammis' online past has drawn criticism from Democrats. Sammis is competing with Democrat Mary Droege, a faculty member at Castleton University, to represent the newly redrawn district.

Rutland-Bennington, where incumbent Republican Sally Achey faces Democrat Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, a former progressive who she ousted in 2020.

Note: Vi.Digger contributed to this report.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF BRANDON

The Town of Brandon received a \$55,181 Planning Grant from the State of Vermont under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held on November 28th, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Brandon Town Offices, 49 Center St., via ZOOM: Meeting ID (253 279 4161), by Conference call: Dial (929) 205 6099, to obtain the views of citizens on community development; to furnish information concerning the range of community development activities that have been undertaken under this program; and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine a statement of the use of these funds.

The VCDP funds received have been used to accomplish the following activities:

Completion of a feasibility study on the Brandon Free Public Library, exploring design, costs, and environmental impact of expanding and renovating the Library. Work products included and architectural feasibility study, structural and mechanical design, historic review, environmental assessment work, cost estimates, financing plan, and development schedule.

Information on this project is available at the Brandon Town Hall, 49 Center St. and may be viewed during the hours of Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Town Clerk Sue Gage at 802-247-3635 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) #1-800-253-0191.

Select Board for the Town of Brandon

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Anyone who would like their record should call Pam Reed at the RNESU Office at (802)247-5757 prior to December 31, 2022 to make arrangements to pick it up.
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