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National Bank of Middlebury settles into Brandon home

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The National Bank of Middlebury (NBM) officially cut the ribbon on its new location at 6 Park Street in downtown Brandon on Wednesday, August 2, after a months-long renovation of the historic mid-1800s brick edifice known as “the Photographer’s Building.”

“We wanted to be in the heart (See Bank of Middlebury, Page 20)



A VIEW OF the “History Wall” inside the new National Bank of Middlebury.



Townwide Yard Sale in Brandon brought out neighbors near & far!

Alison Gamba stands with her wares on Carver Street. “We love to recycle!”

Photos by George Fjeld

Rampaging robots: Kids bring LEGOs to life in Brandon

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—If you ever wondered how humanity’s subjugation will go down, you can rest easy knowing that our robot overlords will commence their global conquest at the American Legion in Brandon, where a group of kids just finished a weeklong Robotics Camp sponsored by the Brandon Rec Department. Six hours a day, five days a week, a team of 12 campers (aged 8 to 13) learned the basics of robotics using specialized LEGO kits called SPIKE Prime that allowed them to build and program LEGO-based robots that followed commands and completed simple tasks.

The Robotics Camp was a summer extension of the Robotics Team that meets at Otter Valley Union High School during the fall and

winter and is open to kids aged 9 to 14, even if they don’t attend OV. The Camp and Team are both led by Kevin Booth and Jonathan Fries (“freeze”), with assistance from OV Tech Ed teacher Devon Karpak.

Booth is the main driver behind both efforts. By day, he’s a Scientific Instrument Technician at Middlebury College, maintaining and repairing scientific equipment for the physics, geology, chemis- (See Rampaging robots, Page 7)

EXAMPLES OF THE fearsome robots constructed in Brandon Rec’s robotics camp. The class uses LEGO’s robotics kits. Pictured are a windmill, an oil derrick, and a SPIKE Prime robot. The figures are for scale, though they may be discussing how to stop the impending robot takeover.



Names Lost in Vermont, Part 5: John and Charlotte Naylor of Shoreham

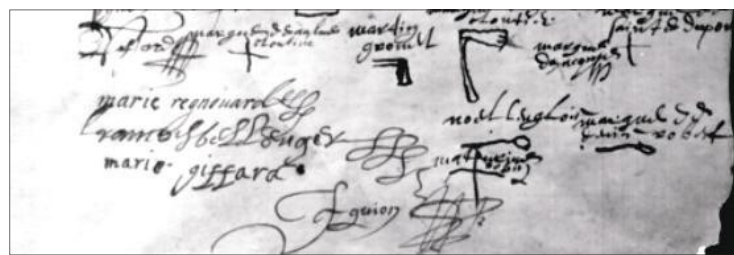
BY MICHAEL F. DWYER

In 1850, the census of Addison, Vermont recorded this family: John Naylor, age 65, laborer, born Canada, with [wife] Charlotte, age 65, born Canada, along with supposed children, claiming to have been born in Vermont: Nazro, age 30, Ed-

ward, age 20, William, age 14, and Martha, age 10. Nazro died a few years later. A cemetery stone survives in Town Line Cemetery, Bridport, for Nazro Naylor, son of John and Charlotte, who died on February 5, 1856, in his 38th year. The 1860 census reveals how the

reconfiguration of the family changed with Edward Nailor, age 27, born Canada, now head of household, with parents John and Charlotte, both 65 years old, apparently not having aged in a decade. It should be noted that all three could neither read nor write which explains the spelling variation of Naylor to Nailor as well as the imprecise ages.

Before the Civil War, with only one other married couple named Naylor born in Canada living in central Vermont, it led me to hypothesize the name originally had been Cloutier, from the French word clou, meaning nail. Naylor/Nailer was a direct translation of an occupational name of one who



DETAILS FROM THE marriage contract of 1636, with the axe mark of Zacharie Cloutier, father of the bride. Photos provided

sold or made nails. I could not, however, match up to a Jean [John] Cloutier who married Charlotte in Canada circa 1818. John Naylor died in 1862, Charlotte in 1866, their dates surviving from their cemetery stones and not from vital records which may have

disclosed the names of their parents. John and Charlotte's son, William Naylor, counted in the 1850 census, died from consumption in Vergennes on November 4, 1873, age 39. His death record claimed his parents were Symon, not John, (See Names Lost in Vermont, Page 9)

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JOHN NAYLOR IN the 1850 census for Addison, Vermont.

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Beer Garden at Green Park brings the town together

BY GEORGE FJELD

BRANDON—On a fabulous August day, the Red Clover Ale Company hosted a beer garden in Green Park in downtown Brandon. The weather was described as “perfect” and “exceptional,” as well as “clothing optional,” meaning any clothing other than your winter parka was appropriate. All ages were represented, and many families with young children were present. Chatting, listening, dancing, and just hanging out were the order of the day.

Music was provided by The Yurtbags, Rob and Jim McCuen’s latest band iteration. Monique Monette provided lead vocals belting out Janis Joplin

songs among others. They’re accompanied by Matt Davis on drums and Kenny Cifone tickling the ivories. Electrified, they provided a plethora of great tunes from bands such as The Grateful Dead, The Police, and Led Zeppelin.

Of course, the beer and cider were furnished by RCAC’s trio of Peter Brooks, Andy Gates, and Riker Wikoff. Patrons availed themselves of the quaffable brews, necessitating more than one trip across the street to get another keg. This brewery continues to produce great drinkable ales and lagers, with new brews showing up weekly.




DAVID ROBERTS AND Steven Jupiter of Brandon hanging out and feeling groovy.



FOLKS GATHERED WITH friends and family to listen to The Yurtbags, bask in the summer sun, and enjoy Red Clover’s liquid refreshments at Green Park in downtown Brandon on Sunday, August 6.

Photos by George Fjeld

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FEMA maps said they weren't in a flood zone. Then came the rain.

BY TIK ROOT, VTDIGGER/GRIST

This story, by Tik Root, was originally co-published by Grist and WBUR on Aug. 8.

As heavy rain drenched Barre, Vermont last month, Kim Beinin was watching Thor with her two young children. About halfway through the movie, she peeked out the window and was startled to see water flowing over the road and into her neighbor's driveway. Knowing her home was surely next, she gathered her children and fled.

When the rain stopped two days later, she returned to find her basement submerged in 5 feet of water. The heating oil tank lay on its side, the water heater was flooded, and the electrical panel had cut out, leaving the house without power.

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.

"It was horrific," she said. "My contractor was like, 'I cannot believe your garage is still standing.'" The shock of seeing her house waterlogged was made worse by the fact that Beinin felt blindsided. "I

was told I wasn't in a flood zone."

The most common reference for flood risk are the flood insurance rate maps, also known as 100-year floodplain maps, that the Federal Emergency Management Agency produces. They designate so-called special flood hazard areas that have a roughly 1 percent chance of inundation in any given year. Properties within those zones are subject to more stringent building codes and regulations that, among other things, require anyone with a government-backed mortgage to carry flood insurance.

The property information report that sellers include with most home sales in Vermont indicates whether a property is in a flood zone. But Beinin says she received no such warning because FEMA indicated that the house she bought in 2021 was well outside a high-risk area. Yet the entire area was whaloped. The torrent washed away her neighbor's driveway and left their garage broken, tilted and cracked. A red 'DANGER UNSAFE' poster remains plastered on the front of it.

Although the federal maps "can help communicate risk," they're often incomplete or outdated and (See Flood zone, Page 7)



I was born a rambling bird

THIS IS AN Acadian flycatcher that has birders flocking to see it by the Rt. 73 bridge over Otter Creek. A rare vagrant to Vermont

Photo by Sue Wetmore



ROUTE 15 IS flooded in Cambridge around midday on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Photo by Shaun Robinson/VTDigger

Community Forums Controlled Waterfowl Hunt applications are now available

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department now has information on its website about the 2023 controlled waterfowl hunts at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison and at Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area in Alburgh.

Applications for hunting at Mud Creek on October 10 and 12 may be downloaded from the website. Applications must be submitted electronically to anr.fwdcontrolledhunt@vermont.gov or postmarked and returned no later than August 25, 2023 to

the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, 111 West Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452.

Hunting on October 10 and 12 at Mud Creek will be by lottery drawing only, and blind sites will be assigned at the time (See Waterfowl hunting, Page 5)

HOPE Food Truck returning to Shoreham

The HOPE Food Truck is returning to Shoreham to bring free food to low-income people in our area! On Thursday, August 17 between 2 and 3 PM, the HOPE Food Truck will be in the parking lot of the Shoreham

Congregational Church to offer free non-perishable items as well as available fresh produce on a first-come, first-served basis. Supplies from all major food groups will be available. If you have a neighbor who is unable to

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

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Cliffs clear to hike and climb post Peregrine Falcon nesting season

Hikers and rock climbers can return to Vermont cliffs now that peregrine falcon nesting season has ended. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has confirmed that all the young falcons have learned to fly and should not be disturbed by human presence on the cliffs.

"The young peregrines have

fledged, and nesting data suggest many of Vermont's falcons had a successful year," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife's nongame bird biologist Jillian Kilborn. "The falcon's nesting success is due to a combination of factors, including good weather early in the nesting season and cooperation from hikers and rock climb-

ers who observe a respectful distance from nesting falcons during this critical period. Peregrine nesting success would not be possible without more than 50 volunteers who monitor the nest sites statewide from March to the end of July."

According to Audubon biologist (See Peregrine Falcons, Page 21)

Letter to the Editor

Tag & Bake Sale success because of our community

Members & friends of the Brandon United Methodist Church extend our gratitude to all who donated to our fundraising Tag & Bake Sale on August 5th. A special thank you to Pastor John Hardman-Zimmerman and Jeff Cathcart. Our endeavor would not have been a success without the generosity of the community that exists beyond the walls of our spiritual home.

Thank you.

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 or historic building, please contact Pastor John Hardman-Zimmerman (hzfm@hotmail.com) or (802) 282-7532

or Vicki Disorda (vqueenoftheearth@gmail.com) or (802) 345-4125. All Welcome.

Donations mail 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.

Corrections

1. In the August 2nd issue, the article "Underdog team steals crown at Vermont State Trivia Championship" inadvertently omitted the answer to the final question that decided the championship. Here is the correct chronological order of the devices, from oldest to newest:

- Atari 2600 (1977)
- Sony Walkman (1979)
- Commodore 64 (1982)
- Apple Macintosh (1984)

We apologize for the error but hope the suspense was thrilling in the meantime!

2. In the August 2nd issue, the article "BARN OPERA expands musical offerings" overstated the nature of the relationship between BARN OPERA and Otter Creek Music Festival. BARN OPERA is not a creative or artistic partner with the Festival. Instead, BARN OPERA has provided only basic structural and fiscal support while the Festival establishes itself under its new name and new management. We apologize for any confusion.

Waterfowl hunting

(Continued from Page 4) of the permit lottery. Any vacancies due to "no-shows" on those days will be filled on the morning of the hunt with a self-check-in process. All other Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except for opening day on Saturday, October 7, during the open season will be self-registration days with permits available at the Mud Creek operations building.

Controlled goose hunting at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area will be by lottery drawing with hunting zones assigned at the time of the permit

drawing. Any vacancies due to "no-shows" on hunting days will be filled on the morning of the hunt with a self-check-in process. Standby permits will be available at the Dead Creek check-in kiosk.

Friday, October 20 is a junior hunter day at Dead Creek. Only hunters 17 years of age or younger on October 20 may self-register. Junior hunters must have an adult present, and one additional guest is allowed for a total of 3 in the party.

A drawing to award hunting permits will be held Friday, Sep-

tember 1, at 12:00 Noon at the Fish and Wildlife Department office at 111 West Street, Essex Junction. Attendance is not required. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Duck season opens on October 7 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones, and on October 5 in the Connecticut River Zone. The Lake Champlain Zone has a split season (October 7-11; November 4-December 28); the Interior Vermont Zone is a straight season (October 7-December 5); and the Connecticut River Zone has a split

season (October 5-November 3; November 22-December 21).

A statewide early hunting season to control Vermont's population of resident Canada geese will occur September 1-25. A second Canada goose hunting season will be held October 14-November 27 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones. A late resident Canada goose season will run from Dec. 1 to Jan. 6 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones and Dec. 22 to Jan. 6 in the Connecticut River Zone (land portion only, not CT River waters). Canada

goose hunting in the Connecticut River Zone will occur October 5-November 3 and November 22-December 21.

Snow goose hunting is open from October 1- December 31 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones and October 4-December 21 in the Connecticut River Zone.

Be sure to read the 2022-2023 Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds available on Fish and Wildlife's website.



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Rampaging robots

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try, and biology departments. In his down time, he coaches kids on the finer points of LEGO robotics—sensors, motors, and coding—with an eye toward the annual FIRST LEGO League competition, where the kids get to put what they've learned into practice by assembling a specified design that they've been refining for months with their SPIKE Prime kits.

"Last year the competition was at Norwich University," said Booth. "For a new team, we did well. It was a commendable showing."

At the last competition, the kids were tasked with constructing a robotic "superpowered" windmill that cranked out units of "energy" as it turned, those units being pieces of

LEGO.

But the kids do get to just play around and explore on their own during their sessions.

"We encourage the team to research designs that have been tested and make their own modifications, with the goal of making more original products," said Booth. "We give the kids the opportunity to design on their own, even if it doesn't always run well." He reckons that the team's efforts are 90% existing designs and 10% original modifications.

Booth also emphasizes what he calls "gracious professionalism," which is the engineering equivalent of sportsmanship.

"Kids develop grit. You see them in real time trying, failing, learning.

They learn a lesson and try again. I'm really happy to see a space where the ability to fail is held up as positive," said Booth.

Some of the tasks the kids had to master at the summer camp included programming sensors to make a robot follow a line of colored tape on a flat surface. This was a skill that Jonathan Fries taught the students right away.

"By the end of the first session, everyone had solved the problem," said Booth.

SPIKE Prime kits use LEGO's proprietary graphic language that breaks commands into colored blocks that can be dragged and dropped to create different sequences to perform different tasks. It's a simplified, visual version of the Py-

thon computer language.

"It makes coding more accessible, less persnickety," said Booth.

The kids did have a chance to use a 3-D printer to make a more "sci-fi" robot with interchangeable parts, akin to Mr. Potatohead. The campers were broken into 3 groups, each of which was responsible for a particular body part. The goal was to make them all fit together.

"We teach collaboration, not competition," Booth noted.

On the last day of the summer camp, there was a demonstration for parents to see what their kids

had learned.

"Parents really saw their kids grow," said Booth.

The programs are sponsored by Brandon Rec. The summer program was assisted by Elijah Tucker and Bonnie Moore, who acted as counselors.

If your kids are between 9 and 14, interested in STEM, and love building things, the Robotics Team may be just the ticket to get their mad scientist juices flowing. The world won't be conquered on its own... someone has to build the robots, after all.

Flood zone

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don't adequately reflect the threat, especially as the climate changes, said Chad Berginnis. He is the executive director of the nonprofit Association of State Floodplain Managers and also a member of FEMA's National Advisory Council. Other experts echoed his opinion that FEMA's assessments "are a good place to start but should never be the end point in knowing flood risk."

When the non-profit climate research firm First Street Foundation compared its flood model to FEMA's maps the report found that, as of 2020, 5.9 million properties and property owners are currently unaware of or are underestimating the risk they face because they are not identified as being within the SFHA zone. The small creek running past Beinin's home wasn't shown as flood-prone on the federal map, but First Street's model included it and rated the property an "extreme flood risk." Had she known that, she said, "I either would have gotten flood insurance or maybe not bought the house."

According to FEMA, its maps aren't meant to predict where a flood might occur, or even where they have occurred in the past. Rather, they are "snapshots in time of risk" that are used for flood insurance determinations and managing development in floodplains.

"The flood maps are minimums. They are not a comprehensive understanding of all the flood hazards and flood risks," said Luis Rodriguez, director of the agency's engineering and modeling division. "Where it can rain, it can flood."

But Berginnis says that narrow view reflects a bit of wishful thinking. "Because it is the big national dataset for flood mapping, the way the public often perceives the maps is that they're the end-all, be-all of

flood risk," he said. "That sort of comes with the territory."

Regardless, people in FEMA's blindspots are pummeled at an alarming rate. After Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of Texas in 2017, the Harris County Flood Control District, which includes the city of Houston, found that half of the 204,000 homes that flooded were outside the federal hazard zone. According to FEMA, 40 percent of claims made through its National Flood Insurance Program come from people beyond the 100-year floodplain.

Cambridge, about an hour from Barre, is another area of Vermont where FEMA maps failed to adequately capture the risks residents face.

"I would say the FEMA maps are grossly outdated," said Jonathan DeLaBruere, the town administrator. Cambridge's map isn't even fully digitized, so he has a scan pulled upon his computer and pointed to the date in the corner: 1983.

The high-risk floodplain is marked in gray and weaves up from the Lamoille River toward Main Street. A handful of properties are included in FEMA's 100-year floodplain, but most aren't. Regardless of their designation, almost all of the buildings have flooded multiple times in the last century.

Pearl Dennis bought her house, which isn't in a FEMA hazard area, in 2015. It only took a few years before flood waters reached her front steps. "We tried to get flood insurance after the 2019 flood," she said. "We were denied because we were too far away from the river."

This month's storm sent the Lamoille raging through the first floor of her house, flooding her basement and backyard along the way. Hay bales weighing 600 pounds floated over from a neigh-

bor's farm and still sit on the lawn. Her floorboards are peeling, and the street is piled with ruined appliances, belongings, and debris.

Similar stories and sights abound on the block, even though large swaths of the water-logged street lie in an area that FEMA says should flood less than every 500 years.

"The word flood never came up at all until July 10th," said Erica Hayes, whose parents bought the Cambridge Market Village earlier this year. Then they saw 9 feet of water inundate their basement. While First Street pegged the store as a 'moderate' flood risk, FEMA does not include it in its hazard area.

"If we were in a flood zone, we probably wouldn't have bought," said Hayes. The store didn't have flood insurance, because it wasn't mandatory and the cost proved prohibitive. Hayes pegs the damage at roughly a quarter million dollars.

"We have to cover it out of pocket," she said. "But there's no pocket to pay out of."

One of the problems Berginnis noted is that FEMA has mapped only about a third of the nation's streams, rivers and coastlines. There are other faults as well. Many maps are decades out of date, despite a statutory requirement that FEMA review them every five years. They also do not capture urban stormwater flooding caused by intense rain; events that Berginnis say are becoming more frequent and intense.

That points to what may be the biggest shortcoming of all: The maps don't account for climate change because they rely on historical rather than forecasted data. In 2012, Congress told FEMA to incorporate future conditions such as sea level rise but, more than a decade later, that hasn't happened.

"If FEMA did what congress directed it to do, it would probably smooth out a lot of things," said Rob Moore, the director of the Wa-

(See Flood zone, Page 21)

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Brandon Energy Committee

Brandon Bikes!



BY EVE BEGLARIAN

Brandon has long been a pretty great place to ride a bike, and many bike tours come through town throughout the summer and fall. But biking isn't only a recreational delight (though it is ALWAYS that!), it's also a great way to get around town for errands and shopping. No need to burn fossil fuels to get your errands done: you can use your own steam on a regular bike or a little bit of battery assist on an e-bike to get around town, and to experience the incredible beauty that flourishes right outside

The Energy Committee has also embarked on a project to paint and add signage to all the existing bike racks in town, plus we're adding several more racks. David Martin designed and constructed the eye-catching signs.

There will be a team of us painting the existing racks, installing new racks, and adding signs to them all in the next few days and weeks. The goal is to improve the visibility and convenience of biking in town. Keep an eye out for bright green racks with Brandon Bikes! signs. They'll be all over town soon!

BIKE-RELATED PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

There's been long-standing interest in creating a bike/walk path to connect Brandon to neighboring Forest Dale, which will have the important benefit of allowing kids (and their parents) to get to Neshobe School on foot or by bike. Brandon Recreation and Economic

Director Bill Moore has some great news on that front: the town has received a \$40K Transportation Alternatives Program grant for a scoping study to finally make it real.

to all the bike racks. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce has a short list of road and mountain bike rides, many of which overlap with the Greenways offerings. They are easy to find on the Chamber's website at brandon.org.

There's also an app called Geotourist that has a fun selection of walks and bike rides in and around Brandon. Check it out!

In addition to these resources, the Energy Committee wants to crowdsource an ever-expanding list of YOUR favorite rides. Road rides, gravel rides, and mountain-bike rides, all are welcome. Send written descriptions, maps, or GPX files to brandonenergycommittee@gmail.com. And be sure to tell us what you love about the ride! We'll credit you when we add them to the new webpage we're making at <https://www.townofbrandon.com/town-committees/energy-committee/brandon-bikes/>



A GREAT BIKE route in Brandon.

of town.

The Brandon Energy Committee recently received a grant to buy two e-bikes for the Brandon Free Public Library, and it's now possible for you to borrow one or both and use them for trips for work or play. Call or visit the library to reserve one or both e-bikes for an excursion—it's a great free perk of being a library patron in this awesome town.

The library e-bikes, like most current e-bikes, have enough juice to travel up to forty-five miles before needing a charge, certainly enough to get to Middlebury or Rutland and back. Statistics show that most of the car trips we take are under 10 miles. How excellent would it be to replace even just half of those car trips with bike rides! Think of the benefits to your own health, and the health of the environment, not to speak of the cost savings in gas and maintenance of your car and the roads. Plus, we all know it's a whole lot more fun to ride a bike than sit in a car.

We'll be sure to hear more as those plans develop in the coming year. There's also talk of making a multi-use path through the Solarfest property on Steinberg Road, connecting Park Village and Estabrook Park to downtown while avoiding Route 7.

"Do we have the appetite to do both paths at the same time?" asked Bill Moore.

I myself don't know the answer, but I do know we have the makings of a bike utopia here in Brandon, if we want it. And some great information is already out there, if you know where to look for it.

BIKE RIDES AROUND TOWN

A group of townspeople led by Robert Black has been working on a project called Brandon Greenways, which includes maps of various walks and bike rides you can do starting from downtown. You can pick up a copy of the brochure at the Brandon Museum or the Town Office, and we have posted an electronic version at the QR code link that is going to be affixed

If there's interest, we can also make an affinity group on the bike-ride Strava app and do some riding together—a great way to build relationships in town, don't you think?

I'll start by sharing one of my personal favorite rides: it's a short loop, less than seven miles out and back from the post office, but it always feels like I'm getting away with a secret delight when I do it.

Starting from downtown Brandon, go out Pearl Street through the covered bridge and past Barn Opera. Pearl Street becomes Long Swamp Road and turns to gravel. At the end of Long Swamp Road, turn left onto Marshall Phillips Road. Turn left again on Short Swamp Road and fly down the hill until it reconnects with Long Swamp and brings you back into town. It's not a hard ride (though there are a couple of uphill to earn the Short Swamp downhill), but I promise it'll energize your day!

Eve Beglarian is a member of the Brandon Energy Committee. She got the idea for brightly painted bike racks in Brandon when she encountered teal bike racks all around Fairport, NY as she was biking the length of the Erie Canal earlier this year.



BRANDON REPORTER

Notes from the Pulpit

A clarification of my intent

Greetings Neighbors,
Perhaps, if you're like me, you have found the events of this year especially unnerving. Finding peace can be a tall order in the context of all the concerns we face in Vermont in the wake of July's flooding, in our nation amidst divisive politics, in the world amidst ongoing war in Ukraine and elsewhere, and with widespread detrimental effects of a changing climate. If you correspond with me, you may have noticed that the farewell phrase I often end my communications with is "God's Peace." Not long ago, someone engaged me about the intent of this phrase, given the vast numbers of individuals and communities whose predominant experience is a real lack of peace. That person had received my phrase as dismissive, perhaps akin to when someone offers "thoughts and prayers" in the face of suffering with no action

to back up those thoughts and prayers.

I truly appreciated this person's honest feedback because it made it clear I needed to better express my intent, since my choice of farewell phrase was based in a conscious hope to not

It is my sincere hope offered to those whose suffering will not end in this moment that they are still able to experience peace in God (however God is experienced by any of us).

glibly imply that all is well in the world while so many still struggle. Allow me to share the intent of this phrase for me. Maybe it will resonate for you as well. When the world's circumstances seem to offer no peace, and as we continue the unfinished fight

for justice and peace in a world where many are suffering, the best peace I can offer/wish for another with any sense of integrity is a peace that exists beyond our current human experience of it. It is my sincere hope offered to those whose suffering will not end in this moment that they are still able to experience peace in God (however God is experienced by any of us).

To me, "God's Peace" is not synonymous with passivity, or a dismissal of another's pain, but rather a core grounding found in that which connects us and moves us toward wholeness—an assurance that it is still possible for things to change for the good, that there is peace somehow still accessible and present that helps to fortify us when we are drained and have nowhere to put the anger and sorrow of justice not-yet-achieved. My personal convictions lead me to a deep desire for all to be able to experience something more than lip-service justice, and a society that offers care and respect for all of creation.

Before this turns into a sermon, let me just offer my sincere hope that you might still know peace in these tumultuous times. And when peace seems too hard to find in the day, it is my hope that we might all still experience the Peace that offers us ground on which to find our footing as we work and wait for peace to come for each and everyone.

*God's Peace,
Rev. Sara Rossigg
Brandon Congregational
Church, UCC*

Names Lost in Vermont

(Continued from Page 2)

and Charlotte Naylor. At last, here came the breakthrough moment because with more digging I found a marriage record in Québec between Simon Cloutier and Charlotte Brouillet at St. Denis-sur-Richelieu in November 1818. Many other families from this area settled in Vermont. Baptismal records for Nazaire [Nazro], Edouard [Edward], and Guillaume [William] proved that Simon and Charlotte were the right parents. Why did Simon get recorded as John? No logical reason—John was probably just easier to say.

One of the problems with French names that are approximate translations is that there are other families named Naylor in the area who were either English or Irish. Just to make sure that I was not barking up the wrong tree, I traced the paternal pedigree of Brandon resident Joseph L. Naylor

(1917–1978) to his migrating ancestor, Joseph Cloutier from Canada who was Simon Cloutier's brother! In another branch of the family, Rob Naylor of Brandon's Naylor & Breen Builders is the descendant of William Naylor who died in 1873. As such, these Cloutiers transformed to Naylor/Nailors were descendants of Zacharie Cloutier, who sailed from France to New France in 1634. Zacharie, a carpenter, must have been a hearty soul because he died in 1677, at the advanced age of 85 or 86. While he could not sign his name, he made the mark of an axe on the marriage contract of his daughter Anne on her marriage to Robert Drouin on July 27, 1636, in Beauport, Québec, believed to be the oldest surviving original document of its kind.

When a name is lost, it is a heritage lost. When rediscovered, it is a heritage regained.

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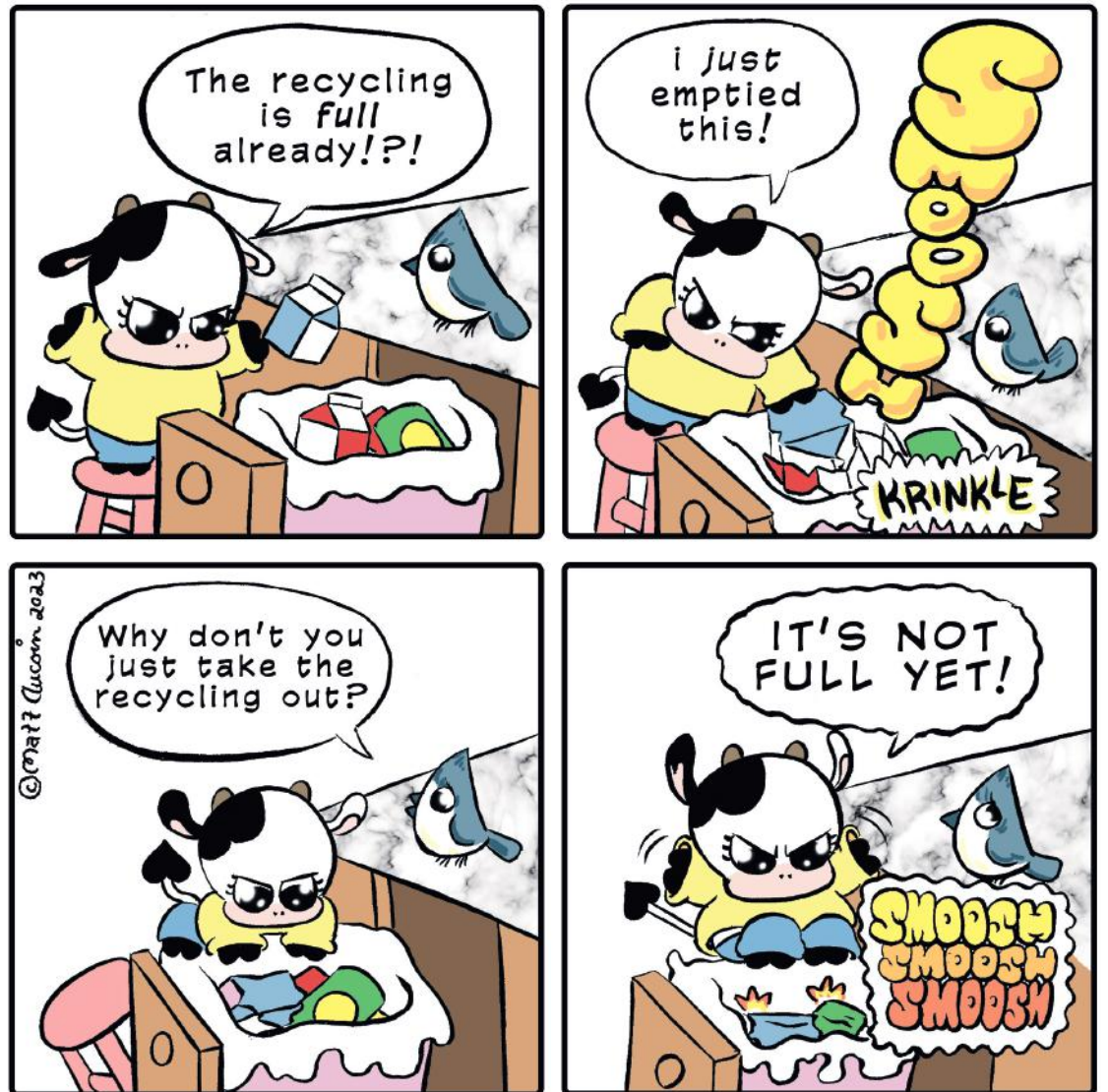
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CHRISTY HARDING

Local Bar Harbor employee wins company wide award

BRANDON—Christy Harding, Assistant Branch Manager in Bar Harbor’s Brandon location, has won a Teamwork Award, “which recognizes employees who build great teams to make positive things happen.” Ms. Harding has been with Bar Harbor for 17 years. Congratulations, Christy!



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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.

Goings on around town

Queen City Ghostwalk Darkness Falls Tour Sunday August 20th

Our Darkness Falls tour was created by historian and author Thea Lewis (Haunted Burlington, Haunted Inns and Ghostly Getaways of Vermont, and more). This perennial favorite, chosen as one of New England's best haunted walks by both Yankee Magazine and AAA, features some of Burlington's most infamous characters and intriguing haunts: theater ghosts, smugglers, serial killers, and more. Generally suitable for individuals ten and up. Some sensitive subject matter. Parental discretion advised. All ticket sales are final, no refunds, no exchanges. Need more information? See our FAQ page at queencityghostwalk.com.



The door is open. Our minds are open. Our hearts are open. All are welcome in.

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

Pins & Needles Craft Club at the Brandon Free Public Library

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

Wednesdays

Drop-In Tech Help at the Brandon Free Public Library

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

Ping Pong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday Zoom only class)

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

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

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

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

Meditation Group at the Brandon Free Public Library

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

Thursdays

Storytime at the Brandon Free Public Library

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

Ukulele Group

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

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

Open Mic at Red Clover in Brandon

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

Fridays

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

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

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

Maclure Library Knitting Circle

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

Corn Hole at the Godnick Adult Center

By request, we will have drop-in cornhole in the Rec Hall on

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Aug 19th Brandon
Aug 20th Slide Out

More to come! Follow



Fridays from 2–4 p.m.

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

Sundays

Brandon Town Hall Painting with Crystal
Crystal Ketcham leads an all ages painting event!
Yes, you CAN paint! More info, contact Crystal at ceastman88@gmail.com

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Friday 11th

OPENING IN SUMMER 2023!!!

**Car Show!
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VT Flood Benefit - Featuring: Ms. Lee Fan Club & The Radiance
FREE ENTRY! Get a free ticket to reserve your spot. Donations encouraged.

Doors: 7:00 pm // Show: 7:30 pm

After the recent flooding in Central Vermont affected thousands, and forced Do

Good Fest to pivot to an online web stream, the 1st and 2nd place winners of the Beats for Good competition, Ms. Lee Fan Club and The Radiance, will be performing at The Underground - Listening Room.

While the bands didn't get to open for Plain White T's, they'll still have the opportunity to play a live show for a good cause. Presented by National Life Group and to benefit the Vermont Arts Council fund for musicians and artists affected by the recent floods. Donate at the event with cash or check contributions, or donate in advance here: <https://sevendaystickets.com/organizations/6419/donate>

These two rock band are from South Burlington and Montpelier/Twinfield high schools, and are ready to rock!

For more information on the Vermont Arts Council's efforts in aiding Arts and Culture Organizations and Musicians after the recent floods visit: <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/resources/disaster-resources>

Time Stands Still - A Play by Donald Margulies (Two Tony Nominations); Directed by Joanne Greenberg

After barely surviving a bomb blast while covering war in the Mideast, photojournalist Sarah Goodwin finds herself caught in a tug of war between her career and a quiet domestic life in Brooklyn. Returning home into the care of James, her long-time partner and fellow journalist, Sarah is caught off-guard by James' desire for family and by the simple domestic life pursued by Richard, her editor, and his much younger girlfriend, Mandy. This Broadway-hit play from Pulitzer Prize-winner Donald Margulies is a witty, intelligent look at what happens when ordinary life is refracted through the lens of war. Margulies explores the tension between being an artist and a human being, as his characters ask such probing questions as what does it mean to capture suffering on film, rather than stopping to intervene?

From 8:00 pm–9:30 pm at the Phantom Theater, Edgcomb Barn, 970 Dump Road, Warren 05674

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Friday 11th Saturday 12th

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Saturday 12th

Fletcher Farm Craft School August Art and Craft Festival

From 10 am–4 pm the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is presenting their second Art and Craft Festival of 2023. Entrance is free. Local artisans offer their work for sale, including jewelry, woodcrafts, pottery, specialty foods, fiber, fine art, and more. American Pie will offer their regular and dessert pizzas; Michael Kelly will provide the music, the Tyson Ladies Aid will host a fundraising bake sale, and the school will hold hourly raffles of art and craft supplies to benefit our Young Artists Scholarship Program.

Saturday 12th Sunday 13th

Chaffee Art Center presents 62nd Annual Summer and Fall Art in the Park Festivals

The Chaffee Art Center presents our 62nd Annual Summer and Fall Art in the Park Festivals featuring fine artists, craft persons and specialty foods. Show dates are: Summer Festival--August 12 & 13, and Fall Foliage Festival--October 7 & 8, with hours on Saturday 10 am–5 pm and Sunday 10 am–4 pm. Both are held in Main Street Park at Junction of Routes 4 & 7 in Rutland, and offer free kids' activities, musical entertainment and a food court. www.chaffeeartcenter.org

Tuesday 15th

The Underground - Listening Room presents: Some Kind of Nightmare, Dead Street Dreamers, Robbery

Some Kind of Nightmare: Formed in the summer of 2006, Some Kind Of Nightmare is a punk rock power trio from San Diego, CA. Voicing the thoughts and opinions of the rock bottom class and making a hell of a lot of noise doing it.

Dead Street Dreamers; Hailing from marble city USA, Dead Street Dreamers are here to bring punk rock n roll to the masses. Songs about the heavy times in the world, broken down towns, love, and heartbreak. Dreamers are here to bring the caring and fun back into punk. Nate Hale is front and center howling out the words. Nick Grandchamp is laying down classic rocker leads on guitar. Brit Davis keeps it smooth on the bass. Hunter Phelps lays it down on rhythm guitar. David Davis slams it out on drums.

Robbery; Punk Rock exorcists from Montpelier, Vermont. Loud, fast, and relatable.

Advance: \$12 (+fees) // Day of Show: \$15 (+fees)

Doors: 7:00pm // Show: 7:30pm

BYOB

SVCOA Memory Café

We are thrilled to announce the much-anticipated return of the Memory Cafe to Rutland County after a three-year hiatus! This cherished community initiative aims to provide a warm and inclusive environment for individuals living with memory loss, along with their families, caregivers, and friends. We are delighted to invite you to join us for the first Memory Cafe gathering from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the beautiful Maples venue, located in Rutland, VT.

Memory Cafe is an invaluable opportunity to connect, socialize, and engage in enjoyable activities in a supportive setting. This gathering serves as a safe space for individuals affected by memory loss to interact with others who understand their experiences. It fosters a sense of belonging, promotes emotional well-being, and encourages participants to share their stories, memories, and talents.

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August 12

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August 26

Tom Van Sant

September 9

Doug Ross w/ Wade Davis
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September 23

Silas McPrior acoustic rock

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



During this eagerly awaited event, we have organized a diverse range of activities designed to stimulate the mind, spark creativity, and inspire meaningful connections. Whether it's through music, art, games, or lively conversations, the Memory Cafe is all about embracing the joy of the present moment and building lasting connections within our community.

Please spread the word among your friends, neighbors, and anyone who might benefit from this enriching experience. The Memory Cafe promises to be a delightful morning filled with laughter, companionship, and shared memories.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the Memory Cafe or future gatherings, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team. We look forward to warmly welcoming you on August 15th as we embark on this wonderful journey together.

Together, let's create a compassionate and understanding community where the beauty of each moment is celebrated. See you at the Memory Cafe!

Friday 18th

Brandon Artists Guild Meet the Artist Night

Vermont artist Mike Mayone creates meticulous oil and acrylic paintings that capture the charm of Vermont and New England in true realism. Often considered photorealistic, his masterpieces are known to stir emotions and kindle humanity's need to "slow down the pace."

Please join us between 7 pm–8:30 pm, light refreshments will be served.

September

Wednesday 13th

FREE Square Dance Nights with Cast Off 8's

Mark your calendars for the fall startup of contemporary square dancing in Rutland County. Cast Off 8's Square Dance Club starts its fall season of classes on Sept 13. NOT your grade school square dancing, contemporary square dance is danced to a variety of music including pop, country music, Broadway, rock, Motown, and hip-hop. Casual dress, no special clothes. A great no-stress way to get back out and socialize among friendly people. Singles as well as couples. Children 8 and up. First two classes are free, Wednesdays, September 13 and 20. Ice cream social on 9/27. Lothrop School, Pittsford, VT. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For more info see Castoff8s.com or Facebook Cast Off 8's Square Dance Club. Contact Lauren at lauren.castoff8s@gmail.com



Meet the new owner of The Inn on Park Street

BY GEORGE FJELD

BRANDON—Barbara Scribner is living her dream of owning a Bed & Breakfast. After 30 years of visiting B&Bs with her husband, Scott, she bought the inn from Judy Bunde and has settled in Brandon. As a new innkeeper, Barbara admits she has much to learn. After moving from Tampa, Florida, she admits, "I'm a little nervous about the winter. But summer can't be beaten!"

Why Brandon? Barbara points to its great location: many things to do within an hour's drive. Hiking and biking are right out the door, with many ski areas and lakes nearby. It's so close to nature and the VIEWS! It's a great place to wind down and relax. Brandon's art community is another attraction, from the Brandon Artists Guild to the semi-annual Open Studio. She hopes her guests will enjoy the town activities, parade, and music events as she has done since her move last spring.

Scribner is looking forward to sharing these environs and hanging out with her guests, especially on the inn's front porch. She notes Brandon's friendly atmosphere when passersby stop to chat with her guests. "I really appreciate the reception I've re-

ceived in town," she said.

The inn has 6 comfortable rooms with a maximum of 2 guests each. Rooms are themed—lighthouses and trees, for example—and each has a private sitting area. There are also shared spaces inside and outside the inn. Self-service coffee is available on each floor as well as a communal refrigerator. The living room, full of leather couches, has a big-screen TV and a billiard table. Many of the walls are covered with the couple's extensive art collection including a few of Scott's originals.

On the breakfast side of the B&B, there is a 2-course meal. Starting with yogurt and fruit or a muffin and progressing to a quiche or casserole, the meal will be sure to fill the belly of any guest. And don't miss the maple bacon! Barbara will also be serving late-afternoon or after-dinner desserts such as magic cookie bars or peach pudding.

Scribner is a big sports fan! While she loves her Tampa teams, the Buccaneers (football), Rays (baseball), and Lightning (hockey), she's looking forward to adopting a New England team or two. Don't be surprised if you hear a hoot or holler erupting from the Inn come game time.



BARBARA SCRIBNER, NEW owner of the Inn of Park Street, poses in front of the 1860's house she recently purchased from Judy Bunde. Barbara and her husband, Scott, moved to Brandon from Florida to pursue her dream of running a Bed & Breakfast. Photo by Steven Jupiter



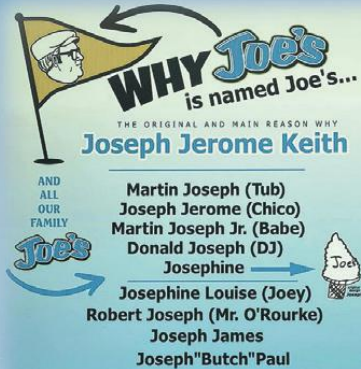
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A SAMPLING OF the beautiful gardens on the tour this year. Top to bottom: Judith Irven's garden in Goshen (photo: Dick Conrad); Brian Jerome's garden in Brandon (photo: Brian Jerome); Beate Ankjaer Jensen's garden in Brandon (photo: Beate Ankjaer Jensen).

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Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to pick up
5. Presents
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Harness
18. Weight unit
19. You better call him
20. Utterly devoted
22. Male cat
23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
24. Risk-taker
27. A team's best pitcher
30. Cool!
31. Women's ___ movement
32. Georgia rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. The princess could detect its presence
38. Type of truck
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Angry people see it
41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
42. Soviet city
43. Carpet
44. Traveled all over
45. Thin, straight bar
46. Body art (slang)
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Arabic name
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper tract of grass floret
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient Syrian city
65. Shoelace tube
66. The Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. Popular video game "Max ___"
69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
4. Long-legged frog family
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in classical Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Belonging to a bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Deceased Guinean money
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway dweller
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. Egyptian city
29. Partner to "flowed"
32. Widens
33. Old Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. European pipeline
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Root eaten as a vegetable
41. Sound units
43. Style of music
44. A way to drench
46. Hot beverage
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Urge to action
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. ___ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Bland food
62. Consumed

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

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Tips for Assisting Your Pets During Challenging Times

The first tip is to shop smart. Utilize coupons and try to buy in bulk. Write a list when you shop for your pet and stick to the items on the list so you don't give in to impulse purchases. If you need assistance with providing food or litter for your animals, check with your local food pantries because any extra supplies we have at RCHS we share with the local food shelves. While buying expensive toys and accessories has become a popular way to demonstrate your attachment to your pet, your pet can be just as happy with less expensive toys or homemade toys. They really just want your love and attention more than a pricey product! Please contact RCHS at 802.483.6700 if you have any questions.

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The following Large Print books were donated by Brenda Whittaker

Last week's listed book, *Windfall* by Wendy Corsi Staub, was donated in memory of Meryl Sawyer

The Wedding Gift by Carolyn Brown, donated in memory of Yvonne Churchill

When her ex rides back into town, Darla McAdams finds herself in one heck of a predicament. Darla's on the verge of breaking up with her fiancé, Will Jackson—only a week before the wedding. Her parents would disown her, but Darla's sure that her Granny Roxie will understand when Darla tells her that her first love, Andy, has come back to town. Thank goodness for a wise granny's reminiscences of her own sassy wedding at just the right moment.

The Happiness Plan by Susan Mallery, donated in memory of Frances Brown-Close

Heather is happy—mostly. She has a successful business, a cute but contemptuous cat, and best friends Daphne and Tori, who know where she's broken and love her anyway. So why does she feel crushed when her ex gets serious about someone new? No problem, she has a plan. More connections will hold her together while her world falls apart, so she finally reaches out to the stranger who might be her dad. Daphne isn't having an emotional affair, despite what her husband believes. He started the rift in their marriage when he said they weren't ready for a baby. They used to be the closest couple she knew. Can they find their way back to one another before it's too late? When Tori forms an inconvenient crush on Daphne's brother-in-law, she suppresses her feelings. Until her apartment floods, and she moves in with the dog-loving doctor. If things go wrong, she could lose her friends. . . but if they go right, she could lose her heart.

Pink Lemonade Cake Murder, by Joanne Fluke, donated in memory of Florence S. LaRock

The Tri-County Summer Solstice Celebration has come to town, and even among local artisans, athletes, and marching bands, Hannah attracts fans of her own while serving lip-smacking pink lemonade desserts. But the mood sours when the body of a retired professional MLB player turns up, leading the town to wonder if the festivities mark both the longest day of the year and the deadliest. Considering the rumors swirling about his past, the list of suspects could fill a small stadium. Among them could be Hannah's mother, Delores, who publicly held a grudge against the victim after he infamously dunked her in the tank at a previous county fair. Now, with her mother's innocence on the line, a life-changing announcement at The Cookie Jar, and a plethora of desserts to bake, Hannah can't afford to strike out as she begins a dangerous investigation into the ruthless killer.

Exploration of ruins is an unnecessary risk of injury

Brandon Police Report

Key: BPD = Brandon Police Department; BARS = Brandon Area Rescue Squad; BFD = Brandon Fire Department; PPD = Pittsford Police Department; PFD = Pittsford Fire Department; RCPD = Rutland City Police Department; RCS = Rutland County Sheriff; VSP = Vermont State Police

July 31

- An alarm was accidentally tripped at Pine Grove Dispensary on Grove Street. An officer responded to the scene to ensure that the business was secure.
- BPD responded to a 911 hang-up call from a residence on Middle Road. The resident was located and determined to be having a mental-health crisis. The subject was later transported to Porter Hospital for a medical issue unrelated to the aforementioned issue.
- BPD responded to Franklin Street for a report of a car colliding with a deer. No human injuries were reported, and the vehicle sustained moderate damage. The deer was killed on impact.
- BPD assisted Rutland County Sheriff (RCS) with an arrest of a male staying in Brandon who was wanted for a sexual assault their agency was investigating. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and then turned over to the investigating officers from RCS.

August 1

- An unidentified caller contacted BPD demanding to speak with a female officer and then abruptly hung up the phone. It was later determined that this individual often calls area law enforcement agencies demanding the same thing and then hangs up. Incident documented for informational purposes.
- An officer on his way home from work came across a suspicious vehicle in Sudbury on Route 30 parked at Hyde Manor. The officer was able to determine that it was a group of friends from out of town who were exploring the ruins of the old hotel. The parties were advised that the property was private and not structurally safe. The parties left without further incident.
- An officer received information about an individual on Balentine Drive possessing a firearm in violation of the law. The incident is under investigation.
- Motor vehicle stop was conducted for a stop-sign violation at the intersection of Park and

Marble Streets. Warning issued.

- BPD responded to an animal complaint on Rydon Acres in which the neighbor's dog attacked the complainant's dog. The owner of the accused dog was identified and information regarding the incident was passed to the Animal Control Officer.
- Officers assisted BARS with a medical incident on Bryant Circle. The subject was later transported to the hospital for treatment.
- BPD responded to a residence on Church Street for a report of a chimney fire. It was later determined that there may have been a mechanical issue with the furnace and that it was emitting carbon monoxide into the home. The residents were evacuated and officers stood by on the scene to direct traffic away from the house until BFD deemed the residence safe.
- A Brandon officer on patrol was flagged down on Union Street regarding two juveniles that had allegedly threatened to shoot another juvenile earlier in the afternoon. The juvenile suspects were quickly located and it was determined that they were not in possession of any firearms. The matter is under investigation.
- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for defective equipment. Warning issued.
- Directed traffic enforcement on Franklin Street. No violations observed.

August 2

- BPD received a complaint from a resident of McConnell Road regarding a contractor who had defrauded him earlier in the year. The investigation is ongoing and criminal charges will be sought against the suspect at a later date.
- A resident on Church Street called to report that someone had changed the door locks at her residence, which was being sold, and she believed someone had tried to break in. The responding officers were able to determine that the locks/lock box had been changed by the realtor who was selling the house and that no break-in had occurred.
- Officers assisted Middlebury Regional Ambulance on (See Police report, Page 19)



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Police report

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Mulcahy Drive with gaining access to the building for a medical call.

- Officers responded to a mental-health crisis on Basin Road in which a male was trying to commit self-harm. Because there were no EMS/Ambulance Services available, due to high call volume, the man was transported to the hospital by his parents after the responding officers determined that the situation was safe for them to do so.

- BPD K-9 Unit was called to assist the Middlebury Police Department with a drug search of a vehicle on Route 7. K9 Guinness was able to get a positive alert on the scent of narcotics inside of the vehicle.

- Motor vehicle stop on Grove Street for defective equipment. Warning issued.

August 3

- Officers conducted a property watch at the Jiffy Mart on Grove Street.

- BPD responded to a 911 hang-up call emanating from a cell phone in the area of Marble Street. The area was checked but none of the residents in the vicinity indicated that there was an emergency. It is believed that the call may have been an accidental "pocket call" from someone traveling through the

neighborhood.

- Officers were dispatched to McConnell Road for a domestic disturbance between a husband and wife. It was later determined that no physical altercation between the two individuals occurred.

- Officers reported to Franklin Street for a report of tree branches in the roadway. The responding officers removed the branches so that the roadway could resume the normal flow of traffic.

August 4

- At 12:08 a.m., BPD responded to the Brandon Motor Lodge on Franklin Street for a report of a woman who had been sexually assaulted by three men. The responding officers arrived at the motel and stopped a vehicle with two males who were trying to leave the area. The men were later determined to have been involved with the assault, along with another man who was found in a nearby room at the motel. The officers quickly made contact with two women who stated that they had been assaulted by the three men, who were staying at the motel. The three men were placed under arrest for sexual assault and/or lewd and lascivious conduct. The men were processed at BPD. Sebastian Luca Torres (22) was charged with

sexual assault and lewd and lascivious conduct. Hotoniel Juan Sebastian (23) was charged with lewd and lascivious conduct. Juan Manuel Jimenez (22) was charged with lewd and lascivious conduct. All three individuals were transported to Rutland City for arraignment on the aforementioned charges. The current status of the three men is unknown to BPD, but they are no longer at the Brandon Motor Lodge.

- BPD received a complaint about an unoccupied vehicle in the roadway on Church Street. The vehicle was not located by the responding officer.

August 5

- Officers responded to a two-car rear-end motor vehicle crash on Grove Street with no reported injuries.

- Officers conducted speed enforcement on Route 7 and stopped two vehicles for speeding. A ticket and a warning were issued.

- Officers responded to an apartment building on Mulcahy Drive for a Life Line Alert alarm. The alarm was found to have been accidentally triggered and no rescue response was necessary.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Franklin Street for speeding. Ticket issued.

- Directed speed enforcement

was conducted on Grove Street. All vehicles traveled within reasonable limits in the area. No traffic stops were conducted.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop while enforcing speed limits on Franklin Street. A warning was issued.

- BPD assisted the Vermont State Police with a family fight on Route 7 in Leicester.

August 6

- BPD assisted the Rutland City Police Department in getting in contact with a Brandon resident living on Champlain Street regarding an active investigation.

- BPD received a call about a walking cane that had fallen off a vehicle and was lost. The family advised that the cane has sentimental value. If anyone finds a walking cane along a roadway in Brandon, please alert BPD so it can be returned

to the family.


- Vehicle stop at the intersection of Champlain Street and Grove Street for a stop-sign violation and failure to display license plate. Ticket issued.

- A wallet that was found near the Falls of Lana was turned in at BPD. Anyone missing a wallet should contact BPD to confirm ownership.

- Officers responded to a hit-and-run at the Jiffy Mart on Grove Street. Incident under investigation.

- Vehicle stop was conducted at the intersection of Park and Franklin Streets for failure to display registration plate. Warning issued.

- Officers observed a car parked at Otter Valley Union High School and issued a warning for lack of registration.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

ARIES March 21-April 20
Do not fight your emotions over the next few days, Aries. You need to embrace your feelings or you might not grow in your relationships. Show everyone the true you.

TAURUS April 21-May 21
Taurus, capture all of your great ideas on paper or in digital form to refer to later on. You're feeling creative right now, and soon you can turn this into projects that have legs.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
Time isn't on your side right now, Gemini. You may wonder how you can add hours to the day, but you must make due with the time you have.

CANCER June 22-July 22
Cancer, you are seemingly more irresistible than ever before and you're not quite sure what to do about this newfound

attention. You may want to retreat, but enjoy the limelight.

LEO July 23-Aug. 23
Leo, roll with whatever energy you feel coming off of the people around you. If everyone is subdued, then take that cue. If others are revved up, then you will want to light your own fire.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Hush your inner critic, Virgo. You are doing the best possible job you can at this time. You're simply too hard on yourself and you need to cut yourself some slack.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23
People do not operate as efficiently when they are running on fumes caused by stress, Libra. It's time to slow down and let others handle things for a change.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Scorpio, lately you have taken on the role of project manager and it fits you perfectly. Even though you're juggling multiple tasks and details, somehow things will work out fine.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You're usually content being the world explorer, Sagittarius. However, lately you find the most comfort sticking closer to home. Do whatever makes you happy.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Capricorn, fantasy keeps moving closer to reality for you this week. Don't count out any of those dreams you have been having as they may be inspiration for new plans.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You cannot help being unusually focused on all of the little details, Aquarius. It could be a way to quiet your mind, which has been running nonstop for a few weeks.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20
This could be your chance to indulge a little more, Pisces. Whether it's a big purchase or a night out on the town, do not resist the opportunity to get out and have fun.

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
Aug. 10 Anna Julia Cooper, scholar, activist (d)
Aug. 11 Viola Davis, actor (58)
Aug. 12 Erwin Schrodinger, physicist (d)
Aug. 13 Samuel de Champlain, explorer (d)
Aug. 14 Halle Berry (57)
Aug. 15 Oscar Peterson, Jazz pianist (d)
Aug. 16 Taika Waititi, filmmaker, actor (48)



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Bank of Middlebury

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of the community,” said Caroline Carpenter, President of NBM. “We want to be part of a thriving downtown, showing support for Brandon. We’re here to be in the community.”

And the new space was designed to enhance that sense of community: the tellers are right by the entrance, no longer separated from their customers by heavy counters and Plexiglas; the main waiting area can be accessed after business hours for use as a meeting space for community organizations and groups (all the most sensitive areas of the bank can be sealed off); and the Brandon Museum helped design a “history wall” that tells the story of the early years of Brandon with images from the Museum’s collection.

Speaking of the new “teller pod,” NBM Teller Carolyn Bearor said, “We love it. We’re not enclosed. People see us. Customers are chattier.”

A conference room features striking black-and-white photographs by accomplished local photographers Don Ross and Caleb Kenna, as well as charming photos by bank employees. The display of photographs in this room is quite intentional, as there’s also a wall plaque that explains the building’s history as a hub for photography studios in Brandon from the mid-1800s onward.

“We returned the building to its roots,” said Jamie McKenna, NBM’s Chief Project Officer. “Our goal was not to cover up the historic aspects. We were hoping to expose more of the brick walls, but the brickwork wasn’t in great condition.”

Though only two small areas of brick are exposed in two alcoves in the seating area, the wood floors, now painted a dull blue, are still original.

Jason Wisell was the Superintendent from Naylor & Breen Builders of Brandon, who were the general contractors on the project. According to Wisell, the post-and-beam frame had serious structural issues that needed to be addressed.

“Some of the posts had been cut in previous alterations,” he said.

“We had to reinforce the second floor,” added McKenna. “The project was really a matter of time and money.” The entire project took about six months, from January to June of 2023. And though no one could, or would, provide a specific figure, the cost of the renovation was significant and borne by NBM, even though the bank is

only renting the space.

“The issues were typical for an old building,” said Scott Durkee, Project Manager for Naylor & Breen. “The task was bringing everything to modern.”

Geoff Watson, the Community Office Manager for NBM Brandon, took the floor and spoke about Brandon’s sense of community.

“It’s a very exciting time in Brandon,” said Watson. “So many amazing projects. And the one thing that ties it all together is the sense of community. I moved here 2.5 years ago, and I felt welcomed from day one.”

“I can tell firsthand that the dedication NBM has to its communities is profound,” Watson added. Watson also showed off all the features of the new community space—its own entrance, a computer and monitor—all of which will be available to approved group for meetings after hours and on weekends. Interested groups can email brandoncommunityspace@nbmvt.com to inquire about availability.

The large open seating area also allows the bank’s employees to sit with customers in a way that was not possible at the bank’s previous location in the Ayrshire Cattle Breeders Association building, just a stone’s throw from the new location across Central Park.

“That building always felt more like an office than a retail storefront,” said Caroline Carpenter.

“This space makes us accessible,” said Watson. “We can open an account sitting on the couch. We’re all on laptops now that we can move from our desks.”

“It allows us to bank the way the customer wants to bank,” added Kylie Felion, VP, Branch Operations Manager.

Jamie McKenna followed Mr. Watson and thanked Naylor & Breen and Vermont Integrated Architects of Middlebury, who designed the space. McKenna also thanked Bernie Carr, the Executive Director of the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce, and Bill Moore of Brandon’s Deputy Town Manager and Economic Development Officer.

“It’s great to have National Bank of Middlebury in the heart of our downtown,” said Carr. “Like so many of our businesses, they’re a community driven organization and we’re excited to have their location renovated and looking so wonderful. It’s



(L TO R) Caroline Carpenter, Bernie Carr, Geoff Watson, and Bill Moore cut the ceremonial ribbon at the new location of the National Bank of Middlebury in Brandon.

Photos by Steven Jupiter



THE CREW OF the National Bank of Middlebury pose behind the open “tellers pod” in the new location in Brandon.

the final piece in our Segment 6 revitalization.”

Moore noted that NBM received tax credits to help ease the financial burden of renovating an historic building. And he praised the NBM team: “Throughout the development of this project, Jamie McKenna, Geoff Watson, and Catherine Wall always checked in to ask, ‘What does Brandon need?’ and responded accordingly by incorporating that into

their design.”

Mr. Watson ushered everyone outside, where Ms. Carpenter, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Moore stretched a large red ribbon across the front doors and he attempted to cut it with a pair of red-handled oversized scissors (the attempt failed and he had to bust out a pair of regular utility scissors to complete the job).

As the two ends of the cut ribbon fluttered in midair, 6 Park

Street took on a new life. Once home to photography studios and, more recently, Brown’s of Brandon gift shop, it is now the National Bank of Middlebury for the current generation of Brandonites.

“Small towns with main streets keep downtowns as vital as possible,” said Caroline Carpenter. “We’re here to be in the community. We want you to know your banker by name.”

Flood zone

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ter & Climate Team at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The delay in integrating climate data stems in part from the Trump administration, said FEMA spokesperson Jeremy Edwards. “Climate resilience was not a priority,” he said, which limited what could be done. Now, he said it’s a top concern. The agency is “working toward” incorporating future conditions into its maps, especially sea level rise, Rodriguez said. That data should be available by the end of the 2025 fiscal year.

But inland flood risk is more challenging to model, Rodriguez said, and the science “is just not evolved enough to be able to credibly provide information around future conditions.” More broadly, FEMA’s Future of Flood Risk Data initiative aims to adopt a graduated analysis of risk rather than the binary “in” or “out” approach that currently exists with regard to flood zones.

In the meantime, Rodriguez says roughly 84 percent of FEMA’s maps are “current and updated,” which exceeds the agency’s goal of 80 percent. As for the remaining areas, he said, “resources are certainly a consideration. We have to prioritize.” The focus has been on those areas at highest risk, often places with large populations. But, he added, “communities can make requests to FEMA to update that flood hazard information” at any time.

While the maps are lagging behind, FEMA has in recent years modernized its model for setting insurance rates. The revamped system, called Risk Rating 2.0, uses many inputs in addition to maps, including private data from contractors such as CoreLogic and Atkins. But this more accurate assessment of risk is only accessible through an insurance company or agent.

First Street has made its model publicly available at Riskfactor.com, where anyone can type in an address and receive user-friendly risk information for any property in the U.S. Redfin and Realtor.com have also incorporated the data. It tries to improve on FEMA’s work by, among other things, covering the entire country, taking climate change into account, and incorporating rain and other precipitation hazards.

Many states and municipalities have undertaken their own mapping efforts. Since 2000, Mecklenburg County and the city of Charlotte, North Carolina have been including current and future floodplains on its official maps. The Harris County Flood District has worked with FEMA to update its maps, which when released later this year will be the first in the nation to incorporate urban stormwater flooding.

“This update is really a transformational way of thinking about floodplains,” Tina Petersen, the executive director of the district, told the Houston Chronicle. The size of the floodplain will also increase by about a third.

a brown house on the side of a road.

Vermont’s effort to improve on federal maps began in the early 2000s. “We came to realize that so much of our flood risk is due to flood-related erosion,” said Rob Evans, manager of Vermont’s River Program. “[But] the FEMA maps really don’t capture river dynamics at all.”

The state set out to chart where rivers should, or would, go during a flood. “This is the minimum space the river needs to be least erosive,” Evans explained. Sometimes these so-called “river corridor” maps overlap with federal flood zones, but often they are significantly more

expansive. The state, for instance, captured the potential for flooding on Beinin’s property that FEMA did not.

“We have a number of towns that have adopted river corridors into their zoning,” said Evans, and so has the state. That means river corridors must be taken into account when planning construction and to what standards it is built.

That said, Vermont maps aren’t as well known or ingrained in policy as FEMA’s (Beinin and other flood victims Grist interviewed didn’t know about them). That’s another reason it’s critical that FEMA finish mapping the whole country, a project Berginnis group estimates will cost between \$3.2 billion and \$11.8 billion.

But even the most advanced flood models are still evolving. Landslides, for example, are one hazard that most of them don’t include, said Beverly Wemple, a professor of geography and geosciences at the University of Vermont. A rain-induced landslide tore a home off its foundation not far from Beinin’s house. The same thing happened to another house an hour south in Rip-ton.

“We don’t have an approach to capturing flood impacts in mountainous terrain,” said Wemple. “They are hugely vulnerable to damage”

Berginnis has seen some signs that federal flood maps may improve in coming years. Last year’s bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$492 million to update the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration precipitation database that underlays much of FEMA’s work in this area. But he said more can and should be done.

“Why are we so addicted to spending on disaster recovery rather than investing in disaster prevention?” he asked. “We don’t have that same urgency.”



A RENTAL PROPERTY, seen on July 18, 2023, on Granite Street in Barre, where the first floor was evacuated after the flood. Photo by Auditi Guha/VTDigger

Peregrine Falcons

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gist Margaret Fowle, who coordinates the monitoring effort on behalf of the Fish and Wildlife Department, biologists and volunteers monitored peregrine pairs that occupied at least 50 Vermont cliffs in early spring and summer.

“We greatly appreciate the time and effort volunteers put into monitoring the population this year, and we thank landowners and recreationists for their cooperation in protecting nesting

peregrines from human disturbance,” said Fowle.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife and Audubon Vermont partner to monitor and protect peregrine nesting sites in Vermont. Peregrine falcons were removed from the state’s Threatened and Endangered Species List in 2005. Ongoing cooperation from recreationists and continued monitoring efforts by Vermont Fish and Wildlife and Audubon Vermont will help ensure the peregrine’s remarkable recovery in future years.

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