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Reporter advice columnist

**NEW FEATURE!**

“Ask Joyce”: The Reporter’s new advice column. Send Joyce your questions about family, romance, friendships.

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**HARD TELLIN'**

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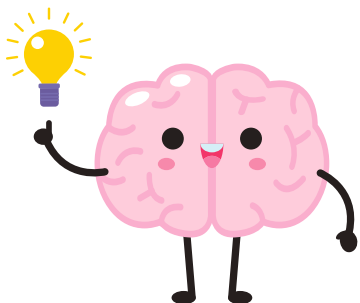
Proctor’s Fall Festival brought hundreds to Main Street Park

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**LIFE'S A STAGE**

Peter Schumann of Bread & Puppet reflects on 60 years of political theater in Vermont.

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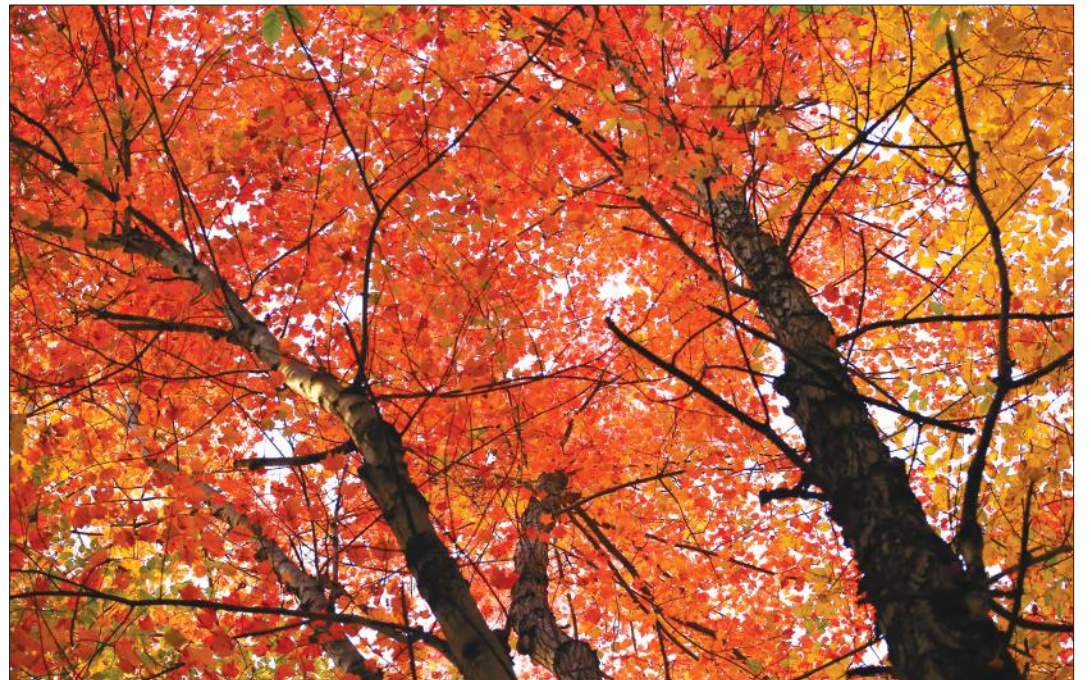
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## Adventures of Starship Bean #1

BY GEORGE FJELD

Starship Bean was dragged down muddy, bumpy roads to Groton State Forest and specifically New Discovery State Campground last week. An informal get-together of Brandonites new and old was planned last spring and mid-September chosen for its usual moderate temperatures and generally nice weather. Not so this year! Like the rest of our summer, this “Indian summer” was less than pleasant. Gray cloudy skies and incessant rain partially spoiled a midweek adventure for a bunch of retired friends. Half the group showed up the first afternoon and had a good dinner under Bean’s waterproof awning. The following  
(See *Starship Bean #1*, Page 2)



**And so it begins!**

**MOTHER NATURE'S ANNUAL** autumn art show has begun! Though color has been spotty this year, it's definitely around if you make an effort to find it. See page 14 for some more images of this year's kaleidoscopic display.

Photos by Steven Jupiter



**MARION WRIGHT (NEÉ Smith) and her brother, Robert Smith (the author's father), sit atop a toy wagon in the late 1920s. Marion turned 100 last Christmas.**

Photos provided

## At 100, Marion Wright reflects on her childhood in Pittsford

BY KEN SMITH

PITTSFORD—My Aunt Marion turned 100 years old on Christmas Day this year. She grew up on the same farm on Furnace Road in Pittsford that I did, only 30 years earlier. The farm was more active at that point and, in its prime, milked 30 Jersey cows and supported several families.

When speaking about the farm

in a recent interview, she reported, “I never had a desire to have any other kind of life. I loved all the animals. We had chickens and goats and turkeys as well as the milking cows. I did like to work on the farm. My Dad taught me how to rake hay and I begged him to teach me how to milk a cow, but he kept saying I was too young. Finally, when I was about

(See *Marion Wright*, Page 9)

Book review

## 'Vermont Book of the Dead' offers a fun, macabre tour of Vermont's best graveyards

BY STEVEN JUPITER

New Englanders have always had a gothic streak. From our earliest days, we've been obsessed with spirits and ghosts and our cemeteries often reflect a macabre disposition. Headstones in our ancient graveyards can be elaborately carved, with skulls and other symbols of death, and sometimes bear inscriptions urging us to ponder our impermanence.

Just in time for Halloween month, author Roxie Zwicker has recently released the Vermont installment of her “Book of the Dead” series, which focuses on graveyards and their lore state by state through New England. Zwicker has made a career of New England macabre and knows her stuff. The book is a fascinating, entertaining romp through some of Vermont’s most notable boneyards, sometimes focusing on the artistry of the headstones and sometimes on

the stories of the people interred thereunder. Even though the material may initially seem dark to some, Zwicker approaches it as a combination anthropologist/historian, looking at what our burial practices tell us about ourselves and, in this case, the history of Vermont:



**AUTHOR ROXIE ZWICKER in her natural habitat.**

“The burial places of Vermont each share in the telling of the history of Vermont from its earliest settlements through the battles and skirmishes bravely  
(See *Book of the Dead*, Page 3)

# Starship Bean #1

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day brought more rain and muddy trails making biking and hiking short lived adventures. It was even too wet for much fishing! But the rest of the group showed up and a large tarp was erected for dinner. That was lucky, as the weather forecast for the end of the rain did not materialize and another dripping, chilly evening was endured. Well, it was better than that really. With the great food and plentiful libations and the company of good friends, the party managed to have a pretty good time. The weatherperson turned out to be right but a few hours off and the rain finally ended overnight. The third morning dawned bright and chilly but the sun was quick to warm things up. A fabulous breakfast of French Toast with ricotta and fresh berries was accompanied by hash browns and bacon. Now what isn't better with bacon?

Sunshine renewed enthusiasm for outdoor adventures. Two groups of bikers headed in different directions, but 2 poor souls didn't. One had a broken foot confining her to camp and the other is an inveterate fisherman. The camp nanny did some fine knitting and the fisherman man-

aged a 2-pound smallmouth bass. Gathering back for lunch, wildlife sightings were compared. Bikers saw 2 small bears—probably this year's cubs—and a bald eagle. They rescued a painted turtle from sure annihilation on the road. The fisherman had a close encounter with 2 loons and our nanny saw a chipmunk!

Starship Bean, named for her small size and shiny, futuristic appearance, performed admirably well. Here's her account of the event:

I just got back from a dirty, rainy 3 days in a forest with no company and no connections. Can it get worse? I hate to think... Mind you, I'm pretty new and unsoiled, just built last winter in Ohio I'm proud to say. They dragged me on the worst roads, incredibly bumpy and gravelly and I got filthy, and I mean grimy and streaky and BROWN! Almost like I was covered in you know what! Thank goodness They washed me. Although it was a quick and hasty job, it did feel good to have my skin exposed so I can shine. Oh how I love to shine! And I like to be admired by whoever happens by, which always makes me proud. Some think I'm stuck up but I just really like to look



**THE "STARSHIP BEAN,"** a towed camper owned by George and Carol Fjeld of Brandon. Though compact, the camper has all the comforts of home and has been a terrific way to travel the country.

Photo by George Fjeld

good. I heard stories at the factory of other units that were dragged through all the worst conditions and places, then neglected and left to sit in their filthy disgusting skin! I'm really glad my operators gave me that cleaning.

But, you know, that trip wasn't all that bad. My TV is great, just the right size and strength, no worries going up those mountain gaps or braking on the way down. His name is Bull (TV is clearly not a television but a tow vehicle

for those of you unfamiliar with our jargon.) And the views were gorgeous, the roads twisty and turny, and for the most part pretty smooth except for the last bit I described before. The park we stayed at was lovely except for the isolation. I knew there were other units around but they weren't too close, certainly not close enough for me to check them out. Until the last day, I almost forgot, when a long silver bullet pulled in across the way just as we were packing

up. She had the nicest, smoothest skin, so shiny and silvery. She was long and had a huge TV so I figured at least a dozen people lived in her. Boy was I surprised when only 2 people got out! They set up 2 chairs and a tall pole with some kind of panel on it. Moved that around a bit, like they were looking for something in the sky. From where I was I couldn't see anything. I hope they found it. Anyway, it was an interesting trip.

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# Book of the Dead

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fought to establish a thriving state that is rich in beauty and history.”

Zwicker explores Vermont’s cemeteries by region: Southern, South-Central, Central, Northwest, and The Northeast Kingdom. In each, she focuses on a handful of burial sites that seem especially notable, whether for the remarkable statuary (Hope Cemetery in Barre or Dellwood Cemetery in Manchester) or the historical importance (Old Bennington Cemetery) or the uniqueness of the site (Ben and Jerry’s Flavor Graveyard in Waterbury). In our area, Zwicker visits Shard Villa in Salisbury, Middlebury Cemetery in Middlebury, the marble monuments of Proctor, and the Congregational Cemetery in Castleton, letting us know what’s special about these places we pass so frequently without

practice in Washington County where ailing, aged, or weak family members were “killed” for the winter and revived in the spring. You’ll also learn about “receiving tombs” that were used to store corpses of folks who died in the winter until the ground thawed enough for a proper burial in the spring.

In a phone conversation about the book, Ms. Zwicker revealed a fascination with both Vermont and graveyards stretching back to her youth. She grew up in the Pioneer Valley in Massachusetts but visited Vermont often as a child.

“I always had a love for Vermont,” she said. “And I was always asking for spooky stories.”

But her interest in cemeteries goes beyond an interest in the macabre.

“People often take it as morbid,” she said. “But cemeteries are truly museums and they’re often overlooked. You can learn a lot about a community. I always look for the oldest stone when I visit a graveyard for the first time. You can really see in the 18th century where people came from and how the community came together.” Here, Zwicker was referring to the old custom of inscribing the deceased’s place of birth along with the dates of their birth and death.

And part of Zwicker’s mission is to encourage preservation of old boneyards, many of which have suffered the ravages of time and weather. In Vermont, many of the headstones were carved in marble, a relatively soft material that erodes over time. A visit to any 18th- or 19th-century cemetery in Vermont will contain numerous deteriorating headstones, some so worn by the elements that they’re no longer legible.

“When they’re gone, they’re gone,” said Zwicker. “If everybody could take a moment to look at their old graveyards... they’re up against so much. We have a responsibility to them, and I try to be as involved as

possible in my own community.”

In Vermont, Zwicker’s favorite burial sites are the Old Bennington Cemetery, for its historical importance and terrific state of preservation (“Absolutely amazing”) and the Bowman Mausoleum in Cuttingsville, which has one of the most striking pieces of sepulchral statuary in New England. Anyone who’s passed it on Route 103 will never forget it.

In New England overall, Zwicker recommends Burial Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts for the abundance of early colonial stones and striking physical location above the harbor (“the founders are still keeping watch”).

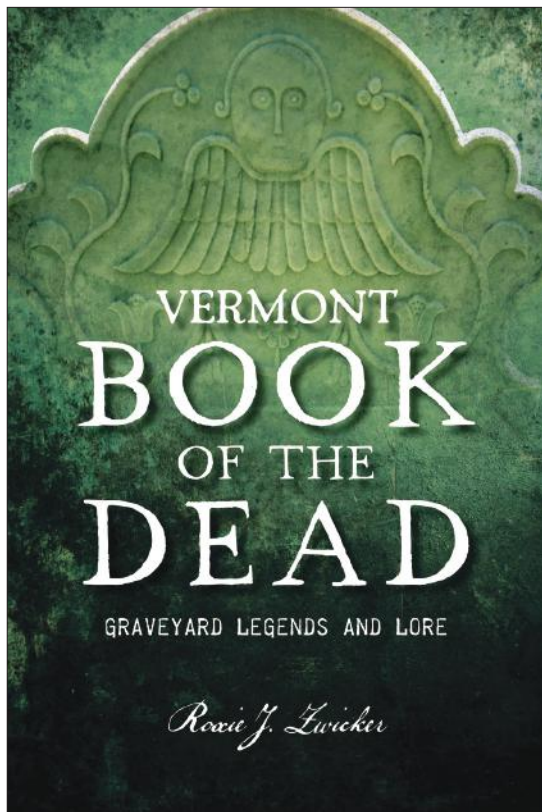
But her favorite cemetery of all is Mt. Auburn in Cambridge, established in 1831 and the first “garden” cemetery in the United States. It’s fair to say that Mt. Auburn revolutionized the way Americans approached cemeteries. Eschewing monotonous rows of stones, Mt. Auburn was designed as a park with winding paths that passed almost incidentally by gravesites. Mt. Auburn is a beautiful place to take a stroll and see the resting places of numerous important figures in New England history.

In fact, Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandon, which was established in the 1850s, was designed in the style of Mt. Auburn and still retains in its older sections the feel of a meandering park rather than a cemetery.

Other burial grounds worth visiting in the area are the Brandon Town Cemetery next to the Congregational Church. There are some lovely examples of the carver’s art in there and some memorable epitaphs. The cemetery was in use from the 1700s until the mid-1800s. The cemetery adjacent to the Pittsford Congregational Church also has some fine old stones. A walk through any of these is a fine way to get into the spirit of Halloween, which began as a holiday to celebrate the dead.

Ms. Zwicker offers tours and lectures on various macabre topics. She will be giving a presentation at the Norwich Inn in Norwich, Vermont on October 7 at 6 p.m. for anyone interested in hearing her speak further on the subject. You can also visit her website at [newenglandcuriosities.com](http://newenglandcuriosities.com) for more information about her work.

“The Vermont Book of the Dead” is available at [historypress.com](http://historypress.com). At only 142 pages, it’s an enjoyable, quick read for those interested in Vermont history and the macabre.



**IN THE “VERMONT Book of the Dead,” Roxie Zwicker shares some of Vermont’s best and most interesting burial sites.**

much thought.

Zwicker also delights in the legends and lore of our state’s graveyards. In Dellwood (Manchester), for example, she delves into the backstory of Isaac Burton and his wives, Hulda and Rachel. Without spoiling the fun, it can be revealed that the story involves claims of vampirism. In Dummerston, Zwicker recounts the belief that entire families could be stricken dead from tuberculosis (then called “consumption”) if a root or vine connected the coffins of a family’s already-stricken members. She goes on to describe a bizarre

## Spotlight On Business COMPASS MUSIC & ARTS CENTER



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EDNA & STEPHEN

We have a bittersweet Spotlight this week. Old friends Stephen and Edna Sutton are closing Compass Music & Arts Center after more than a decade here in their adopted home town. Their contributions to the Brandon community have been widespread and they leave a legacy that highlights their support and encouragement to many start-up businesses. They were a crucial part of Barn Opera’s successful launch and the work, time and money invested in multiple buildings has been enormous. Thank you Edna & Stephen you will be missed and we all wish you the very best. Cherio and safe travels as you head back to England!

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# Peter Schumann on 60 years of Bread and Puppet Theater

BY DAVID GOODMAN/  
VTDIGGER

Sixty years ago, a troupe of performers toting giant papier-mâché puppets and art painted on bed-sheets made its first appearance in a protest march in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. This was the Bread and Puppet Theater, founded by Peter and Elka Schumann. In 1970, the Schumanns moved to Vermont, eventually purchasing a farm in Glover, which has been the home of Bread and Puppet ever since.

Peter Schumann told The Vermont Conversation that the large puppets are “so much more persuasive. It’s so much easier to make it big, make it humongous. People flocked to us. They wanted not to carry somebody else’s slogan, but to be in the puppet (performance).”

Over the course of its six decades, the oversized puppets and art of Bread and Puppet Theater have become the iconic image of protest around the world. It is one of the longest-running nonprofit, self-supporting theater companies in the United States. These days, Bread and Puppet performs in Glover on summer weekends, and tours the country during other times.

In August, The Vermont Conversation spent an afternoon with Peter Schumann talking about his life and work, and 60 years of Bread and Puppet. Schumann is now 89 years old, his long white hair tumbling out from beneath his trademark hat. We sat in his house, a small wooden structure crammed with books and art. At the center of the house

is a cast-iron oven where he bakes bread.

Peter has recently experienced some major life challenges. In 2021, Elka, his beloved wife of 63 years and the mother of his five children, died at the age of 85. This spring, Peter had two strokes. He desperately wanted to leave the hospital and return home, so he persuaded his doctors “by teaching myself to speak as clearly as possible and by repeating myself to have answers” to their questions.

Schumann said that life after Elka has been difficult. “I’m trying to find a way out of the despair,” he said.

One consolation for Schumann is to resume his life of art, protest and performance. He continues to perform with Bread and Puppet each weekend.

Peter Schumann was born in 1934 in Silesia, a region that was then occupied by Nazi Germany but is now mostly in Poland. Having seen fascism as a boy, he fears for the future of the U.S. He decried “this primitive herd of strong men methodologies of how to solve problems.”

What is the future of Bread and Puppet?

“This I don’t know,” Schumann said. “There have to be so many people who want to do it (but) it doesn’t mean it’s the same. It can’t be, it won’t be. The only thing that can be transported in a reasonable way is the methodology. What do you do? How do you make art? (See Legislative report, Page 23)

## Correction

**CORRECTION:** In last week’s article “Remembering the Mitroff Years at the Brandon Inn,” there was a reference to the “Congregational Church Cemetery.” The cemetery adjacent to the Brandon Congregational Church is owned by the Town of Brandon and not by the church.

In last week’s issue, the article “Nonprofit forms to rehab old Brandon High” implied that the school building had not been used since Otter Valley opened in 1961. In fact, the building was used as a grade school from 1961 until some time in the early 1980s.

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## Bird in a moose bog!

THIS IS A Canada jay at Moose Bog taking advantage of free peanuts. The birds cache seeds for the upcoming winter.

Photo by Sue Wetmore

## Community Forums

### Rabbit hunters be aware of virus

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus, a highly contagious virus capable of affecting rabbits and snowshoe hare, is appearing in states close to Vermont and may show up here according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

The department does not think this virus is present in Vermont at this time, but it is

thought to be spreading eastward from the western United States. The virus does not affect other wildlife, humans or pets, except rabbits. It spreads through direct contact with infected rabbits or indirectly through contact with contaminated surfaces.

Sudden mortality in healthy rabbits occurs with this virus,

and infected rabbits may be lethargic, reluctant to move, or have blood coming out of the nostrils or mouth.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife advises hunters not to harvest rabbits that appear sick.

“If you find a wild dead rabbit and it’s not obvious what killed it, please contact us,” (See Rabbit hunters, Page 6)

## Learn to protect yourself from Medicare fraud

Estimates put our country’s annual losses to Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse at \$65 billion. It is everyone’s duty to protect this critical health benefit by learning to recognize the signs of Medicare crime and stop the scams before they

happen. Prevent, Detect, Report is a short introduction to the basics of protecting your Medicare information, presented by the staff of Community of Vermont Elders, which administers the state’s chapter of Senior Medi-

care Patrol. From learning how to read your monthly statement to the importance of never giving out your Medicare number unsolicited, this program provides critical information for all (See Medicare fraud, Page 6)

## 3 on 3 Basketball League 5th–8th graders

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coaches. Schedule\*: October 21: 1 hour introductory session. Boys: 10 AM to 11 AM. Girls: 11 AM to 12 PM (must attend to be selected for a team)

Sunday October 22, October 29, November 5, November 12 – Regular Sessions Boys: 3 PM to 4:30 PM. Girls: 4:30 PM to 6 PM.

Sunday November 19 Double Elimination Tournament (spectators welcome.) 10 AM to 1 PM.

## Letter to the Editor

### Sidewalk accessibility updates will make 'an even better Brandon' a reality

Speaking as a friend of those with mobility issues who have been forced to traverse the traveled portion of the streets in Brandon for as long as I can remember, it seemed like the disabled were as invisible as the condition of the sidewalks on Carver Street and Pearl to area leaders. It gladdened my heart to see the Selectboard take these members of our community into account in designating the ma-

jority of the remaining ARPA funds to repair the town's sidewalks.

Those with mobility issues are among THE largest minority group in Brandon. So, it's also nice to see genuine, rather than what often appears to be politically driven, inclusivity, given our town's demographics.

It is a relief to now know that my friends with mobility issues will soon no longer have

to put themselves in the danger of oncoming traffic to navigate town. This truly will make "an even better Brandon" and I am pleased to extend my gratitude to the Selectboard for making this wise and philanthropic decision.

*Thank you,  
Vicki Disorda  
Brandon*

## Leicester News

### Taxes are due and bingo is fun!

Town Clerk Julie Delphia reminds residents that 2023 property taxes are due by the end of the day, Wednesday, Nov. 15. Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment.

To avoid taxes being delinquent, make sure payments are delivered on time.

The Leicester Historical Society is sponsoring Prize Bingo on Sat., Oct 14, at 1:00 pm. at the Senior Center. Refreshments are served and all are welcome. Funds raised help with the maintenance of the historical buildings at the Four Corners.

## Chaffee Art Center's 62nd Annual Art in the Park in Rutland

Chaffee Art Center's 62nd Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival will take place October 7 & 8 in Rutland's Main Street Park at the Junction of Routes 4 & 7. Juried fine artists, craftspeople, and specialty food producers will be featured. Rounding out the festival are food vendors, live music, Free kids' activities, and demonstra-

tions of works in progress held throughout the weekend. Hours: Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. A voluntary donation is appreciated.

We invite everyone to visit this fun event. Attendees will enjoy the variety of unique handcrafts and fine art that will be on exhibit and available for purchase at the outdoor festival. The visual

arts are represented by a selection of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, and photographs. A full array of crafts will be featured: pottery; fiber items such as hand-made clothing, quilted items, knit hats, ponchos, hand-dyed screen-printed clothing; stained glass suncatchers and mobiles; stone candle lamps; variety of jewelry; wooden furniture,

bowls, lamps, cutting boards, birdhouses, Hobbit houses and painted barn quilts; aromatherapy and herbal products; candles; metal garden art; hand lettered cards, prints, apparel and stickers; and more!

Food concessions will be selling their delicious food both days. And for the sweet tooth, there will be apple pie sundaes,

cotton candy, ice cream floats, Kettle Corn, Kettle Fudge and Roasted Nuts. Live music will be performed all day on Saturday and Sunday featuring Caber Wilson, Dirty Red Hearts, James Cram, Breanna Elaine, and Jamie Snook. Back again this year are Chaffee Bucks that will be given away randomly at the

*(See Art in the Park, Page 6)*

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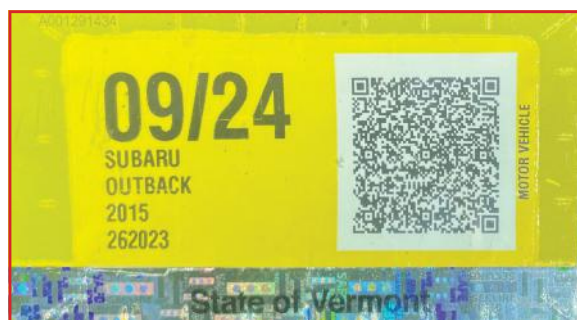


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# Obituaries

## Douglas Spencer Pond, 93, Pittsford

Douglas Spencer Pond, age 93, passed away Friday, September 8, 2023, at Mountain View Center in Rutland.

Doug was born in Saranac Lake, NY on September 26, 1929. He was the son of Clarence and Matilda (Cardinal) Pond. He grew up in Brandon, where he received his early education and graduated from Brandon High School, class of 1947. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in Korea for over 18 months. Following his Honorable Discharge, he returned home. He began his

working career as a truck driver for Goddard Trucking. He really became a cracker-jack mechanic, working on heavy equipment, for Pike Industries and later for OMYA, for many years. He loved driving his Saab. He was an avid golfer and belonged to Proctor-Pittsford Country Club. He was predeceased by his first wife, June, and his second wife, Marie.

Surviving are several nieces, nephews, & cousins. He was also predeceased by a sister, June Haag, and 2 brothers, Edwin and Gerald Pond.

The graveside committal service and burial, with Military Honors, will take place on October 6, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., at the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery in Pittsford.

Following the ceremony, the family will receive friends at Brandon American Legion Post #55, for a time of remembrance.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made, in his memory, to a charity of one's choice.

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

## Medicare Fraud

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Medicare beneficiaries.

Join us on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 2 PM at the Shoreham Congregational

Church for this free presentation called Prevent, Detect, Report.

Learn to protect yourself from scammers who want to

steal your Medicare information. Everyone is welcome to attend this informative and free presentation.

## Rabbit hunters

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said David Sausville with Fish and Wildlife.

“When hunters are field-dressing rabbits, wear disposable gloves, securely bag entrails and other remains, and dispose of them in the trash. Do not discard remains where

other animals may have access to them.”

Similar to all wild game preparation, you should wear disposable gloves and refrain from eating, drinking and smoking while handling and cleaning game. Meat should be cooked thoroughly to an inter-

nal temperature of 165 degrees and all surfaces in contact with meat should be cleaned and disinfected.

For current information on Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease, visit this website: [tinyurl.com/2tax6ut4](http://tinyurl.com/2tax6ut4)

## Art in the Park

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VOLUNTEERS are very much needed to help during the event from set-up on Friday, gates on Saturday and Sunday, and tear down on Sunday. Please send an email to [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org) to sign up, or call 802.775.0356.

Art in the Park is Vermont's oldest continuing arts tradition, and the Chaffee Art Center's major fund-raising event, occurring twice yearly in mid-summer and autumn. The festival is sponsored by: MVP Health Care, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Heritage Family Credit Union, Stew-

art's Shops, Voity Electrical, Price Chopper Supermarkets/Market 32. In-kind: Casella Waste Management, Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, Hull Maynard Hersey Insurance. Kid's Activities: Wonderfeet.

Stop in during open hours and explore our current Exhibit “Then & Now,” with a special feature showcasing highlights

of people and businesses that have contributed so much for their communities, Vermont and beyond: Ann Clark Ltd.; PegTV (30th Anniversary); and Vermont County Store. Chaffee artist mem-

bers' works will be on display and for sale throughout the first and second floors, as well as in the Gallery Shoppe that is filled with handmade treasures and gift ideas for any occasion. Be sure to browse the rest of the mansion and take in the 1890's architecture. This exhibit will be on display until October 28th. Chaffee Art Center Hours: Wednesday through Friday Noon to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 3pm. 16 South Main Street, Rutland, VT. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org); [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org); 802.775.0356.

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**THE JENNE FARM, situated in the rural hills of Windsor County, has appeared in Budweiser commercials and the film "Forrest Gump."**  
Photo by Linuspop

## Another of Vermont's most photographed farms off limits to leaf peepers

BY ETHAN WEINSTEIN/  
VTDIGGER

Jenne Farm, often called one of Vermont's most-photographed, is off-limits to tourists this October.

The town of Reading decided to close Jenne Road to all non-local traffic through the end of this month and recently added no-parking signs along the road, Gordy Eastman, the selectboard chair, told VTDigger.

The Jenne Farm, situated in the rural hills of Windsor County, has appeared in Budweiser commercials and the film "Forrest Gump." A quick search of Instagram shows page after page of photos, especially during foliage season, featuring the property's red barn, farmhouse and other structures. Grinning

visitors in plaid and earth tones smile from the dirt road above the farm, while others appear to venture questionably onto the farm's green hillside.

Earlier this autumn, nearby Pomfret decided to close the road to Sleepy Hollow Farm, another favorite destination for tourists seeking a fall-in-Vermont Instagram snapshot, in order to prevent excessive traffic jams and trespassing.

In Reading, the selectboard heard from Jenne Road residents last month asking for action to curb the number of peepers flocking to Jenne Farm. Quietly, the board decided to act.

"We're getting a lot of negative comments from the resi-

BY DAVE PRAAMSMA

Of all the tall tales I have told my children, the one I feel least guilty about is my claim to have an intuitive expertise in sunsets. (Other claims, like how drinking coffee underage will make you grow bushels of nose hairs, I now feel slightly bad about.) But a "sunsetologist," in case you didn't know, has divine powers to forecast those really spectacular sunsets. And the ability to force their kids to go on walks they are not all that interested in... to see sunsets they aren't that excited about. Which in my book is thoroughly defensible behavior. (You parents without sin may cast the first stone.)

I won't sugarcoat it: to be a really persuasive sunset authority will require a bit of theatrics. With utter conviction you'll maybe need to wave the Old Farmers' Almanac around. Maybe crane your face up at the sky and spout some completely unscientific nonsense like "Honey? Isn't today supposed to be a double vernal equinox!" Or "Wait, wait...aren't we due for an enlarged solar parabola mid-July?" You're just not going to get whole families to

# Hard Tellin'

BY DAVE PRAAMSMA

## Sunsetology

trudge out to hilltops to see sunsets without embroidering the facts a little.

If you happen to be a sun gazer of any seriousness, however, I probably don't need to tell you that dramatic sunsets are, by definition, slippery and unpredictable moments. An astonishingly beautiful explosion of purple or red is probably more likely to ambush you while at home doing the dishes than while on an anniversary sunset cruise you spent good money on. As wonderful as sunsets are, they just aren't that cooperative.

Of course, it goes without saying that over the years I may have lost some credibility as a sunsetologist. (That this coincided with my children's middle-school years probably needs no explanation.) I have soldiered on, however, with any excuse I could muster. "High

Humidity" was one go-to predictor I have used quite frequently. (Complete baloney.) Or just that summer sunsets are more colorful in general. (More baloney) Actually, the clean air of late fall seems more favorable, if anything. But I think most Vermonters can agree that a mediocre summer sun-

*Apparently, the good folks of Santorini have a daily tradition of congregating on the shores to usher out the day with nothing short of a standing ovation.*

set at 8:50 still trumps those unreasonably early 4:30 sunsets of late November. (The gloomy injustice of these abbreviated days totally cancels any light show Mother Nature might throw at you.)

But ask any diehard sunset chasers, and you'll probably hear some ballyhoo about "the absolute best place to see a sunset." Usually it comes down to someone's opinion that certain locations are more favorable than others. Like they got the inside track on some new an-

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# Ask Joyce

## Reporter advice columnist

### How can I tell if my husband is telling the truth?

Dear Joyce:

I just saw a dating app on my husband's phone. Even though it was under his "recent apps," he denies using it. I want to believe him, but I can't help being suspicious and it's eating at me.

*-Sad & Suspicious*

Dear Sad & Suspicious:

This clearly goes to the very heart of your relationship—your belief and trust in your husband. I cannot make decisions for you, but I will encourage you to begin what will be difficult but open discussions as a way to determine whether your trust can be restored.

Before you begin, I want to be clear that the discussions I am suggesting should include hard questions. Questions that may provide answers you may not like. Are you prepared to hear them? Remember that you set the standards by which you live. Only you make the decisions about what will happen on your path. Be certain you know what it is you need and are clear about what your contribution to this issue might be before you begin.

All that being said, I wonder if this is the first time a situation like this has presented itself? Has infidelity been an issue before? Have you felt suspicious at other times during the course of your 10 years? Also, do you feel that you are getting what you need from your husband emotionally and physically, and equally important does he feel that you are providing those for him? If he does admit that he has in fact used the app, what may have made him do so? What might be lacking in your marriage that

that kind of contact provides for him? These are the hard questions I am talking about. This is the difficult discussion I strongly suggest you have. Without them I fear your suspicions will grow worse and erode the peace of mind essential for yourself and for a lasting marriage.

I recognize how the purchase of a new house together puts added stress on the both of you to come to terms with this issue and a comfortable resolution for the both of you but again how will it ever be the home you want if you do not have the joy of a safe and loving relationship? Hard as this is to say and hear, houses can be sold. Consider how life might be if you are in it and with someone you don't fully trust or feel secure with.


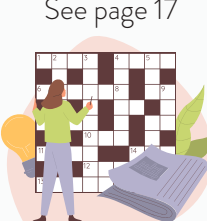

It's time to lay things on the line and face the truth as much as possible for the both of you.

*"Joyce" is a local social worker (Masters of Social Work) and counselor with decades of experience helping people sort through personal problems. Her responses are \*advice only\* and neither she nor The Reporter takes responsibility for any outcomes of the situations described in the letters received.*

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### Sharpen your mind with our puzzles.

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# Marion Wright

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10 years old, he taught me how to milk a cow. My Dad sat me on the stool and I think the cow knew that I wasn't a regular milker and would hold back milk. I couldn't 'strip' a cow because my hands weren't strong enough. ('strip-ping' a cow is getting the last of the milk) so my dad or brother would have to come behind me

wonder why it took her so long to get the cows and she would have to make up some story about it. She also talks about a yearly fall event involving the small farm version of a "cattle drive." Her dad and brother had purchased a 100-acre plot of land in Chittenden that we referred to as the Wildcat. Every fall, the grass on the farm was wearing thin and

ter, they had a black bear on the farm. There was a restaurant in Middlebury that had a mini zoo and my dad took in their bear for the winter. There was a cave-like room in the barn where the bear would sleep. Dad would bring the bear into the house and the whole family played with it. Sometimes my mom would bring the bear in during the day and he would lay in the kitchen. We all thought it was a great thing.

Dad was famous for his hard cider which he made every year. He would go to the village and bring back a friend and they would drink cider and tell stories. My mom would get mad at them because they would steal her canning jars."

A tragic event occurred one summer during an annual family picnic at the Deep Hole.

"We had a lot of cousins, and they were playing on the rocks at the swimming hole and my 6-year-old brother Charles slipped into the river without being noticed and drowned. The river made a lot of noise and nobody noticed or heard him but all of a sudden he was missing. Mom and Dad knew they had to carry on and didn't have time to mourn since the cows had to be milked and the family fed. I was only 4 1/2 years old at the time but my brother Charles and I were very close. We had the funeral service at the farm in the parlor. For two weeks in the summer, Verner Thompson and his wife would come to the farm from the city. He worked for an oil company. Verner and his wife became the best of friends with my mom and dad. Verner was a very good photographer and took many beautiful pictures of the farm and farm life. Not many of the kids I went to school with attended college and a lot of them were farm kids. I had a few boyfriends who were farmers but I told them not to get too attached because I wasn't

the whole neighborhood would get together and drive the young cattle to the Wildcat farm in Chittenden. It was an event that everyone looked forward to on a yearly basis.

"At one point, they took in a boy who needed a home, and his name was Duff and he helped out on the farm and my brother competed with him to see who could get the most work done. A man named Charlie also came at times to work on the farm for a few days in exchange for meals. One win-



**THE SMITH FARMSTEAD on Furnace Road in Pittsford, circa 1890-1900. The gentlemen being pulled by horses are the author's great-grandfather Charles Smith and Charles's son Harry.**

and do that. Then when I got a little older and my dad depended on me to help milk, I regretted the fact that I had ever learned."

She tells of her adventures of going to get the cows in the pasture at milking time and sneaking off to her favorite swimming hole called the Deep Hole, a popular swimming spot on Furnace Brook. They did not feed the cows grain in the summer, so they had no reason to come back to the barn. Her Dad would



**MARION WRIGHT TURNED 100 last Christmas. She currently lives at the Gables in Rutland.**



**MARION AT THREE or four years of age with her mother, Ethel Smith, in the mid-1920s.**

about to marry a farmer. The farm boys would come to school right after milking and the girls would be holding their nose. I told them it didn't bother me a bit because that's what I live with. We had a swimming hole in the pasture on the little brook which formed a natural pond. Us girls liked to swim naked there and the boys would 'come over the hill' to watch and we would all hide. We would do the same thing with the

boys, sneak up on them to watch them skinny dipping. It wasn't all work on the farm."

Aunt Marion moved to New York City, became a nurse, and joined the service. She created a wonderful family with her husband, George, and three kids. She has had a very adventurous life and continues to enjoy life and live in the moment. She is truly an amazing woman!



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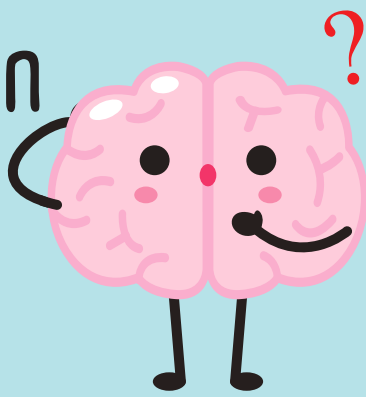
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TEACHER: Dasha Kalisz



# Brandon Brain Buster



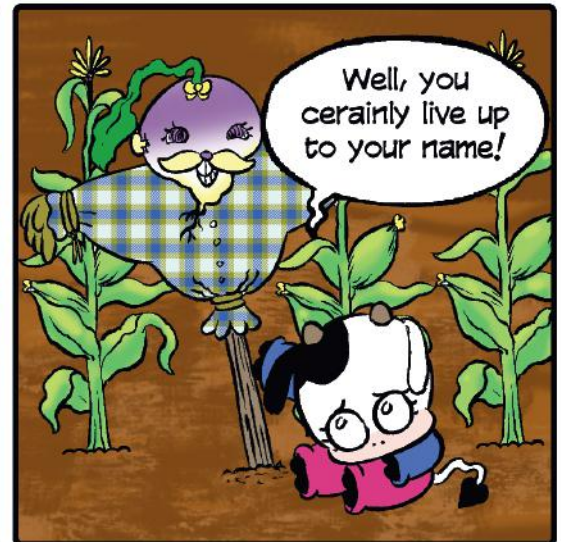
A certain school has  $x$  students and 4 classrooms, each of which has a maximum capacity of 10 students. When all of the students are assigned to the classrooms, all of the rooms are filled to capacity except for one, which has exactly 5 students in it. If the rooms do not need to be filled to capacity, what is the minimum number of additional classrooms that

would be necessary to ensure that every classroom had the same number of students in it?

- (0)
- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (5)

Answer on pg.21

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# Calendar of events

## October

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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All are welcome in.

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

#### 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](http://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.



## Family friendly Opera October 13th & 14th

BARN Opera and The Lyric Opera of Whoville present Rossini's "La Cenerentola" ("Cinderella"), a kid-centric, family-friendly production designed to engage children even if they can't understand the original Italian, which will be presented as "Who language" (from Dr. Seuss).

At the BARN Opera House, 1386 Pearl Street in Brandon. Tickets and additional information at [barnopera.com](http://barnopera.com).

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

### 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!

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#### Maclure Library Knitting Circle

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#### Corn Hole at the Godnick Adult Center

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## Sweater Weather Soiree: A Fall Fantasy in Vermont!



Come Alive Outside and the Real Rutland are delighted to co-host the Sweater Weather Soiree on October 14th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This free fall extravaganza at the Center Street Market Place in Rutland, Vermont, and promises a day of fall festivities and community spirit, including a truck full of puppies, live music and sweaters of all stripes and sizes.

What can folks expect at the Sweater Weather Soiree? Here's a look at some of the festivities:

**Homegrown Delights:** Folks can taste yummy treats from Marble Valley Catering and Inspired Cooking and warm up with a cup of Spicy Chai. They can also explore local products and goods at various vendor stalls, including Fairy Hair, and is Rad, and Phoenix Books.

**Live Tunes:** Musician Elizabeth Kelly will play at the soiree, set the mood for the event, while Nanci Gordon will bring the energy and keep the fun rolling.

**Free Activities:** Enjoy fun interactive activities and games provided by Come Alive Outside and other Rutland organizations. Join Come Alive Outside for an urban legends stroll through downtown Rutland at 4:30, or sing some tunes during "scary-oke" our Halloween-themed karaoke, instead.

**Sweater Swap and Auction:** Get ready for a sweater swap and auction at 3pm, where patrons can trade or bid on funky and cozy fall sweaters. Bring a sweater to swap or simply pick a new one. The sweater swap is free to all. The Sweater Auction has items from local stores, along with national retailers up for bid. Auction-goers might find their new favorite autumn fashion piece!

**Butternut Golden Retrievers:** A truck full of Golden Retrievers will wag their way into the soiree. Visit them for pets, pics, or both!

**Outdoor Movie Screening:** As the sun sets, gather with friends and family for an outdoor screening of Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Scary Stories is based on a book series for young adults and is rated PG-13 for gore, freaky creatures and supernatural scares. All children under 16 must

be accompanied by an adult. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on the grass and enjoy the film.

The Sweater Weather Soiree is a FREE event, and no RSVP is needed. We invite the community to come together, celebrate the joys of fall, and make unforgettable memories.

Join Come Alive Outside and Real Rutland on October 14th at the Center Street Market Place in Rutland, VT, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM for the Sweater Weather Soiree.

For more information, visit [www.comealiveoutside.com](http://www.comealiveoutside.com) or follow us on social media @comealiveoutside.



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## Friday 6th

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Program at the Godnick Center, Rutland, 1:30. Preregister at [learn.uvm.edu/olli/rutland](http://learn.uvm.edu/olli/rutland), or call 802-656-5817. \$8.00 for non-members.



## Saturday 7th

Sharing Creative Talents at the Brandon United Methodist Church  
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## Goings on around town



## "Bootified Brandon" Halloween Decoration Contest!

Brandon is loaded with creative people as well as folks who just like to have fun! So it makes sense that Brandon Rec would collaborate with friends Barbara Scribner from the Inn on Park Street (check out their amazing decorations already!) and Trish Lafayette to create a townwide Halloween decorating contest!

Registration is on the [Brandonvt.myrec.com](http://Brandonvt.myrec.com) website. For \$10, you'll be able to register your house and have a chance to be the Halloweenest house in town! The DEAD-line for registration is October 20. Voting is \$1 per vote, and will be taken at various businesses, where you can also get maps of participating, Boo-tiful houses during the week of October 20-26. The winners will be announced at Spooksville, the famous Trunk or Treat at Estabrook Park on Friday, October 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Categories will be: Homes, Businesses, and Apartment Complexes. And the prizes are pretty cool! So get your Zombie friends to vote for you, with plenty of pictures on social media and beyond! Let's have fun!

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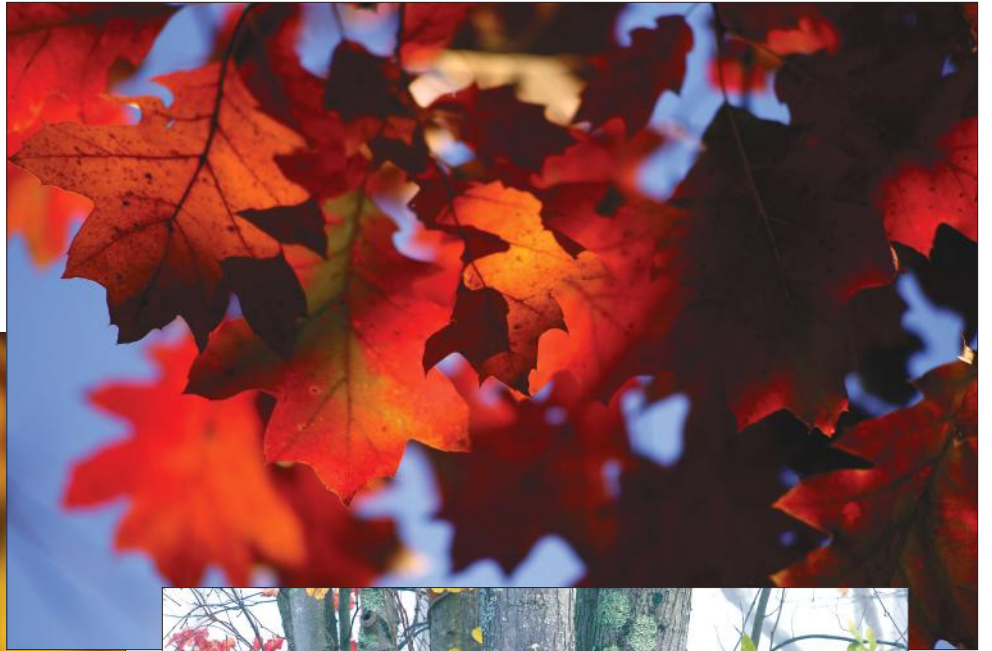
Saturday, Oct 21st @12pm

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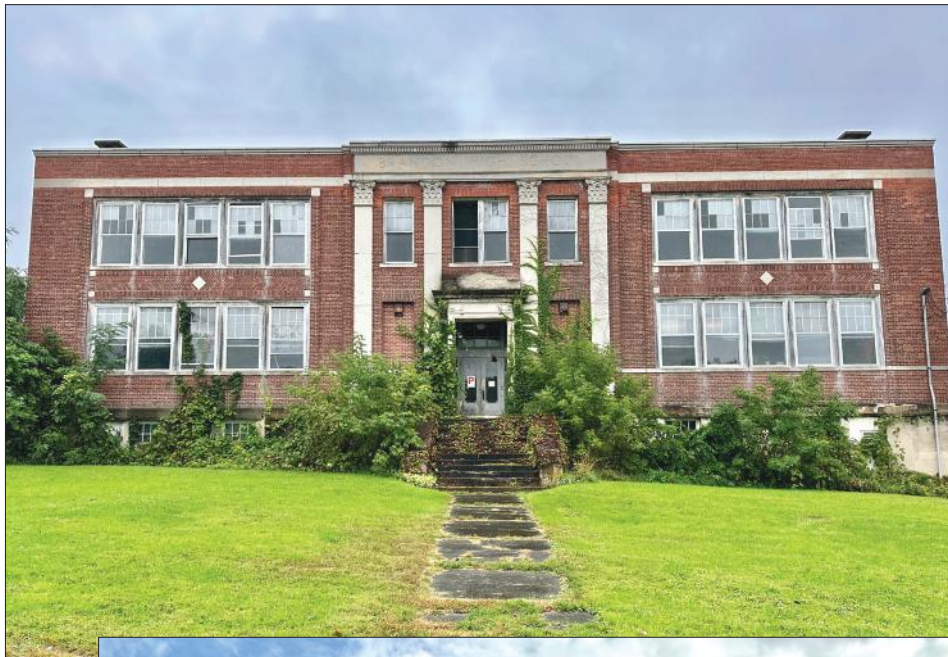
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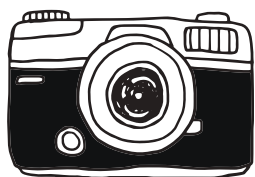


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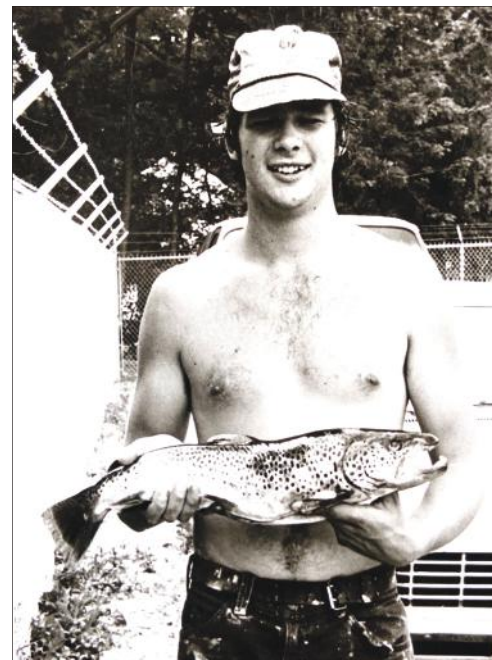


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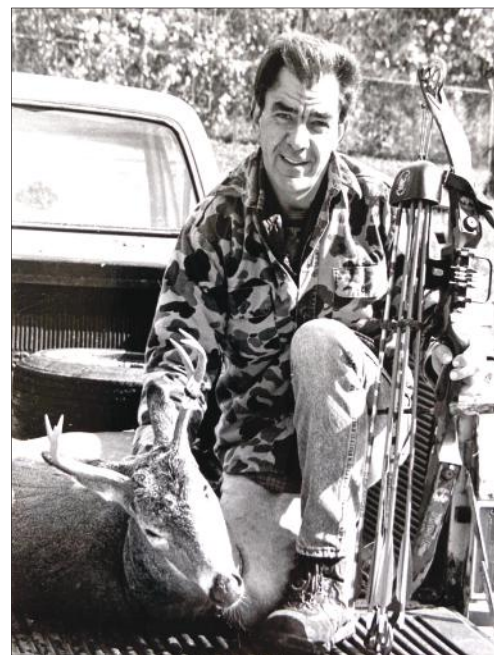
Can you identify any of the people in these vintage photos from Mim Welton's Dateline Brandon newspaper archives? Let us know!



## Recognized



Kirk Kimble says this is Tommy Mc Patton who used to live in Brandon. Kirk thinks that Tommy lives in New York now.



Kirk also identified this man as Roger Forest who lives just south of Brandon.



Christie Whittemore recognizes the two carriers of the Otter Valley banner. On the left is Brandy Baldwin and Marsha (Sutphin) Forrest is on the right. Both women were class of 1993.

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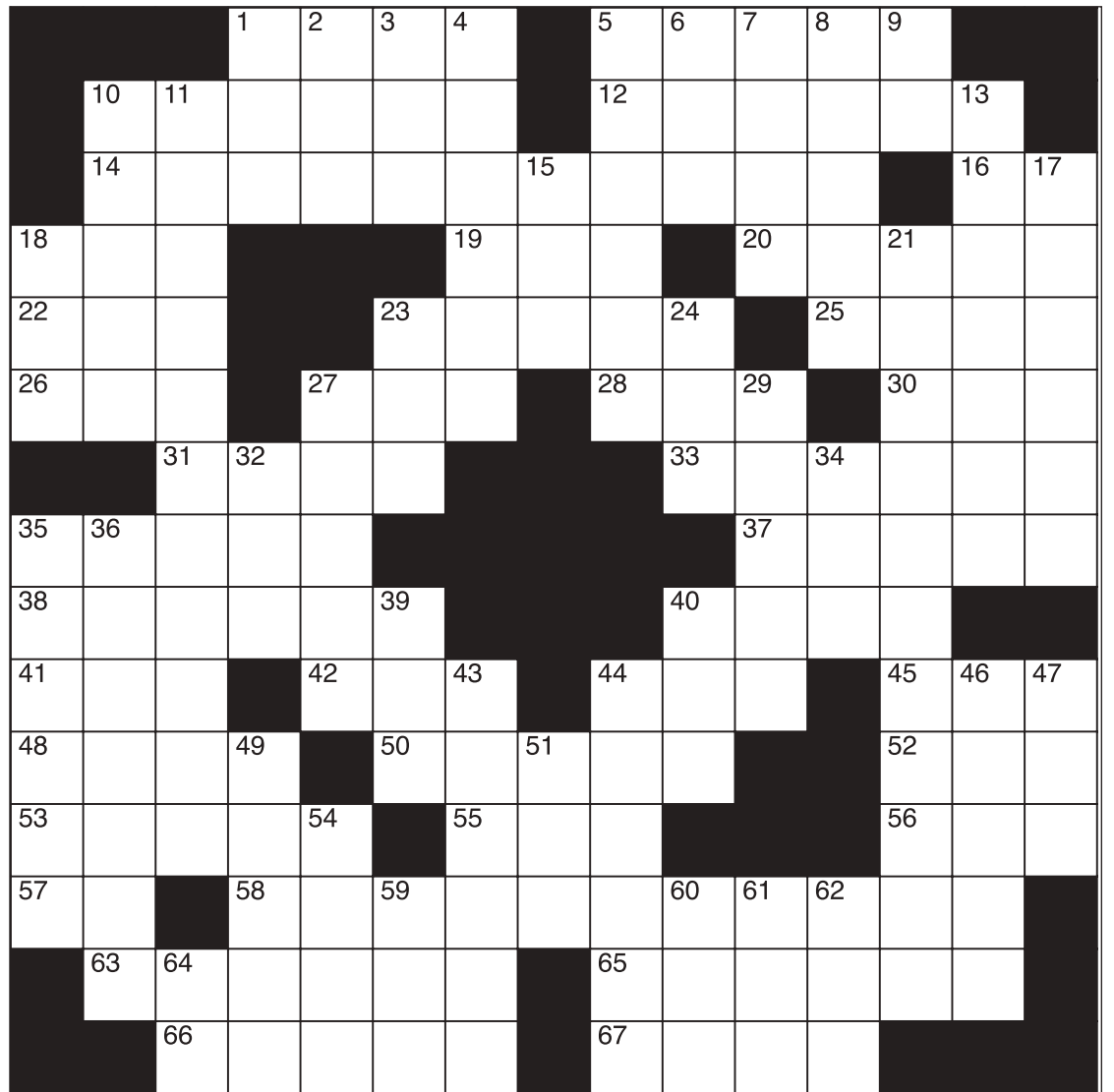
# Crossword

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Flat tableland with steep edges
5. Byproduct of fire
10. Talked
12. Unique skill
14. Unembarrassed
16. Where teenagers go
18. Boxing's GOAT
19. Used to anoint
20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
22. Auburn great Newton
23. Some are for Christmas
25. Dried, split pulses
26. Self
27. Where to get your mail
28. High schoolers' test
30. Flightless bird
31. Expectorated
33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth
35. Type of patch
37. French river
38. Told on
40. Hillside
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Progressive country musician
45. Witness
48. Brews
50. Yellowish-brown
52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
53. Mexican agave
55. Type of "cast"
56. Popular breakfast food
57. Atomic #52
58. Position north or south of the equator
63. Gadget
65. Another recording
66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
67. Dark brown

## CLUES DOWN

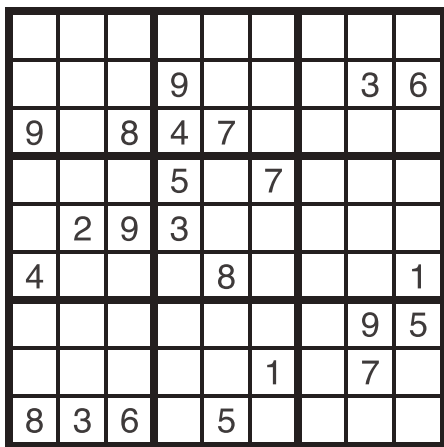
1. Licensed for Wall Street
2. Partner to flow
3. A very large body of water
4. Accumulate on the surface of
5. Central cores of stems
6. Angry
7. Spanish stew: \_\_\_ podrida
8. Fastened with a pin
9. On your way: \_\_\_ route
10. Soviet labor camp system
11. Enmities
13. B complex vitamin
15. Go quickly
17. Toast
18. A team's best pitcher
21. Philly culinary specialty
23. Small child
24. Unhappy
27. Trims away
29. Full of tears
32. Touch softly
34. Former OSS
35. A person's chest
36. Came from behind
39. Fall back
40. Nellie \_\_\_, journalist
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Weather
46. Sports broadcaster lan
47. Electroencephalograph
49. Phenyl salicylate
51. Web of Things
54. Ship goods as cargo
59. The bill in a restaurant
60. Young female
61. OJ trial judge
62. One's grandmother
64. West Siberian river



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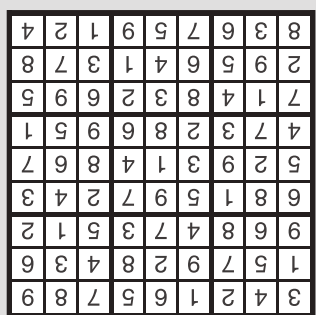
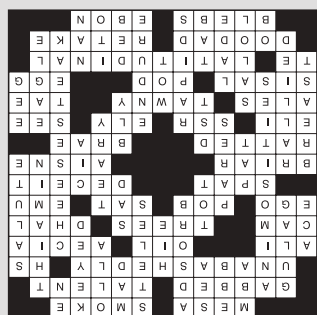
# Sudoku

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.



Level: Intermediate

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# OFF THE SHELF

## NEW BOOKS AND NEWS




### New in adult fiction

#### Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips

In 1874, in the wake of the War, twelve-year-old ConaLee, the adult in her family for as long as she can remember, finds herself on a buckboard journey with her mother, Eliza, who hasn't spoken in more than a year. They arrive at the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia, delivered to the hospital's entrance by a war veteran who has forced himself into their world. There, far from family and a beloved neighbor, they try to reclaim their lives. We begin to learn their story: their flight to the highest mountain ridges of western Virginia; the disappearance of ConaLee's father, who left for the War and never returned. Meanwhile, in the asylum, they begin to find a new path. ConaLee pretends to be her mother's maid; Eliza responds slowly to treatment. They get swept up in the life of the facility—the mysterious man they call the Night Watch; the orphan child called Weed; the fearsome woman who runs the kitchen; the remarkable doctor at the head of the institution.

#### House of Sky and Breath by Sarah J. Maas

Crescent City Book 2. Bryce Quinlan and Hunt Athalar are trying to get back to normal - they may have saved Crescent City, but with

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so much upheaval in their lives lately, they mostly want a chance to relax and figure out what the future holds. The Asteri have kept their word so far, leaving Bryce and Hunt alone. But with the rebels chipping away at the Asteri's power, the threat the rulers pose is growing. As Bryce, Hunt, and their friends get pulled into the rebels' plans, the choice becomes clear: stay silent while others are oppressed or fight for what's right.

#### 23 1/2 Lies by James Patterson

Includes three thrilling tales. 23 1/2 LIES: Lindsay Boxer's estranged father is gunned down execution-style, and her investigation uncovers life-altering truths. FALLEN RANGER: To Rory Yates, being a Texas Ranger means absolute loyalty to the badge. But he's put through the ultimate test when an armored car robbery suspect might be an ex-Ranger gone rogue. WATCH YOUR BACK: When a starving artist is paid to expose his client's cheating wife, can he paint the picture that will save his own life.

#### The Interpreter by Brooke Robinson

Thanks to a nomadic childhood, Revelle Lee is fluent in ten languages, which she puts to use at crime scenes and in courtrooms across London. Being a court interpreter is a stressful job, one that makes her privy to the most personal and often dark details of others' lives. In the meantime, she's close to adopting a six-year-old boy named Elliot from foster care. Revelle is determined to be the mother she never had, and to make up for a terrible mistake she made years ago. Though the sweet, loving little boy is learning to trust her, she's begun receiving disturbing messages which she suspects are from his birth family. When one of her cases involves a murder victim she knew slightly, Revelle fears she's seeing a miscarriage of justice play out. Putting both the adoption and her career at risk, she deliberately mistranslates a Polish man's alibi to put his accused friend behind bars, even though he insists he's innocent. Revelle thinks she's gotten away with it free and clear. But someone seems to know what she's done—and about her long-ago error and its terrible consequences. And they intend to destroy Revelle's life, piece by piece.

## Small scale traffic stops fill the week for the Brandon Police

### September 25

- Brandon Police Department (BPD) conducted a welfare check on a woman in Forestdale whose friend was worried about her. The responding officer was able to determine that the woman was fine.
- BPD received information on a potential drug sale in Forestdale.
- BPD received a trespassing complain in Forestdale. The caller was assisted with the situation.
- BPD received a complaint regarding a vehicle coming into Brandon from Pittsford on Route 7 that was unable to maintain its travel lane and was all over the road. The responding officer was unable to locate the vehicle.
- BPD assisted Middlebury Police in locating a subject on Pine Tree Drive who was wanted by their agency. The individual was not located.
- BPD responded with Brandon Area Rescue Squad (BARS) for a medical alert activation on Railroad Avenue. The female was located and discovered to be ok. The alert was determined to be accidental.

### September 26

- A neighbor requested a welfare check on East Seminary Street after hearing her neighbor's dog barking and perceived the incident to be suspicious as the dog did not usually bark for extended periods. The responding officer observed a man inside the house, but the man refused to come to the door. Seeing that the man did not appear to be in any danger or distress, the officer left the premises.
- BPD H.E.A.T. unit conducted a directed speed enforcement operation on Park Street. No violations observed.
- Officers conducted a directed patrol on Newton Road due to ongoing construction work.
- A resident on Carver Street contacted BPD to report that she and her dog were attacked by a large dog that was off leash in the neighborhood. The incident was referred to the Brandon Animal Control Officer for investigation.
- Stefan J. Kluckner, 46, of Rutland City was charged with Criminal DLS (Driving with License Suspended). Kluckner was released on a citation to appear in Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division on 11/20/23 at 11:00 for arraignment.
- A customer at Walgreens on

## Brandon Police Report

Union Street called to report a cell phone stolen from his car. The responding officer was informed upon arrival that the phone had been located in the car after all.

- Police conducted a vehicle stop on McConnell Road for failure to signal a turn. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for defective taillights. Warning issued.
- Police took a report of cash stolen from a wallet at a residence on Carver Street. Investigation ongoing.
- Property watch conducted at a residence on Carver Street.
- Officers on patrol on Franklin Street observed a suspicious person walking around the area of Greg's Tires late at night. The officers made contact with the individual, who informed the officers that he was simply taking a nighttime walk. After determining that no criminal activity was afoot, the officers left the scene.

### September 27

- Vehicle stop on Park Street for a flashing signal violation. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for failure to maintain travel lane. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop at Arnold District Road and Grove Street for an unsecured load. A lawn mower had fallen off the back of a trailer, as witnessed by an officer. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued a ticket.
- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for failure to maintain travel lane. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for littering. Warning issued.
- BPD responded to the parking lot of Dunkin' Donuts for a report of an individual on a dirt bike revving the engine. Officers were unable to locate the individual.

### September 28

- Vehicle stopped for speeding on Grove Street. Ticket issued.
- Vehicle stop at Arnold District Road and Grove Street for defective equipment. Warning issued.
- A car was recovered on (See Police report, Page 19)

## OUR ANNUAL APPEAL FOR 2023

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- Librarians offered 17 Teen events with attendance of 154 teens.
- We serve ~6000 patrons in Brandon, Leicester, Sudbury, Goshen, and Forestdale.

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# Police report

*(Continued from Page 18)*  
Kendall Hill Road in the Town of Pittsford that was involved in a stolen vehicle incident that occurred in Brandon the previous week.

- Officers responded to High Pond Road for a threats-and-harassment complaint involving a tenant and landlord. The complainant was given her options regarding having the tenant permanently removed from the premises.

## September 29

- Officers responded to a two-vehicle motor-vehicle accident in a parking lot on Park Street. The operator at fault provided the required information for a future insurance claim.

- BPD investigated a potential custodial interference that occurred at Otter Valley Union High School after the school released a child to a parent without verifying information. It was determined that the parent was a legal guardian and no crime had occurred.

- Ride-Along with BPD.

## September 30

- Officers attempted to locate a vehicle and its occupants after a complaint of individuals in the car “smoking crack” in the parking lot of Olivia’s Croutons in Forestdale. The

caller reported that the car had taken off heading southbound on Forestdale Road. The area was thoroughly checked but the officers were not able to locate the vehicle.

- Officers conducted foot patrol in downtown Brandon.

- Directed patrol along Route 7.

- Traffic stop on Franklin Street for a moving violation. Warning issued.

- Police responded to a report of an arrow being found on complainant’s property on Birch Hill Road. It was determined that the arrow had strayed from an adjacent property where the neighbor was calibrating a crossbow.

- Police attempted to locate a vehicle that had been the subject of multiple calls for erratic driving. Because of call volume, the officers were not able to respond immediately and the car was not located. A Be-on-the-Lookout was passed to Vermont State Police.

- Speed enforcement on Franklin Street. No violations noted.

## October 1

- Property watch at a business on Union Street.

- Property watch at Jiffy Mart on McConnell Road.

- Property watch at a busi-

ness on Conant Square.

- Officers responded to an interior motion alarm activation at Blue Seal on Alta Woods. Responding officers determined that the business was secure, informed the keyholder, and departed the premises.

- Vehicle stop on Park Street for running a red light. Warning issued.

- Traffic patrol on Grove Street and Arnold District Road.

- Vehicle stop for stop-sign violation on Marble Street. Driver given time to fix defective equipment and issued warning for stop sign.

- BPD responded to Triangle Court for a report of a neighbor blowing leaves onto complainant’s lawn, resulting in an argument. BPD had responded to this residence in September for a similar complaint. Trespass notices were issued at that time and both parties were informed of their legal options.

- BPD responded to Hanaford Supermarket for a report of shoplifting. Upon investigation, Steven Morris, 39, was cited to appear in Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division, to answer for the charge of Retail Theft.

- BPD assisted Vermont State Police-Rutland in located a person of interest for an investiga-

tion they were conducting. The man was located at a residence on Franklin Street.

- BPD assisted Brandon Fire Department on Long Swamp Road with a report of smoke and a possible electrical fire inside of the residence.

- BPD received a 911 call from a resident on Wyman Road advising that a man had just left the residence intoxicated, yelling at the caller, and then drove off in his vehicle. Officers intercepted the vehicle on McConnell Road and

screened the driver for impairment. As a result of the investigation, Anthony Strange, 57, of Pittsford was placed under arrest on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. He was later lodged at Marble Valley Correctional Facility and issued a citation to appear at the Rutland Superior Court-Criminal Division on 10/16/23 at 10 a.m. for arraignment.

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE



### ARIES March 21–April 20

Aries, unless you are ready to take charge and spearhead an initiative for change, you may have to simply go with the flow this week. Think on it.

### TAURUS April 21–May 21

Ideas for creative projects keep popping up in your mind, Taurus. It's just a matter of figuring out which avenue you want to explore and then finding the time to make it happen.

### GEMINI May 22–June 21

Gemini, some shake-ups at work may leave you wondering how secure things will be for you moving forward. Start asking a few pointed questions.

### CANCER June 22–July 22

Are you ready to take the plunge and make a big move in your career, Cancer? The stars are pointing you in that direction. It could be just the change you are looking for.

### LEO July 23–Aug. 23

In your mind you did something that was well within your rights, Leo. Others who were affected by your actions may not view it in entirely the same way. Revisit the situation.

### VIRGO Aug. 24–Sept. 22

Virgo, it is time to start making a solid plan for the future and not just day-by-day actions to squeak by. You are one cog in a wheel that needs to move along smoothly.

### LIBRA Sept. 23–Oct. 23

Libra, before you fire off an email or ask questions, gather as much information as you can. You want to be sure you have all of the facts before you start to dig a little deeper.

### SCORPIO Oct. 24–Nov. 22

Your focus on finances has been intense of late, Scorpio. While you have been doing your best to balance the budget, expenses seem to keep growing. Try other options.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23–Dec. 21

Sagittarius, even though you have been instrumental in your involvement with a particular situation, there is nothing much more you can do this week. Let it rest for now.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22–Jan. 20

Capricorn, the way you are going about things is entirely in your best interest without much consideration for others. This can be dangerous, especially when you need a hand.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 21–Feb. 18

Aquarius, while you have been diligent with trying to get ahead at work, right now things are not falling into place. Consider whether this may be the time to find someplace new.

### PISCES Feb. 19–March 20

Keep all of your options open this week, Pisces. Even if you do not have plans right now, something may pop up unexpectedly that is right what you need at the moment.



### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Oct 6. Le Corbusier, architect (d)
- Oct 7. Sherman Alexie, writer (57)
- Oct 8. Faith Ringold, artist (93)
- Oct 9. Marie Kondo, organization expert (39)
- Oct 10. Guiseppi Verdi, opera composer (d)
- Oct 11. Michelle Wie, golfer (34)
- Oct 12. Bode Miller, alpine skier (46)

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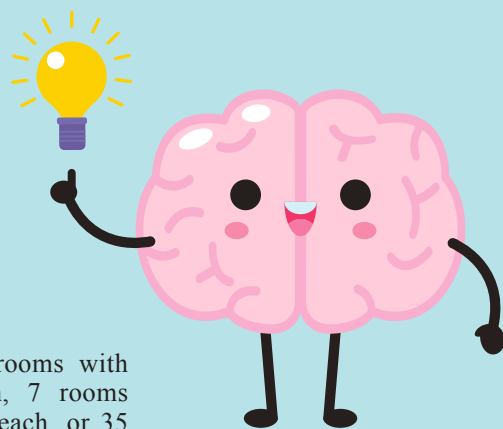
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Photos by Steven Jupiter and Judy Frazier



# Brandon Brain Buster Answered



**Answer: B**

If 3 classrooms are filled to capacity and one room has only 5 students, then we know the total number of students must be  $(3 \times 10) + 5 = 30 + 5 = 35$ . We now need to figure out how many ways we can distribute 35 students equally. To figure that out, we need to determine how many ways we can multiply to 35: either  $1 \times 35$  or  $5 \times 7$ . So, in theory, we could have 1 room with

35 students, 5 rooms with 7 students each, 7 rooms with 5 students each, or 35 rooms with 1 student each. Since the question asks for the minimum number of additional rooms, we want the smallest number of rooms greater than the 4 we currently have. So, we would need a total of 5 rooms with 7 students each. Since we already have 4 rooms, we'd need only one more.

Also, we know that we can't take students from

the 3 full classrooms and place them in the room with the 7 students to equalize the numbers because 35 is not divisible by 4. There's just no way to distribute 35 students equally among 4 rooms.

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# Hard Tellin'

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 gle of the sun or whatever. Of course, a coldly analytical person (or a teenage son or daughter) might argue that basically we're all seeing the same show. Is seeing Billy Joel perform in Madison Square any different than watching him at Carnegie Hall? (There is no effective rebuttal of teen logic.)

In this area I too, however, am unreasonably biased and unscientific. I am solidly convinced, for example, that the park near my home in Panton is the best place for viewing sunsets. If you've been to Button Bay State Park, you'll know that it has this rocky prow that juts out into Lake Champlain - a natural balcony to the West. It's here that I routinely tell my kids to that they have won the Sunset Location Lottery. On many fine summer weekends, you'll find campers sitting there, reverentially waiting on a sunset. Like pious parishioners in a cathedral. And maybe this is the intoxicating sunsets talking, but every single person we've met there has been delightful, kind, and enchanting. (Another fine byproduct of sun-gazing most sunsetologists will tell you.)

But far too often, I must say, we find ourselves there alone after an impressive explosion of color with not a person in

sight - the shoreline completely empty. After one particularly under-attended but amazing sunset, I wondered aloud to my wife why the shoreline wasn't packed with applauding audiences. Like royalty given a private performance by world-class entertainers, I think some of us felt like our audience was almost insultingly undersized.

It wasn't long after I learned that full-throttled applause is exactly the tradition on the whitewashed, terraced shores of Santorini, Greece. And cheers. (Here was a part of the world where manipulation of the children isn't even necessary to attend a sunset.) Apparently, the good folks of Santorini have a daily tradition of congregating on the shores to usher out the day with nothing short of a standing ovation. Now it's very possible that this is a culture that even claps when the city bus shows up on time, but you have to admire that kind of gratitude.

But if there exist any true sunset experts that deserve our attention, it is quite possibly the artists or poets or writers among us. Author Paulo Coelho probably wasn't just speaking metaphorically when he said, "Sunsets need cloudy skies." That those ocean-frontage Portuguese have some sense of the makings of a good sunset is not

hard to imagine. John Muir, the naturalist and writer famous for climbing a 100-foot Douglas spruce just to experience a good windstorm firsthand, got it right when he mused about sunsets: "The grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere...eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn and gloaming, on sea and continents and islands, each in its turn as the round earth rolls."

My kids are somewhat older now and we have graduated to the more adult term "opacaphile" (a lover of sunsets). Some time ago, my oldest suggested we try watching from a small rural cemetery on our dirt road. It sits on a hill sloping west and is populated with tipping tombstones of ancient New Englanders who had seen far too few sunsets. Time was short with my returning kids and college would be pulling them away again. And of course, the sun was down in about 3 minutes. But to my son's credit, he suggested we wait a bit to see what kind of color might develop. Because, as every good sunsetologist knows, it often the after-show that really counts.

Happy sunset watching. (For the record, the sun sets tonight around 6:40.)

# Bread and Puppet

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 What do you make it for?"

Schumann has made one concession to his advanced age: He has given up walking on stilts. But he added with a mischievous chuckle, "Come this weekend, I will do something like that. But don't tell anybody."

Two days later, The Vermont Conversation returned to see one of the last summer performances of Bread and Puppet. Near the end of the show, Schumann, dressed in the troupe's trademark white outfit, climbed 15 feet up a ladder that was held vertical by four pup-

peteers pulling ropes. He stood atop the ladder, seemingly defying gravity, blowing his horn and directing the performers below as they moved dreamily around a meadow.

One of the people who held the ladder told me afterward that the puppeteers pleaded with Schumann to remain on the ground. He dismissed their concerns.

As he approaches his 90th year, Schumann isn't going to change his artistic vision to make people comfortable.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Brandon Development Review Board (DRB)

On Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM, via conferencing, the Brandon DRB will hold in-person and via Zoom remote conferencing, Public Hearings to review the following applications:

**Application 6275 from Frank Briscoe**, d.b.a. Welcome LLC; request for a change of use to the former High School at 9 West Seminary St. (Parcel # 23-50-25.02) to include spaces for flexible Commercial 1 uses (Café, Professional Services, General Offices, Meeting Area) and two Dwelling Units. This is a Conditional Use in the Central Business District.

**Application 6276 from Yossi Schorr**, d.b.a. YHS Group LLC, for an expansion of current use as a Single Family Residence to a Multi-Family Use (three dwelling Units) for the structure at 22 Grove St. (Parcel #22-50-14). This is a variance request for this property in the Neighborhood Residential zoning district.

This Meeting & Hearing will be conducted remotely by Zoom audio & visual programs; and access instructions are posted on Town website, Town and Post Offices.

Interested Parties are to be registered and present testimony, or have submitted written testimony to the Town, by 7:15 pm of the Hearing date or they may forfeit their right to appeal any decision of the DRB to VT Superior Court (Environmental Division).

# Jenne Farm

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 dents up in that area," said Eastman, the board chair. People had complained of cars blocking the road and even tourists walking into people's homes to use the bathroom without permission, he noted.

"These people are coming in, and they're kind of taking over," Eastman said. "We're trying to prevent a problem."

The town had contacted the Windsor County Sheriff's Department about its work policing Sleepy Hollow Farm, according to Eastman. The town decided not to spend any additional money to police the Jenne Farm, he said, but asked the department to occasionally check out the road as part of the department's current 12-hour-per-week contract with Reading.

Chase Jenne, who lives a few miles from his family's farm, approached the Reading board on behalf of Jenne Road resi-

dents. He said the town's new signs seem to be helping to decrease traffic on the road where today the Jenne Farm raises beef cattle and produces maple syrup.

In the 1950s, according to Jenne, a South Woodstock photography club first took an interest in the farm, which was settled in about 1790. Professional photographers then started to visit the property to shoot its red barn and 1820s farmhouse.

While those pros would stop by for a few photos, the social media photographers of the present sometimes stay for hours, picnicking on private land, according to Jenne.

But Jenne said he hopes the new signage, which closes the road only in October, won't stop people from visiting the farm entirely. He wouldn't mind if people bought some maple syrup.

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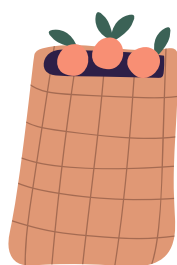
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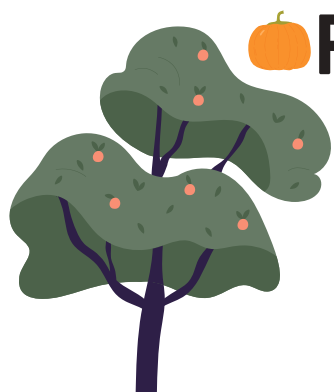
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**Adult Volleyball**-Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm at Otter Valley North Campus! Register Online!

**Adult Akido**- Taught by Sensei Wade Davis, Monday nights at the Brandon Town Hall- No experience necessary! Register Online!

**Adult Pick Up Basketball**- Thursdays, 7-9:00pm, Neshobe School gym! Register Online!

**Adult Dance Classes**- Tuesday nights, 6:45-7:30pm, Upstairs at the Brandon Town Hall! Register online!

Register Online for all of these fun classes and activities at [brandonvt.myrec.com](http://brandonvt.myrec.com)!

**Harvest Fest!** Sunday, Oct 8 1-4pm A fun filled afternoon for our community with all the fun things to do! Hay Rides, a Petting Zoo by Beyond the Barn Farm in Brandon, Pony Rides, Bounce House, Scarecrow Making, Candy Bar Bingo, Photo Ops, amazing baked goods, delicious food, so many vendors and more! Spend your Sunday with us!

**Halloween Dance**, Saturday Oct 14! 7-10pm Lets get together again! DJ Kaos out of Burlington will be bringing his light show and high energy music to the Brandon American Legion. Costumes not required but definitely encouraged! 50/50 raffle, great drinks and more! Bring cash! \$10 at the door! For everyone 18 and up! Benefits the Brandon Carnival fund!

**Bootified Brandon!** Oct 21-27 A townwide Halloween Decorating contest! Celebrate the season! Make it scary, make it funny, make it fall themed, do whatever you like! Registration is on the [brandonvt.myrec.com](http://brandonvt.myrec.com) website- \$10 to enter, and votes will be at various Brandon businesses! Be sure to stop in to make your choices! Voting begins on Sat Oct 21 and ends at 3pm on Friday Oct 27. The winners will be announced at Spooksville! PRIZES! Categories: Homes, Businesses, Apartment buildings!

**Spooksville!** Oct 27 5-6:30pm! Brandon's Famous Trunk or Treat! Estabrook Park! Bring your car and decorate, and give out lots of candy! This is a great option for people who are busy on Halloween night, or don't get a lot of trick or treaters! Its super fun to see all of the creativity and awesome costumes!

