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Read about President Calvin Coolidge, a Vermont native, in an essay by Michael Dwyer

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FIERCE TRIVIA COMPETITION

An underdog team snagged the trophy at the Vermont State Trivia Championship at Brandon Carnival. "The Raining Champions" (pictured) came in second place.

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WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

Janet Mondlak of Across the Street antique shop discusses various styles of home décor.

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STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES

The Brandon Library is holding a garden-tour fundraiser.

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Joy all around

BRANDON CARNIVAL DAYS lit up Estabrook Park from July 27 through July 30. Folks came from all over the area to ride the rides, play the games, and eat the amazing food. The festivities included Brandon Idol singers, the Vermont State Trivia Championship, the Aaron Audet Band, a petting zoo, an art show, and much more. Despite one rainy afternoon, the event was a great way to spend a summer day with friends and family. See more images on pages 12 & 13.

Photos by Steven Jupiter and Jessica Doos



HILARY LAMBERT OF Unity Wellness Farm in Pittsford stands with the food she's prepared for her customers at the REKO she runs at her farm.
Photo by Steven Jupiter

Unity Wellness Farm in Pittsford spreads the gospel of good food

BY STEVEN JUPITER

PITTSFORD—"I want to get people to have an awareness about local food," said Hilary Lambert, co-owner of Unity Wellness Farm (formerly known as H.A.M.M.S. Farm) in Pittsford. "We want to help people get reconnected with the land and the good food it provides."

Lambert's goal at Unity Wellness is to build a community of food growers, food makers, and food consumers who under-

stand where their food comes from, how it's grown, and how it can enrich their lives. Not only does she grow and sell food and produce, she teaches classes: cooking, agriculture, Christmas wreath-making, and outdoor camp for kids, to name just a few.

Lambert and her partner began the farm back in 2010. "We started super small, with just a few chickens," she said. The bucolic spread now encompasses a main
(See *Unity Wellness*, Page 7)

BARN Opera expands musical offerings

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—Brandon's BARN OPERA is a restless, voracious creature. Barely settled into its home on Pearl Street, it has forged new partnerships and begun new programs that extend the company's influence well beyond its trademark barn.

For a second summer, Artistic Director Josh Collier and his team, including Musical Director Cailin Marcel Manson and Assistant Director Nick Tocci, have taken a group of students to Italy for an intensive course of voice training titled *Opera al Mare* in a town called Cesenatico. Of that experience, Collier said, "I have no words to express how spectacular this place and these people are."

But closer to home, two new developments will keep BARN OPERA thrilling audiences in Vermont.

First, BARN OPERA has partnered with Otter Creek Music Festival to assume responsibility for what was known as the Salisbury Summer Series at the Salisbury Congregational Church.

Overseen for decades by Glenn Andres, professor emeritus of architecture at Middlebury College, the Salisbury Summer Series has

focused on chamber music and will continue to do so under the new name of Otter Creek Music Festival (OCMF) and under the new direction of Josh Glassman, whom Mr. Andres handpicked as his successor after having him perform in the Summer Series last year.

Glassman comes to OCMF with a good deal of experience under his belt. He has degrees in music education and performance from the University of Michigan and the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins
(See *BARN Opera*, Page 24)



THE SALISBURY CONGREGATIONAL Church will continue to be the home of BARN OPERA's new partnership with Otter Creek Music Festival.

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TUESDAYS @ 6PM
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Brandon's The Bookstore holds successful fundraiser for flooded VT bookstores

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The images of Montpelier and Barre in the recent floods were heartbreaking. Entire blocks of the cities' downtowns were inundated. Homes and businesses suffered enormous damage as the muddy waters filled basements and first floors. The recovery process will be long and arduous for many.

As part of that process, the New England Independent Bookstore Association (NEIBA) organized "Bookstores Helping Bookstores," a fundraising effort to supply financial assistance to Bear Pond Books of Montpelier and Next Chapter Bookstore of Barre, both of which were severely impacted by the disaster.

On Saturday, July 29, seventeen booksellers from around Vermont participated in the program, donating 20% of the day's sales receipts to Bear Pond and Next Chapter. Brandon's own The Bookstore was among the seventeen and rang up approximately \$2500 in sales for the day, netting the fundraiser about \$600 (including outright donations made at the store). According to The Bookstore employee Cecil Reniche-Smith, the day's revenue was more than three times the store's usual intake for a summer Saturday.

"Saturday was amazing!" said Reniche-Smith. "We had a mix of locals who came specifically for the fundraiser, and folks passing through town who, once they learned of the fundraiser, bought more books to help with it."

The Bookstore owner Barbara Ebling was thrilled with the results.

"It shows the power of small businesses working together," Ebling said. "It shows the love people have for their indie bookstores, and it shows the how crucial those bookstores are to their communities."

"Independent bookstores don't have the benefit of economy of scale that chain stores or internet retailers enjoy," said Reniche-Smith. "So often they operate

on shoestring budgets. Anything that causes their finances to take a hit can mean the death of the store."

While some flood damage will be covered by insurance, much is covered only by flood-specific policies. And FEMA assistance

and successful fundraiser in scarcely more than two weeks," Ebling said.

"It's also worth mentioning how many people in the affected towns were on the scene, helping the bookstores muck out after the flood, and are helping them



THE BOOKSTORE IN Brandon raised approximately \$600 to assist flooded Bear Pond and Next Chapter bookstores in Montpelier and Barre, respectively. A projected total of \$10,000 will be raised through the Bookstores Helping Bookstores program.

must be repaid. For small businesses like Bear Pond and Next Chapter, the lost inventory and damaged shelving are financially crippling.

But the bookselling community in Vermont pulled together to help their stricken brethren out.


"It's incredible that a group email of concern for Vermont booksellers evolved so quickly into an organized, publicized,

rebuild," she added. "This is the kind of energy and volunteerism that keeps us all afloat, unfortunate pun intended."

"As fellow independent booksellers who know only too well the fear of not being able to pay the bills, we found it imperative to join the fundraising effort," said Reniche-Smith. "We're confident they'd do the same for us."

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Have an event to add to our calendar?
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(L TO R) Ethan Nelson, Walter Stone, and Wendy Fjeld performed at the Brandon Free Public Library's fundraiser at Blueberry Hill Inn on Sunday, July 30. The proceeds of the event will go toward the library's renovation. Photos by George Fjeld

Brandon Library's fundraiser at Blueberry Hill Inn a triumph

BY GEORGE FJELD

GOSHEN—On a perfect summer evening, the Brandon Free Public Library (BFPL) hosted a delightful event on the grounds of Blueberry Hill Inn in Goshen. Folks enjoyed fabulous mountain air and great music while devouring delicious pizza. Nestled among the fruit trees and blueberry bushes, people sat in beach chairs and picnic tables eating, conversing, and listening to the great tunes put out by Wendy Fjeld on vocals and guitar, Ethan Nelson on bass, and Walter Stone on drums. They played for two

front of the hot oven, served up the pizzas including peach and basil, pickle and ranch, cheese, and pepperoni. Folks lined up to try the pickle pizza, who knew? A great chewy crust was enjoyed as well as a gluten-free option. The inn also provided beverages and desserts.

BFPL raised a significant amount of money (approximately \$3500) at this event but not all that is needed. It is part of a series of events occurring over the next year designed to highlight our community and give people a chance to contribute to The



(L TO R) Sarah Pattis and Carol Fjeld check out the electric bike that the library is raffling to raise money for its renovation.

hours to a delighted audience. Folks danced to old favorites and children joined in.

Blueberry Hill staff Nate and Allison, working tirelessly in

Great Library Renovation. An E-bike (electric bicycle) raffle is being held and tickets were sold at the event. They can also be (See Library fundraiser, Page 23)



Vermont's Presidential moment lives on

BY MICHAEL F. DWYER

August 2, 2023 marks the centennial of a unique presidential swearing-in. Vice President of the United States Calvin Coolidge was home visiting his father, John Coolidge, in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. Upon hearing the official notification that President Warren G. Harding had died in San Francisco, the elder Coolidge, with quivering voice, awoke his sleeping son and daughter-in-law and conveyed the monumental news to his son—now the 30th President

of the United States. Calvin and his wife Grace quickly dressed. With a copy of the Constitution as a template, the President typed the oath of office and asked his father, the local notary, to administer the solemn charge. And there, in a small parlor by light of a kerosene lamp with his hand on a family Bible, Calvin Coolidge recited the familiar words to “faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States.”

This historical anniversary has prompted me to reflect anew on the life and legacy of Calvin

Coolidge. When I began teaching United States history forty years ago, I easily succumbed to the one-dimensional caricatures of Coolidge. One Vanity Fair cartoon comes to mind of sour-looking Coolidge seated next to the aloof film star Greta Garbo with the caption, “Impossible Interview.”

Calvin Coolidge, however, was no one's fool. What has drawn me to a deeper understanding of the man? For one thing, I have already lived longer than he did. (See Calvin Coolidge, Page 11)



Brandon Townwide Yard Sales

Saturday, August 5
Beginning at 9 a.m.

Yard Sales All Over Town

Official Yard Sale Maps available starting at 7 am on August 5th on our website or at the Brandon Visitor Center at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace next to the church at the intersection of Routes 7 and 73 West. Rain or Shine!

For maps and listing locations, visit Brandon.org

Fort Ticonderoga Presents Lively 'Sound of 1776' Living History event

Featuring Performances by the Fifes and Drums

(Ticonderoga, N.Y.) Fort Ticonderoga invites you to experience the sights and sounds of the American Army at Ticonderoga during the Sound of 1776 Living History Event August 5-6. From historic trades and weapons demonstrations to living history vignettes and music performances, discover how the beat of drums and the sounds of fifes translated orders to nearly 10,000 soldiers that lived and fought for liberty at Ticonderoga. This weekend is a visitor's favorite as there is something for all ages to enjoy!

In addition to a full line-up of activities throughout the day including guided tours and demonstrations, listen to a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence near the same day it was actually read to the troops here in 1776. Witness the first time soldiers at Ticonderoga heard the immortal words of independence and discover what this meant for soldiers on the front lines of the Northern Continental Army in 1776.

"Visitors will step into the iconic fort during this special event and witness our nation's fight for freedom in the year

1776," said Beth L. Hill, Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO. "March along with our fifes and drums and discover the importance of music in coordinating the daily orders for the American troops. Enjoy patriotic concerts and savor the beauty of one of the world's most historic and beautiful places."

About the Ticonderoga Fifes and Drums:

Fort Ticonderoga formed its first Fife and Drum Corps 1926, on the eve of the 150th anniversary celebration of American Independence. The Corps performed at Fort Ticonderoga each summer until the beginning of World War II. When the World's Fair came to New York City in 1939, the Fife and Drum Corps was a featured performance on May 10th, Fort Ticonderoga Day, celebrating the 164th anniversary of the capture of the Fort by Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and the Green Mountain Boys.

In 1973, in preparation for the bicentennial, Fort Ticonderoga revived the Fife and Drum Corps to perform daily during the museum campus' summer season. The (See Fort Ticonderoga, Page 19)



Don't call me a cardinal, we're just cousins

THIS SCARLET TANAGER is one of several that nested on Hollow Road. Females of the species are greenish yellow.

Photo by Sue Wetmore



FIFES AND DRUMS will be played at Fort Ticonderoga on August 5 & 6 in the Fort's "Sound of 1776" event.

Community Forums

The Butterfly Queen is the farmpunk fairytale you need this summer

The Butterfly Queen, a deliciously off-the-wall fantasy film about getting your best friend back, will be available online for just 24 hours, starting August 12th at 1pm (EST). Casey (a cartoonist/sheep farmer) and Robin (a vagabond/Casey's best friend) must steal back a magical sketchbook from The Butterfly Queen's nightmare forest.

Unfortunately, in these woods The Queen makes all the rules. The Montpelier Bridge calls the film: "endearing, heartfelt... beautiful." Made in Vermont and led by Ryegate director Liam O'Connor-Genereaux, The Butterfly Queen is the winner of Best Feature at the Chicago International Indie Film Fest, among other awards.

Visit www.walrusdice.com to sign up for a free link to the August 12th screening, and to check out the film's current festival tour schedule.

77 minutes, USA, WalrusDice Productions. Written & Directed by Liam O'Connor-Genereaux. Starring Kade Pintado, Despoina and Sophia Anthony.

Dragon Boat racing comes to Vermont

The emerging sport of Dragon Boat racing, seen as a demonstration sport at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, had a big weekend in North America. Both the USA and Canada held 3-day regattas for their Crew Club National Championships. The US National championship took place in the heat and humidity of Saratoga, FL at the Nathan Benderson flat water paddling venue. Dragonheart Vermont (DHVT), a breast cancer survivor and supporter paddling club from right here in Burlington, travelled to the competition with 40 other clubs from all around the states.

Their flagship breast cancer survivor team, Dragonheart Vermont Sisters, won their Breast Cancer Paddler (BCP) Small Boat division, dominating all three days and taking gold medals in the 200M, 500M and 2000M races on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Our great little state offers such amazing opportunities to dragon boat paddlers on Lake Champlain from 18 to 80+ years old and Dragonheart Vermont likes to say thank you by giving back to our community.

Many people are familiar with the Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival, the largest fundraiser of the year put on by Dragonheart Vermont every summer and it has raised over \$1.1M over the last 17 years for local charities including, CampTaKumTa, Radiation Oncology at UVMC and the McClure Miller Respite House.

This year's free festival is coming up on Sunday, August 6th, head on down to Waterfront Park and watch the races, enjoy the beer tent or food vendors, and kids activities, try your luck with some Pick Your Prize raffle tickets, or experience the flower ceremony honoring those who have died and those who are thriving after their breast cancer journey.

Information at www.dragonheartvermont.org

Dragonheart Vermont strives to strengthen and empower breast cancer survivors & supporters through the challenging sport of dragon boating instilling in its members the values of teamwork, fitness & community giving.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks for another great Brandon Carnival Days!

Dear friends-
Thanks to everyone who made the Brandon Carnival 2023 such a great-and very wet- success!

From great entertainment to awesome food and family fun, the Carnival is a community party that lasts 4 days! We did lose 2 days to rain but we still had a wonderful time.

Many thanks to our leaders,

Bill and Patty Moore, Dallas and Jeff Ladd, Sue and Brittney Danforth, Beth Quenneville, Kas Singh, and Ross Edmunds for stepping up and getting it done!

Our sponsors are awesome-RRMC, Carter Insurance Agency, Nifty Thrifty, Celebration Rentals, Country Village Campground, Dundon's, Whirlie's World, SolarFest, Wimmett's

Trading Post, and many more.

And now we start getting ready for Brandon Carnival 2024! Want to get in on the ground floor and help? Be on the lookout for our board meeting in Sept! Thanks so much—we had fun!

Colleen Wright

State historic sites set to reopen after Vermont's severe flooding events

Montpelier, Vt. - The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation is pleased to announce the reopening of most of the State Historic Sites, which had closed to preserve public safety and property of the State in response to the severe flooding. After a thorough assessment of the integrity of the historic structures and archeologically sensitive grounds, the following State Historic Sites will

reopen:

- July 28, Friday - Bennington Battle Monument in Bennington and President Calvin Coolidge Historic Site in Plymouth
- July 29, Saturday - Hubbardton Battlefield in Hubbardton
- August 1, Tuesday - Mount Independence in Orwell
- August 2, Wednesday - Chimney Point in Addison
- August 5, Saturday - President Chester Arthur Historic

Site in Fairfield
The Justin Morrill Homestead, including the structures and grounds, will remain closed to the public until further notice. The site received significant damage from the floods.

For more detailed information on opening hours, admission costs, and events at the Historic Sites, please visit: www.historicsites.vermont.gov and on Facebook at Vermont State Historic Sites. All scheduled events at the reopened State Historic Sites for the month of August will continue as planned. The August event calendar includes:
• Bennington Battle Monument
(See Historic sites reopen, Page 6)

While communities are still recovering across Vermont and rains continue, please exercise caution when traveling to the State Historic Sites.



Townwide Yard Sales August 5th

Treasure hunt all around town this weekend

With dozens of yard sales registered on the official listing and scores more set up around town, Brandon will be a busy place on Saturday, August 5th

Pick up a listing sheet at the museum/visitor's center next to the Baptist Church and follow the sales.

Downtown Brandon will be a busy place remember to check out the side streets and back roads. Find the bargains that others are missing. Sales rain or shine!!



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Crossword & Sudoku on page 17



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Obituaries

Julie Ann Brown, 65, Bristol

Julie Ann Brown of Bristol, VT passed away peacefully on July 21, 2023, at Porter Medical in Middlebury, VT with family at her side. Julie was born at Porter Hospital on January 18, 1958, the daughter of Francis E and Janet (Smith) Brown.

Julie was raised in Brandon and graduated from Otter Valley in 1976. She worked at several businesses in the Brandon area including Dave's Takeout, Brown's Pharmacy, and Grand Union. Julie also worked at Lake Dunmore as a lifeguard.

In later years, Julie worked with the love of her life, Don Watters, doing construction. They lived in many of the homes they built. Julie was also remembered in Goshen for having worked in logging with her father, "Bud" Brown. Julie and her partner had a life full of adventures. They traveled across the country on a motorcycle, camped, fished, hiked, and spent



JULIE ANN BROWN

many days in Maine which was a favorite of theirs. When home, Julie loved to bake. She made her first bread at age four in her Great Gram's bread bowl, which she continued to use her whole life.

Julie is survived by her sister Mamie Rasmussen, by her nephews and nieces, Edward (Sue) Brutkoski, Tim and Michelle Brutkoski, Karen (Matt) Flan-

ders, Danielle (Brian) Denis and Jennifer (Jamie) Buzzell.

Julie is also survived by a large number of extended family and close friends. She also leaves behind a special kitty named Junior.

Julie was predeceased by her love of 43 years, Don Watters, her parents, her brother Dan Brown and three infant siblings, Colleen, Diane, and Edward.

Per Julie's wishes, there will be no services. Burial will be held at a later date in the old Goshen Cemetery. Contributions in Julie's name may be made to Homeward Bound, 236 Boardman St., Middlebury VT 05753 or Addison County Home Health and Hospice Box 754 Middlebury VT 05753 or American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under direction of Sanderson Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Historic sites reopen

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ment
Bennington Battle Weekend August 12-13
Bennington Monument 132nd Anniversary on August 19.

- President Calvin Coolidge Historic Site

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of President Coolidge's oath of office on August 3 by attending a reenactment of this momentous occasion.

Reenactments will occur at both 2:47 am and 2:47 pm. Enter into an immersive experience by conversing with costumed actors as they portray village life in August 1923.

- Hubbardton Battlefield 12th annual Mount Independence- Hubbardton Military Road Car Tour, beginning at the Hubbardton Battlefield on

August 19.

- Mount Independence "Northern Vermont in the Revolutionary War" lecture on August 5

Hike Into History on August 6 followed by a Mushroom Exploration walk on August 19.

While communities are still recovering across Vermont and rains continue, please exercise caution when traveling to the State Historic Sites. Many of the sites are located in rural areas where roads sustained damage due to the flooding. Calling ahead may be advised to receive updates regarding hours of operation and local road conditions.

The State Historic Sites appreciate the understanding and the patience of the public, during this trying time for the Brave Little State of Vermont.

BRANDON REPORTER

Notes from the Pulpit

Ebony & Ivory: A Lesson in Harmony

BY PASTOR JOHN ZIMMERMAN-HARDMAN

"Ebony and Ivory, living in perfect harmony, side by side on my piano keyboard. Oh Lord, why don't we? We all know that people are the same wherever we go; there's good and bad in everyone. We learn to live when we give to each other what we need to survive" ("Ebony and Ivory" by Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder - check out the Official Music Video on YouTube).

Ebony and Ivory. Black and White. We are meant to complement one another, like the keys on a piano. Together we make possible goodness, beauty, and well-being beyond individual attainment. We need each other. We are incomplete without each other. The harmonies of life require the love of us all.

I just returned from the annual conference of the International Council of Community Churches, in which I was ordained. The Council was formed in 1950 as a response to the racial divide in our country, and to one of its particular expressions, the most segregated hour of the week: Sunday morning, when Black folks went to one church and White

folks went to another church. Back then, and too much now, there wasn't much integration or intermingling. But there was at the ICCS conference and there has been ever since its inception. As a result, conferences have been immeasurably enriched - musically, theologically, energetically, inspirationally, cross-culturally, and relationally, demonstrating that it is true, we are all one in the Spirit.

Christian scripture puts it this way: Love as made known in Jesus has broken down the dividing walls of hostility between peoples. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in the Spirit. We can also add: there is neither Black nor White, rich nor poor, Republican nor Democrat, American nor Russian, gay nor straight, able or disabled nor any other less than loving distinction. We are one in God's eyes and heart.

Ebony and Ivory and every color and shade of the rainbow, such is the love of God, the love we are called to be and the love we are called to be about.

John Zimmerman-Hardman is Pastor at the United Methodist Church of Brandon

The decor dilemma of deciding your style

BY JANET MONDLAK

BRANDON—You may not know it, but you most likely have a "style." I'm not talking about your clothes, although they could be reflective of it, but rather how you decorate your home and what kind of aesthetic you are drawn to. When looking at furniture or home décor, some folks like a consistent look throughout, while others will think about just keeping a room in one theme. And many people just like what they like and do not think about how it fits in the greater picture. When a customer at our shop in downtown Brandon, Across the Street, is looking for a piece of furniture or a decorator piece, I usually ask, "What's your style?"

When thinking about decorating style, if you are going for a specific look, you need to remember lighting, floor coverings, accent pieces like pillows and table runners, kitchenware, and wall art. If you are moving to a new place, you might need a different look. Grandma's Victorian furniture might not look great in a 1970s ranch. And the pieces you might have bought or



ART DECO WAS a popular style in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. This desk exhibits many of the style's trademark characteristics.

(See Decor dilemma, Page 11)

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Unity Wellness

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house, barns, outbuildings, and several fields of produce. Sunflowers were just coming into bloom when I visited on a recent Tuesday for the farm's signature program.

Unity Wellness has begun what's known in the farm world as a REKO, a type of market where local farmers and other food vendors bring their goods to a central location to be picked up by folks who have pre-ordered online. The benefit of this model for the consumer is that they can purchase exactly what they want from multiple local sources but travel to a single place to pick it all up at once. The benefit to the vendor is that they need prepare and bring only what's already been spoken for rather than risk waste by bringing goods that don't end up selling.

REKOs also differ from CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture) in that the consumer doesn't pre-pay for the whole season and get a share of what the vendor produces. Instead, consumers in a REKO ring need not spend any money until there's something offered that they'd like to purchase. So, the consumer can order foods from purveyors in Brandon, Proctor, Chittenden, and Hubbardton, for example, and pick it all up at a set time at

consumers. The vendors arrive shortly before 5:30 and set themselves up in the graveled lot behind the main house. From 5:30 to 6:30 pm, folks show up and approach the vendors they've ordered from. Since everything is pre-ordered, it's usually ready to go. Payment is made in person.

"It's fresh. It's very good," said John Gray of Proctor.

"Hilary's cookies are to die for," added Liz Gray, John's wife.

Dale and Whitney Christie, also of Proctor, have been buying from the farm for 6 or 7 years.

"The education part of it is just as important as feeding people," said Dale. "Hilary has motivated us to garden. Her effect on the community has been wonderful."

"The REKO is the best thing since sliced bread," said Lin Reuther of North Chittenden. Ms. Reuther was there to pick up two bottles of raw milk from vendor David Atherton of Hillside Springs Homestead in Middletown Springs. "My husband makes yogurt and mozzarella from it. You can taste the difference," said Ms. Reuther.

Mr. Atherton (no relation to Pittsford Town Manager David Atherton) says that raw milk tastes better and is often easier for people with lactose issues to



A VIEW OF Unity Wellness Farm in Pittsford, the setting for an innovative type of farmers market called a REKO. Vendors bring their offerings to be picked up by customers who pre-ordered online.

Unity Wellness in Pittsford.

Consumers find out what's available every week through the farm's Facebook group, where vendors list what they're offering and consumers state what they want, if anything. There are approximately 400 members at the moment and there's no requirement to purchase every week. There's no fee to join the group.

Tuesdays are pick-up days for

digest. He personally tests his milk for pathogens and is required to drop off samples at a state lab in Randolph every two weeks.

Stephanie Davis of Birdseye Bees & Poultry in Brandon was there with honey, lip balm, and eggs. Her farm also offers CSA whole chickens. She's been involved with Unity Wellness for 3 years.

"This REKO has helped a lot

of people understand where their food comes from," Davis said. "It's a great network and a great community."

Stephen Chamberlain of Dutchess Farm in Castleton was on hand with produce he grows in greenhouses and picks right before he delivery to customers. It's his first year selling through the REKO.

"Hilary has great connections," he said.

Ellie Holden of Valley Acres Farm in Proctor grows flowers and had buckets of snapdragons on her table, as well as some can-

died nuts.

"The REKO is really special," Holden said. "You can plan your shopping ahead of time. I have to bring only what I know is already sold. I don't have to waste flowers, bringing more than I know will sell and watching them wilt."

Amber Rocke of West Rutland is a home baker who sells homemade pizzas, which she brings frozen. Her popular offerings include white sauce with tomatoes and pepperoni, and brussels sprouts with bacon. It's her second year in the program.

"This is a great group of people," she said. "Customers seem to be very happy across the board."

In fact, the customers do seem to linger and chat with each other and with the vendors they've gotten to know. It's a low-key environment in a lovely setting.

"People need to change their mindset about food," said Lambert. "They don't have to find food at the supermarket. We have beautiful products and it's pretty affordable."

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Underdog team steals crown at the Vermont State Trivia Championship at Brandon Carnival Days

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The cruelest contest of all is not the Super Bowl or the World Series or Wimbledon, though they certainly have had their share of heartbreak over the years. No, friends, the cruelest contest of all is the Vermont State Trivia Championship, which was held at the Brandon Carnival this past Saturday. Four teams pitted brain against brain in an epic battle among geeks and nerds for the title, and this year's winning team shocked the triviaverse with its come-from-behind defeat of the reigning champs.

The reigning champions—calling themselves the Raining Champions, natch—came ready to rumble and defend their title. Led by Jeff Haylon, a former Jeopardy! contestant and host of the weekly Friday night trivia event at the Red Clover Ale Company in Brandon, the Raining Champions had devised a simple strategy:

“We plan to know more correct answers than anyone else,” said Haylon.

Raining Champs considered

themselves well positioned in history and geography, less so in music and sports. Though, to be fair, sports are rarely a trivia buff's favorite category since rarely do trivia buffs pay attention to sports.

Haylon said he took a lot of pride in his team's 2022 victory.

“It was nice to be the state champ in something,” he said. The full roster (in alphabetical order): Nate Burke, Andrew Cliver, Jeff Haylon, Jeff Ladd, Harmony Van Eaton, and Lisa Weber.

Another team with an exceptional track record was Quizzy Borden, who were last year's runners up and 2021's champions. Asked about their strategy to regain their title this year, team member Tom Russell said, “We're starving. The sausage stand closed because of the rain.”

“He means we're hungry for victory,” clarified teammate Liz Russell.

The Quizzy Bordens have been competing throughout the year at Red Clover and the trivia nights sponsored by the Brandon Library. They have also been

watching a lot of Jeopardy!. The various team members come with individual strengths that add up to “the ultimate team,” according to team member Emily Nelson.

The Quizzy Bordens did note, however, that if their trajectory over the previous two years held—winning in 2021 and second place in 2022—they would come in third this year. But, like their punny namesake, they were ready to make some heads roll. The full roster: Mat Clouser, Miranda Jane, Emily Nelson, Liz Russell, and Tom Russell.

A newcomer to the competition this year was Moore Best Friends, named after Brandon man-about-town Bill Moore, who is not even a member of the team. Member Cam Perta called the all-male team an exercise in “positive male bonding.”

And given that OV music teacher Kenny Cifone is a member, it's no surprise that the Moore Best Friends consider music one of their best subjects. It's a multi-generational team, spanning late Boomer to Gen Z. Perhaps the age range will help or



(L TO R) Haylo Swahn, Kristen Harrison, and Joe Swahn, the “Jeopardy Rejects,” pose with their trophies as the winners of the 2023 Vermont State Trivia Championship. A come-from-behind win stunned the crowd at Estabrook Park.

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Trivia Championship

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perhaps the memory loss of their more senior members will hinder their performance. The proof will be in the pudding. The full roster: Greg Bernhardt, Hayden Bernhardt, Kenny Cifone, Cam Perta, and Kevin Thornton.

The final team, also making their debut in the competition, was Jeopardy Rejects, a three-person ensemble from Brandon. Asked why they came out for the event, team member Joe Swahn said “We love trivia and got a babysitter.” Can’t argue with that! Their training included “a lifetime of absorbing useless information” and some drinks before the competition. It’s a bold strategy. Let’s see if pays off!

The Rejects claim their best subject is science and their worst is the Kardashians. The full roster: Kristen Harrison, Haylo Swahn, and Joe Swahn.

Emcee and Brandon Rec Director Bill Moore said, “Every year the competition gets stiffer as word spreads. We’ve had to up our game and improve the quality of the questions.”

The categories in the competition were

- General Knowledge
- Before and After Celebrities (The last name of one hinted celebrity is the first name of the other. For example, Lebron James/James Carville.)
- Geography-former names of places
- Picture round: identify Funko Pop! figurines
- Audio round: songs about new beginnings (identify title and band)
- The Dirty Thirties (1930s)
- Same Last Name (Identify the two hinted celebrities who share the same last name.)
- Final Trivia

The competition began with an excellent first round for the entire field, though Raining Champs seemed to hold a slight edge

over its closest rivals and Jeopardy Rejects brought up the rear of the pack. Emcee Moore made an executive decision to credit all teams for a question that asked in which state the Green Mountains were located (the question bundles are purchased and not created by the hosts).

Overall, there were few rounds that stumped the field as a whole, though some individual questions had no right answers in the room. For example, what was the former name of the African country Ghana? (Answer: Gold Coast)

An answer to an audio question elicited prolonged mockery from Emcee Moore. The contestants were asked to identify a clip of someone singing Amazing Grace. The correct answer was Ray Charles. The Moore Best Friends, in a spasm of truly random guessing, offered up Randy Newman.

After 7 grueling rounds, the standings were as follows:

1. Raining Champions with 690 points
2. Moore Best Friends with 680 points
3. Quizzzy Borden with 625 points
4. Jeopardy Rejects with 445 points

At this point, the teams must wager on a final question. They can bet all or nothing or anything in between. But they must do so before they know the question itself. All they were given was



THE “QUIZZY BORDENS”: (l to r) Emily Nelson, Liz Russell, Miranda Jane, Mat Clouser, and Tom Russell. They were the 2021 champs and last year’s runners up.



THE “MOORE BEST Friends”: (l to r) Kevin Thornton, Kenny Cifone, Hayden Bernhardt, Cam Perta, and Greg Bernhardt. They made a valiant effort but ultimately needed Moore points.

the general topic: High Tech. The calculus round the final wager is tricky. Each team wants to wager enough to win with a correct answer but not lose with an incorrect one. Each team

must also take into account the perceived likelihood that their closest rivals will guess correctly. This requires some understanding of each team’s strengths and weaknesses. And when the scores were as close as these, the top teams have little choice but to bet big.

Paradoxically, in this situation there is an unlikely favorite: the team that came in last. That team has the luxury of letting its rivals slaughter each other on the field while they walk over the fallen warriors to victory.

The teams submitted their wagers in secret to co-host Molly Kennedy and the final question was revealed.

“Put the following 4 high tech devices in chronological order of when they were released, earliest to most recent:

1. Atari 2600 gaming system
2. Apple Macintosh
3. Sony Walkman
4. Commodore 64”

(Write down your answers now if you want to give it a shot before the answers are revealed below.)

When the teams revealed their chronological lists, not one of them had all four devices in the proper order. No team got any credit, and all teams lost their wagers. The game was over. The championship had been secured by whichever team managed to retain enough points to beat the others.

4. Quizzzy Borden with zero points
3. Moore Best Friends with 5 points
2. Raining Champions with 9 points
1. Jeopardy Rejects with 445 points

Jeopardy Rejects clinched the victory with the worst performance in the competition. Trivia is a cruel, cruel contest.

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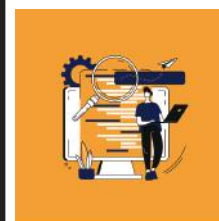
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Calvin Coolidge

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Moreover, the acrimony of current American presidential politics belongs to a world he would not recognize. Let us consider this Vermont farm boy's steady rise in public service. After matriculating at Black River Academy in Ludlow, Coolidge spent a semester at St. Johnsbury Academy before enrolling at Amherst College in Massachusetts. Two years after college graduation, having read for the law, he passed the bar exam and established a practice in Northampton, Massachusetts. Elected to the Massachusetts House at 34, Coolidge soon won other offices: Mayor of Northampton, Massachusetts Senate, and by 1918, Governor of Massachusetts. His stance on the Boston Police Strike propelled him to national attention.

Grace Goodhue Coolidge, an alumna of The University of Vermont, made a perfect foil to her husband. While he may have worn thin his suits and shoes, he enjoyed seeing his lovely wife dressed in elegant style. As Coolidge later wrote, "We thought we were made for each other. For almost a quarter of a century, she has borne my infirmities, and I have rejoiced in her graces."

What contributed to Coolidge's enormous popularity that resulted in an easy win for him to be elected to the Presidency in his own right in 1924? Certainly, he rode the crest of the country's thin veneer of prosperity. His adherence to laissez-faire economics fit the moment. By comparison to some of the scandals of the Harding presidency, Coolidge stood for an unfeigned code of morality and dignity.

One understands more fully Coolidge's humanity through reading his autobiography, first published in 1929. His son, Calvin Coolidge Jr., died on July 7, 1924, age 16, from septicemia, the result of a blood blister he incurred while playing tennis on the south lawn of the White House. The President never fully recovered from this blow as this passage attests:

"When he went, the power and the glory of the Presidency went with him. The ways of Providence are often beyond our understanding. It seemed to me that the world had need of the work that it was probable he could do.

I do not know why such a price was exacted for occupying the White House. Sustained by the great outpouring of sympathy from all over the nation, my wife and I bowed to the Supreme Will and with such courage as we had, went on in the discharge of our duties."

When asked to consider running again for President in 1928, Coolidge, perhaps reveling in his legendary taciturnity, stated, "I do not choose to run." He and Grace returned to their two-family home in Northampton. The persistence of gawking tourists eventually prompted the Coolidges to buy a 12-room house on nine acres.

On January 5, 1933, Coolidge died suddenly, age 60, suffering a heart attack at his desk. I speculate that as someone who internalized many of his emotions, he anguished over the Stock Market Crash, the depths to which the country sank in the Great Depression as well as the seismic political shift that occurred in the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Remembering the remarkable beginning of Coolidge's presidency also brings to mind this memorable speech he made from the back of a train in Bennington on September 21, 1928, after seeing first-hand the flood-ravaged Vermont landscape. These words continue to strike a chord with us today as we recover from continued weather disasters:

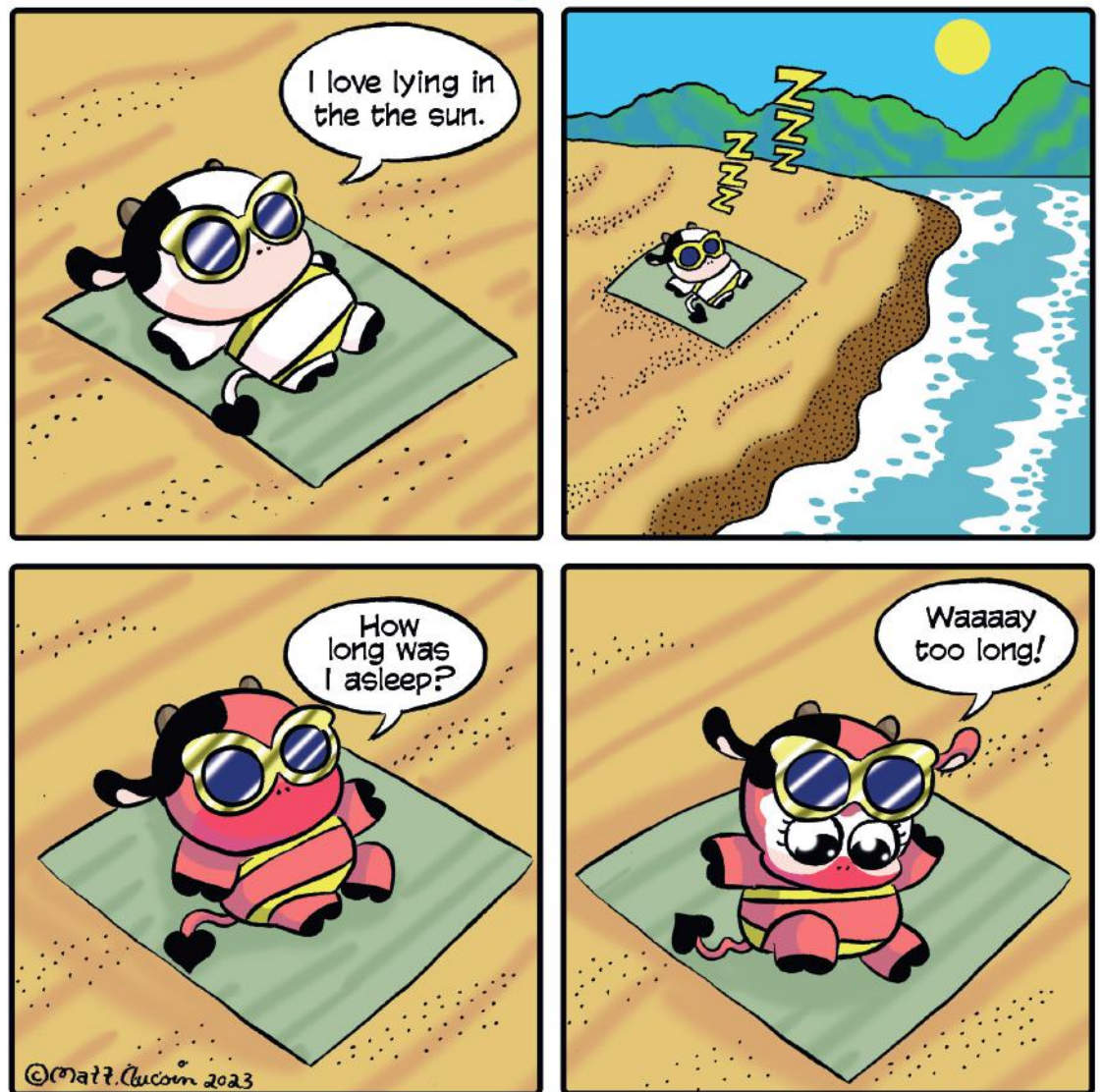
"Vermont is a state I love. I could not look upon the peaks of Ascutney, Killington, Mansfield, and Equinox without being moved in a way that no other scene could move me. It was here that I first saw the light of day; here I received my bride; here my dead lie pillowed on the loving breast of our everlasting hills."

I love Vermont because of her hills and valleys, her scenery and invigorating climate, but most of all, because of her indomitable people. They are a race of pioneers who have almost beggared themselves to serve others. If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the union and support of our institutions should vanish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont."

"It was here that I first saw the light of day; here I received my bride; here my dead lie pillowed on the loving breast of our everlasting hills."

—Calvin Coolidge

MAPLE the COW by Matt Aucoin



Decor dilemma

(Continued from Page 6) inherited that fit in an old farmhouse might not be compatible with a contemporary setting.

I thought it would be a good use of space to describe some styles that you may have heard about but don't exactly know what they look like or what they are.

Victorian furniture refers to the style of antique furniture that was made during the reign of Queen Victoria (1837 – 1901). Think jewel tones, dark wood, and opulence. Walk into any Victorian space and you're likely to see heavy draperies, plush fabrics, and lots of ornate décor, like candelabras, chandeliers, and fine art. Fainting couches come to mind!

Americana décor is usually less about furniture and more about accessories. Think patriotic – lots of red, white and blue and also stars and stripes. You could carry the style in wall art, table settings, pillows, and rugs. Hang the flag. Show off Uncle Sam. The theme is what carries the room.

Primitive or farmhouse styling can be similar to each other.



THIS UNCLE SAM was carved in wood and is typical of Americana décor.

Earthier colors and a darker overall aesthetic. Think rustic, antiques, dark wooden finishes, cast iron, and burnished metals. Farmhouse design prioritizes function over form. Primitive furnishings are simple, and the focus is on setting a home up for ease of use, comfort, and organization over style. These are often mixed.

Art Deco reached the height of its popularity in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s and the style still brings in glamour, luxury, and order with symmetrical designs in exuberant shapes. Think bold geometric forms, sleek figures, chrome and metallic finishes, and rounded edges. Perfect Art Deco architectural examples include the Empire State and the Chrysler Buildings in New York City.

Mid-Century Modern is very popular right now. Also referred to as midmod or MCM, the style flourished during the mid-20th century (1940-70s) when newly affluent post-War families began expanding into America's suburbs. Midcentury homes are characterized by décor with (See Decor dilemma, Page 21)

Brandon Carnival Days





Calendar of events

August 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 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.

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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 mod-

est 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 Conscious, 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.

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Maclure Library Knitting Circle

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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!

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Saturday 5th

Red Clover beer garden in Green Park

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Sunday 6th

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Starting at 2:00 p.m., sit back and picnic while you watch the go down! Activities will include: pie contest with local celebrity judges, pie throwing, and of course eating pie and ice cream! The winner of the pie contest will receive a year's supply of maple syrup and other pie themed prizes! Lawn games, pie themed music, and fun for the whole family!

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**The gang
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SOME OF THE contestants from 2023's Brandon Idol competition performed at the Brandon Carnival on Friday, July 28. From l to r: Baker LaRock, Peggy Sue Rozell, Venus Diamondis, and Hilary Collier.



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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!



Recognized



Helen Williams recognizes these kids as Alexa and Jason Williams, children of Jeffrey Williams and April Williams. They were very active in archery competitions when they were younger. Sadly, Alexa is no longer with us, but has a son in TN. Jason is the interim Senior Vice President for strategic communications at UVMCMC. He lives in Winooski with his wife and son.



Terry Ferson recognizes the boy facing the camera as his nephew, Scott Munger, who lives in Brandon. Scott is now 59, so the photo is from the mid 1970s.



Terry Ferson also recognizes Nancy Alger Stevens, who lived in Brandon at the time.

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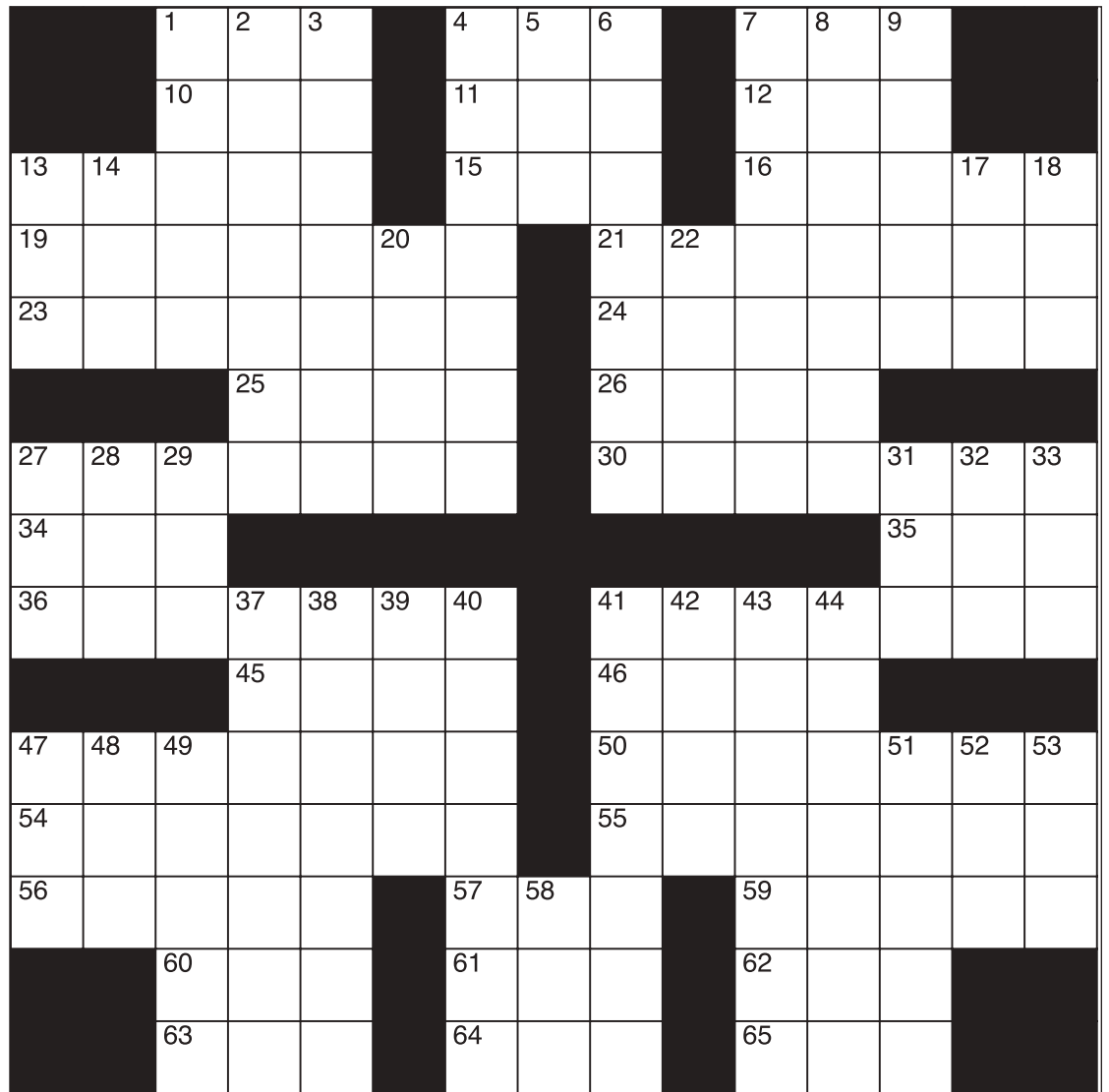
Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Indicates tire pressure
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator
11. Adult male
12. Scandinavian god of battle
13. Cloths spread on a coffin
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. It's good to take them
21. Noble-governed territory
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Card game resembling rummy
25. Affected by injury
26. Member of a Semitic people
27. Left
30. Woman's cloak
34. S. American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Offense
41. Dish soap brand
45. Ottoman military commanders
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Makes unhappy
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Promote
56. A beloved carb
57. Tag the base runner to get him out
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Vehicle
62. Georgia rockers
63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

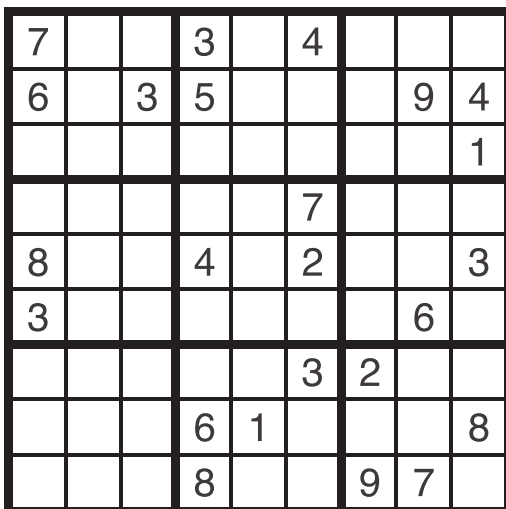
1. Plant of the nettle family
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Patella
7. Ageless
8. Lists of course requirements
9. Pokes at
13. TV network
14. They ___
17. Cooking hardware
18. U.S. Army title
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Woeful
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Tasks which should be done
39. An informal body of friends
40. Intrinsic nature
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. Where ships unload cargo
44. Singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Southwest Scotland town
49. Most worthless parts
51. Viscous
52. Put to work
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river



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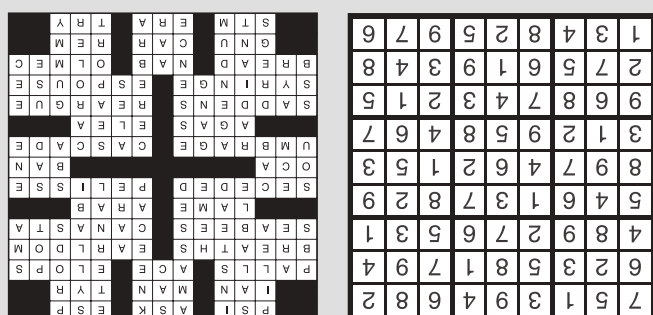
Sudoku

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



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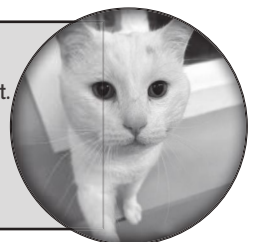


MEET LUIS - 2-YEAR-OLD. NEUTERED MALE. MIXED BREED.

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OFF THE SHELF

NEW BOOKS AND NEWS



New in Fiction

The Surviving Sky by Kritika H. Rao

High above a jungle-planet float the last refuges of humanity—plant-made civilizations held together by tradition, technology, and arcane science. In these living cities, architects are revered above anyone else. If not for their ability to psychically manipulate the architecture, the cities would plunge into the devastating earthrage storms below. Charismatic and powerful, Iravan is one such architect. His abilities are his identity, but to Ahilya, his wife, they are a way for survival, for like most others, she cannot manipulate the plants. Their marriage is already thorny—then Iravan is accused of pushing his abilities to forbidden limits. He needs Ahilya to help clear his name; she needs him to tip the balance of rule in their society. As their paths become increasingly intertwined, deadly truths emerge, challenging everything each of them believes.

I Did It for You by Amy Engel

It's been fourteen years since Greer Dunning's older sister, Eliza, was murdered, and her family has never been the

same. And now there's been a similar killing in Greer's small Kansas hometown. A copycat, according to the authorities, but Greer is convinced there is more to the story. So, Greer returns home after more than a decade away, desperate to answer the questions that have haunted her for years. And in her drive to uncover the truth, she forms a bond with the unlikeliest of allies.

Windfall by Wendi Corsi Straub

J.J., Molly, and Leila were once inseparable, but it's been a long time since college and life disrupted the former roommates' friendship. When the three reunite for a birthday weekend in Las Vegas, the lottery ticket they buy on a whim has the winning numbers—giving them a billion-dollar windfall. Shell-shocked, they turn to Shea Daniels, a "sudden wealth manager," who promises to guide them through the pitfalls of having more money than they'd ever imagined. The trio travels to a secluded California mansion, where Shea and her staff cater to their every whim, promising to teach them to navigate their newfound wealthy lifestyles with ease. The house is luxurious beyond their wildest dreams, but their weekend

turns to terror when they discover they are trapped—roads blocked and communication disrupted by the wildfires raging around them. When one of them disappears—the one who's holding the billion-dollar ticket—the others must face the fact that either their friend has betrayed them...or a predator is lurking.

Everyone Here is Lying by Shari LaPena

William Wooler is a family man, on the surface. But he's been having an affair, an affair that ended horribly this afternoon at a motel up the road. So, when he returns to his house, devastated and angry, to find his difficult nine-year-old daughter, Avery, unexpectedly home from school, William loses his temper. Hours later, Avery's family declares her missing. Suddenly the safe neighborhood of Stanhope doesn't feel so safe. And William isn't the only one on his street who's hiding a lie. As witnesses come forward with information that may or may not be true, Avery's neighbors become increasingly unhinged. Who took Avery Wooler?

No worries, this skull is fake

July 24

- Officers conducted foot patrol on Center Street.
- Brandon Community Health requested a welfare check on Church Street for a patient that had missed an appointment and hadn't been heard from in a week. The person of interest was located at his residence and was determined to be safe and sound.
- Vehicle stop in Conant Square for defective equipment. Warning issued.
- Brandon Police Department (BPD) and Vermont State Police (VSP) responded to a call of a human skull found on Route 7 in Leicester. The skull was determined to be a realistic decorative fake. To avoid any further calls, VSP removed the "skull" from the premises.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for an expired inspection. Ticket issued.

July 25

- Vehicle stop for defective equipment on Center Street. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop for speeding on Marble Street. Ticket issued.
- A lost dog was reported on Union Street. The owner was subsequently located.
- Report of miscellaneous car parts causing a hazard on Wheeler Road by the bridge. The responding officer removed the objects from the roadway.

July 26

- Foot patrol on Center Street.
- BPD responded to a burglary alarm activation at Neshobe Golf Club on Town Farm Road. Nothing suspicious observed and building appeared to be secure.
- A resident of Church Street called to report that a suspicious male, driving a black Honda Civic with New York plates, was taking pictures of her residence and that she has seen this individual driving past her house on prior occasions. Matter is under investigation.
- A local business owner came into BPD to report that someone had tried to cash a forged check that had been issued to a former employee. Investigation revealed that the check had been remotely deposited in Texas and therefore the crime did not occur in the State of Vermont.
- BPD assisted the Brandon Water Department with a water main leak on Steinberg Road.
- Officers assisted with a disabled vehicle in the middle of the roadway on McConnell Road.

July 27

- BPD responded to a report of an assault at the Jiffy Mart on McConnell Road. Investigation ongoing.

Brandon

Police Report

- Fingerprints done for teacher re-licensing.
- A welfare check was conducted on an individual staying at the Brandon Motor Lodge on Franklin Street that was called in by a concerned friend of the party. The individual was located and determined to be safe and sound.
- Officers responded to the Birdcage B&B on Wheeler Road for a burglary alarm activation. The building was subsequently checked and appeared to be secure.
- Police responded to Champlain Farms on Grove Street to investigate a suspicious charge on a customer's card after a purchase he had made at the store.
- Officers conducted speed enforcement on Grove Street.
- Officers conducted foot patrol at Brandon Carnival at Estabrook Park on Grove Street.
- Officers conducted traffic stop for failure to use turn signal and obey a stop sign on Forest Dale Road. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for defective taillight. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for failure to maintain lane of travel. Warning issued.

July 28

- Vehicle stop on Center Street for misuse of lights. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for speeding. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Center Street for taillight violation. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for defective equipment. Warning issued to operator.
- BPD responded to a report of a suspicious unoccupied vehicle on the side of the roadway at the intersection of McConnell Road and Basin Road. The responding officer located the vehicle in question and the owner, who had walked to a friend's house for assistance after her car had broken down. An attempt was made to jumpstart the car, but the battery didn't charge. The car was towed from the scene by Thunder Towing.
- The head custodian at the Neshobe Elementary School to report a smashed window at the rear of the school earlier in the month. The incident was documented for insurance purposes.
- A citizen dispute on Shackett
(See Police report, Page 19)



Sunday, August 6th

Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event at
The Inn on Park Street, 69 Park Street, Brandon, VT

Supporters of the Brandon Free Public Library are opening their gardens to the public for one special day in support of the library renovation. Visitors will have a rare opportunity to see private gardens in full summer bloom. The gardens vary in size and scope but have all been selected for their unique qualities, and all promise to delight, educate, or surprise. 10 gardens will be open for touring between 10 am and 4pm.



Tickets: \$25
Scan the code or go to the address below to purchase tickets online. A link can be found below in the events info as well.
brandonpubliclibrary.org/library-events/



The event is brought to you by the Brandon Library Community Volunteers and all proceeds will benefit The Great Library Renovation.

Police report

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Road in Leicester was reported to BPD, which referred the matter to VSP-New Haven.

- Officers conducted speed enforcement on Grove Street. Two tickets and a warning were issued.

- Officers responded to the area of the Brandon Carnival for a report of a juvenile threatening another juvenile with an activated stun gun. No physical contact was made with the stun gun, but the juvenile wielding it was placed under arrest. Though it is not illegal to own a stun gun in Vermont, it is illegal to use one for unlawful purposes and for anyone under 18 to own or transfer a stun gun. Case still under investigation.

- Officers dispatched to the Brandon Carnival for a woman in need of medical attention. Medical evaluation was refused as the woman was just feeling ill from the carnival rides.

- Officers responded to Brookdale Street for a fireworks complaint and spoke with the homeowner. No fireworks or noise was observed.

July 29

- Officers responded to a burglary alarm at the Union Street Market on Union Street. The building was checked and appeared to be secure.

- Vehicle stopped for speeding on Forest Dale Road. The opera-

tor's license was discovered to be civilly suspended. The operator was issued a ticket and the vehicle was retrieved from the scene by the operator's family.

- Foot patrol conducted in downtown area.

- A single-car motor vehicle crash occurred on North Street. The operator advised he was run off the road by an oncoming driver and had to swerve to avoid collision. The operator was not injured, and the car was towed from the scene.

- Trespass complaint on Brookdale Street.

- Police assisted the Brandon Area Rescue Squad on a medical call. The patient was transported to the hospital without incident.

- Police investigated a trespassing incident on Birch Hill Road.

- Report of two loose dogs on Park Street. The area was checked by officers but the dogs were not located.

- Directed patrol with K9 at Estabrook Park.

- Officers conducted a directed patrol in the area of Grove Street and Arnold District Road.

- Police received a call about a lost wallet in the area of Center Street (River Pub/Café Provence). If anyone finds a wallet in that area, please contact BPD.

- Traffic stop on Arnold District Road for display of plates. Warning issued.

- Traffic stop on West Seminary Street for failure to use turn signals. Warning issued.

July 30

- Keegan Randall (34) reported his vehicle missing on July 30, 2023. Through a joint investigation with the Rutland Town Police, officers discovered that the vehicle had been part of a crash and Randall had fled the scene. On 7/31/23, Randall was cited in Brandon to appear before the Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division on 9/25/23 at 11:00 am to answer the charge of Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

- Officers conducted a foot patrol and community policing at the Brandon Carnival.

- Brandon Police responded to the Brandon Carnival at Estabrook Park for a report of a mother mistreating her toddler with a crowd formed around the woman in the parking lot. The incident is currently under investigation.

- Traffic stop on Park Street. Warning issued.

- Officers responded to a report of sounds of a dog in distress on Maple Street. It was determined that the dog in question had given birth to a litter of puppies and was not in any danger.

- Traffic stop on Franklin Street. Warning issued.

Fort Ticonderoga

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Fifes and Drums has performed every year since, and has been a featured performance at many major public events, including the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Games, the Christening of the US Navy Guided Missile Cruiser USS Ticonderoga CG-47, and several Evacuation Day parades in Boston, Massachusetts.

2023 celebrates the Fifes & Drums 50th Anniversary. The Ticonderoga Fifes and Drums will perform concerts Tuesday-Sunday through the end of August.

About Fort Ticonderoga:

Welcoming visitors since 1909, Fort Ticonderoga preserves North America's largest 18th-century artillery collection, 2,000 acres

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE



Cancer. It is nothing you cannot survive, but it could throw a wrench in your plans for the time being. Reward yourself with some extra pampering.

LEO July 23–Aug. 23

Leo, you may have planned on staying to yourself, in order to knock things off of your to-do list. That simply will not pan out right now. Expect to be surrounded by people.

VIRGO Aug. 24–Sept. 22

Virgo, others do not seem receptive to your way of doing things this week. You cannot please everyone, so figure out who you can work with and appeal to those people to get things done.

LIBRA Sept. 23–Oct. 23

Libra, you may have to take off the rose-colored glasses for a little while. Although it's good to have a cheery outlook, a non-sense approach will serve you well in the days ahead.

SCORPIO Oct. 24–Nov. 22

Scorpio, you could be having doubts about your role in your workplace. Maybe the work isn't stimulating or the responsibilities too great. If change is happening, do it soon.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23–Dec. 21

Sagittarius, something from your past will

come back to the surface in the days to come. Maybe it is an error you made or it could be an opportunity that you thought was lost.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22–Jan. 20

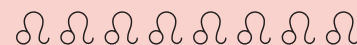
Think about adding more hobbies or recreational activities to your slate, Capricorn. All work and no play is not healthy for you right now. It's time to find a greater balance in life.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21–Feb. 18

Aquarius, the latest developments on the job have not been encouraging. You are tempted to cut back on your efforts, but you are worried about the implications of that.

PISCES Feb. 19–March 20

People who followed you in the past may now confront you with a difference of opinion, Pisces. No need to worry as a healthy dialogue could help the relationship grow.



FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 3 Tom Brady, Football Player (45)
- Aug. 4 Meghan Markle, Duchess (42)
- Aug. 5 Patrick Ewing, Hoop Coach (61)
- Aug. 6 Michelle Yeoh, Actress (60)
- Aug. 7 Kyler Murray, Athlete (26)
- Aug. 8 Shawn Mendes, Singer (25)
- Aug. 9 Anna Kendrick, Actress (38)

ARIES March 21–April 20

Things that have seemingly been holding you back should be reevaluated this week, Aries. You are looking elsewhere for solutions, when all you need to do is make a few tweaks.

TAURUS April 21–May 21

Taurus, spend time reflecting on things this week, as you may have some difficult decisions to make in the near future. A close confidante can serve as a sounding board.

GEMINI May 22–June 21

Gemini, now is the time to identify your priorities as they pertain to the job. Do you want a career and a company that you stick with? Or, are you satisfied with being a contract worker?

CANCER June 22–July 22

Prepare for some stressful times ahead,

Amble through area gardens for Brandon Public Library fundraiser

Ten marvelous gardens, including four wonderful local nurseries.

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Rain or Shine

Please come out and support this wonderful garden tour. If you can't make it, please consider giving a tour as a gift.

What is it?

Ten gardens in four separate local towns: they have all been planned, laid out, dug out, weeded, mulched, and planted.

You don't have to do a thing, except enjoy.

The gardens will be open to the public on this Sunday ONLY, from 10 am to 4 pm.

You get to see private gardens not normally open to the public.

Four local garden centers are also offering a discount on SUNDAY ONLY on all their plants to support the garden tour. One is both on the tour and a nursery; you'll see why when you get there.

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Where is it?

When you purchase your ticket, you will receive an email giving you the names and locations of the gardens and nurseries.

Can I walk it?

You can walk parts of the tour, but you will need a vehicle to see all the gardens.

I couldn't buy a ticket online, can I buy one on the day of the tour?

Yes. You can purchase tickets the day of the tour at the Inn on Park Street, at 69 Park Street. This is the B&B toward the intersection of Park and High Streets. NOT the Lilac Inn and NOT the Brandon Inn. The price is the same whether you purchase online or in person.

Why are we having a garden tour?

The Brandon Free Public Library has made Herculean efforts to raise money for the alterations needed to enable our public library to provide appropriate 21st century space and services. This year they have added fun events for all ages with all the proceeds going to the library renovations. One of these events is a garden tour! It is the brainchild of Beate Ankjaer-Jensen.

Who is Beate Ankjaer-Jensen?

Beate lives on Marble Street in Brandon. She grew up in Norway and gardened with her mother and grandmother. She married a US Marine and they traveled the world. A few of the places she has lived are Hawaii, North Carolina, Scotland, Virginia, and Spain. Everywhere she lived she created gardens. Beate and her second

husband, Ken McFarland, recently moved to Brandon from Virginia. Inspired by the Garden Club of Virginia, which has been holding garden tours since the 1930s with the proceeds always going to good causes, Beate offered to organize this tour for our library. She's combining two things she loves: the Brandon Free Public Library and gardening. In her last job in Virginia, Beate worked at Belmont, the home of artist Gari Melcher in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Beate had just finished her degree in historic preservation in 1999 and heard of a job opening at Belmont. She got the job and worked there for 20 years, ultimately becoming the Grounds Preservation Supervisor with a staff of three.

Where and what is Belmont House?

Belmont house was built in the late 1700s in Fredericksburg, Virginia. It has had many owners and seen a lot of history. The home on 27 acres was purchased in 1916 by Corrine and Gari Melchers and became their country home and Gari's art studio. It's on the national register of historic places. It's also just outside of DC. You might want to put it on your list of gardens to explore. Gari was a popular American artist born in 1860 and considered one of the earlier American impressionists. The gardens at Belmont receive accolades from all quarters for their beauty.

[Http://www.Garimelchers.org/Belmont-estate/](http://www.Garimelchers.org/Belmont-estate/)

Beate's garden

Beate moved here about 4 years ago. It was time for a change, she said. She and her husband wanted to move north,

and they loved all their many stays in Vermont. Plus, they wanted to be closer to Beate's daughter Monika, a farmer who lives in Orwell. They've bought a house in Brandon, Beate has found work for the State of Vermont, and she has started to garden. She refers to her garden as "young." It is on the tour. She has turned her rectangular backyard into a painting. It is beautiful, full of color and light, and has many layers. She employs island plantings, focal points, and vertical interest, in addition to flowers, trees, and shrubs. She has a small wild area which adds drama. It's beautiful, and a tour of it is worth the ticket price alone.

I have seen several other gardens on the tour, and they are all different and wonderful. Each one is worth the ticket price. There are master gardeners at work here. Countless hours of thought and muscle have been expended to make these gardens special. Many thanks to the library staff: Beate Ankjaer Jensen, Sarah Pattis, Carol Fjeld, Harry McEnery, Nancy Iwanicki, Courtney Satz, and David Roberts, who helped organize the tour. Especial thanks to the generous garden owners who are opening their gardens to us: Beate Ankjaer Jensen, Brian Jerome, The Sawyer family, Wendy Fjeld, Karen and Jim Emerson, Jan Sherman, Amanda Berry, Shari Brown, Judith Irven, Dick Conrad, Nan Jenks-Jay, and Carl Phelps.

Garden Tour
Sunday, August 6, 2023
10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Maclure Library brings stories and books to Pittsford's children through Summer Readers Grant

Once again this summer, on Thursday, July 27th, Maclure Library was able to host an amazing book giveaway thanks to a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF). The event was well-attended by 62 children and their families gathering at the Lothrop School gym to hear Vermont author Marv Klassen-Landis's engaging storytelling, and each child was able to walk away with two free books of their

choice from a wide variety of options.

CLiF awards Summer Readers grants to organizations serving kids at high risk of experiencing a "summer slide" in literacy skills. The partnership between Maclure Library

"The kids are so eager to search for the perfect book to take home, and it's a pleasure to see them find it."

—Sophie Marks,
Maclure Youth Librarian

The partnership while children who do read improve their reading abili-

ties. Low-income children and youth often experience greater summer learning losses than their higher-income peers.

CLiF reached Pittsford's young readers who are at greatest risk. Research shows that children who don't read over summer vacation tend to lose literacy skills

and youth often experience greater summer learning losses than their higher-income peers. "The book giveaway is a real treat to host," said Sophie Marks, Maclure Youth Librarian. "The kids are so eager to search for the perfect book to take home, and it's a pleasure to see them find it."

CLiF is a non-profit organization whose mission is to nurture a love of reading and

writing among children up to age 12 at higher risk of growing up with low literacy skills throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. Since 1998, CLiF has supported and inspired over 350,000 young readers and writers through its literacy program grants and has given almost \$10 million in new, high quality children's books. For more information about CLiF and to apply, visit www.clifon-line.org.



AUTHOR MARV KLASSEN-LANDIS tells stories to children in the gymnasium at the Lothrop School in Pittsford as part of the Maclure Library's book giveaway on Thursday, July 27. The giveaway was made possible by a grant to Maclure from the Children's Literacy Foundation. Photo provided

Decor dilemma

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minimal fuss and ornamentation. Although brown, gray, and white tones are a big part of the MCM style, colorful accents in tones of orange, mustard yellow, red, and shades of green are equally as important. Folks who held on to the hi-fi console table that might have been in their home in the 1960s could potentially sell it today for a small fortune.

Retro interior design is closely aligned with the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, and it embraces a kaleidoscope of contrasting design features, colors, shapes and form. It is whimsical and nostalgic. Think boldness, pop art, and vibrancy. Andy Warhol artwork on the wall!

Boho or Bohemian style is a free-spirited aesthetic that mixes different cultures and artistic expressions into an eclectic style

with an emphasis on organic elements and nature. Basic elements of every good boho home are plants, macrame, blankets, string lights, and rugs. Hippies and beatniks got this style covered.

Steampunk is a subculture-inspired design style featuring an eclectic mix of vintage industrial machinery, post-apocalyptic, and Victorian-era elements. Think antiques with a worldly flavor and convertible or refurbished furniture and accessories with a 19th-century mechanical vibe. Perfect for sci-fi lovers.

Shabby Chic is a design style that combines elements of vintage and modern styles to create an elegant yet worn look. This is the style for a country cottage feel. Some folks will actually create their own "shabby chic" furniture by painting an

old brown dresser a lighter color and even sometimes sanding it down for the "shabby" part of the look. This decor works well for younger folks starting out on a limited budget.

In the interest of space, I purposefully left out many more styles including colonial, contemporary, coastal, Gothic and minimalism. If you are interested, you can easily look them up and get an idea of what might fit (you can probably figure out minimalism, right? "Not much!"). And then there's the style that makes no sense but you just like all the individual elements. So, if you want to keep the Victorian fainting couch, steamer trunk, macrame plant hangers and your shabby chic dressers – go ahead. And when someone asks you, "What's your style?" just answer, "Eclectic."

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On July 24th, 2023, the Selectboard of the Town of Proctor, Vermont, adopted amendments to the existing Public Nuisance Ordinance pursuant of 24 V.S.A. §2121 and §2291(13), (14), and (15). This notice is published pursuant of 24 V.S.A. §1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove these amendments.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

To prohibit the keeping of livestock including swine, hogs, cattle, horses, fowl, and other animals on property in any manner that constitutes a public health hazard or in a manner that does not comply with the conditions for keeping certain animals in Section III of the amended ordinance.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

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PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Michael Ramsey, Town Manager at 45 Main Street, Proctor, Vermont 05765, or by calling 802-459-3333 Ext. 13 during regular office hours.

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BARN Opera

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University. He's taught music at the University of Pennsylvania and at various high schools. He's currently Assistant Conductor and Individual Giving Officer at the Boston Children's Chorus.

He realized during the pandemic, however, that he still longed to fulfill his dream of producing chamber music, so he jumped at the opportunity that Glenn Andres was offering to take over the Salisbury Summer Series.

"I sat with Glenn at his house, over strudel and coffee, and talked about what this transition would look like," said Glassman. "His one condition was, no matter where else we make music, that we not remove music from the Salisbury Congregational Church. The acoustics in there are excellent."

But he understood that he wouldn't be able to take on this project alone.

He had a longstanding relationship with Point CounterPoint (PCP) Music Camp on Lake Dummore, where he had spent time while in college. Jenny Beck, the Executive Director of PCP, brokered a meeting between Glassman and Josh Collier, which resulted in a partnership between BARN OPERA and OCMF. An established

nonprofit, BARN OPERA will be able to guide OCMF through the early stages, providing necessary infrastructure and the benefits of a 501(c)(3) status. The series would also be reduced from the entire summer to two weeks, to accommodate Glassman's continued obligations in Boston.

Though the term "chamber music" is most often associated with classical music, Glassman defines it as "music on a small scale" and wants to expand the experience beyond the classical repertory. In fact, the concerts coming up this weekend—some in Salisbury and some in Brandon—cover a wide range of musical styles.

On Thursday, August 3, at BARN OPERA in Brandon, OCMF will present Manouche Urbain, a "gypsy jazz band."

On Friday, August 4, at the Salisbury Congregational Church, OCMF welcomes Atlantic Crossing, a local folk band specializing in acoustic music of the British Isles and Quebec.

On Saturday, August 5, in Brandon, BARN OPERA's resident pianist Claire Black will offer a program that includes works by Clara Schumann, John Field, and Bela Bartok.

On Sunday, August 6, in Salis-



PIANIST PACO ALVAREZ performs at BARN OPERA in Brandon as part of the 2023 Otter Creek Music Festival.

bury, the sixteen-member Nightingale Vocal Ensemble will present a selection of pieces composed by the ensemble's own members, drawn from works it has performed over its 5-year existence.

"All of these performances will be amazing, but I'm particularly excited about Sunday," said Glassman. "It will be absolutely stunning."

Tickets for all upcoming performances can be purchased at barnopera.com and are 50% off with the code OCMF50.

BARN OPERA's second big development of the summer is its part-

nership with the Southern Vermont Arts Center (SVAC) in Manchester and the Highland Center for the Arts (HCA) in Greensboro to create Opera Vermont, an opera company "for all of Vermont."

"The goal for this expansion of BARN OPERA is to ideally, within 3 years, provide an opportunity for each Vermonter, within each calendar year, to be within 30 minutes of a live operatic performance, as well as to provide educational opportunities to students across Vermont," wrote Josh Collier in an e-mail.

To celebrate the partnership, an inaugural series of concerts will

be held on Sept 14 and 15 at HCA and SVAC, respectively. Josh Collier, Nick Tocci, and Cailin Marcel Manson will all be performing, as well as soprano Kyra Miller-Himmelbaum and soprano Kathleen Echols Crumbacher. Claire Black will accompany on piano. Tickets are available at barnopera.com.

Other performances are scheduled for 2024, including Tosca, Rigoletto, and a gala celebration of Puccini.

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