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Otter Creek communities grapple with aftermath

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—Though Brandon, Pittsford, and Proctor may have been spared the worst brunt of the storms last week, the aftermath was felt over the following days as the water that collected downstream made its way north through Otter Creek.

By Wednesday, July 12, Otter Creek began overflowing its banks and sending water into low-lying roadways, necessitating the closure of the outer stretches of Union, Pearl, and Champlain Streets (Route 73) in Brandon. In Pittsford, West Creek Road, Elm Street, Gorham Bridge Road, and Depot Hill Road were flooded and closed. And in Proctor, parts of Route 3 and West Proctor Road were closed.

The flooding along Otter Creek and its tributaries continued to worsen throughout the week, prompting the additional closures of Wheeler Road, Newton Road, North Street, Carver Street/Syndicate Road, Long Swamp Road, and Short Swamp Road in Brandon. Leicester Whiting Road in Leicester eventually flooded where it passes over Otter Creek by Old Jerusalem Road, necessitating closure as well.

By the morning of Tuesday, July 18, Union Street and Champlain Street (Route 73) had reopened while Lower Carver Street/Syndicate Road, Pearl Street, and Newton Road remained closed.

While these closures frustrated local residents, many of whom needed to find viable detours around their usual routes to work, the Brandon-Pittsford-Proctor corridor largely escaped the devastation experienced by Montpelier, Barre, Ludlow, and other towns along the eastern slopes of the Green Mountains.

Nonetheless, all residents of Rutland County are eligible for emergency funds and loans for (See *Flooding*, Page 6)



TWO STUNNING CAPTURES of the rainbow after the tornado on July 13. **Top:** A flash of lightning fills the sky while the rainbow still lingers on the left. Photo by Molly Morgan. **Bottom:** The rainbow seems to form a protective bubble over downtown Brandon. Photo by Robert Black.

Tornado strikes Brandon area

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—As Brandon continued to deal with the consequences of last week's storm, Mother Nature upped the ante and sent a tornado to wreak additional havoc on a community already inundated. On Thursday, July 13, cellphones in the area blared a tornado warning in the late afternoon, taking beleaguered residents by surprise. People scrambled to secure outdoor furniture and fixtures, take in pets and livestock, and find shelter in cellars and other protected areas in their

homes.

What had already been an overcast day passed through ever-darker shades of indigo and grey as the leaves on the trees signaled an uptick in wind speed. Suddenly, limbs were torn from trees, cast-iron lawn chairs were upended, loose shingles flew off roofs, and still no one knew how long it would last or how bad it would get.

The tornado touched down in Benson and traveled 12.3 miles to Brandon, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). It began at

6:04 pm and lasted until 6:26 pm, reaching a maximum wind speed of 85 mph.

When the wind died down and the clouds lifted, the sky glowed an otherworldly orange-yellow as an extravagant rainbow arced over the mountains to the east, capping a terrifying event—and even week—with a scene of remarkable beauty. And as the eerie golden light faded back to muted tones of blue and violet, the rainbow lingered amid flashes of lightning above the Green (See *Tornado*, Page 5)

Names lost in Vermont, Part 4: Josiah Maris

BY MICHAEL DWYER

In 1850, when a native Vermont census-taker attempted to record details for a French-speaking family in Shoreham, you got results like these: Josiah Maris, age 31, laborer, born Canada, along with Charlotte, age 30, Phebe [female], age 9, Toison, age 9, Francis, age 12, and John, age 1. Ten years later, a different census-taker rendered Josiah as Thomas Moris, age 28, wife Clara, 40, and Phebe of the previous census was Fillebar [male, real named Philibert], age 15. How do we know that in spite of fluctuating names and ages it was the same family? This couple and their children remained in Shoreham for the next twenty years. The father, now written as “Tusan” [Josiah/Thomas] Morris died from cholera on 14 September 1871. Unraveling both a garbled first and last name began with the rare instance of a French-language gravestone in Shoreham Village Cemetery. His true name was Toussaint, heard as Thomas or Tusan, and the last name Lavoie—and you guessed it—Lavoie had a dit (“also known as”) name, St. Maurice, which sounded like Morris. Other details on the death certificate

allowed more pieces to fall into place: birthplace, Napierville, Canada; his father, “Peter Morris,” [Pierre Lavoie], and mother, “Zebelanda,” [Isabelle Landry].

More than the restoration of the Lavoie family’s name, further research opened a gut-wrenching back story. While the rebellions in Lower Canada in the late 1830s spurred French-Canadian immigration to Vermont, we know few specific stories. Pinpointing Napierville, however, provided a wealth of details. There, in November 1838, “Patriotes” continuing to rebel against the British Crown embarked on a swath of destruction that spilled into other villages. These ragtag rebels were soon defeated by larger forces. Among those rounded up was Pierre Lavoie, Toussaint’s father, caught on horseback with a saber in hand.

In February 1839, Pierre Lavoie came to trial in Montreal for a capital offense. Several people testified that Lavoie had been coerced to join the rebels after hearing death threats to his family. Even with those mitigating circumstances, Lavoie was sentenced to death by hanging. However, later that month, “the merciful consideration of the crown”

commuted his sentence to penal servitude and exile in New South Wales [Australia.] In the meantime, the government seized his property, burned his house, and dispersed Lavoie’s family of nine children.

Lavoie endured a five-month journey to Australia aboard H.M.S. Buffalo, during which he spent much of the voyage below deck—darkness, vermin, heat, and hunger adding to his torment. We learn further details of



THE FRENCH LANGUAGE gravestone in Shoreham Village Cemetery of Toussaint Lavoie matches the death record of Tusan Morris, proving they are the same person. Translation: “This is the body of Toussaint Lavoie, died the 14 th of September 1871, aged 54 years.”
Photo by Michael Dwyer

Lavoie’s imprisonment from the published journal of fellow prisoner Francois-Marie Lepailleur.

In June 1844, after four years of hard labor, Lavoie was pardoned (See Josiah Maris, Page 6)

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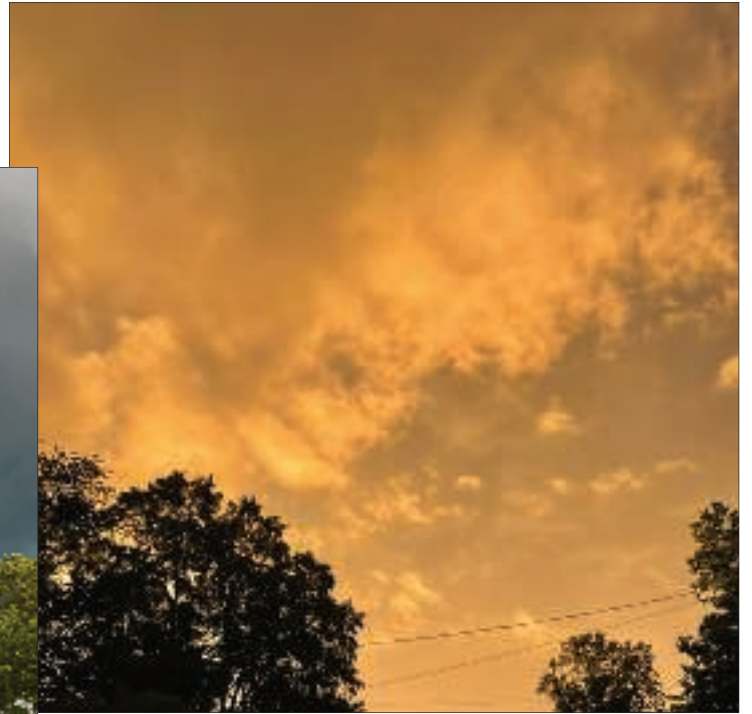


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A storm brews over Brandon



VIEWS OF BRANDON and Castleton before and after the tornado on July 13.

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Local students graduate from UVM

BURLINGTON, VT (07/14/2023)-- UVM President Suresh Garimella conferred degrees on an estimated 3,383 graduates at the university's 222nd Commencement ceremony. Speaking on the spirit of excellence, the Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan, director of the U.S. National Science Foundation, delivered the keynote address.

The following local students earned bachelor's degrees from UVM:

Evelyn Bart of Brandon graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Theatre.

Samuel Buswell of Brandon graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Environmental Sciences.

Ella Chaney of Brandon graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Biology.

Meghan Chaney of Brandon graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Nathan Claessens of Brandon graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Civil Engineering.

Dylan Mackie of Leicester graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Business Administration.

Sophie Markowski of Brandon graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Health Sciences.

Danis Ly of Pittsford graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Mathematics.

Reilly Shannon of Pittsford graduated from the

University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Sarah Pecor of Proctor graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Political Science.

Zachary Dunn of Salisbury graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Business Administration.

Noah Logan of West Rutland graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Electrical Engineering.

Mia Murphy of West Rutland graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Economics.

This year's commencement was marked by a spirit of resilience and triumph. The world was a much different place when the Class of 2023 entered UVM in the fall of 2019, and with the advent of a pandemic in the spring of their first year, they learned to adjust to unique challenges and contribute to UVM's successful response to the crisis.

The ceremony was especially meaningful for UVM President Suresh Garimella, who began his tenure at UVM in 2019 as the class of 2023 was beginning their first year. Garimella invoked words of writer Vladimir Nabokov to encourage graduates forward: "The pages are still blank, but there is a miraculous feeling of the words being there, written in invisible ink and clamoring to become visible," he read. He urged students to follow the same spirit. "Go forth and write your next chapter in bold strokes. Go dauntlessly wherever your stories take you."



A natural beauty

SOME WILD ORCHIDS rival our flashy birds. This is a showy lady's slipper seen at Eshqua Bog in Hartland in June.

Photo by Sue Wetmore

Community Forums

HOPE Food Truck to arrive in Shoreham, offering food for all who need it

The HOPE Food Truck is returning to Shoreham to bring free food to low-income people in our area! On Thursday, July 27 between 2 and 3 PM, the HOPE Food Truck will be in the parking lot of the

Shoreham Congregational Church to offer free non-perishable items as well as available fresh produce on a first-come first-served basis. No paperwork is required. If you have a neighbor who is unable to come

during this time, you may pick up food for them. HOPE is trying to help people get enough food during these trying times. Please bring your own bags.

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The Town of Brandon is launching an opt-in system for emergency text alerts

In the past week and a half, we have seen many disruptions to our local roads, and the newengland511 and VT-ALERT systems are limited to "numbered" state and federal highways. A community member helpfully suggested more effective

and proactive communication from the Town to the Townspeople. We have started posting road closures and reopenings on the town website <http://www.townofbrandon.com>(home page under "Notices") and are updating that notice any

time conditions change. But this still requires a person to make a choice to head to the town website before heading out in their car.

We have cobbled together a text-alert system, opt-in, for true (See Emergency text, Page 6)

Laurel Glen Cemetery Work Party and Open House on July 22

On Saturday, July 22, the Trustees of the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association will be hosting a work party at the cemetery in Cuttingsville in conjunction with the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) and Shrewsbury Historical Society (SHS). Local friends and neighbors are invited and solicited to help with the cleanup, to be held between 8

am and 12 pm that day. The more volunteers we get, the more we can accomplish that morning.

Wear old clothes. Bring work gloves and a shovel if you can, and something to eat and drink. No experience is necessary—knowledgeable VOCA members will provide instructions and assistance. Broken headstones will be repaired. Markers will be

straightened and cleaned. Overgrown shrubs will be trimmed. There will be something for everyone to do.

The adjacent Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum and John Bowman's Laurel Hall will be holding open houses from 12 to 2 pm that afternoon in honor of the event and to reward the cemetery work party. The Sons

of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ripley Camp volunteers will also be working that day and some will be in uniform at Laurel Hall. Light refreshments will be served at the Museum by SHS. Volunteer docents will be at Laurel Hall to provide visitors with information about John Bowman and his unique mansion.

Our thanks to all the wonder-

ful volunteers who will be offering their time and efforts.

We hope this day will be both productive and enjoyable. For more information, contact Association Trustee Barry Griffith (802) 492-3573 bgriffithvt@gmail.com or Trustee and VOCA President Tom Giffin (802) 773 3253 tgifvt@msn.com.

Tornado

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Mountains.

The tornado was a category EF-0, the weakest on the Enhanced Fujita scale that measures the potency of tornadoes. The damage wrought was, in the grand scheme, minimal.

There were no reports of deaths or demolished homes, though many properties lost tree limbs, or even entire trees. A large conifer fell across the roadway at the intersection of Park Street Extension and High Street, necessitating a chainsaw concerto late into the night. The already-questionable slate roof of the Town Hall was damaged, causing water to leak into the building below.

There have been 49 confirmed

tornadoes in Vermont since 1953, most of which have been EF-0 or EF-1 and none of which have resulted in any recorded deaths. An EF-2 in the St. Albans area in 1970 resulted in injuries to 7 people. And

an EF-2 in the Burlington area in 1983 caused \$2,500,000 in damage. But tornadoes have remained rare and weak in Vermont, as compared to tornadoes in the Midwest and South.

By and large the tornado passed through the Brandon area without significant harm. Its most lasting legacy is likely to be the number of beautiful photographs of the rainbow it left in its wake.

Suddenly, limbs were torn from trees, cast-iron lawn chairs were upended, loose shingles flew off roofs, and still no one knew how long it would last or how bad it would get.



A TALL CONIFER lies across Park Street Extension, a victim of the tornado on July 13, 2023. Chainsaws buzzed through the night to remove it and restore traffic flow. Photo by Steven Jupiter

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Obituary

Eugene “Barney” Coursey, 76, Pittsford

Eugene “Barney” Coursey, 76, of Island Falls, passed away peacefully at home with his beloved wife, Martha, by his side on June 11, 2023.

Barney was born on May 9, 1947, to Frank Jr. and Doris (Pfenning) of Pittsford, Vermont.

Barney and Marcie were married on May 28, 1983, in York, Maine. They moved up north in 1989, where they opened “Cold Brook Auto Body.” After his retirement, Barney enjoyed the apples of his eye: all seven of his grandchildren. You would often find him court side or on a field watching them play their various sports. He was the best Papa and loved all of his family to the depths of his huge heart.

Barney loved hunting, fishing, four wheeling, gardening,



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and was the best storyteller around. He never met a person he didn’t know, and would strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere. We will hold these stories dear to our hearts.

Barney is survived by his wife, Martha (Massores), of

40 years. His four children: son, Tracy (David) Coursey, daughters, Vicki (Bill) Hudson, Jennifer (Craig) Hartsgrove, and Janet (Ryan) Vose. His seven grandchildren: Samantha, Brittney, Paige, Makayla, Hunter, Bailey, and Bryten. His two great-grandchildren: Ari-Anne and Roman. Sisters: Frances Stoddard, Arlene (Bill) Hansberger, and Tammy (John) Crickmore. Many nieces and nephews and a special friend Ted Chastaine of Pittsford, VT.

He was predeceased by both of his parents, and infant daughter, Terry Marie, and a brother Frank III.

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 19th at Island Falls Snowmobile Club from 3–7 p.m.

Flooding

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physical and economic damage from the storm, through FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (please see our coverage of these programs in this issue for more details).

After the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, Brandon worked hard to prevent another such calamity. For example, an overflow culvert was installed to divert water from the Neshobe under Center Street and back into the river on the other side by the lower falls.

Though the project seemed inconvenient to many at the time, the decision to move ahead with it now seems profoundly wise. Even as water roared over both

sets of falls, the roadway above the culvert remained clear and passable throughout the week.

The water levels along Otter Creek, however, are not possible to control. It’s a much larger waterway and it flows through a floodplain: nature has already provided the space the Creek needs for its periodic expansions. FEMA has been working with Brandon to identify, purchase, and remove homes and structures at sustained risk for flooding because of their location in that floodplain.

After the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, Brandon worked hard to prevent another such calamity. For example, an overflow culvert was installed to divert water from the Neshobe under Center Street and back into the river on the other side by the lower falls.

Houses along Newton Road in Forestdale and Marble Street in Brandon have been targeted by the program, for example.

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.

Emergency text

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emergencies. We will not be using this to announce a new business opening, or youth sports sign-ups, or even to give you a warning of snow in the forecast when it’s winter in Vermont and you should fully be expecting snow. Those kinds of things will be on Front Porch Fo-

rum, the Chamber newsletter, etc.. We will use the text alert to let recipients know about matters of urgency such as road closures (and reopenings) and boil-water notices, to name two situations in which getting the word out immediately would be in the interests of public health or public safety.

To sign up to receive emergency notification text alerts from the Town of Brandon, please visit the following link and fill out the brief form. This is a new system, and we hope it functions as designed but ask for your patience with it and with us. The form is here and you will be able to submit it whether or not you have a Google account: <https://forms.gle/dwyKB3imML-FEocFS9>

Respectfully submitted,
Seth Hopkins, town manager & emergency management director
Call or text (802) 247-3300

Josiah Maris

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but had to pay for his long voyage home. Unsurprisingly, having endured so much privation, he died only a year after being reunited with his family.

Among the 288 individuals born in French Canada counted in Shoreham’s 1850 census, there were other ex-rebels like David “Sears” [Cyr]. Toussaint’s younger brother, Isaie Lavoie, also moved to Shoreham, where he became known as Esau Morris, but some of his children were recorded in Vermont records with the surname Lowell. His descendants knew nothing about their

ancestor’s extraordinary trial and imprisonment.

How does one navigate the labyrinth of bewildering name changes? Experience helps along with collecting all available information on an individual’s extended family and social connections. Many more stories of immigrants to Vermont have yet to be told.

For further details and documentation of sources see “Names of French Canada Lost in Vermont: Esau Morris of Shoreham,” Vermont Genealogy 24 (Fall 2019), 182–194.

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'Red, White, & Birdie' ladies' fundraising tourney at Neshobe Golf Club this weekend

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The Ladies' Neshobe Invitational Tournament will take place this Saturday (July 22) at Neshobe Golf Club. A fundraising event of long standing at the club, this year will be a bit different because the fundraising focus has shifted from hospice care to a

nuclear Palsy or PSP.

PSP is a degenerative disease caused by the abnormal accumulation of a certain protein—called tau—in brain cells. Excess levels of tau interfere with proper brain function, resulting in Parkinson's-like symptoms. The disease usually manifests in folks past the age of 60 and pro-

nizers, Christina Naylor, knows all about PSP firsthand: her husband, Rob, was diagnosed with the disease in June 2022, after an initial diagnosis of Parkinson's in 2018.

"Many people like Rob are initially diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease," said Naylor. "His diagnosis was changed because of the rapid changes in his symptoms."

"When we started organizing this year's event, the other organizers said, 'We know what the money should go to.' I was so pleased that the group wanted to donate the money to PSP research," Naylor recalled.

The other organizers are Jeanette Hoff, Kathy Miller, and Amy Nueder, all members of the Neshobe Golf Club and all wanting to support research to help combat PSP. So, the proceeds of the event will go to CurePSP, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise awareness of

and improve treatments for PSP and similar neurodegenerative diseases.

The tournament will welcome 19 teams of 4 golfers each, from all over the state, and will be played as a "shamble," a tournament style in which all 4 teammates tee off at each hole and decide which teammate's drive landed best. The other 3 teammates then take their second shots from the same position as the team's best and all 4 players continue playing their own balls until that hole is complete for all 4. It's a format designed to improve scores, since the first drive is always the best out of the 4.

In another attempt to help players along and raise money as well, participants will be able to purchase mulligans (do-overs) and "miracle putts" that allow

players to claim a completed putt without having to actually hit the ball, particularly useful on tough shots that might end up adding too many strokes to a score.

There are prizes for best gross score and best net score (after taking players' handicaps into account). There will also be raffles, silent auctions, and a game where folks can pay to chip golf balls into a parachute laid out on a water feature.

The tournament also has 18 sponsors who donated \$100 each: Winning Images, Naylor and Breen, Dr. Erik Koskinen, Dr. Doug Dier, ReArch, Paddlers, Champlain Precision, Aunt Gerrie, Joe's Nineteenth Green, Nancy Leary Design, IPJ Real Estate, Mr. Ups, MacIntyre Fuels, Hannaford, Charles Fos- (See Fundraising tourney, Page 21)



SIGNAGE MADE IN preparation for the "Red, White, & Birdie" fundraiser golf tourney at Neshobe Golf Club on Saturday, July 22. The tournament will raise money for research into neurodegenerative diseases. Photo provided

disease most people are not familiar with: Progressive Supra-

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2023 Flooding

Government help is available for flood victims

Vermonters affected flooding can apply for possible FEMA assistance

BURLINGTON, VT — On Friday, July 14, 2023, President Joseph Biden declared a Major Disaster for the state of Vermont as a result of severe storms and flooding occurring on July 7, 2023 and continuing.

Vermont homeowners and renters affected by the recent flooding who live in counties that have recently been designated for Individual Assistance could be eligible for help from FEMA.

This declaration makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor counties.

additional counties may be added at a later date as warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

If you have homeowners or renters insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses

covered by insurance. If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

The fastest and easiest way to apply is to visit disasterassistance.gov or download the FEMA mobile app (also in Spanish), wherever you access your mobile applications.

If it is not possible to apply online, call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). The toll-free telephone lines operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. EDT, seven days a week, with language translation services available.

When you apply for assistance, have the following information available:

A current phone number where you can be contacted

Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying

Your Social Security number, if available

A general list of damage and

losses

If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name

As soon as it is safe to do so, start cleaning up. Take photos to document damage and begin cleanup and repairs to prevent further damage. Remember to keep receipts from all purchases related to the cleanup and repair.

Disaster assistance may include financial help for temporary lodging and home repairs along with other programs to assist families recovering from the effects of the event.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans are available for homeowners, renters, businesses of any size and most nonprofits. Similar to FEMA, SBA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance.

Businesses of all sizes, home- (See Legislative report, Page 21)

SBA offers disaster assistance to businesses & residents of Vermont

WASHINGTON — Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are available to businesses and residents in Vermont following the announcement of a Presidential disaster declaration due to damages from severe storms and flooding that began on July 7.

“SBA’s mission-driven team stands ready to help Vermont small businesses and residents impacted by this disaster in every way possible under President Biden’s disaster declaration for certain affected areas,” said SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman. “We’re committed to providing federal disaster loans swiftly and efficiently, with a customer-centric

approach to help businesses and communities recover and rebuild.”

The disaster declaration covers Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor counties in Vermont, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Franklin, Grand Isle, Orange and Orleans in Vermont; Franklin in Massachusetts; Cheshire, Grafton and Sullivan, in New

(See SBA loans, Page 21)



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Saturday 4 p.m., & Sunday 11 a.m.
38 Carver Street, Brandon

Brandon Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m.
13 Champlain Street, Brandon

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Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.
97 Frog Hollow Road,
Brandon, VT

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

Sunday 9 a.m.
2918 US 7, Pittsford

Living Water Assembly of God

Sunday 11 a.m. via Facebook Live
76 North Street, Brandon

Forest Dale Christian Fellowship

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
1895 Forest Dale Rd, Brandon

Furnace Brook Wesleyan Church

Sunday 9 a.m.
3325 US Route 7,
Pittsford

Pittsford Congregational Church

Sunday 10:15 a.m.
121 Village Green, Pittsford

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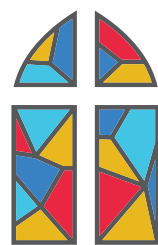
Sunday 11 a.m.
347 Holden Road, Chittenden

Union Church of Proctor

Sunday 10 a.m.
5 Church Street, Proctor

St. Dominic Catholic Church

Sunday 9 a.m. Feb, Apr, Aug
45 South Street, Proctor



CHURCH Directory

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m.
5 Gibbs Street, Proctor

St. Bridget/St. Dominic/St. Stanislaus Kostka

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Masses rotate monthly between the West Rutland/Proctor Parishes. 2023 February - St. Dominic; March - St. Stanislaus-Kostka; - April - St. Dominic; May - St. Bridget; June - St. Stanislaus; July - St. Bridget; August-St. Dominic

OUR
CREATIVE
KIDS

ARTIST: Phineas Mitchell-Kennedy

GRADE: 8

SCHOOL: Otter Valley Union
Middle School

TITLE: Big Head

MEDIUM: Wrapped wire

TEACHER: Dasha Kalisz



Our Creative Kids Poetry Corner

Sudbury



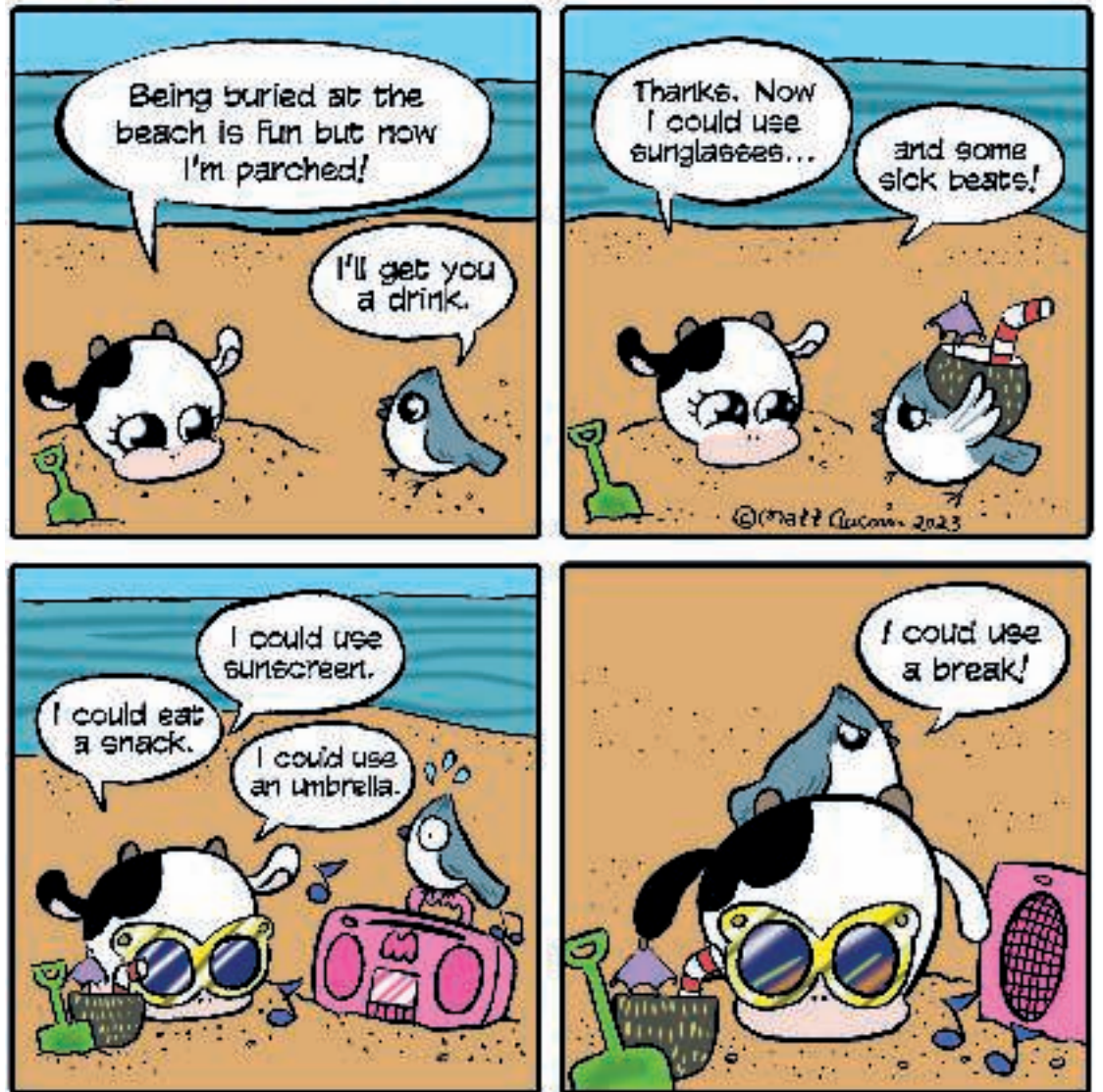
by Syzygy

Songbirds are everywhere
Usually very quiet
Darting bats and moths fly at night
Brandon is next to Sudbury
Usually has a lot of traffic
Robins fill the fields sometimes
Young deer play in fields and forests

Submitted from Ms. Mol's
4th grade class at
Otter Creek Academy



Maple the Cow by Matt Acorn



Mapping the Rutland Region art exhibit reception Thursday, July 20

Join us for the public reception for the Mapping the Rutland Region exhibit. A collection of historical maps and planning graphics from the Rutland area. This exhibit tells the story of the Rutland Region in two parts. The first part covers the history of how transportation technologies have shaped Rutland's development since its founding to modern day. The second part covers how local

leaders, citizens and planners have reacted to changing economic circumstances since the 1970s and sought to create a vision of a new Rutland through transportation infrastructure and land use planning. For more information, contact Crystal Bean@VermontState.edu From 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 104 Merchants Row, Rutland, Vermont State Castleton Bank Gallery.



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Calendar of events

July Mondays

Brandon Rec offers Aikido classes

Come to Brandon Town Hall for Youth classes at 5 p.m., and adult classes at 6 p.m. Beginners and spectators welcome. Visit www.aikidovermont.org for more information, including fees.

Tuesdays

Maclure Library Story Time Playgroup

Looking for a fun, educational playgroup for your 2-5 year old? Look

no further! From 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. join Miss Allie, a certified teacher, for a weekly FREE literacy-based playgroup. Light snacks will be provided, along with stories, crafts, songs, games, and more. To register, please email allie.griffiths@rcpcc.org with your child's name, age, and contact information for your family.



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Friends Zone

The Friends Zone will be initially open 3 hours per week at the Brandon United Methodist Church on Tuesdays from 12-3 p.m. at 1 Franklin Street, Brandon. Socialize with old friends, make new ones. Sip some soup while you sip a drink. Be puzzled for a bit, sorting out a puzzle, or hold an Ace in the hole until the right moment to play it. If so inclined, you can bring to the table a struggle of your own to work on or your thoughts on developing the Friends Zone or improving our lives.

The door is open. Our minds are open. Our hearts are open.

All are welcome in.

For more information contact pastors Reverend John Hardman-Zimmerman (hzfm@hotmail.com) or (802) 282-7532) or Vicki Disorda (vqueenoftheearth@gmail.com) or (802) 345-4125).

Pins & Needles Craft Club at the Brandon Free Public Library

Drop in from 5:30-7:00 p.m., and bring your projects to work on.

Wednesdays

Drop-In Tech Help at the Brandon Free Public Library

Drop in from 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. with your tech issues—not sure how to set up email on your phone or how to rent an audiobook? We can help.

Ping Pong

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

The club has begun playing 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. (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.

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

For further information about the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, visit our club's website at www.gmttc.com.

Yoga Prana Shakti Zoom & Studio Chair Yoga, Gentle, Wednesdays

From 10:30-11:30 a.m. at 155 Woodstock Avenue in Rutland Lina Cloffe Hanson (Parvati) offers an Earth Conscientious, Spiritual, Gentle Physical Yoga Practice. We meet on Mondays via zoom. Contact for Zoom link. (There is also a Monday Zoom only class)

Not everyone can get up and down off of the floor easily making traditional yoga classes difficult. If you have physical limitation or a health issue this might be the ideal class for you. With the help of a chair most people can practice yoga and reaping the benefits of increased circulation, balance, flexibility, mobility, strength and more.

We spend a fair amount of the time exercising in a seated position in the chairs but if possible, we also do exercises standing, using the chairs for support. The exercises can be adjusted for individual needs and we move at a comfortable pace. I think will soon notice a difference once you start. Looking forward to seeing you in class!

Lina (Parvati) has 20 plus years of experience teaching and a lifelong personal practice.

To stay tuned if there are any cancellations, follow on Facebook and get on email list. \$15/class

Meditation Group at the Brandon Free Public Library

From 12:30-1:30 p.m. join neighbors for quiet meditation led by Kerrie Quinn.

Thursdays

Storytime at the Brandon Free Public Library

Join Ariana at 11:00 a.m. for a story and a craft. Age 7 and under recommended. Stay for a cup of coffee!

Ukulele Group

Free at the Chaffee Arts Center from 12-1 p.m., for adults & 12+. This is not a class but a group enjoying playing the ukulele together, Must pre-register, There are a limited amount of in-house instruments to reserve.

Attendees will be led through specific sheet music by musician Steven Wilson. All levels are welcome.

Open Mic at Red Clover in Brandon

Join us starting at 6 p.m. for a rousing good time!

Fridays

Chaffee Arts Center All About the Arts Free Class for kids 3-5

From 11am-Noon...FREE! Students will have fun creating and doing activities with art, music, literature, and more!

One free book per student will be given weekly (while supplies last) thanks to our partners at Rutland Free Library. Adult must accompany children under age 4. Must pre-register by Wednesday each week Instructor: Lori Sullivan; Minimum 3.

Maclure Library Knitting Circle

Come join us weekly to share projects from noon – 2:00 p.m.

Corn Hole at the Godnick Adult Center

By request, we will have drop-in cornhole in the Rec Hall on Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

Play with whoever shows up each time or just practice your cornhole skills!



Sundays

Brandon Town Hall Painting with Crystal

Crystal Ketcham leads an all ages painting event!

Yes, you CAN paint! More info, contact Crystal at ceastman88@gmail.com

"The study of art is the most important study a garden designer can pursue."

Wednesday 19th

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library

Animal Yoga with Judit starts at 11 a.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BRANDON, SUMMER 2023!!!

July 27-30 Brandon Carnival!

July 27 Gate Opens at 5,

PAC Wrestling 7pm July 28 Gate Opens at 5, Rock and Roll Art Show 5pm, Brandon Idol Singers 7pm

July 29 Gate Opens at noon, Afternoon of Crowns, Aaron Audet at 7pm

July 30 Gate Opens at noon, Beyond the Barn Petting Zoo, Circus Camp Demo

Aug 5th Townwide Yard Sale!

Aug 19th Brandon Car Show!

Aug 20th Slide Out of Summer! More to come! Follow us on FB!

Rutland County Annual Meeting



Join us for our annual meeting! The annual meeting and installation dinner, luck supper. Dessert, beverages welcome!

Thursday 20th

Yoga at the Riverbend

A 45 minute outdoor yoga practice starts at 6 pm on the lawn behind the Brandon Inn, led by Judit from Brandon Yoga Center. Beginners are welcome! A slow and steady class to awaken and warm your body. Bring your yoga mat or a big towel. Tickets \$20 to benefit the Brandon Free Public Library renovation project.

Visit brandonpubliclibrary.org/library-events.

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library

Flying Machines Story Time and Craft at 11 a.m.

Dissect an owl pellet with Sue W. at 3 p.m.

Friday 21st

Matt Munroe w/ Brian Dade at The Underground - Listening Room

Doors open at 7:00 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets, \$12 (+fees), on day of show, \$15 (+fees).

Matt Munroe is an actor, musician, and filmmaker hailing from Cape Cod MA. Growing up in Vermont, the hills of

New England provided a landscape for adventure and imagination. After graduating from the American

Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and participating in the school's exclusive, 3rd year theater company, Matt moved to Los Angeles to delve further into his passions. After nearly 20 years away from home, Matt recently moved back to Vermont in late 2022 for a slower life... but one still full of art. Matt can be seen in films such as

Discarnate, Independence Day: Resurgence, and The Reunion, among others, and is currently in post-production on two of his own features. As a songwriter and guitarist, Matt is prepping to release his second EP, Deeper Roots. His debut album, Tidal Waves can be found on all major music streaming platforms.

Brian Dade lives on a hillside in Norwich, Vermont with his wife Erika and a handful of animals large and small. His songs celebrate the natural world, loved ones, and notions of getting on and getting along.



Anty Audubon ing – July 19



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tion of officers will follow a pot-
s and utensils provided. All are

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library

Make a fairy house at 11a.m.!

Saturday July 22nd

Garden Party at the Chaffee
You're invited to a Garden Party from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Chaffee Art Center!

It's Free with lots of fun activities, demos and speakers, light refreshments, garden tours, Castleton Ukulele Group will play some old favorites and more. Artisans will be set up selling their affordable, handmade items. Explore the 100 x 9 foot Pollinator Garden with native plantings, growing Sculpture Garden, beautiful outdoor area with expanded grass section, and over a dozen gardens on our

historic property. Be sure to come inside our 1890s Queen Anne Victorian Mansion full of art, gift ideas and stunning architecture.

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library

Meet a real race car with Race Car Driver Cam at 11a.m!

Pittsford Village Farm, "Farm to Ballet"

This is an original ballet about a farm through the seasons! Dancing vegetables, animals and even the seasons themselves come to life through dance! BYO picnic or enjoy food by Sustainable Eats Food Truck and drinks by Barr Hill. Doors open at 5pm with a variety of family-friendly activities; Show starts at 6. Bring a chair or a blanket and watch this incredible performance while overlooking the valley as the sun sets! Tickets at bal-letvermont.org

Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm Street, Pittsford

Monday 24th

Maclure Library, Linocut Printmaking

Join us at the Pittsford Rec to create your very own print sets by cutting foam and carving linoleum! By rolling different colors of ink over the pattern, you can make a variety of handmade prints! All supplies provided.

Tuesday 25th

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library

Solar printing 11a.m!

Wednesday 26th

Get Creative with Storytelling and Writing. Four week Wednesday Kids Class From 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. for ages 12+.

Get Creative with Writing and Storytelling! Learn the techniques of writing in a fun and interactive setting using multiple writing prompts with both individual and group discussion. Attendees will find inspiration and creativity with integrated movement and mindfulness practices. Bring your own notebook and pen/pencil.

\$20 weekly or 4 weeks at \$60

Instructor: Carmen Major

MUST PRE-REGISTER

Thursday 27th

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library

Rock Painting Story Time and Craft 11a.m!

Maclure Library, CLiF Book Bonanza

Join us at the Pittsford Rec for a storytelling event. All children get to pick two brand new books to keep!

Friday 28th

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library

Board Games 11 a.m!

Book making for ages 12+ from 1–3 p.m.

Friday 28th Saturday 29th

Cabot Arts Presents The Cabot Arts and Music Festival
A multi-genre festival including 10 Bands, Kids Activities, Food Trucks, Crafts Vendors, Labyrinth Walk, and Com-

BRANDON 2023 LIVE AT KENNEDY PARK

July 22

Ellie & Co. Fiddle-infused folk

August 12

Tom Van Sant folk rock

August 26

Melissa Moorehouse singer/songwriter

September 9

Doug Ross w/ Wade Davis rock covers & originals

September 23

Silas McPrior acoustic rock

All shows will be 11a.m.–1p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays in Kennedy Park (upper falls, near the crosswalk).



munity Arts Project. Artists include: Barika, Kat Wright, Bon Dèbarras, Modern Times Theater, Kate Campbell, Scottish Fish, Vance Gilbert, The Larkspurs, Point Noir Cajun Band, For the Love of Pete, and more!

The Festival begins Friday with a Cajun Dance Party at the Willey Building Auditorium from 7-9pm.

On Saturday, the Main Stage will be under a 40 x 60 tent. A second stage will be hosted at the Cabot United Church.

Gates open at 11:30 a.m. The festival runs from Noon–10 p.m.

Schedule: www.cabotarts.org / 802-793-3016

Full Festival Admission: \$40 Advance / \$50 Day of

Half Day Admission: \$25 Advance / \$30 Day of

Cajun Dance Party: \$10 day of, and included in Full Festival Admission

Kids 16 and Under: admitted Free of Charge to all events

FAQ's: <https://www.cabotarts.org/arts-and-music-festival>

About the Artists:

Barika (Polyrhythmic, Jam, West African) <https://www.facebook.com/barikamus>

Kat Wright (Folk, Soul and Rock and Roll) <https://www.katwright.com>

Bon Dèbarras (High energy Quebec Trad. Folk) <https://www.bondebarras.ca>

Modern Times Theater (Comedy, Puppets) <https://moderntimestheater.com>

Vance Gilbert (Singer-Songwriter, Comedy) <https://vancegilbert.com/>

Kate Campbell (Singer-Songwriter, Southern Culture) <http://www.katecampbell.com> (<http://www.katecampbell.com/%5C>)

Scottish Fish (Scottish Traditional) <https://www.scottish-fishfiddle.com>

The Larkspurs (Local Folk, Country, Blues) <https://www.thelarkspurs.com>

Point Noir Cajun Band (Dance Band) <https://www.facebook.com/PointNoirCajunBand/>

For the Love of Pete (Local Musicians Tribute to the late Pete Sutherland)

In Cabot Village
3148 Common Rd. in Cabot, Vermont.

Saturday 29th

Summer Reading at Brandon Free Public Library
Live! Music and instrument making at 11a.m.

GARDENING CORNER



Eternal Summer can live on in your garden

BY LYN DESMARAIS

BRANDON—I intend to ignore the storms, winds, rains, and flooding that have inundated us this past week. Let other voices dwell on them. For me, it is eternal summer. The sun is shining, the sky deep blue, a refreshing wind is blowing, and I'm sipping something delightfully cold and eating chocolate while sitting in my garden. There are no weeds in this world, no storms blowing things over, no droughts, no ticks, no stinging nettle, no poison parsnip, no bindweed, no biting insects, no rabbits or deer, no aches, no pains, no sunburn, just a gloriously full, colorful garden, with delightful birds, bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds that dart about. Strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries abound. The trees are laden with cherries, apples, peaches, and pears. It's an edible and visual feast.

In this weed-free, pest-free paradise, it is always midsummer. The sun, never too hot, always shines. Insects are the musicians, and the wind is always gentle. Red poppies

dance with Shasta daisies. Red Hot Pokers stand watch. Lacy lavender bends and waves with the breeze. Bumblebees buzz gently as they pop in and out of the hostas. Pink peony poppies (*papaver paeoniflorum*) bow their heads as you pass, in homage to the great gardener you are. You feel surrounded by warmth, appreciation, beauty, and peace. This is definitely the world of gardening that I signed onto. Then you wake up, and you realize you have no fruit trees or strawberries, and your raspberries have more stinging nettles in them than berries, because you forgot to prune them! Well, it's been a most delightful dream.

I have yet to meet a gardener who has actually sat, never mind slept, on any of their lovely benches, chairs, or chaises longues, that they have so carefully and tastefully placed in their gardens. "Have you ever sat in any of your chairs," I always ask. I always get the same sheepish answer: "I'm planning on it," or "It looks inviting, doesn't it?" I'm waiting for someone to

tell me decisively and unapologetically, "Yes, I sit on them for hours, every day, and I just stare at my beautiful plants" or

"I take naps in my garden."

"How could I sit?" one gardener asked me. I was about to explain how easy it is to sit,



"just bend the knees!" Given the beauty of the day and the perfection of the hour, that perfect dozing time between lunch and dinner, one might sit down quite happily in her oh so comfortable looking chair with its plump cushions. I was about to give her a demonstration, when she startled me by asking, "Could you sit when you could be deadheading, pruning, harvesting, or weeding? It's just impossible to sit, don't you think, I mean if you want a beautiful garden?" She definitely ruined the moment.

"So why do we have garden furniture in our gardens at all?" I ask. "Well, it looks really nice. Someday when my garden is perfect, I'm going to invite people over. They can sit." I too am waiting for my garden to be perfect. Give me a few more years? A friend recently said, when I felt overwhelmed by all my weeding, "You could have no gardens at all and just go look at and sit in other peoples' gardens." Now that's a revolutionary idea.

My husband is astounded
(See Gardening Corner, Page 15)

When is it safe to swim in lakes, rivers and swimming holes again?



DON'T MAKE THE same mistake I did! Steer clear of lakes, rivers, and ponds for at least 48 hours after heavy rainfall. The Department of Health also sells home water testing kits. Photo by Sepi Alavi

The Health Department is advising to stay out of rivers and streams until the water is clear and calm and to use extra caution when swimming in lakes and ponds that have been affected by flooding.

Heavy rainfalls can create potentially dangerous conditions in swim holes, streams, rivers, and waterfalls. These conditions of high water or strong undercurrents can linger several days after a storm, so be sure to assess the water depth and flow before swimming or boating.

Generally, you should stay out of any body of water for at least 48 hours following a significant rain event. However, with the recent major flooding, along with several

known combined sewer overflows (raw sewage dumped into waterbodies), extra debris, fuel and other chemicals, it will take extra time for waterbodies to recover.

Rivers, ponds, lakes and streams are always susceptible to disease-causing microorganisms and chemicals from stormwater runoff and are especially susceptible after the widespread rainfall and flooding we have seen across the state. Swimming in these waters may result in health effects such as minor skin rashes, sore throats, diarrhea or more serious problems.

Additionally, in the coming days and weeks, watch for cyanobacteria since extra nutrients from the floodwater may cause cyanobacteria blooms.

Gardening Corner

(Continued from Page 14)

that I move plants around so much. “Why?” he asks. “That’s not the right question,” I answer. The right question is why didn’t I have a plan? Why didn’t I know that some plants hate each other and will fight each other until you move them? The colors clash! One’s too tall, another too wide, one crowds the other out, one’s a bully, one’s delicate. His solution: just own one plant and move it as often as you want.

In addition to a garden plan, there’s this thing called garden structure. Gardens thrive with it and gardeners aren’t constantly moving plants. You’ll definitely recognize structure when you see it. It’s formed of pathways and arches, trees and shrubs, climbers and spreaders, pergolas and huge pots. It’s the difference between a finished look and a large collection of pretty plants scattered randomly about. Gardens with structures and plans are like a great storyline that hooks you and draws you in. a serene beauty that flows and draws you along on a journey.

SAVE THE DATE: Some of the prettiest gardens I have seen in and around Brandon will be open to the public for a garden tour. August 6, 2023.



Tip#1: (Judy Reilly’s): Weed after a good rain, weeds come out easier.

Tip #2: If you can’t weed

your whole garden, weed along the pathways, 6-8 inches deep. It gives the appearance that the entire garden is done.

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Dunmore & Fern Lake



DUNMORE CONDO (Above): A Sunset Hill condo. Excellent views of Woodstock & Dunmore. Delightful camp for Summer fun: swimming, paddle boarding, fishing, kayaking, boating, biking & hiking. Open build area, remodeled kitchen & shower. Bath. Porch. 2.5 Bdr & screened porch complete 444 sq. ft. of liv. space. The seasonal Assoc. includes a great sandy beach and lake side patio and a playground area. \$230,000.



Fern Lake Building Lot (Left): 123.54 +/- acre frontage at North end of Fern Lake. 1.02 Acre wooded back lot. Mountain views to South. Soil work indicates standard in-ground system is possible. Level lake road access from Route 55. Close to Brandon, Middlebury for shopping, theater, groceries & dining. \$175,000.



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Mim's Photos

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



E-mail ads@brandonreporter.com if you can identify someone in these photos.
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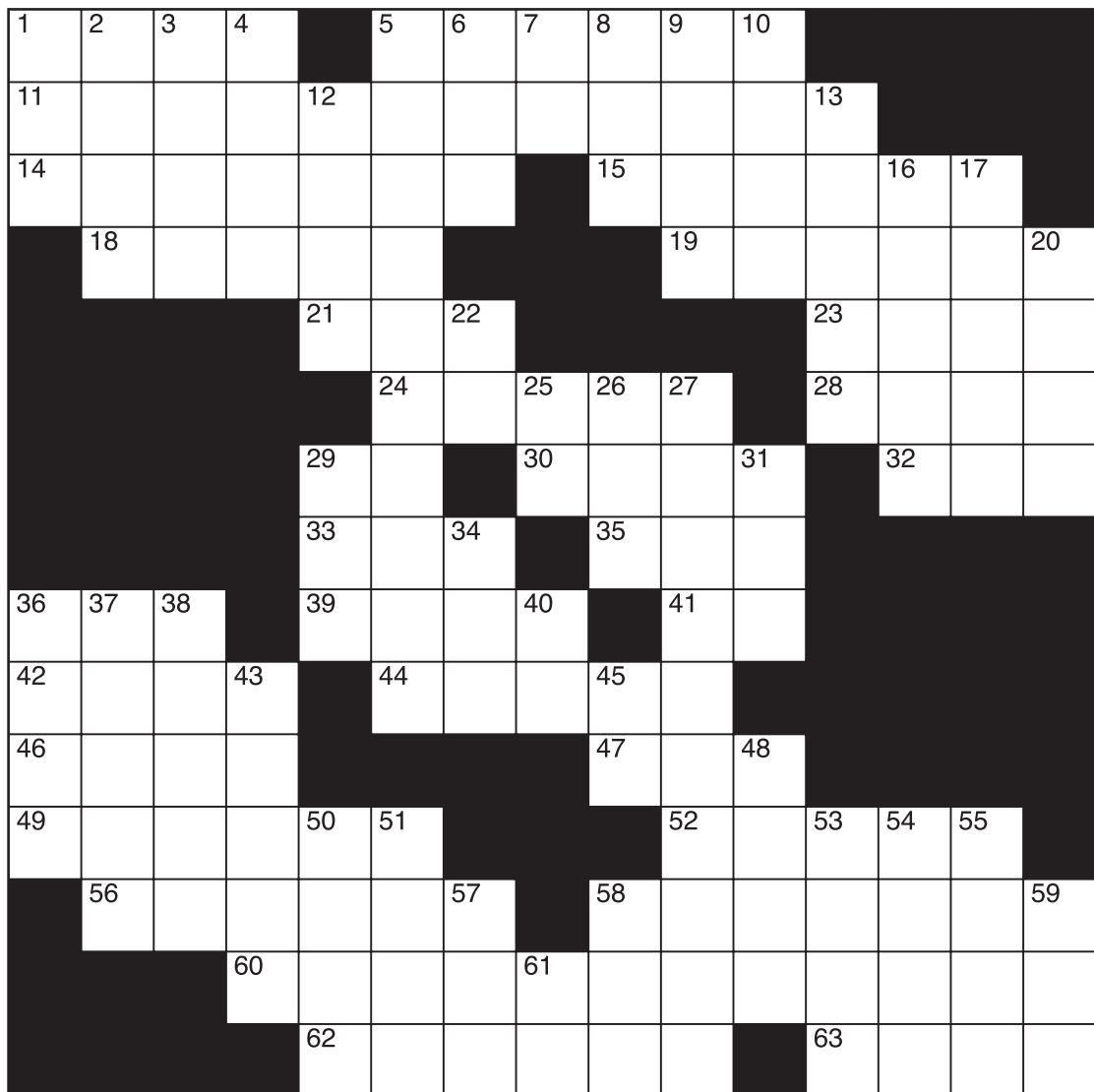
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Commoner
5. Tea leaf
11. They save you a table
14. Submissions
15. Secretly revealed
18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
19. Unreal
21. No seats available
23. Bangladeshi currency
24. Leaders
28. Famed garden
29. Denotes past
30. Not living
32. Midway between south and southeast
33. Small island (British)
35. Woman (French)
36. Wife
39. Two-toed sloth
41. Blood group
42. Soaks
44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
46. Japanese prefecture
47. Place to be during a rock concert
49. Fully grown humans
52. Emaciation
56. Sparkling
58. Fruits you peel
60. Derived from a noun
62. Popular items to grill
63. Port in Yemen

CLUES DOWN

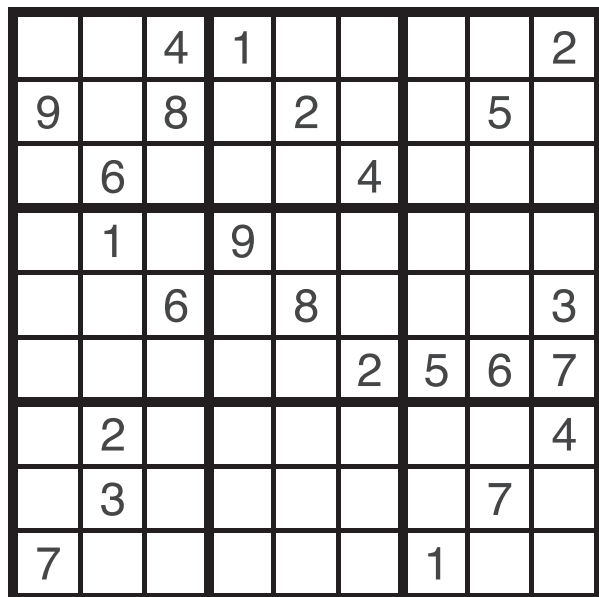
1. Before
2. Actress Dunham
3. This (Spanish)
4. Director Peter
5. Dominant
6. English artists' society (abbr.)
7. NY Giants legend
8. It's in the ground
9. No No No
10. Pesky insect
12. Danish-American muckraking journalist
13. Kids love to do it
16. Good Gosh!
17. Fakes
20. A citizen of Denmark
22. Mystic syllable
25. Commercial
26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
27. Helpers
29. Water (French)
31. Young woman
34. Red-brown sea bream
36. Messenger ribonucleic acid
37. Comprehends
38. Walk with confidence
40. Home of the Flyers
43. Appetizer
45. News organization
48. Source of the Nile
50. A way to march
51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
53. Egyptian bull-god
54. Children's author Blyton
55. Baseball pitching stat
57. Rude young person
58. Table napkin
59. Monetary unit in Asia
61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn



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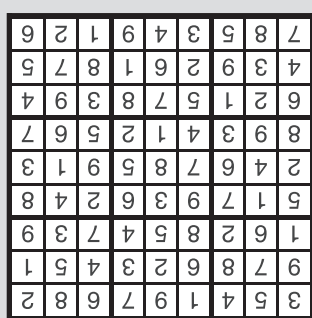
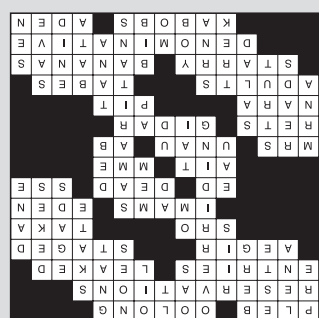
Sudoku

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.



Level: Intermediate

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Moving with your pets!

With the warmer temps, many people use this time to move and The Rutland County Humane Society wants to help you with making that transition easy for you and your pets. First, get your pets used to having packing items and boxes around. While packing, try and keep your schedule as close to normal as possible so that your pet is less stressed. One of the best antidotes to stress is to burn off that anxious energy by going for an extra walk, chewing on a Kong, or having extra playtime. If your pets are alone for the move, prioritize getting their space ready first. Place their blanket, cage, or crate in a comfortable spot that's away from the hustle and bustle of the move, but not so far that they can't hear you. Whether it's a small room, corner, or even an open closet, having somewhere they can retreat to when the chaos overwhelms them is key, especially for cats and dogs. You may want to consider a room with a door that can be closed as the front door will likely be open as you move things in and the last thing you want is an escapee. In this area keep all their favorite things, beds, toys, blankets, and the litter box. When your pet is comfortable, introduce them slowly to other areas of the house. With some patience, your pet will become king or queen of your new home in no time! For more information and tips, please contact the Adoption Center at 802.483.6700.

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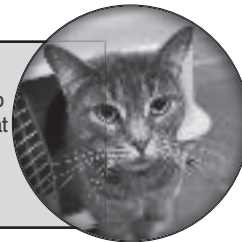


MEET CRINKLE - 1-YEAR-OLD. NEUTERED MALE. MIXED BREED.

Are you looking for a fun and family-friendly pup? Crinkle may be the dog for you! He spent some time in foster where we were able to learn more about him. He is good with dogs and he adores kids. Once he goes for a fun walk, he will happily snuggle on the couch with you. He did great with house training and picked up on the routine quickly. Crinkle is a happy-go-lucky boy who loves everyone he meets!

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OFF THE SHELF

NEW BOOKS AND NEWS



Lots of fun things are happening at the library's Summer Reading Program! This Thursday, we have Flying Machines and stories at 11am, and Dissecting Owl Pellets with Sue Wetmore at 3 pm. On Friday, we're building Fairy Houses (11am) and on Saturday we have a Race Car activity (11am). We have two weeks left of Summer Reading programming- don't miss out. For the schedule, go to brandonpubliclibrary.org and click on All Together Now.

We just received a bunch of new movies! Here are a few:

Avatar
The Way of Water (PG-13). In this sequel, Jake, Neytiri, and their family are hunted across Pandora by the RDA, who are determined to stop Jake and destroy the planet for resources, whatever the cost.

Dungeons & Dragons
Honor Among Thieves (PG-13). Chris Pine and Michelle Rodriguez star in this fun fantasy based on the role-playing game.

Renfield (R)
Nic Cage and Nicolas Hoult star as Dracula and his tortured assistant Renfield. After centuries of catering to his master's every whim, Renfield decides he's had enough- but can he break away from Dracula's co-dependent narcissism?

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
Based on the classic video game. The plumber brothers are struggling to keep their business afloat, but when plumbing all over the city goes sideways, they see the chance to be heroes. Instead, they find themselves separated in the Mushroom Kingdom- where Mario teams up with Princess Peach and Toad to rescue his brother, Luigi, and stop the evil Bowser.



Litvinenko (TV-14)
David Tennant stars in this mini-series, based on the true story of Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko - who was murdered by poison. Before he dies, he names his killer, but can the police prove it and find justice for his family?

The Quiet Epidemic (NR)
This documentary explores how two people battling a mysterious illness for years- a scientist from Duke University and a young girl from Brooklyn- were finally diagnosed with a disease that no one thought existed and which remains controversial: Chronic Lyme Disease. What follows is their investigation from the discovery of the disease in 1975 through a paper trail of suppressed research and buried documents.

Where does a herd of 2,000-lb cows walk? Across the road!

July 3

- Brandon Police Department (BPD) received a complaint from a juvenile about another juvenile withholding property on Carver Street. The matter was determined to be civil in nature and the juveniles were advised to work it out.
- Officers conducted speed enforcement on Carver Street.
- A lost wallet was found and returned to the owner.
- BPD assisted Brandon Rescue with an elderly woman who had fallen.
- BPD responded to a report of multiple persons fighting outside of a residence on Steinberg Road. Noah R. Blaisdell (21) of Brandon was charged with Domestic Assault. Blaisdell was to appear in Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division, to answer the charge

July 4

- BPD responded to a complaint of a man and woman arguing in a vehicle on Forest Dale Road. Officers made contact with the parties. No charges were placed on either party.
- Single-vehicle motor crash was reported on Champlain Street in the area of the S-turns. The operator was issued a ticket for having an unregistered motor vehicle. The operator was not injured in the crash.
- An officer assisted in a juvenile custody exchange at the police station.
- Vehicle stopped for a stop sign violation on Champlain Street, entering Grove Street. Ticket issued.
- Vehicle stopped for a moving violation on Champlain

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- Street. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stopped for a moving violation on Franklin Street. Warning issued.
- Directed patrol at the intersection of Champlain Street and Grove Street. Two vehicles stopped. One VCVC was issued to an operator.
- Officers responded to a report of cows on the roadway on Town Farm Road. The owner of the cows contacted police and the issue was resolved.
- Speed enforcement on Grove Street. All vehicles observed traveled within reasonable limits. No traffic stops were conducted.
- Traffic stop on Franklin Street. The operator was issued a VCVC for speeding.
- BPD responded to a medical call to assist the Brandon Area Rescue Squad. Upon the officer's arrival, medical personnel had already transported the patient to the hospital.

July 5

- Cows reported in the roadway on Town Farm Road. Owner was contacted and will resolve the issue.
- A truck was reported to be leaking a large amount of fluid onto the roadway on Franklin Street, traveling northbound from Pittsford. The vehicle was located by BPD and a traffic stop was conducted in front of OVUHS. A witness told the

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 officer that a large amount of a red fluid splashed over the back of the truck and onto the roadway. The vehicle was found to be half full of animal viscera and there was no cover on top of the trailer. The operator was ordered to cover the load of the trailer before leaving the scene and the company was issued a ticket for unsecured load.

- Vehicle stopped for speeding on Champlain Street. Ticket issued.

- Vehicle stopped for moving violation on Champlain Street. Warning issued.

- Officers responded to Walgreens for a report of a female verbalizing self-harm. The woman had a sharp piece of glass on her person, which officers were able to retrieve. The female struggled with officers who were attempting to calm her down, as she was displaying assaultive behavior towards emergency personnel. The female was transported to BPD and voluntarily went to the hospital with the Brandon Area Rescue Squad.

July 6

- BPD assisted a motorist who ran out of gas on Route 73 in Sudbury.

- Complaints of continued fireworks from July 4th.

- Property damage reported after the fact on Forest Dale

Road.

Traffic stop at the intersection of Park and Franklin Streets for blocking the intersection.

- BPD assisted Middlebury EMS in transporting a man to the hospital who was expressing self-harm on High Pond Road. The man was transported to the hospital with no incidents.

- Officers assisted the Brandon Fire Dept. with a fire on Wheeler Road.

July 7

- Police are investigating a larceny from a property on Union Street.

- Motor vehicle complaint at Brandon Community Health. Report generated for informational purposes.

- An officer with BPD conducted an escort to members of a neighboring agency for a critical incident.

- BPD along with the Brandon Fire Department conducted an honorary salute to the Rutland City Police Department for a recently fallen officer.

- Officers responded to the area of Conway Terrace for a report of a domestic dispute. While officers responded to the area, a traffic stop was conducted upon a vehicle that matched the description of a vehicle driven by a suspect involved in the dispute. The operator, Mickella L. Haskins (26) of Leicester, VT was charged with

the offense of DUI-1st Offense. Haskins is to appear in Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division on 7/24/2023 at 11:00 to answer the above charge.

- BPD was advised of an alarm at the Neshobe Golf Club on Town Farm Road. The alarm company cancelled the alarm prior to police responding to the scene.

July 8

- BPD responded to Town Farm Road for a report of cows in the roadway. The cow that was observed in the roadway made its way back into the gated section of the farm it had exited from. Officers left the area without incident.

- Brandon's motor officer attended the Davenport Electric Fest at Otter Valley Union High School.

- BPD conducted foot patrol at the Basin Bluegrass Festival on Basin Road.

- Motor Unit stopped a vehicle for a stop sign violation at the intersection of Champlain Street and Grove Street. Ticket issued.

- Officers responded to a residence for a report of fireworks. The owner of the residence was respectful and advised the officers that he would cease setting off anymore fireworks that evening.

- Officers conducted a directed patrol on Franklin Street.

July 9

- Officers responded to a call about a traffic hazard on Grove Street. The individual stated that he would clear the hazard.

- Vehicle stopped for an equipment violation on Arnold District Road. Warning issued.

- Vehicle stopped for speeding on Grove Street. Ticket issued.

- Officers conducted speed enforcement on Carver Street.

- Motor-vehicle stop for speeding on Grove Street. The operator was issued a ticket for misuse of license plates.

- BPD received a phone call advising that there were cows in the roadway on Town Farm Road. Officers contacts the owner to inform him that his cows were once again on the loose. The owner advised that he would take care of the cows.

- Police investigated a suspicious vehicle found on routine patrol. Vehicle found to be belonging to a cleaning crew outside a business.

July 10

- Fingerprints taken for child-care employment.

- BPD took a walk-in complaint regarding a scam involving a fraudulent check that the complainant received in the mail from an out-of-state company.

- Officers served a restraining order to an individual on Wheeler Road.

- Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on Franklin Street for speeding. Operator issued ticket for the violation.

- Vehicle stop on Park Street for defective equipment. Warning issued.

- Officers helped a stranded motorist find lodging for the night due to multiple road closures from inclement weather.

July 11

- BPD and the Brandon Animal Control Officer responded to the area of Cattails Restaurant on Route 7 for a report of a small brown dog that might have been injured and was laying in the roadway. The animal was not located.

- Two residents of River Street came to the police station to report that they had been harassed by their neighbor and one of her friends. Trespass notices were complete by the complainants for their property and were served on the two individuals.

- A motorist passed a "road closed" sign on Union Street and proceeded to get stuck on the bridge. There was deep wa-

ter which overtook the roadway on both sides of the bridge, making the road impassable and dangerous. The operator and her vehicle were safely recovered with the assistance of Thunder Towing. Once the operator and her vehicle were safely removed from the bridge, the operator was issued a ticket for operating on a closed roadway.

July 12

- Motor-vehicle stop for speeding on Grove Street. Ticket issued.

- Foot patrol conducted on Center Street.

- A Brandon resident came into the Police Department to speak with an officer about her options regarding the abusive relationship she was in with her husband. The woman was provided with several options as to where to seek help.

- Report was received of a discarded needle and syringe in the parking lot of the new Dunkin' Donuts in Conant Square. The syringe was located and disposed of.

- VIN verification requested on Champlain Street. Due to call volume, officers were unable to complete the request. Arrangements were made to complete the request at a later time.


- BPD received a walk-in complaint concerning a former employee at a local business that had forged and/or uttered a fraudulent check using a prior paycheck while they were employed at the business and obtained a large amount of money by doing so. The incident is under active investigation and charges are expected to be filed.

- Officers responded to Mulcahy Drive for a report of a package that was opened by someone other than the individual addressed to. The complainant later advised that nothing was missing from the package and no assistance was needed.

- BPD opened a case regarding an individual who had used a family member's license/biographical information on a prior car stop in Brandon in order to avoid enforcement action regarding the motor-vehicle stop. The actual operator was identified and criminal charges will be sought.

- Officers responded to Mount Pleasant Drive to serve a Relief from Abuse order. While on the scene, Robert Foley (52) of Brandon was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. Foley was issued a citation to appear in the Rutland Superior Court-Criminal Division on 7/24/23 at

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

LEO July 23-Aug. 23
 Leo, are you ready to take your project to the next level? Brainstorm with a coworker about the best way to get ahead and make a mark with this endeavor.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Capricorn, be sure to check your bank account pretty regularly; otherwise, you may lose track of spending and get yourself into a financial mess that could be tough to get out of.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22
 It could be time for a move and you just aren't ready to admit it, Virgo. You may have gotten comfortable in one place, but a move could prove the right decision.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Aquarius, you may be your own worst enemy this week, especially as it pertains to thinking that someone may be trying to cause trouble with you at work. Get the facts before acting.

ARIES March 21-April 20
 Don't rush in and act combative this week, Aries. Take a more delicate approach to convince others to see things your way. As the saying goes, "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20
 Pisces, there is a process to everything. Remain patient and stay the course no matter how excited you are. Rest assured that things will work out if you can hang in there.

TAURUS April 21-May 21
 Are you feeling like you may want to be a wellness warrior of late, Taurus? Start by taking inventory of the foods in your home and making some healthier changes.

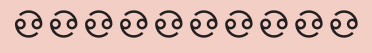
LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Libra, there are a lot of ideas swimming around in your head. You may need to put some things down on paper to see what really might be worth doing in the days to come.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 Connect with a friend or even your partner for an intimate dinner this week. You've been moving in different circles and it's time to get on the same page.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
 Gemini, if you are looking to make a few new friends, ask others to connect you with like-minded individuals. You never know who you might meet until you give it a try.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Invite people to stop by and cheer you up, Sagittarius. You've been going through a rough patch and there's nothing like happy faces and new perspectives to bring about a smile.

CANCER June 22-July 22
 Cancer, if a delicate issue has been troubling you, reach out to someone you can trust and begin to talk things through. You will likely feel better just getting things out.



FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

July 20 Sandra Oh, actor (52)
 July 21 Robin Williams, actor (d)
 July 22 Alexander Calder, sculptor (d)
 July 23 Nomar Garciaparra, baseball player (50)
 July 24 Simon Bolivar, revolutionary and military leader (d)
 July 25 Rita Marley, singer (77)
 July 26 Helen Mirren, actor (78)

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11:00 am to answer the charge of DUI.

- BPD received a call about cows on Town Farm Road. The owner was contacted and said he would remove the cows from the roadway.

- Welfare check requested on Country Club Road regarding a child that had been taken from a babysitter by his father. The child and father were located and the child was determined to be ok. The involved parties were advised regarding the cus-

tody issued at hand.

July 13

- Report of loose cows on Town Farm Road. The area was checked but no cows were located.

- Property watch on Wheeler Road conducted for a resident on vacation.

- BPD responded to a physical domestic incident between a juvenile female and her mother at a residence on Barlow Avenue. When the responding officer arrived on scene, the juve-

nile attempted to flee but was immediately apprehended by the officer. Upon further investigation, the juvenile was placed under arrest for Domestic Assault. The juvenile was later released on a citation to appear in the Rutland County Superior Court-Family Division in September 2023 for arraignment. The name of the juvenile is being withheld because of her age.

- BPD took a report of a juvenile that might be in possession of their parent's handgun. The handgun was located and determined to be secure with the parent. DCF was notified regarding the incident with further investigation to follow.

- Officers served a relief from abuse order on an individual on Arnold District Road.

- BPD responded to a report of an out-of-control 9-year-old child who was assaulting family members. The responding officers were able to temporarily restrain the child, as he kept trying to assault family members. After several minutes, the child became calm. Medication was provided for the child by his mother and the child became calm enough for officers to leave the residence.

- Officers responded to a call about power lines down across the road on Franklin Street.

- Officers helped a transient individual receive transportation to Middlebury.

July 14

- BPD conducted traffic stop on Park Street. A warning and ticket were issued.

- Vehicle stopped for moving violation on Franklin Street. Warning issued.

- Vehicle stopped for speeding past Champlain Farms on Grove Street. The operator received several tickets and warnings for multiple violations.

- Foot patrol conducted on Center Street.

- Officer responded to a report of horses in the roadway. The officer corralled the animals back into their pens and secured them. The owners were notified.

- Officers provided traffic control for Comcast as they retrieved downed wires across Route 7 South.

- BPD and Pittsford PD responded to a domestic distur-

bance on Spellman Way. The incident was investigated. However, no elements of a crime were found, and no charges were placed.

- BPD investigated the theft of a license plate on Florence Road.

- An agency assist from the BPD K-9 Unit was requested by Rutland City Police Department to search for a missing person in Rutland City. The missing person was soon located at Rutland Regional Medical Center and the K-9 Unit disregarded the request.

- BPD set up traffic cones on Newton Road, Forest Dale Road, and Wheeler Road because of flooding in those areas.

- BPD and Brandon Fire Department responded to Newton Road to help a family whose house was surrounded by flood waters. The family was advised to remain in place until the water receded. The flooding ultimately receded, leaving a small amount of debris in the roadway. Brandon Highway Department was notified.

July 15

- Directed patrols around Brandon in response to recent spate of auto break-ins.

- Officer turned away a vehicle on Champlain Street before it proceeded into a flooded area.

- While inspecting the flooding on Pearl Street, an officer located a disabled vehicle next to the covered bridge. The street had been closed due to flooding and the vehicle had been stranded. The car was ultimately towed from the scene and the operator was issued a ticket. While the car was being towed, a separate vehicle drove through the flood waters toward the officer. That vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a ticket.

- An officer responded to a juvenile problem on Conant Drive. The juvenile was calmed down and medically checked by Brandon Rescue before personnel left the scene.

- Directed patrol on North Street in Forestdale. Two cars were stopped for moving violations. One motorcycle was stopped. One ticket was issued.

- Foot patrol was conducted at the Brandon Quarry off of

Grove Street.

- Officers conducted a motor-vehicle stop for following too closely and display of plates on West Seminary Street. Warnings issued.

- BPD responded to an alarm at a residence on Pearl Street. The alarm turned out to be false and no suspicious activity was noted.

- Officers stopped at vehicle for failing to obey a flashing red light at the intersection of Park and Franklin Streets. Tickets were issued for operating without a valid license and defective equipment. Warning was issued for failure to obey traffic light.

July 16

- Officers conducted a directed patrol in various locations around Brandon for ongoing traffic complaints. Several traffic stops were made in the area of Conant Square and Pearl Street and multiple tickets were issued to various operators.

- BPD asked to assist Vermont State Police with a report of a drinking party involving minors on Sawyer Needham Road in Sudbury. Responding officers could not reach the location due to flooding.

- An officer changed a tire for an operator who had a flat on Long Swamp Road.

- A walk-in complaint was made at BPD concerning a larceny from a building on McConnell Road.

- Officers responded to Mulcahy Drive for a juvenile assaulting their mother.

- Officers responded to a burglary alarm on Forest Dale Road. The building was found to be secure. Officers with BPD helped Brandon Rescue with a lift assist at an apartment on Mulcahy Drive.

- Officers patrolled the area of Route 7 in Brandon for a report of a vehicle traveling at a considerably slow speed and weaving in and out of traffic. The vehicle was not located but was later said to be traveling in West Rutland.

- Officers conducted a motor-vehicle stop on McConnell Road for following too close. Two warnings and a ticket were issued.

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SBA loans

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Hampshire; and Clinton, Essex and Washington in New York.

Disaster survivors should not wait to settle with their insurance company before applying for a disaster loan. If a survivor does not know how much of their loss will be covered by insurance or other sources, SBA can make a low-interest disaster loan for the total loss up to its loan limits, provided the borrower agrees to use insurance proceeds to reduce or repay the loan.

SBA Business Recovery Centers (BRCs) will open on Tuesday, July 18 at 8 a.m., at the Vermont Chamber of Commerce in Berlin, Vt and on Wednesday, July 19 at 8 a.m., at the Engel & Völkers Okemo Building in Ludlow, Vt. SBA Customer Service Representatives at the Center will assist business owners and residents in filling out a disaster loan application, accept documents for existing applications, and provide updates on an application's status. The center will operate as indicated below until further notice:

Business Recovery Center
Washington County

Vermont Chamber of Commerce

751 Granger Road
Berlin, VT 05641

Opening: Tuesday, July 18, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours: Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed: Sunday

Business Recovery Center
Windsor County

Engel & Völkers Okemo Building

126 Main Street
Ludlow, VT 05149

Opening: Wednesday, July 19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours: Monday to Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Businesses and private non-

profit organizations of any size may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates are as low as 4 percent for businesses, 2.375 percent for nonprofit organizations, and 2.5 percent for homeowners and renters, with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Building back smarter and stronger can be an effective recovery tool for future disasters. Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase of up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a safe room or storm shelter, sump pump, elevation, retaining walls, and landscaping to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

"The opportunity to include measures to help prevent future

damage from occurring is a significant benefit of SBA's disaster loan program," said SBA Associate Administrator Francisco Sanchez, Jr. "I encourage everyone to consult their contractors and emergency management mitigation specialists for ideas and apply for an SBA disaster loan increase for funding."

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> and should apply under SBA declaration # 18016.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at www.disasterassistance.gov download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Disaster loan information and application forms can also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services) or sending an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Sept. 12, 2023. The deadline to return economic injury applications is April 15, 2024.

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ter, Ann and Pete Breen, Leberge Insurance, and Middlebury Discount Beverages.

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Sign-ups are closed for this year's event, but the public is welcome to watch and enjoy a meal at the Club's restaurant. Anyone interested in perhaps participating in something similar can play in the Brandon Free Public Library's upcoming fundraiser at Neshobe Golf Club in October, which Ms. Naylor is also helping to organize.

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