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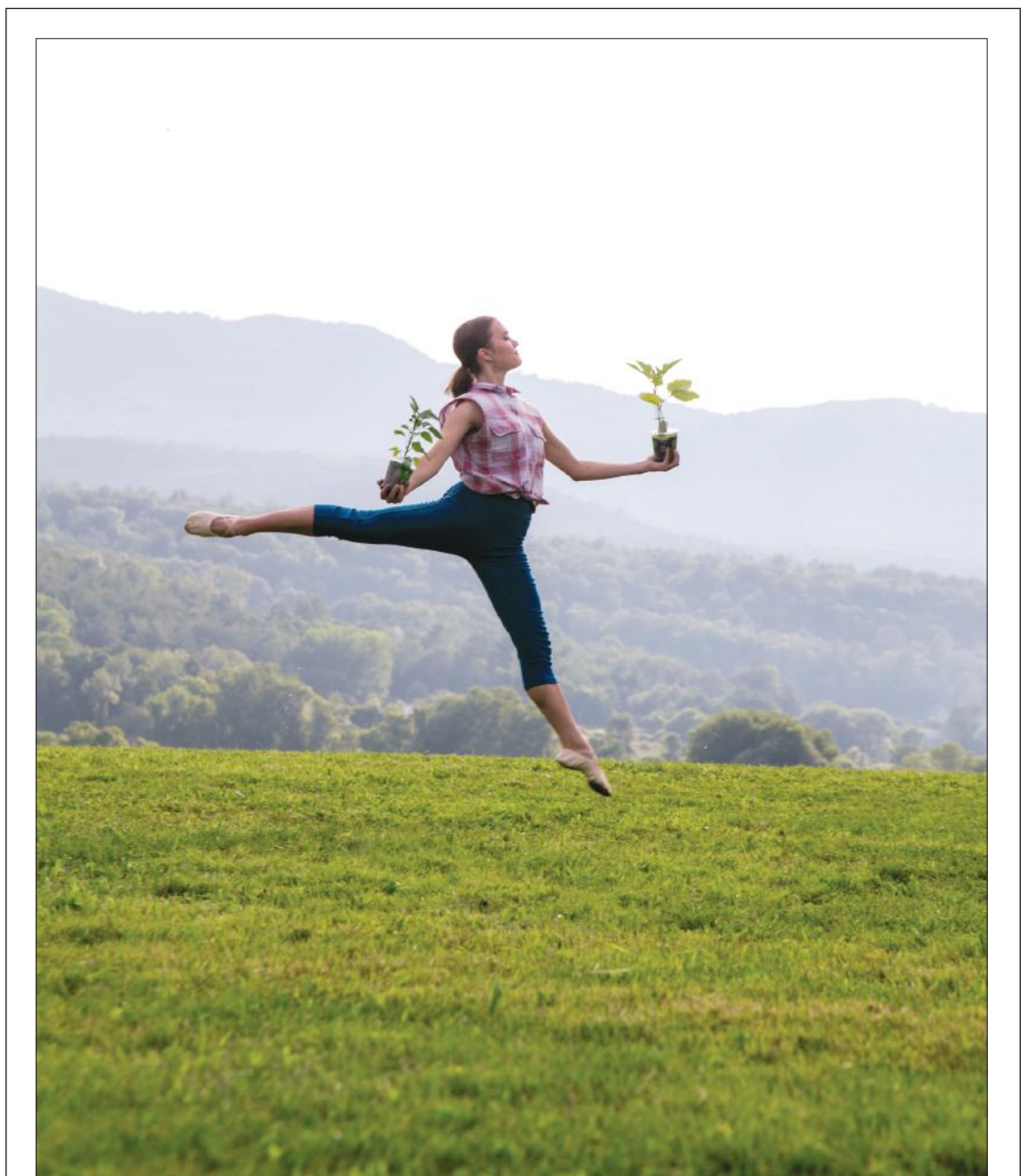
BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The Brandon Selectboard held its regular meeting on Monday, July 24. As a first order of business, it convened as the Board of Liquor Control Commissioners. All agenda items were consented to with no discussion and the Board was adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Cannabis Control Commissioners.

Ben Hsiung of Pine Grove Organics, a licensed cannabis retailer on Route 7 just north of Brandon Village, asked the Board to take into consideration when approving new cannabis licenses whether the applicant was a local entity or an out-of-state corporation who was not going to make the same investment in the community as Pine Grove has.

The Board expressed appreciation for Mr. Hsiung's attendance but informed him that they lacked the authority to investigate applicants. Their role was mostly to approve applications that had met the state's standards. But the Board asked Mr. Hsiung to explain the state's tiered system of cannabis licenses, a request which Mr. Hsiung was happy to fulfill.

The Board went on to approve six new Tier 1 licenses for cultivation. (See Brandon SB, Page 20)



Farm to Ballet comes to Pittsford Village Farm

THE BALLET VERMONT dance troupe brought elegance and seasonal flair to Pittsford. See more on page 6.

Photos by Joey Jones and Sam Stone

How local Town Managers navigated the flood waters

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON/PITTSFORD—After the last two weeks, future job postings for town manager positions in Vermont are likely to list as a requirement "Must have experience with flood mitigation and recovery." The ceaseless rains two weeks ago sent enormous volumes of water through many Vermont towns, totally inundating a few, like Montpelier, Barre, and Ludlow. Closer to home, the Neshobe and Otter Creek both jumped their banks



THE MAKINGS OF a tornado swirl above Brandon Town Hall on Thursday, July 13. The winds would knock a stone topper off one of the building's chimneys, damage to the slate roof. Photo by Jeff Sacks

and necessitated road closures and repairs in Brandon, Pittsford, and Proctor. The cherry on the disaster cake was a tornado that swept from Benson to Brandon just days later.

In such circumstances, it falls to town managers to coordinate the response, to ensure the safety of municipal infrastructure, to assess and repair any damage. The Reporter spoke with Seth Hopkins and Bill Moore, Town Manager and Deputy Town Manager (See Navigating floods, Page 3)

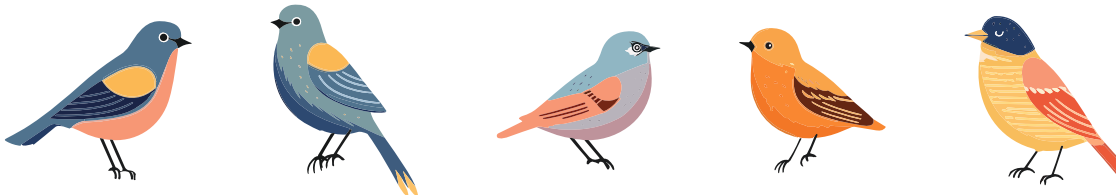
The Rutland County Audubon Society celebrates 50 years!



KATHLEEN GUINNESS OF Rutland County Audubon shares the first backpack fitted with binoculars, field guide and journal with the Proctor librarian Lisa Miser. Hills and Hollows has provided funds for 10 of these backpacks to go out to Rutland County libraries.



RIGHT: MR. ROY Pilcher, is seen here cutting the 50th anniversary cake for Rutland County Audubon Society. RCAS honored Mr. Pilcher, one of their earliest founders, at the celebration by dedicating the Whipple Hollow Trail in West Rutland to him and dubbing it "Roy Pilcher's Ramble." Photos provided



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Navigating floods

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of Brandon, respectively, and David Atherton, Town Manager of Pittsford, about their experiences during the past two weeks.

“It’s going to happen,” said Mr. Hopkins, referring to the extreme weather. “We can’t prevent it, but we can prepare.”

“A lot of times as a storm gets closer, the forecast changes,” said Mr. Atherton. “But this one didn’t change. I knew we were going to get a lot of rain.”

In Brandon, the main damage from Irene in 2011 was to the downtown, where the Neshobe River crosses Center Street. Famously, Brandon House of Pizza was lifted off its foundation over the river and deposited in the middle of the street. This time, though, Brandon avoided the worst effects of the storm because of the “overflow relief structure” the town installed to divert excess water from the Neshobe. The structure basically splits the Neshobe in two behind Blue Moon boutique and rejoins it on the other side of Center Street.

“There were some doubters, but it was a 1000% return on investment,” said Hopkins. “If that culvert weren’t there, there would’ve been total devastation of Mill Lane, Briggs Lane, and the Town Office.”

“I’ve had people who opposed [the culvert] come thank me for it,” said Atherton, who was Brandon Town Manager at the time the structure was installed in 2017 as part of the plan to restore the Town Offices after Irene.

When Brandon seemed to have avoided any significant flooding or damage immediately after the first heavy rains, there was a sense of relief.

“We were all feeling fat, happy, and dumb,” laughed Hopkins. Reporters from The Christian Science Monitor in Boston even came to town to learn what Brandon had done to emerge unscathed from a storm that ravaged so much of the state.

But the water from the southern reaches of Otter Creek, where the damage was more extensive, began making its way north. And the rains continued to fall, swelling the Creek and the Neshobe even further. By the end of the week, both waterways had jumped their banks and roads all through the Otter Creek watershed began to flood.

One of the perennial hot spots for flood damage is Newton Road in Forestdale. The eastern end of the road lies just south of the spot where the Neshobe crosses under North Street, near the Forestdale Post Office. The excess water

from the rains spilled over the banks and into the road on Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15. The Brandon Highway Department, led by Foreman Shawn Erickson, worked tirelessly to reinforce the riverbank, protect homes, and safeguard the critical town infrastructure, such as pumps, that are housed along the road.

“We had to get permission from the state to work in the waterway,” said Hopkins, as rivers and streams are legally state property, “but they were great.”

The town would normally rent the heavy machinery required for such work, but the equipment was in short supply. Fortunately, Mr. Erickson had an acquaintance with an excavator. Howard Stickney, who lives over by Whipple Hollow in Pittsford/Proctor, brought the machine over and saved the day.

“We had to use radios to communicate with the crew, since that area in Forestdale is a dead zone for cell phones,” said Hopkins. “We’d be working and have to drive so we could call the state.”

Oscar Gardner, who owns one of the homes toward the western end of Newton Road, was out on his own tractor working with the crew as well.

“On Sunday, everything was cool,” said Hopkins. And then the rains over the previous two days caused re-flooding around 12 am – 1 am on Sunday night/Monday morning. “All the work that had been done over those 48 hours was wiped out. We expended a lot of person hours and money.”

But Mr. Gardner was at the Brandon Selectboard meeting on Monday, July 24 to thank the town for its efforts and to say that without the work that had been “lost,” he was sure the subsequent flooding and damage would’ve been even worse.

Over the years, the Newton Road has flooded numerous times and the town has been working with landowners and FEMA to purchase properties that are particularly prone to flooding. Several parcels along the street are now owned by the town and three of the purchased parcels still have homes awaiting removal. The road was raised in the early 2000s, with the intent of reducing flooding, but the boost also eliminated some natural channels that led water away from homes, according to Mr. Hopkins. Water now collects on the sides of the road, causing a great deal of erosion on the edges.

“Anyone who lives in a flood-prone home and is interested in



BRANDON TOWN MANAGER Seth Hopkins (left) and Deputy Town Manager Bill Moore (right) stand above the “overflow relief structure” that helped avert major flooding in downtown Brandon earlier this month.

Photo by Steven Jupiter

selling to FEMA should come see us,” said Hopkins. FEMA covers 75% of the purchase, with another 12.5% covered by the state. The town is responsible for only 7.5% of the purchase price. This is the highest reimbursement level FEMA offers and Brandon is eligible because of its extensive mitigation efforts over the years. Recent purchases also include properties on Wheeler Road and Marble Street.

In addition to Newton Road, other roads that were hit hard included Wagner Road in Forestdale, an unpaved road that “completely washed out” in the first heavy rains.

“Wagner was the first place the crew went out to,” said Hopkins.

In Pittsford, the flooding was extensive but mostly limited to the same places prone to flooding every spring, according to Mr. Atherton. Depot Hill Road, Gorham Bridge Road, Elm Street... all the usual suspects along Otter Creek. The water levels may have been higher than normal, but the flood pattern was pretty standard for the town. The wooden decking on the covered bridge on Depot Hill Road did suffer some warping but the extent of the damage isn’t yet clear.

“From here up to Salisbury is wetlands,” said Atherton. “It’s storage for Otter Creek. It does what it’s meant to do. Fortunately, Pittsford is mostly on a hill above the Creek.”

On top of the heavy rains, the tornado that swept through Brandon caused a stone chimney top on the Brandon Town Hall to fall into the slate roof, causing “probably five figures of damage,” according to Hopkins. Water did enter the building through the roof and work its way down to the Brandon Free Public Library in the basement.

“It’s not actively taking water now,” Hopkins said. Den-

nis Marden, President of the (See Navigating floods, Page 7)

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Aug. 1 — Aaron Audet Band

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Front Porch Forum launches regional disaster response boards

Reminiscent of the site's statewide influence during Tropical Storm Irene and Covid-19, FPF is playing a big role in local crisis communication

BY PAIGE FISHER/
VTDIGGER

Sandwiched between select-board announcements and posts from people looking for tailors, people are notifying their neighbors of mutual aid efforts using a red-flagged disaster response board on Front Porch Forum.

Among the flagged disaster posts are residents searching for their lost Adirondack chairs and missing roof pieces grabbed by the high waters.

Other posters use the board to offer help. One resident in Orange County offered up their tractor, then followed up with a clarification: "the tractor was not free, my time on my tractor was."

VTDigger will continue to cover the effects of the catastrophic summer flooding on our homes, businesses and lives. If you can help support these reporting efforts, please donate now.

Front Porch Forum is a hyperlocal for-profit website and newsletter with over 230,000 active members, almost exclusively Vermonters, according to Jason Van Driesche, the site's chief of staff. The website got its commercial start in Burlington in 2006 and rapidly expanded to the rest of the state following Tropical Storm Irene.

A cornerstone of many Vermont communities, the site hosts reports on anything from lost cows to major state and federal government updates. Young mothers have even used it to offer up excess breast milk to other parents in the community, said Paul Costello, Vermont Council on Rural Development's former executive director, and an early supporter of the resource.

In the aftermath of last week's

catastrophic flooding, the site is once again being used by town leaders across the state to help neighbors in need.

"In times like this, when a disaster hits, Front Porch Forum has two roles," Van Driesche said. "It has the immediate role of being a tool that people use for all the things they use it for regularly, and it also is part of what has made communities work together in the first place."

The regional disaster response boards, which launched Monday, took about a week for the company to create, he said. The board, which appears in the upper-right corner of the website's homepage, allows people to connect to a broader network.

Typically, members can post only in the forum of the town in which they reside, and are restricted to viewing posts from nearby forums, Van Driesche explained.

The new regional disaster response board, however, allows people to post in neighboring forums as many times as necessary.

The moderators, whose role is to reduce spamming and keep discussion civil, have been working overtime to ensure the boards are effectively monitored, he added.

People have been using the disaster response boards to organize donations, exchange dehumidifiers, advertise struggling businesses, send news updates and request bubble wrap.

In the Orange County disaster response board, a church offered a free community meal and a resident crowdsourced advice on repurposing wood from a freshly fallen tree on their property for a new bridge.

(See Front Porch Forum, Page 11)



Home is where the heart is

FLOODING ALSO IMPACTED this beaver family evicting them from their lodge. This very rare scene of a female beaver with her 3 kits was sighted recently at Half Moon State Park.

Photo by Sue Wetmore

Community Forums BPD announces new program to help families coping with dementia

One of the most devastating experiences for a family coping with Alzheimer's disease and similar afflictions is to have a loved one wander away from home and become lost. To give families some degree of security, the Brandon Police has set up the Sheepdog Program. This

Just like a sheepdog watching over their flock, the Brandon Police Department wants to keep our seniors and most vulnerable individuals safe from harm.

program assists not just those suffering from Alzheimer's, but also those with Dementia and elderly individuals at risk of wandering off and getting lost. Registration in the program is completely voluntary. To participate, please complete the attached registration form

available on-line at the Brandon Police Department website at <https://www.townofbrandon.com/departments/police/> and return it to the Brandon Police Department with a recent photograph.

The completed form, along with the picture you provide is then placed in a confidential file with the police department. In the event your family member wanders off or gets lost, contact the police department and a description as well as other information concerning the person will be promptly

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The Brandon United Methodist Church is having a Fundraising Tag & Bake Sale

The Brandon United Methodist Church is having a Fundraising Tag & Bake Sale Saturday August 5th 9 am -1 pm, 1 Franklin Street. Rain or Shine. Donations Welcome.

We will be accepting donations Sunday, July 30th, from 12:30-2 and Tuesday, August 1st, from 12-3. No clothing or upholstered furniture please. Table space available for \$20.

Mark your calendars and clean out your basements and garages.

The Brandon United Methodist Church is home to the Food Shelf and Friend Zone. For more information or to assist the church in its endeavors to help sustain the marginalized & underserved in our community or to help restore our historic building, please call (802) 247-6524 or contact Pastor John Hardman-

Zimmerman (hzfm@hotmail.com) (802) 282-7532 or Vicki Disorda (vqueenoftheearth@gmail.com) (802) 345-4125. Donations may be mailed to Brandon United Methodist Church, PO Box 55, Brandon, VT 05733. All donations specifically for the Food Shelf should be sent to Brandon Emergency Food Shelf, PO Box 345, Brandon, VT 05733. Thank you.

A fundraising effort for Vermont bookstores affected by the recent flood Bookstores helping bookstores July 29th

Montpelier, Vt. — Vermont members of the New England Independent Bookstore Association (NEIBA) announce “Bookstores Helping Bookstores,” a fundraising effort to help Bear Pond Books of Montpelier and Next Chapter Bookstore of Barre, both member bookstores that were devastated in the recent FEMA declared disaster flood in central Vermont.

On Saturday, July 29, 2023, the following sixteen businesses pledge to donate proceeds of their sales to help Bear Pond and Next Chapter rebuild:

- Bartleby’s Books, Wilmington
- Bear Pond Books, Stowe
- Bennington Bookshop, Bennington
- The Book Nook, Ludlow
- The Bookstore, Brandon

- Bridgeside Books, Waterbury
- Eloquent Page, St. Albans
- Everyone’s Books, Brattleboro

Flying Pig Bookstore, Shelburne

- Phoenix Books, Burlington
- Phoenix Books, Essex
- Phoenix Books, Rutland
- Norwich Bookstore, Norwich
- Vermont Book Shop, Middlebury

Village Square Booksellers, Bellows Falls

Yankee Bookshop, Woodstock + Rootstock Publishing

As a small publisher, Rootstock Publishing is donating sales from books purchased on their website (www.rootstock-publishing.com) between July 18 and August 18th.

Please support your independent bookstore on July 29th, and thanks for keeping Vermont #BookstoreStrong!

The New England Independent Booksellers Association (NEIBA) is the non-profit trade association for the retail book industry in New England. Serving independent booksellers since 1973, NEIBA has over 260 members representing more than 190 bookstores in New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) and New York. NEIBA’s mission is to further the success of professional independent booksellers in New England and to foster a vital and supportive bookselling community.

Sheepdog Program

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dispatched to officers on-duty and if necessary, the local media. If you do not have a recent photograph or need help in filling out the form, the Brandon Police Department will take the photograph of the family member and assist with the completion of the registration form if necessary. We strongly encourage anyone concerned about a loved one, who tends to wander and is at risk, to register that person in our program. This is a free community service offered through the Brandon Police Department.

Just like a sheepdog watch-

ing over their flock, the Brandon Police Department wants to keep our seniors and most vulnerable individuals safe from harm. Information gained through this program would greatly help us in reducing the possibility of a tragedy should one of our elderly or vulnerable community members wander off or get lost.

For more information or questions, please contact the Brandon Police Department at (802) 247-0222 or e-mail Administrative Assistant Linda Graziano at Linda.Graziano@Vermont.gov.

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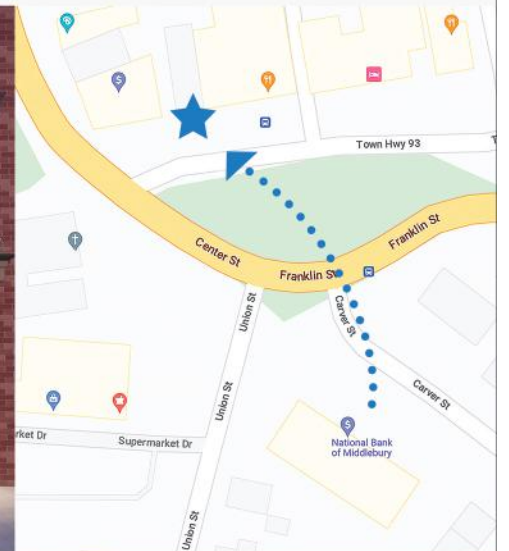
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2 killed, 2 badly hurt in head-on collision in Mendon

The state police crash reconstruction team is still investigating the crash.

BY TOM KEARNY/
VTDIGGER

MENDON—Two people were killed and two others critically injured in a head-on collision Monday morning on Route 4 in Mendon.

John Panouschek, 79, the driver, and Jean Panouschek, 74, both of South Woodstock, were killed in the crash Monday at about 10:20 a.m. Vermont State Police said neither was wearing a seat belt.

Their Toyota RAV4 was headed west on Route 4 when it veered into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with a Toyota Sienna van, police said. The occupants of the

van — Beverly Adams, 73, the driver, and Thomas Allen, 76, both of Stockbridge — were taken to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, where both were in critical condition. Both had been wearing seat belts, state police said.

The Panouscheks were pronounced dead at the crash site. Adams and Allen were extricated from their vehicle and taken to the hospital.

The state police crash reconstruction team is still investigating the circumstances of the crash, which occurred near Woodward Road.

Obituaries

Robert Edward Smith, 84, Leicester

Robert Edward Smith, 84, passed away Tuesday July 18, 2023, at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Bob was born in Danby, on May 27, 1939, the son of Raymond and Beatrice (Sherman) Smith. He received his education in Danby and Tinmouth Schools. Bob worked for F.A. Tucker as a lineman for several years, Vermont Marble for 20 years, and the Middlebury Dept. of Public Works, where he was crew leader from 1976-1980. Afterwards owned and operated Bob's Texaco in Brandon from 1980 to 1983, until he was

forced to retire due to illness.

He was a past member of the Loyal Order of Moose, in Rutland.

Surviving are 2 sons: Douglas J. Smith of Rutland and Paul D. Smith, with whom he made his home in Leicester; one daughter, Deborah Degenhardt, of Pittsford. Also surviving are many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, & cousins.

He was predeceased by 3 brothers: Richard Smith, Buck Smith and William "Bill" Smith; 2 sisters: Dorothy Hance, Marion Duby, and

a special friend, Jackie Field.

A private graveside committal service and burial will take place, at a later date, in Cheney Hill Cemetery, Rutland Town.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, 6655 Shelburne Rd Ste 300, Shelburne, VT 05482.

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

Navigating floods

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Friends of Town Hall, worked tirelessly to remove the water, filling "bucket after bucket" and hanging out wet rags to dry on the front steps. The roof of the Town Hall had been the subject of some debate in recent Select-board meetings, with members of the community and the Board noting that the beleaguered roof needed repair and suggesting that perhaps ARPA money be used

for the project.

As for future weather events, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Moore have implemented an opt-in text-alert system to inform residents of road closures and boil-water notices when water quality has been compromised. Mr. Hopkins also suggested that the town staff might hold drills to practice opening an emergency center at the Town Office.

Overall, though, the town

managers gave their crews a great deal of credit for pulling through the last two weeks.

"The Public Works guys put themselves in dangerous situations for hours," said Mr. Hopkins.

"We have an amazing staff that rallied," added Mr. Moore. "They were all in and willing to do what was needed."

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JULY & AUGUST 2023 EVENTS AT THE BRANDON TOWN HALL THEATER

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sion stand or just sit down and relax. If you are interested in reserving a space, contact Dennis Marden at denniswmarden@gmail.com or call at 802-247-5420.

Saturday, August 19:

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Saturday, August 26:

7:30 pm

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We are handicapped accessible via the covered walkway on the left side of the building and the main hall is now cooler with the addition of air conditioning.



Like all things vintage?



Mim's Photos

are on page 16!



Wool, it's not just for sweaters...

MUFFY KASHKIN GROLLIER presented her felted-wool art to a rapt audience at the Brandon Artists Guild on Saturday, July 22. Ms. Kashkin Grollier, a member of the Guild, has been creating highly detailed "paintings" out of wool felt for years. Her work is on display at the Guild.

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Tree care for weather extremes

A few years ago, I asked a realtor friend what he thought was the best real-estate investment. His response was “the property you bought five years ago.”

Unfortunately, the same is true regarding the best way to care for trees in the kind of catastrophic weather events we are seeing more of. The best remedy for the threat of weather damage is what you’ve done over the past few years. There are no magic bullets to protect our trees, and there is no way to avoid the damage that weather events can cause.

The best we can do is to keep up maintenance and improve our efforts to maintain healthy trees. There may be no magic, but we can minimize the potential for damage.

Two kinds of catastrophes can happen from winds or lightning. “Widow maker” branches can fall from a tree and block roads, or they can strike something (or someone) below. Strong winds can also cause whole trees to topple.

Trees should be inspected regularly during the year, in all seasons. Look at your trees carefully to stay on top of their

condition. Look at the ground around your tree as well as at the tree itself. Also, look at the way branches grow out of the leader (main trunk). If the junction between a branch and the leader looks like it’s not strong, check with an arborist for the best remedy.

Pruning is something that should be a consideration in tree maintenance. An easy way to remember what to look for is “dead, dying, diseased, crossed or for training”, or “DDDC”. So, you should be looking primarily for signs of dis-

(See Tree care, Page 19)

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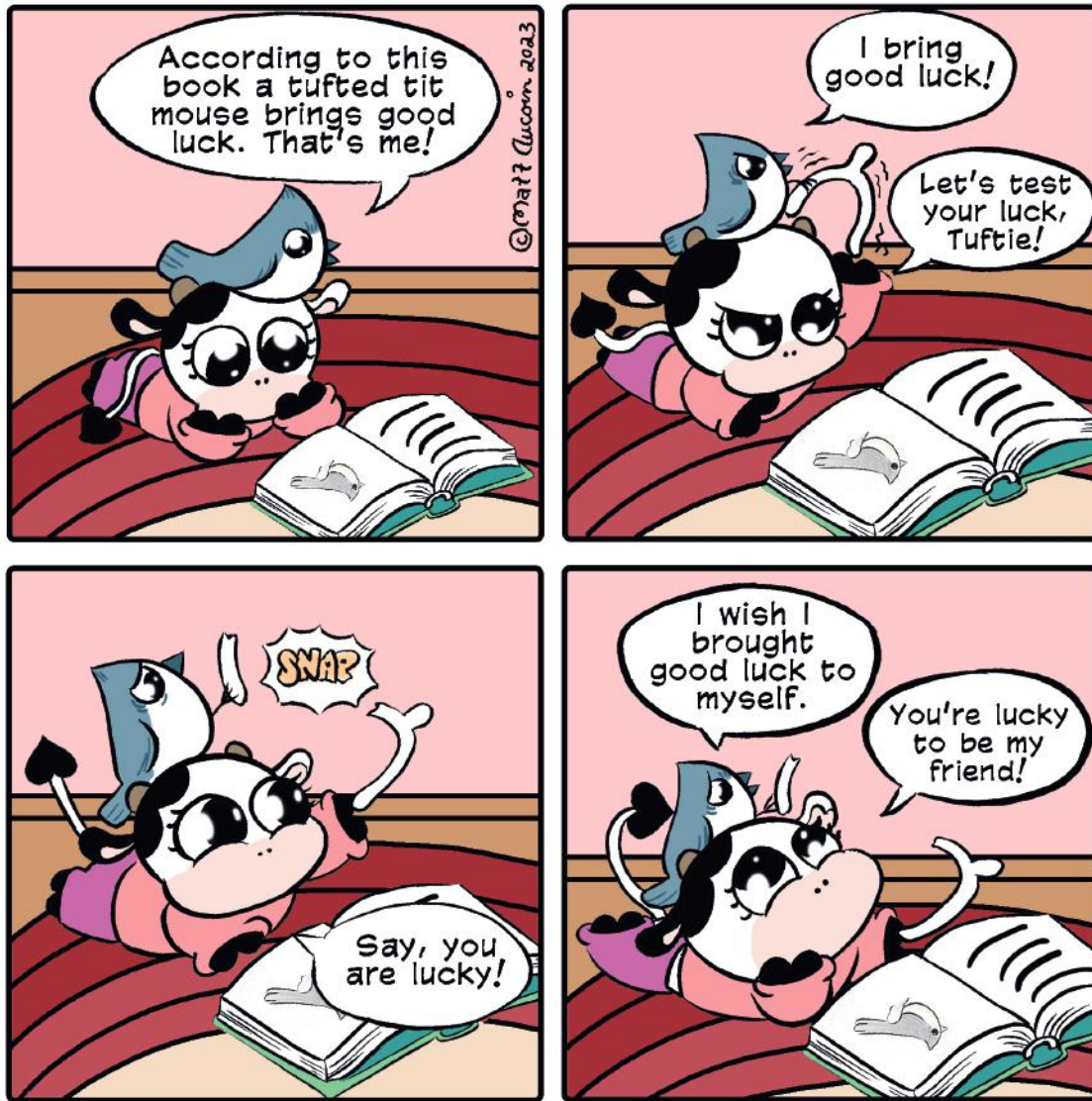


STATEMENT FROM MR. AUCOIN:

Fifth and Sixth graders from OCA designed, refined, and painted these murals to beautify the cement blocks in the school's driveway. We worked in groups of three and four.

I'm so proud of how my students worked together on their murals. We used outdoor latex paint.

MAPLE ^{the} COW by Matt Aucom



The Long Trail South

At the Great Cliffs of Mt. Horrid we were strong,
tunneling through the woods,
peeping at the nesting falcons,
using the toilet at the Sunrise Shelter,
stopping at the top of No Name Ridge to turn back home.
Creepers to be ripped from the garden,
mulch to be hoisted and spread amidst
salvia, foxglove, bee balm, and mint.
Maybe let's have a black raspberry or two
before we cruise the waterfalls to fall in love again
(again), eating Village Creemes and onion rings?
It's like a paradise and death everywhere—
I love it so much.

The giant wooden gorillas,
the bat hovering over my head last night,
the sculpted giraffe above the trees,
and the bear carvings beneath.
Your solitary fox in the meadow,
which I would not turn back to see.
The doe and the fawns in the corn.
Even when everything is perfect
we need our secret pleasures.

By Mat Clouser

Front Porch Forum

(Continued from Page 4)

"I am thinking about coordinating an event that is like a giant free yard sale for people that lost all of their belongings in the flood," a Montpelier resident wrote in a post to the Washington County disaster response board. "This would ideally be an event for people in the Barre Montpelier area that can not afford to go and buy all new bedding, clothing, dishes and everyday things."

These kinds of neighborhood outreach posts are not unprecedented or unusual, though they have kicked up in volume due to the fallout from the flooding. Van Driesche said the website had received over 10,000 posts during the 10-day period following the flooding and estimated roughly 15% of those posts were disaster related.

"Front Porch Forum is a very trusted resource," said Brian Lowe, the current executive director at Vermont Council on Rural Development. "Their disaster recovery board elevates and consolidates posts so people can easily see where there might be needs they could be helping address."

The council works to identify town leaders and form a coalition

called Vermont Community Leadership Network, Lowe said. Many of those town leaders are Front Porch Forum members, so the organization works with the company to understand community needs

This partnership has been historically helpful to Front Porch Forum's growth and development.

In 2011, the council received a federal grant from the federal Economic Development Administration to expand internet access to rural parts of the state, and they offered Front Porch Forum as part of a package to towns that applied for assistance, Costello said.

"When you look at the challenge of people knowing what each other are doing and coordinating, (Front Porch Forum) is one of the strongest things going in local communities to spur democracy," Costello said. "This is just a fundamental thing that needs to be available to communities to be able to respond to disasters."

After Tropical Storm Irene, the council received a second grant that allowed Front Porch Forum to increase its coverage to the entire state of Vermont and by 2013, the company had grown to host forums in every community in Vermont.

Sharpen your mind with our puzzles.
See page 17

***Vendor Space is available, upstairs, at The Brandon Town Hall during**
Town Wide
Yard Sale Day
on August 5th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

If you are interested in reserving a space, contact Dennis at denniswmarden@gmail.com or leave a message at 802-247-5420

*An 8 x 10 space and 6' folding table is \$20
*A 10 x 12 space and 6' folding table is \$25.
Additional tables are available for \$5 each

*Vendors will be able to set up on Friday, August 4th from 4:00-7:00 pm or at 7:00 am Saturday morning.

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.



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 mo-

ment 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 (hazfm@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

Pizza by the Pond
BFPL Great Sun, July 30, 5:30

Join us around the pond at the Blueberry Hill Inn for live music and wood-fired pizza! Open to the public, all ages, BYOB. Includes all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza buffet, lemonade & iced tea.



Point CounterPoint 2023 Summer Faculty Concert Series

Concert times are 7:30pm. Admission is free:

Each concert differs in repertoire, instrumentation, and faculty performers.

Friday, July 28th –

Middlebury Town Hall Theater, Constance Holden Memorial Concert

Friday, August 11th –

Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St, Salisbury

Thursday, August 24th –

Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St, Salisbury

Friday, September 1st –

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Crt. Middlebury

Friday, September 29th –

PCP Alumni Celebration Concert - Salisbury Congregational Church



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Wednesday 26th

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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 Community 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

Wiley 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

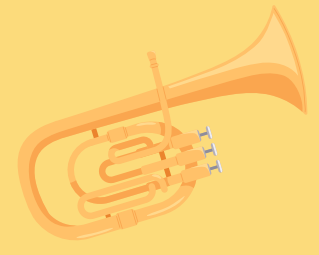
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Half Day Admission: \$25
Advance / \$30 Day of
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September 23
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All shows will be 11a.m.–1p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays in Kennedy Park (upper falls, near the crosswalk).



I want the whole world to come and dance with me

ROMP PERFORMED AT Kennedy Park this past weekend. The family-based band can often be heard at the Open Mic at Red Clover on Thursday evenings as well.

Photo by Robert Black

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/barikamusic>

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.

Horsford Gardens & Nursery, Planting for Bees and Pollinators

From 10 am – 12 pm, led by: Julia Parker-Dickerson (Charlotte Pollinator Pathway (<https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/charlotte>)) Organizer, Monkton Central School Teacher, and Master Gardener).

Learn about what pollinators need in the landscape to survive and thrive throughout the seasons. We'll talk about practices and plantings we can do in our own yards to help pollinators big and small.

Julia Parker-Dickerson will educate about needs of specific pollinators like different butterfly and bee species, and how you can list your gardens as Pollinator Pathways.

This workshop will be outdoors with some seated time and some walking around the gardens and plant displays. We'll have time for Q&A.

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!

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MIKE FISHER, OF Castleton, scores his first win at Devil's Bowl Speedway. Congrats, Mike!

Photo provided

At Devil's Bowl Fisher Brings 'Elmo' Tribute to Victory Lane at Devil's Bowl Speedway

WEST HAVEN, Vt. — Mike Fisher waited a long time for his first win at Devil's Bowl Speedway, and the payoff was worth it. The Castleton, Vt., driver was the headline-maker at the annual Rutland Regional Medical Center "Hometown Heroes" event, on a night that also saw Kamden Duffy, William Duprey, Pat Miner, John Smith, Adam Mahoney, Ronnie Alger, and Zach Wood visit victory lane.

Fisher started racing in the Sunoco Sportsman Modified division at Devil's Bowl in 2016 and had some close calls and podium finishes, but he had yet to seal the deal. On Saturday night, Fisher debuted a throwback tribute paint scheme honoring local favorite Eddy "Elmo" Allen's 1969 Modified racer, changing his design from a red car numbered 77 to Allen's red, white, and blue No. 33 Jr., and he ran off with the first checkered flag of his career.

Fisher took the lead from polesitter Allan Hammond on the third lap and survived three restarts during the 30-lap feature, including the final one with a dozen circuits left. The win keeps Devil's Bowl Speed-

way's new-winner streak intact for 2023 and makes Fisher the 11th different driver to win a Sportsman Modified feature race in as many events. Anthony Warren earned his second podium finish of the season with the runner-up finish, and Marty Kelly III finished third.

David Boisclair had a good drive forward from 12th starting position to take fourth place and Justin Comes chipped into Tim LaDuc's championship point lead with a fifth-place showing. Hammond held on for sixth place ahead of his brother, Walt Hammond Jr., followed by rookie Evan Roberts, former champion Vince Quenneville, and Kevin Chaffee. It was Chaffee — who started 21st on the grid — who earned the \$100 Hard Charger bonus from Elmo's Pit Stop, provided by the aforementioned Eddy Allen.

The O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Sportsman division ran a pair of 25-lap features, with the first being a makeup from the Fair Haven/Poultney Auto Supply Night that was rained out on June 25. Rookie Kamden Duffy brought his second win home to Richmond, N.H., in the opening race. Scott Tow-slee finished second, while the

Ryan cousins ran through the field; Anthony Ryan came from 16th to finish third and Randy Ryan came from 14th to take fourth. Steve Miller rounded out the top five.

In the regularly scheduled, 25-lap Limited Sportsman race for Rutland Regional Medical Center, one of Devil's Bowl's all-time feature winners finally got back to victory lane as Hydeville, Vt.'s William Duprey got it done. The four-time champion of the former Super Stock division earned his first open-wheel Modified win and his 53rd overall win at Devil's Bowl, leading wire-to-wire. Point leader Randy Ryan continued his good night as the runner-up, followed by Gary English and Jason Quenneville, and Miller scored his second fifth-place showing of the night.

Miller's nephew, Pat Miner, was a first-time winner in the Hoosier Daddy Racing Novice Sportsman division. The Monkton, Vt., racer took the lead from polesitter Russ Farr on the second lap and sped away for his inaugural win in a 20-lap go. Miner's victory gives the Novice Sportsman class the
(See Devil's Bowl, Page 19)

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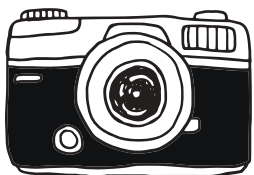
Can you identify any of the people in these vintage photos from Mim Welton's Dateline Brandon newspaper archives? Let us know!



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

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Recognized



Michael Dwyer emailed in recognizing the large student photo. He was able to recognize it as the National Honor Society induction at OVUHS, spring 1989. At far right is Penny Griffin. Three from right is Robin Schmidt, now Shrum. Robin earned a doctorate in education last year and is currently the principal of a school in Maryland.



Sue Wetmore emailed in recognizing the woman in the photo with the 2 boys as Harriet Bellerjeau.

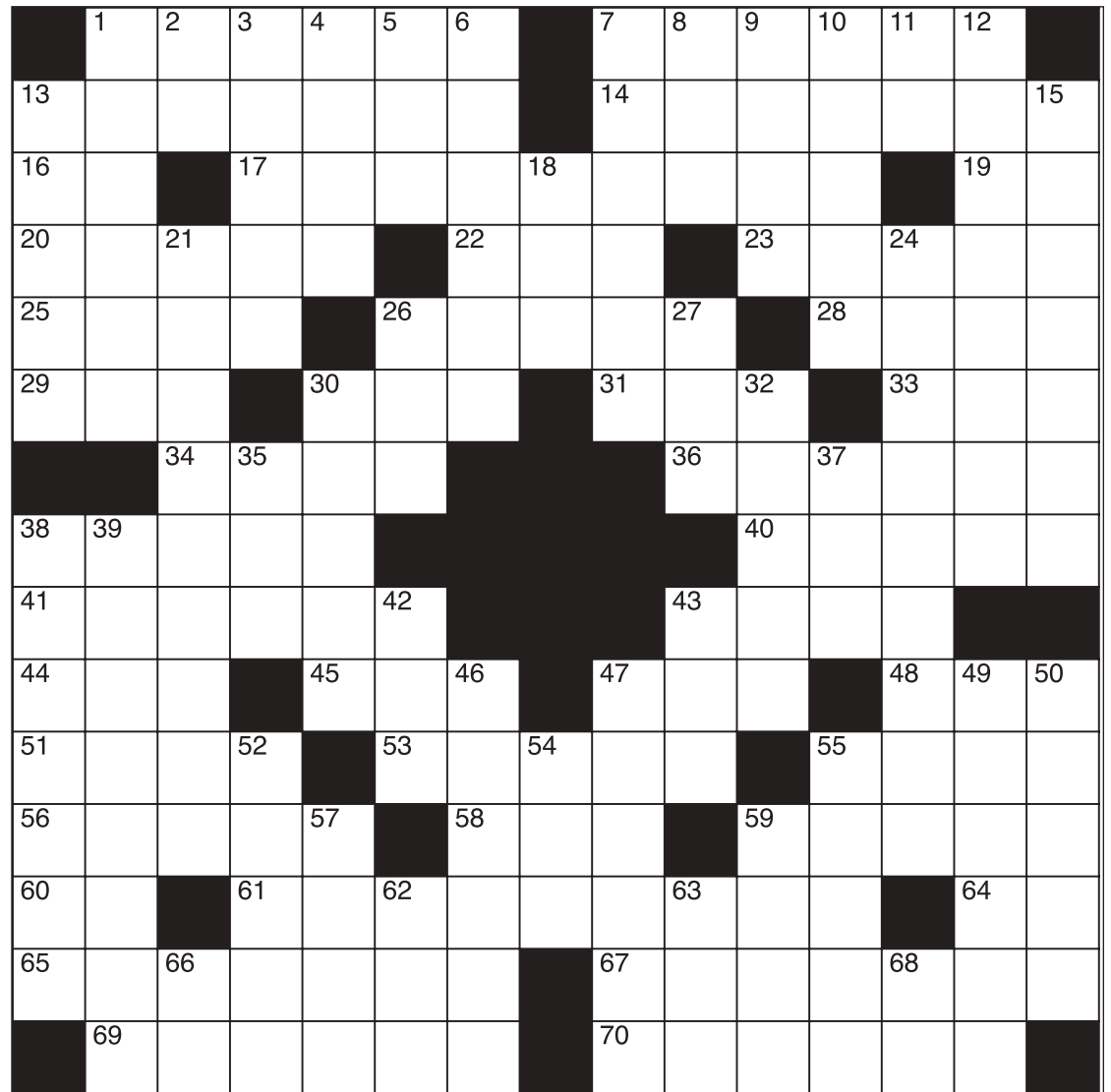
Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Bonus materials
7. Formal names
13. Free from restraints
14. One who scrapes away
16. Type of device
17. Skin cancers
19. The Show Me State
20. Plate glasses
22. Red-brown sea bream
23. Small (Fr.)
25. Flightless Australian birds
26. High IQ group
28. Stiff structures
29. Revolutions per minute
30. Where a bachelor lives
31. Licensed for Wall Street
33. A place to park
34. Energy, style and enthusiasm
36. An important creed in Catholic Church
38. 18-year astronomical period
40. Furies
41. Removes from the record
43. Noted child psychiatrist
44. Feline
45. High schoolers' test
47. Not happy
48. They ___
51. On top
53. Precious stones unit of weight
55. Moved quickly
56. Seagulls
58. A seed with hooks or teeth
59. Partner to "oohed"
60. Exclamation of surprise
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64. Organization help service members
65. Type of cockatoo
67. Humorous criticisms
69. Went through and organized
70. Wakes up

CLUES DOWN

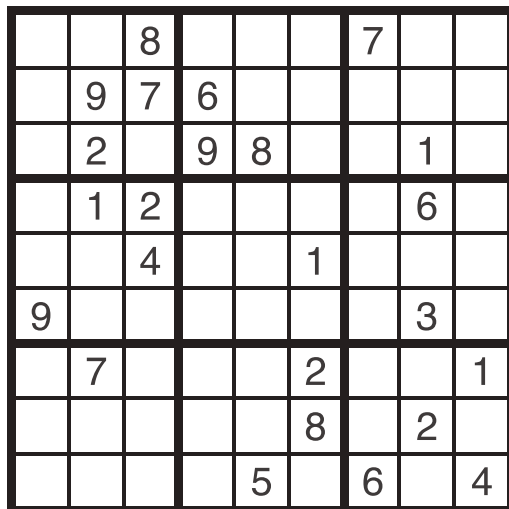
1. Settle in tents
2. Big
3. Books
4. Masses of eggs in fish
5. Language
6. Not standing
7. Chinese philosophy
8. Computer giant
9. A device to catch
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. Actor O'Neill
12. Smallest interval in western music
13. Not lower
15. Revolves
18. Leavened bread
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Cable
26. Adult male
27. Airborne (abbr.)
30. Bullfighting maneuvers
32. Broadcast
35. ___ Angeles
37. Vehicle
38. Not religious
39. North American peoples
42. A baglike structure
43. Body art (slang)
46. Picked for a role
47. Actress Tomei
49. Former hoopster "Big Country"
50. Icelandic poems
52. More pleasant
54. It can add flavor to meat
55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
57. Expression of annoyance
59. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. Consumed
63. Body part
66. Thus
68. In reply (abbr.)



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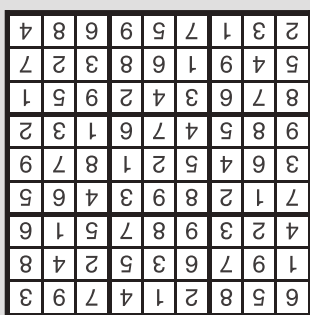
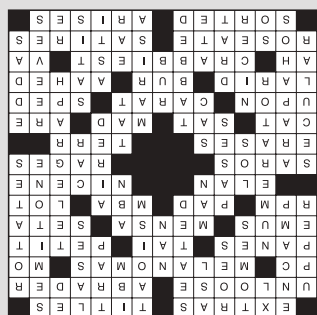
Sudoku

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



"Pop Up" Yard Sale to Benefit RCHS on August 5th!

The Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) is holding a yard sale to raise much-needed funds for the homeless animals in Rutland County. Join us on Saturday, August 5th from 9 AM - 2 PM at RCHS, 765 Stevens Road in Pittsford. We have a rain date set of August 6th from 9 AM - 2 PM, if needed. Join the fun, find a treasure, and help raise money for the animals and programs at RCHS. Please contact us at 802.483.6700 with any questions. See you on the 5th, and please no early birds!

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NEW BOOKS AND NEWS



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An Evil Heart by Linda Castillo, donated in memory of Maxine Sawyer

When Chief of Police Kate Burkholder responds to a call, she discovers a 20-year-old Amish man who has been violently killed with a crossbow. Aden Karn was well liked and from an upstanding Amish family. The more Kate gets to know his family and the people who loved him, the more determined she becomes to solve the case. Aden Karn was funny, hardworking, and looking forward to marrying his sweet fiancé, Emily. But as she delves into Karn's past, Kate begins to hear whispers about a dark side. What if Aden Karn wasn't the wholesome young man everyone admired? Kate pursues every lead with a vengeance, sensing an unspeakable secret no one will broach. When the awful truth is finally uncovered, Kate comes face to face with the terrible consequences of a life lived in all the dark places.

Must Love Flowers by Debbie Macomber, donated in memory of Matilda E. Whittaker

Joan Sample, now a widow and empty-nester, has become (by her own admission) something of a recluse. But after another birthday spent alone, she is finally inclined to listen to her sister, who has been begging Joan to re-engage with the world. With Emmie's support, Joan gathers the courage to move forward: hiring someone to tame her garden, joining a grief support group, and renting out a room to local college student, Maggie Herbert. Maggie works mornings as a barista before rushing to afternoon nursing classes—she's dealing with an alcoholic father's temperamental outbursts and struggling to pay the household bills. In the unexpected warmth of her new living situation with Joan, Maggie finds a glimmer of hope for a better life. But will Maggie's budding attraction to one of her favorite customers ruin the harmony she's only recently found with Joan? What is Joan to make of the mysterious landscaper who's been revitalizing her garden? As Maggie and Joan confront difficult life choices, they draw strength from this new friendship in surprising ways.

Junior Fiction

Eerie Tales from the School of Screams by Graham Annable

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The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale by Jon Klassen

In a big, abandoned house on a barren hill, there lives a skull. A brave girl named Otilla has escaped from terrible danger and runs away, and when she finds herself lost in the dark forest, the lonely house beckons. Her host, the skull, is afraid of something too, something that comes every night. Can brave Otilla save them both?

Handcuff play gone awry? BPD has you covered. No questions asked.

July 17

- Brandon Police Department (BPD) responded to the area of Long Swamp Road for a report of a single-car motor-vehicle crash into a telephone pole with no reported injuries.

- A resident of Brandon called to report that she had fallen victim to a Bitcoin scam that originated in China. The incident was documented for informational purposes and the victim was referred to the Vermont Attorney General's Fraud Division for further assistance.

- Officers responded to Grove Street for a disturbance. The parties were later separated for the night to avoid further issues.

- Motor-vehicle stop conducted on Franklin Street for speeding. The operator was issued a ticket.

July 18

- Officers conducted a requested property watch on a residence on Wheeler Road.

- BPD responded to Bar Harbor Bank on Park Street for a report of a homeless female sleeping in the lobby area. The woman left prior to the arrival of the responding officers.

- An officer responded to a report of a threatening letter left on the vehicle of a resident on Mulcahy Drive. The contents of the letter were not threatening; however, the ongoing behavior by the writer of the letter is rising to the level of stalking. The officer made contact with the person of interest and warned her that should the harassment continue, she could be arrested for stalking.

- Officers responded to Forest Dale Road for a report of a woman walking on the road with a small dog. Upon making contact with the individual, it was believed that she may be suffering from early dementia. The woman was later returned home to her family safe and sound. Please see the Community Forum section of this week's Reporter for an announcement of a new program by BPD to help families with members suffering from dementia.

July 19

- BPD received a call about an injured blue heron that was lying in a ditch at the intersection of Country Club Road and Forest Dale Road. The responding officer located the bird, which appeared to have an injured leg, wrapped it in a towel to keep it calm and safe, and transported it back to the police station. The VINS Nature Center was con-

Brandon Police Report

tacted and arrangements were made to have one of their volunteers come to the police department to pick up the bird and to bring it back to their facility for treatment.

- A Brandon resident came into the police station asking for assistance regarding a child custody order involving his ex-girlfriend who resides in Leicester. The male was provided with his options regarding any potential violations and was referred to VSP-New Haven should there be any issues when he tries to pick up his child in Leicester the following day.

- A man and a woman came into the front lobby of the police station requesting assistance with unlocking a handcuff that had been applied too tightly on the woman's wrist earlier while the two were "playing around." The on-duty officer was able to get the handcuff unlocked for the individual. No further questions were asked.

- The Addison County Superior Court-Family Division requested assistance from BPD with the service of a Relief from Abuse Extension Order for an individual residing on Wheeler Road. The court later advised that both the plaintiff and defendant were in court earlier and were advised of the new court date, so the extension no longer needed to be served.

- An officer took a report of a car break-in on Mount Pleasant Drive.

- BPD received a walk-in complaint regarding a license plate that was found on Union Street.

- Officers responded to North Street for a report of people setting off fireworks. After patrolling the area, no noise or fireworks were detected.

July 20

- Police responded to a two-car crash near the bridge on Town Farm Road.

- Officers received a traffic complaint in the area of Wood Lane but the vehicle was not located.

- Motor-vehicle stop was conducted on a vehicle for passing unsafely on Franklin Street. The operator was issued a warning for passing on the left.

- Traffic stop on Grove Street (See Police report, Page 19)

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These events are brought to you by the Brandon Library Community Volunteers and all proceeds will benefit The Great Library Renovation.

SUMMER Garden Tour



Sunday, August 6th, 10-4

Supporters of the Brandon Free Public Library are opening their gardens to the public for one special day. Visitors will have a rare opportunity to see private gardens in full summer bloom. The gardens vary in size and all promise to delight, educate, or surprise. Tickets \$25 per person



Police report

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for defective equipment. Warning issued.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Franklin Street for window tint. Warning issued.

July 21

- Officers responded to Neshobe Elementary for an alarm. Investigation revealed the alarm to be accidental.

- BPD responded to Mulcahy Drive for a report of a car that had all four of its tires slashed. Incident under investigation.

- Officers patrolled the area of Conant Square and Grove Street in an attempt to locate a vehicle impeding the flow of traffic while driving on the roadway missing a tire. The vehicle was found to be grounded at a local body shop and was not impeding the flow of traffic.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop for a defective tail light on Grove Street. Warning issued.

July 22

- Officers conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Forest Dale and North Street for following too close. Warning issued.

- BPD responded to a domestic disturbance on Grove Street. Angelo Amoroso, Jr. (34) of Brandon was taken into custody and charged with two misdemeanors: Violation of Conditions of Release and Cru-

elty to Children by One over 16. Amoroso was lodged at Marble Valley Correctional Facility and held on \$400 bail. He was scheduled to appear before the Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division on 7/24/23 at 12:30 pm.

- BPD HEAT Unit conducted speed enforcement on Champlain Street. One operator was stopped for a local speed-limit violation. Warning issued.

- Officers conducted directed patrol in the area of Franklin Street and Park Street. One driver was stopped for a signals violation. Warning issued.

- Officers conducted a motor-vehicle stop for speeding on Champlain Street. Ticked issued for lack of registration.

- Investigation initiated into theft of a drink at Champlain Farms on Grove Street.

- Officers responded to a residence on Carver Street for a report of two individuals that had walked up onto the complainant's property and were acting suspiciously. When the individuals were discovered by the complainant, they fled into the woods behind the house. Officers were unable to locate the individuals.

July 23

- Officers conducted a directed patrol on Carver Street in response to a suspicious activity complaint involving possible

theft(s) in the area. No suspicious activity noted.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop on West Seminary Street for failure to stop for flashing signals. A warning was issued for the traffic offense and diversion paperwork was issued for a minor consuming alcohol.

- Officers received a complaint about an individual spraypainting stop signs in the area of McConnell Road. Case under investigation.

- Narcotics paraphernalia were turned into the police department. Area where they were found is outside of Brandon and the matter has been forward to the Vermont State Police.

- Officers responded to the area of Newton Road for a report of a man yelling at a woman to get into his truck. Investigation revealed that the two were in a relationship and the woman had gotten into a disagreement with a family member at a family gathering earlier that day.

- Officers conducted speed enforcement on Grove Street. A vehicle was stopped for speeding (73 mph). Ticket issued.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop for speeding at the intersection of Franklin Street and Park Street. Warning issued.

- Officers conducted directed patrols in the areas of Mt. Pleasant Street and Carver Street because of the recent break-ins.

Tree care

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ease or weakness and damage. "Crossed" means if a branch of the tree is crossing (not necessarily touching, but close) another branch. "Training" is structural pruning to maintain the proper crown shape and to remove branches that are people-height over roads and walkways. While you may be thinking that pruning (by a professional, the only kind of pruning I can recommend) is expensive, at least by being pro-active you might be able to "prune by payments," rather than the sudden, unexpected cost of removing a larger branch or tree that has become a hazard due to weather.

Most of us have heard that the roots of a tree pretty much reflect the size and shape of the crown of the tree. While we'd like the roots to look like the image on the left, more often we get roots like the image on the right. Because the roots of most trees are shallow (be-

tween 6 and 24 inches below the ground surface), maintaining the roots in good health is of vital importance for keeping trees upright.

One of the ways to maintain healthy roots is proper mulching. Volcano mulching (on the left, below) creates an environment where bacterial and fungal growth can cause the roots to weaken, and the mound of mulch over the root flare can cause roots to girdle the trunk and cut off nutrients to the rest of the tree. So, mulching ought to be like the image on the right.

A lot of this article might seem like "where have I heard this before?" But really, the only way to minimize tree damage from weather extremes is to keep your trees as healthy as possible before the storms.

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Devil's Bowl

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same new-winner streak as the top-level Sportsman Modified class, with 11 different winners in 11 races. Point leader Tyler Travis was the runner-up ahead of Bobbi Jo Hults, Randy Edson, and Donald Williams, who started last on the 18-car field.

Poultney, Vt.'s John Smith copped his second Friend Construction 500cc Mini Sprint win of the year, leading every one of the 15 laps. Teenager Raelin Dunham was second with former champion Ray Hanson third. Chris Lennox and defending champion Logan Denis rounded out the top five finishers.


Whitehall, N.Y.'s Adam Mahoney scored another one for "The Corner" in the 15-lap Mini Stock feature; Mahoney's official and unofficial teammates including brother Griff, cousin Mark, and fellow racers Brian Blake and Craig Kirby – who historically park together in the back corner of the pit area – have combined to win nine of the season's 13 races thus far. Jake Barrows had his best run of the year in second place, followed by Jarrod Colburn, Austin McKirryher, and Chase Allen – who came from 17th at the start.

Zach Wood made it back-to-back wins in the 9th State Can-

nabis Crown Vic division. The Georgia, Vt., driver grabbed the early lead from Chad Merrill and was gone in the caution-free, 15-lap race. Rob Steele finished second ahead of J.T. Blanchard – who was acting as a substitute driver for Brett Wood – Norman Morrill, and Jackson Ducharme.

Browns Quarried Slate & Farmstand presents the racing action on Saturday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m., with the annual back-to-school backpack giveaway. All weekly divisions will be in action except for the Crown Vics, and there will be a 50-lap Enduro Series event. Grandstand general admission is \$15 for adults and free for children aged 12 and under.

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



WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

LEO July 23-Aug. 23
Leo, you are typically good at reading others' moods, so use that skill this week when placed in a sensitive situation. It will help guide you on what to say and what to keep quiet for now.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Good news is on the way, Capricorn. This will leave you floating on air for some time afterwards. Surround yourself with the people you love this week so that they can share the good fortune.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22
There is a lot of socializing going on in your life right now, Virgo. Enjoy the excitement while it lasts and maximize all of the events you can attend. Things may start to slow in a few weeks.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18
There is a lot that you have been juggling for some time, Aquarius. Unless you take a break or ask for help, one of those balls are going to fall and that could have a domino effect.

ARIES March 21-April 20
Aries, someone in your life says they're making changes, but when you look closely it seems like much of the same. A little encouragement on your part can help this person along.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20
Pisces, you have every right to express your opinions. Others will just have to accept what you say even if they don't agree with it.

TAURUS April 21-May 21
Tread lightly if you broach a difficult conversation with someone close to you, Taurus. These are tricky waters you are navigating and you want to maintain the relationship.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23
It's probably best to keep your head down for the next few days and just go about your normal routine, Libra. Don't get pulled into anyone's drama or offer your take on things.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
Problems may seem to you to be bigger than they really are, Gemini. Step back, take a few breaths and then look at things from another perspective. Ask for a second opinion as well.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Scorpio, it is time to be more proactive about getting what you want. Make a list of the things that most interest you right now, and then devise a plan to make things happen.

CANCER June 22-July 22
Look for the double meanings in conversations you're having with coworkers this week, Cancer. They could be trying to tell you something, so read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Figure out which stance you want to take right now, Sagittarius. Are you seeing the glass half full or half empty? Perception can affect your daily life in many ways.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- July 27 Maya Rudolph, actor and comedian (51)
- July 28 Harry Kane, soccer player (30)
- July 29 Geddy Lee, musician (70)
- July 30 Emily Bronte, author (d)
- July 31 J. K. Rowling, author (58)
- Aug. 1 Jerry Garcia, musician (d)
- Aug. 2 James Baldwin, author (d)

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vators of cannabis.

The Board then adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Sewer Commissioners. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the extreme weather of the previous two weeks and its effects on the wastewater system. Brandon's wastewater system was designed to process a maximum of 750,000 gallons per day but was seeing over 2,000,000 gallons per day at the peak of the recent runoff.

Board Member Tim Guiles

noted that the town of Waterbury didn't have to release any "effluent" (i.e., untreated sewage) from its own plant during the flooding and wondered if there were any modifications the town could make to improve its wastewater system. A significant issue with the system, which was installed in the 1930s is that the pipes take on additional water from the ground through leaky joints and damage from tree roots.

Town Manager Seth Hopkins stated that he had spoken

with Tim Kingston and Stephen Cijka, the two operators at the wastewater plant, and had come up with three options to improve the town's wastewater system.

Replace the 22 miles of pipes at a cost of \$1,000,000 per mile.

Build a holding reservoir to store excess wastewater with a capacity of roughly 15,000,000 gallons.

Install a sequencing batch reactor system, which treats wastewater chemically.

Mr. Cijka, who was in attendance, suggested that the Board look into replacing the pipes, since they're nearly 100 years old.

Mr. Hopkins stated that the expense of such a project would have to be covered primarily through grants.

The Board then adjourned and reconvened as the Selectboard.

In his Town Manager report, which is available in full on the town website, Mr. Hopkins stated that Newton Road in Forestdale was still closed as of Monday evening, except for the ingress and egress of street residents. Lower Carver/Syndicate Road was also still closed.

The town's request for FEMA assistance had been received and confirmed, according to Mr. Hopkins. There's a \$3,800 minimum threshold for damage, so only roads that suffered significant impacts were included in the request.

Parts of Arnold District Road will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and part of Wednesday this week for construction unrelated to the storms.

Board Chair Tracy Wyman asked whether contractors had been secured for the repair work on Newton Road. Mr. Hopkins indicated that several firms, including Markowski and Casella, had been contacted but none had been hired. A firm from Rhode Island had been recommended, but the hope was that a local firm could be found.

An attendee asked whether the drinking water had been tested for contamination since the storms. Mr. Hopkins noted that drinking water is the sole responsibility of the Water District, which is under the control of the Prudential Board. Deputy Town Manager Bill Moore noted that water reports for all towns in Vermont are available online.

Mr. Hopkins assured the room, however, that the aquifer from which Brandon's drinking water is drawn is well protected.

Newton Road resident Oscar Gardner thanked Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Cijka for their efforts to protect and restore the street.

Mr. Hopkins also noted that one of the two pumps on Newton Road had "melted" from overuse. The machine is still under warranty and will be replaced. He also stated that downtown Brandon, with its culvert, had

recreational activity to keep teens out of trouble. Mr. Moore stated that the Rec Department has focused mostly on younger kids because there are organized sports available at school for older teens. But there was general agreement in the room that offerings for older kids would be beneficial.

Brandon resident Bernie Carr, who grew up in Brandon, expressed his appreciation for the scope of what the Rec Department offers, a sentiment seconded by Board member Heather Nelson, who also grew up in town.

During the public-comment segment of the agenda, State Representative Stephanie Jerome urged residents to call 211 to report any damage sustained during the floods and tornado so that FEMA had a full understanding of the scope of

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An attendee inquired about an item in the TM's report suggesting that Police Chief David Kachajian had identified a particular cruiser he wished to purchase for the department.

Mr. Hopkins noted that there had not been money set aside in the budget for the purchase and no action had yet been taken. Board members Tim Guiles and Cecil Reniche-Smith reminded Mr. Hopkins about the town's Green Fleet policy for new town vehicles.

Recreation Department Director Bill Moore gave his report, in which he reminded attendees that the Brandon Carnival is this coming weekend, starting on Thursday, July 27.

He also noted that volunteers are needed to coach and organize youth sports. An innovation that has been suggested at several recent meetings is to hire paid "commissioners" to oversee specific sports so that administrative duties, such as scheduling, don't need to be handled by volunteers who want to focus on coaching. Mr. Wyman stated that more parents should volunteer without pay.

Brandon resident Clare Astone asked what offerings were available for older teens, since it seems that there isn't enough

the damage. She also informed the town that the House Commerce Committee, of which she is a member, will be meeting in Montpelier to discuss how to distribute \$20,000,000 in relief funds to help local businesses recover from the storms. She will also be participating in a short-term group focused on rural economic development.

Brandon resident Sandra Mayo Jackson let the Board know that despite the fact that she has a PhD, she was "disgusted" by the estimated cost of the renovations underway at the Brandon Free Public Library (BFPL) and suggested that a "small town like Brandon" didn't need to renovate its library so extensively. Board Chair Tracy Wyman informed Ms. Mayo Jackson that the library is not a municipal entity and that the Board has no authority over its actions.

David Roberts, President of BFPL's Board, was in attendance and responded by saying he would share good news about the library's renovation when the library came up again in a later

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agenda item.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Sue Gage announced the Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival to raise funds for the McClure Miller Respite House on August 6.

The Board then appointed Bill Moore as Town Moderator, a position that had no candidates on the ballot at Town Meeting but for which Mr. Moore received the greatest number of write-in votes.

The Board also appointed Stephanie Bourque as the Municipal Project Manager (MPM) for the Brandon TAP TA23(2) project being undertaken in conjunction with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Ms. Bourque is a Planner with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Her resume is available in the Selectboard packet for 7/24 on the town website.

The Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution to release \$100,000 in ARPA funds to the Brandon Free Public Library (BFPL), as per its vote in a prior meeting. These funds will be used by BFPL to match a \$100,000 grant.

Mr. Roberts, President of BFPL, noted that construction on the library was underway, with a projected finish date of February 28, 2024. He also noted that Molly Kennedy, Director of BFPL, had received a call from Senator Peter Welch to inform the library that a \$1,000,000 allocation for the project had been approved by the Senate and would be included in the spending bill that will be sent to the House of Representatives this fall.

Brandon resident Clare Astone remarked that the library was “the heart of the community.” Board member Heather Nelson recalled that the library was a central support in her years as new mother, calling the experience “priceless.”

The Board voted to appoint

Vice-chair Cecil Reniche-Smith and Member Tim Guiles to a working group overseeing personnel policy revisions. The group will draft updates to the town’s personnel policy for approval by the Board.

The Board also stated that they had received several suggestions for the use of the remaining ARPA money (approx. \$559,000) through their solicitations of ideas from the community. The list of suggestions is available in the Selectboard packet for 7/24 on the town’s website.

The Board did invite Reverend Sara Rossigg of the Brandon Congregational Church and Brandon resident Barbara White to present their own suggestion: a nonprofit Community Development Corporation called “Brandon Essential Care” that would help local residents find

the resources they need for their economic, social, and educational development. They were seeking ARPA funds for initial operating and administrative costs.

Board Chair Wyman stated that the Board will digest all of the suggestions and discuss at the next meeting.

The Board’s final public business was the approval of two warrants. The first, against the 22/23 budget was for \$182,355.87. This warrant included a charge for \$37 for an engraved Cross pen given as a “traditional” gift to new police officers at the Brandon PD. Board member Brian Coolidge objected to the approval of the charge and was the sole nay vote for this warrant. “This town is hemorrhaging money,” he said.

The second warrant was for \$125,393.31 and was approved unanimously.

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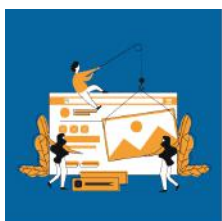
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Friday, July 28th, 5 pm open
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Saturday, July 29th 12 pm open
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4:30 pm Trivia for All
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