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## LOCAL GENEROSITY

Feel-good examples of community giving.

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## NEW FANGLED TREE

Pittsford Village Farm celebrates the holiday season with the lighting of its “Sap Bucket Tree.”

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## BEAUTIFYING BRANDON

Laura Peterson discusses her time on the Tree Committee and the benefit of trees to a community’s health.

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## STARSHIP BEAN ADVENTURES

George Fjeld continues his cross-country adventures. This time, he visits the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

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THREE PALESTINIAN AMERICAN men were shot in Burlington on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, according to police. Family members identified them as Tahseen Ali Ahmad (left) Kinnan Abdulhamid (middle) and Hisham Awartani (right).

Photo courtesy of the Institute for Middle East Understanding.

## Suspect pleads not guilty in Burlington shooting of 3 Palestinian Americans

BY SHAUN ROBINSON / VT DIGGER

BURLINGTON — A 48-year-old man pleaded not guilty on Monday in a shooting that wounded three Palestinian American students in the city on Saturday night.

Jason Eaton was charged with three counts of attempted second-degree murder after police said he shot the three 20-year-olds around 6:30 p.m. Saturday on North Prospect Street, according to court documents.

Police have said two of the three men were wearing keffiyehs, a traditional scarf that has become a symbol of Palestinian identity, when they were shot, prompting local and national condemnation (See Shooting, Page 8)

## Brandon SB discusses Town Hall roof and town solar

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The Brandon Selectboard convened for its regular meeting on Monday evening. After approving the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting, Town Manager Seth Hopkins presented his report, the full text of which is available in the Selectboard packet for 11/27 on the town website. Highlights from the report included:

The sidewalk and all street parking between Crosby’s Sales & Service and the traffic light in front of the Walgreen’s will be closed all day on Wednesday 11/29 and Thursday 11/30 to facilitate the removal of cell-tower equipment from the steeple of the Congregational Church.

Residents should remember that overnight parking (12 to 6 a.m.) on streets is prohibited until April 1 in order to keep roadways clear for snow removal.

The town received \$82,837.12 from the 1% Local Option Tax, the largest quarterly payment since the tax was implemented in 2016. The program has yielded the town over \$1.5 million since its inception and there is currently more than \$190K in the 1% fund.

(See Brandon SB, Page 6)

## Trial begins in the death of Harper Rose Briar

BY STEVEN JUPITER

RUTLAND—For the past several years, it’s been impossible to travel anywhere in the Pittsford area without seeing the face of Harper Rose Briar on pink lawn signs demanding “justice” for her death. The six-month-old girl died in 2019 while in the care of Stacey Vailancourt, who ran an in-home daycare facility and has been charged with manslaughter for allegedly giving the infant a fatal dose of Benadryl.

(See Harper Rose Briar trial, Page 23)

## Brandon Tree lighting

BRANDON OBSERVED ITS annual tree lighting at its Town Hall on Sunday. The Brandon Festival Singers, led by Gene and Jean Childers, sang Christmas carols on the front steps. The trees were donated and delivered by Elsie and Steve Sherrill of Goshen. Charlene and Jim Bryant transcribed and organized all the names that came in for the Memory Tree. Pastor Roger Foster of the Living Hope Church offered a prayer. See more photos inside.



# Shiffrin wins 6th Killington World Cup Slalom

BY GEORGE FJELD

KILLINGTON- Mikaela “Miki” Shiffrin raced to perfection to win her 90th World Cup race, 55 of them in slalom. After placing third in the giant slalom race on Saturday, Shiffrin blazed

to glory by winning both runs over second-place winner Petra Vlhova of Slovakia. Switzerland’s Wendy Holdener finished third. “I’m super, super excited, being able to come back and conquer the hill,” Shiffrin said to a live television audience of 2 million. She finished fifth last year. Now she has won 6 out of the seven World Cup slalom races held at Killington. Killington is the only stop for the women’s alpine ski racing in the United States. Remarkably, it is also the best attended, meaning biggest crowds for women anywhere in the world. 20,000 people watched the races live in Killington this year.



**NED FJELD AND Win Bearnot getting wild at the Killington World Cup races.**

Photo by George Fjeld

Shiffrin is the GOAT (greatest of all time) in alpine skiing, winning more races (90) than any other



**VERMONT-SCHOOLED OLYMPIAN MIKAELA Shiffrin signs autographs at the Killington resort on Sunday to cap the 2023 World Cup ski-racing circuit’s lone U.S. stop for women.**

Photo courtesy Killington/US Ski & Snowboard

athlete in history. She surpassed the great Swede Ingemar Stenmark (86) last year. She continues to set records with her amazing skiing, winning over 35% of her starts in World Cup races.

Shiffrin was one day short of 16 when she raced in the World Cup for the first time and, barring injury, will continue to set records for years to come. Being able to see her race here in Vermont is

truly a tremendous experience. Miki has strong ties to Vermont, graduating from Burke Mountain Academy in 2013. She plans on returning next year.

## Stuff-A-Truck Toy drive!



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### Adopt-a-Classroom helps Neshobe

THE ANN STORY Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution present a check for \$236 as part of its Adopt-a-Classroom program. This is the second year of the program's existence. (L to R) Principal Vicki Wells, DAR Regent Cindy Roberts, Neshobe art teacher John Brodowski, DAR member Cindy Cohen, and DAR Vice-regent Cheryl Gosselin.



### Brandon Library keeps raising the funds

DAVID ROBERTS, PRESIDENT of the Brandon Free Public Library, accepts a check for \$500 from Bernie Carr, Executive Director of the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce. The money will go toward a \$60,000 fundraising goal that will allow the library to receive another \$60,000 in matching funds. The library has raised \$25,000 of the \$60K so far.

## Spotlight On Business COOLIDGE PAINTING



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Brian Coolidge has been painting exteriors and interiors of many homes and businesses in the Brandon area since 1986! As a lifelong Brandon resident, the best form of advertising has always been by word of mouth. Quality, efficient work, product knowledge and attention to detail are testament to his many years of experience. He takes pride in his work and his relationships built from satisfactory feedback from

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BRANDON REPORTER

## Editorial

# 'Freedom and Unity' is not an empty motto

BY STEVEN JUPITER

Last week I wrote about the potential consequences of hateful, dehumanizing language and just days later three Palestinian men were shot in Burlington. The three men—Hisham Awartani, Kinnan Abdalhamid, and Tahseen Ahmed—were

friends back home in the West Bank, where they'd gone to a Quaker school. They've been attending college in the States and were in Burlington to celebrate Thanksgiving with Awartani's American family. They took a walk in the neighborhood, wearing the traditional black-and-white Palestinian scarves called keffiyeh and speaking Arabic, which

was apparently enough to compel a white American to walk up to them and put bullets in their bodies.

It's impossible to know what precisely was going through the shooter's head, though it seems unlikely that there's an explanation that doesn't involve the young men's ethnicity.

This tragic episode is certainly not the first of its kind, nor will it be the last. A six-year-

old Palestinian-American boy was killed in Illinois in October by his family's landlord, who'd been worked into a murderous frenzy by the media he'd been consuming. A six-year-old child who'd had the apparent audacity simply to exist as a Palestinian in the United States.

The happenstance of his birth cost him his life, just as the natal happenstance of the three men in Burlington nearly cost them theirs. And even though they will survive, they will always carry the crushing burden of knowing that someone tried to kill them simply for existing.

Vermont is much more diverse politically than the national media

*There's a tradition of self-sufficiency in Vermont, but when a neighbor is in need, people show up. I've seen it time and again in our community. Yet it means more than this. It also means that what happens to any one of us happens to us all. When any members of our community are attacked, we are all under siege.*

portrays, but we do often assume a certain slant, especially in Burlington. As the old joke goes, "the great thing about Burlington is that it's close to Vermont." But this attack offers proof that Vermont is not immune to the same sorts of violence and irrational hatred that have plagued much of the rest of the country. We are not inherently safer or more in-

(See "Freedom and Unity", Page 5)



### Beauty standards are always shifting

THE OLD SAYING thin as a rail refers to this family of birds. This Virginia rail was nesting in the small marsh on Pearl St

Photo by Sue Wetmore

## Community Forums

# Changes to Pittsford Transfer Station

As of 12/1/2023, Pittsford Transfer Station Hours are:  
Wednesday 12pm – 5pm  
Saturday 8am – 1pm

**CASH AND CHECK ONLY.** For those with remaining punch cards, they will be accepted at the current rates

charged by Wyman's, starting 12/1/23. Each punch will be worth \$2.50

# Good news for backyards, December is the start of bird seeding season

"Winter bird feeding is a great way to observe and learn about our year-round bird residents such as black capped chickadees, nuthatches and blue jays. It's also a great time to learn about winter visitors such as evening and pine grosbeaks," said Jillian Kilborn, Vermont Fish and Wildlife's bird project leader.

### HERE ARE SOME BASIC BIRD FEEDING TIPS FROM VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE:

- Make your own feeding mixture to maximize the number of species visiting your yard. Black oil sunflower seed is a favorite

- of many birds, but when mixed with "thistle" (or "nyjer") or cracked corn you will be sure to attract a wide variety of species. Don't forget the suet to attract woodpeckers and even chickadees.

- Mix up the type of feeders you use. Hopper feeders are great for large birds such as blue jays, while tube feeders are best for smaller birds. Elevated tray feeders will attract birds that usually feed on the ground including juncos and larger bodied winter visitors such as evening grosbeaks.

- Place your feeders near natu-

ral habitat, or even add a habitat for birds to hide. A Christmas tree is a great addition to a snow-bank next to your feeder to provide quick cover.

- Keep your feeders clean. Only put out enough food for a day, and wash feeders every couple of weeks in a 10 percent bleach solution and let dry to prevent the spread of bacteria and disease.

### IF YOU DECIDE TO FEED BIRDS, REMEMBER:

- Feeding can expose birds to hazards they might otherwise avoid. The risks of predation are

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## The REPORTER

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# 'Freedom and Unity'

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clusive; these are qualities we must continuously strive for. We must continuously ask ourselves how we can live up to the ideals of our state motto: Freedom and Unity.

On a certain level, "unity" here is pretty much self-explanatory: we're all in it together. It's a true Vermont trait and one that we should cherish. There's a tradition of self-sufficiency in Vermont, but when a neighbor is in need, people show up. I've seen it time and again in our community. Yet it means more than this. It also means that what happens to any one of

us happens to us all. When any members of our community are attacked, we are all under siege.

And "freedom" doesn't refer only to freedom from governmental regulation; it refers also to the freedom to live unmolested, freedom to live as oneself, freedom to simply be. Vermonters value their freedom, as we rightfully should, but we must also value the freedom of others. We must protect the freedom of others to walk through our towns without fear of being killed just because of where they were born or what language they happen to be

speaking.

Vermonters are good people. Life here isn't always easy but the sense of community goes a long way toward making up for the myriad challenges. And we need to protect that sense of community from forces that would try to pry us apart because of our religions or our ethnicities or any other aspects of our identities. The only thing that should matter is whether we're good neighbors to one another. The only thing that should matter is freedom and unity.

# Bird feeders

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higher close to people, especially from domestic cats -- the leading cause of bird deaths in North America. Keep cats inside and take feeders down if predators become frequent visitors.

Don't feed birds when bears are active. Most bears are in dens from December 1 to April 1, but some will delay hibernation or re-emerge to feed during periods of warmer weather. Remove bird feeders immediately if you see signs of bears or know a bear is active in your community. Bears that learn to associate food with a house will continue to return, potentially leading to property

damage and dangerous encounters with people. Further, it is illegal to feed bears in Vermont.

Once you've started feeding the birds, keep your feeders stocked. Although wild birds are not entirely dependent on bird feeders, they can become accustomed to this easy food source. If you wish to stop feeding during winter months, gradually taper off the amount of food you provide rather than stopping abruptly, giving the birds a chance to find other food sources. This is especially important when food is scarce in late winter or during periods of extreme weather.

Finally, report your obser-

vations. While watching your bird feeders, you can participate in one or more bird monitoring projects by looking up the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, the Great Backyard Bird Count and Project Feeder Watch and eBird -- all collect important information for understanding bird populations.

As winter sets in, find a comfortable spot inside where you can watch the birds visiting your feeders. Figure out what birds they are, observe how they interact with each other, and see what they prefer to eat. It's a perfect way to get to know the birds around you better.

# Leicester News

## Historical Society is busy this time of year

The Leicester Historical Society is sponsoring the final Prize Bingo of the year on Sat, Dec 9, at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center at the Four Corners. Refreshments served and all are welcome.

The society is also sponsoring the Memory Tree, an opportunity to remember loved ones at this time of year. The cost is 5 dollars for six names, or one dollar per name. Send names and payment to Diane Benware at 1594 Old Jerusalem Road, Salisbury, VT by Dec 21. The tree, at the Meeting House, will be lit at 5 pm on Sat, Dec 23.



## Neshobe Golf Course

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### Member's Holiday Party

'Tis the season to come together, celebrate, and share some holiday cheer! We are excited to invite all members to the Neshobe Golf Club Member's Holiday Party, an event that promises a wonderful evening of festivities, good company, and delectable treats.

Date: December 2nd  
Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

This year, we're making the celebration extra special by extending a warm welcome to your guests. Members may bring their friends, family, and loved ones to join in the merriment and make this gathering a true holiday delight.

#### Party Highlights:

Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres: Delight your taste buds with an array of mouthwatering hors d'oeuvres. Our culinary team has prepared a selection of savory and sweet treats to satisfy your palate.

Cash Bar: Enjoy your favorite libations with a fully stocked cash bar. Toast to the holiday season and make memories with fellow members and their guests.

The Member's Holiday Party is a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect with friends, and make new ones as we celebrate the joy of the season. It's our way of expressing our appreciation for your continued support and camaraderie throughout the year.

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## Pittsford Village Farm ushers in the Holiday Season

**THE PITTSFORD VILLAGE Farm held its 3rd annual sap-bucket lighting on Sunday. The "tree" was constructed from antique sap buckets by Brett Mullin, Lorrie Byrom, Gary Hodder, Baird Morgan, and Barb Lancette. Shelly Williams, Director of the Maclure Library, read a story, the Lothrop Choir sang holiday songs (led by Carolyn Bruce), and two "snowmen" came to add to the holiday cheer. Photos by Steven Jupiter**

# Brandon SB

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There will be another pause in the wastewater project while waiting for parts. The shutdown will not incur additional expense for the town. The project is scheduled for completion in June.

Doug Farnham, Vermont's Chief Recovery Officer, and Kim Greenwood of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources have been in discussions with the town as to how the state might allocate additional ARPA monies for infrastructure projects, specifically the Union Street sidewalk project. The additional money would be used to expand the project to include water and sewer lines.

Board member Brian Coolidge asked Mr. Hopkins for a status report regarding the scoping study for the North Street Bridge. Mr. Hopkins replied that Dubois & King is handling it and not much has changed. \$25K had been allocated from the 1% fund to pay for the study.

Mr. Coolidge also asked Mr. Hopkins for a comparison of the Brandon Highway Department with those of neighboring

towns, particularly Middlebury. Mr. Hopkins agreed to bring the information to the budget meeting on 12/5.

Mr. Hopkins also stated that about \$100K has been spent so far on the repair of Newton Road and that the road is now open to traffic.

### Recreation Department

Rec Director Bill Moore was not present at the meeting but had submitted a written report ahead of time. The full text of the rec report is available on the town website. Highlights included:

Swing classes will be offered at the Brandon Inn on Thursdays from 5 to 6, beginning in January. The instructor will be Karen Graham.

Sign-up is open for spring dance classes with Miss Michaela.

Aikido will be held at the Brandon Area Rescue Squad beginning in January.

The Mary Force Committee will be donating 2 recycled-plastic picnic tables to replace the two wooden ones currently in use on Park Street.

### Public Comment

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Board

member Cecil Reniche-Smith reminded the town that there will be a public hearing on the new Town Plan on Wednesday, December 20. Copies of the plan can be found on the town website, at the town office, and at the Brandon Free Public Library.

Jan Coolidge of the Friends of Town Hall announced Moonlight Madness holiday sale at Town Hall on December 6 and 8.

### Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control

Both the outgoing and incoming presidents of the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District (the District) were present to inform the Selectboard of the District's activities over the previous year and let them know what is on the District's agenda for the coming season.

Proctor joined the District as a full member, bringing to 6 the total number of participating towns (Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Pittsford, Goshen, and Proctor). The District thanked Brandon for being the only participating town to pay its obligations quarterly rather than annually.

Because of the extremely wet weather this summer, mosquito control was difficult, but the District did manage to spray Brandon 42 times. Over 170 Brandon residents called for service. Calls were up 200% throughout the District.

The District noted that the regulatory agencies in Montpelier are making mosquito control more difficult through their preference for larvicide rather than adulticide, requiring that spraying occur during a limited window while the insects are still larvae.

The District has also created a new position—auditor—which will be filled by Jeff Whiting. The District is also continuing its investigation of the allegations by the state that resulted in the imposition of more than \$9,000 in fines.

### Personnel Policy

The Board approved "modest changes" to the town's written personnel policy. The changes involved limiting paid vacation time to full-time employees and prohibiting transfer of paid sick leave from one employee to another. The full text of the changes is available in the Selectboard packet for 11/27 on

the town website.

### Town Hall Roof

Mr. Hopkins presented proposals from 3 different roofing companies for repair/replacement of the roof of the Town Hall.

Titan Roofing of Springfield, Mass presented three options:

New slate roof for \$486,400.

New asphalt shingle roof for \$314,000.

New standing-seam metal roof for \$508,000.

McElwain Contracting LLC of Ferrisburgh, VT proposed to replace the slate roof at a cost of \$336,000.

Sbardella Slate of Fair Haven, VT offered two options:

New slate roof for \$269,300.

New standing-seam metal roof for \$228,600.

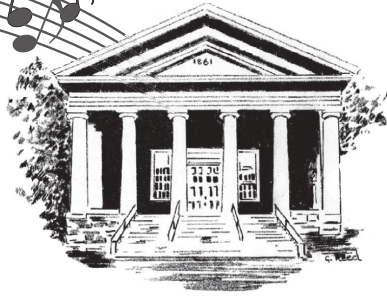
The ensuing discussion among the Board members and attendees touched upon whether there needed to be a competitive bid process, given the large expense of the project, and whether remaining ARPA funds should be set aside to pay for it. Board members also discussed whether sign-off from Historic Preservation would be needed.

*(See Brandon SB, Page 11)*

# Moonlight Madness 2023 at the Brandon Town Hall



**Open Wednesday,  
December 6 and  
Friday, December 8  
from 4–8 p.m.**



The Brandon Town Hall will be celebrating the 2023 Moonlight Madness on Wednesday, December 6 and Friday, December 8 from 4:00–8:00 p.m. 15 vendors each night will offer great gifts and gift ideas upstairs and downstairs, there is something for everyone!!!!. All patrons are asked to enter through the downstairs entrance, the main stairs and entrance in the front of the hall will be closed to keep the heat in the upstairs hall. A lift to the upper floor is available.

## WEDNESDAY VENDORS

John Hoare & Linda Hickox

### **Gingerbread Arts**

Original Art/Prints

Dennis Marden

### **M & M Productions**

Christmas Decor

Dept. 56 pieces

Claire Sinczich

### **Friday Harvest Bakery**

Special Home Baked

Cookies and Pies

Marianne Buswell

### **One Of A Kind Designs**

Stained Glass, Gifts

Jewelry

Anne Young

### **Foxcroft Farms**

Decorated & Undecorated

Wreaths, Sprays

Jes Bryant

### **Good Vibes Tye Dye**

Tye Dye Items

T-Shirts, all sizes

Linda Mcintire

### **Mello's Munchies**

Dog Treats, CBD

Pet Christmas gifts

Nancy Edmunds

### **Creative Efforts**

Paper Ornaments

Greeting Cards

Woven Artwork

Monica McEnery

### **Monicreations**

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Nightlights

Fred Putnam

### **Busy Bee Honey**

A Wide Variety of

Homemade Honey

Products

### **Friends of The Town Hall**

Homemade Soups and

Chili, Drinks, Snacks

Kacie O'Connell

### **Wonderland's Curiosities**

Book Themed Crafts

and Gifts

Sally Wood

### **Sally Wood Creations**

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& Child Aprons

Wendy Cijka

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Fresh Goat Cheese, Yogurt

& Goat Cheese Truffles

Bobbi Torstenson

### **Friends Of The**

### **Brandon Library**

Christmas Ornaments,

Puzzles

## FRIDAY VENDORS

Jessica Hathaway

### **Hathaway's Handpicked**

### **Harvests**

Canned Goods, Quick Breads

Desserts, Home Crafter Items

Teresa Vladyka

### **Teresa's Creations**

A variety of Crocheted items

Abigail Wentz

### **Whimsy's Mini Studio**

Wheel Thrown Pottery,

Water Colors

Dennis Marden

### **M & M Productions**

Christmas Decor

Dept. 56 Pieces

Claire Sinczich

### **Friday Harvest Bakery**

Special Home Baked

Cookies and pies

Becki Lund

### **La Dimora & The Gilded**

### **Crystal**

Crystals, Crystal Jewelry &

Candles

Mini Reiki Sessions

Fred Putnam

### **Busy Bee Honey**

A Wide Variety of

Homemade Honey

Products

Sydney Anechiarico

### **Annacaraco Jewelry**

Hand Fabricated Metal

Jewelry

Peg Allen

### **Peg Allen Originals**

Quilter, Sewn and

Knit Items

Kathy Soulia

### **Kathy's Creations**

Vintage Christmas Items

Bobbi Torstenson

### **Friends Of The Brandon**

### **Library**

Christmas Ornaments,

Puzzles

Sharon Stearns

### **Moonlight Munchies**

A variety of Baked

Goodies

### **Friends Of The Town Hall**

A Variety of Soups and

Chili, Drinks, Snacks

Diana Hayes

### **M & M Crocheting**

Dish Towels, Scarves,

Crocheted Ornaments

Barbara Scribner

### **Covered Bridge Society**

Items related to Vermont's

Covered Bridges

# More than 30,000 Vermonters lose power after heavy snowfall

BY HABIB SABET/VTDIGGER

More than 30,000 Vermonters woke up Monday morning without electrical power after heavy snowfall blanketed much of the state, according to data from VTOutages.org, a website that tracks power outages in Vermont.

Washington and Lamoille counties were among the heaviest hit by the storm, with each receiving an average of 8.3 inches of snowfall, according to data provided by the National Weather

Service. Counties across the Northeast Kingdom and central Vermont averaged just over 6 inches of snowfall.

“This was a case where even areas that didn’t see much in the way of snow depth had a lot of liquid in the snow, so the weight of the snow was quite high,” said Seth Kuticoff, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service station in Burlington. “So that’s what we’re seeing, the accumulation of that heavy snow on lines.”

Although officials from utility

companies said they were working quickly to restore power, more than 9,100 Vermonters were still affected by the outages late Monday, according to VTOutages.org.

“The storm came in overnight. We knew this was coming. We had external resources in addition to our own, and so as soon as the outages began, we started restoring power,” said Kristin Kelly, Green Mountain Power’s director of communications.

(See *Power outages*, Page 19)



**HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT** staff repair damaged power lines along Route 14 in Hardwick on Monday, Nov. 27.

Photo by Kristen Fountain/VTDigger

## Shooting

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of the shooting as a possible hate crime.

No motive was discussed during a short hearing inside a packed room at the Chittenden County Superior criminal court in Burl-

ington Monday morning, during which Eaton appeared via video. Judge A. Gregory Rainville said Eaton would remain in prison while a bail hearing is scheduled. Chittenden County State’s Attorney Sarah George has requested

Eaton be held without bail.

Sarah Varty and Margaret Jansch, two public defenders who are representing Eaton, declined to answer questions outside the courthouse after the hearing. Jansch told reporters, “We as human beings hope that the people who were shot recover quickly.”

Eaton was detained Sunday afternoon and later arrested. That evening, about 150 people gathered in front of Burlington City Hall to condemn the shooting and advocate for Palestinian rights.

The victims — Hisham Awartani, Kinnan Abdalhamid and Tahseen Ali Ahmad — all previously attended the Ramallah Friends Schools, according to the Quaker institution based in the West Bank. They are now students at different American universities

outside of Vermont and were in the city visiting one of their relatives.

As of Sunday, two of the men were in stable condition, while the third’s status was considered serious, police have said.

An affidavit compiled by Burlington police officers described interviews with the three victims from their hospital rooms in which they described going bowling for a birthday party for Awartani’s cousin before walking through Awartani’s grandmother’s Prospect Street neighborhood to finish their cigarettes.

Awartani described speaking a mix of English and Arabic. Aliahmad said the men generally speak both languages, but he did not recall what languages they were using at the time.

Awartani and Aliahmad said they wore black-and-white keffiyehs, police wrote. Abdalhamid, who described himself as a Palestine advocate who had appeared on CBS, said he was not wearing one at the time of the shooting but had donned one earlier in the week.

They described being approached by a white man — Abdalhamid said he was on the porch of a house — who took out a pistol and opened fire. Aliahmad said he did not recall the man saying anything, and Awartani and Abdalhamid did not describe the man saying anything.

For more information on this unfolding story see page 15.

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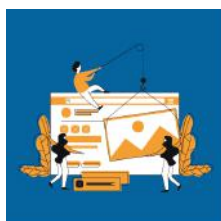
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## Part 3: Trees benefit us all

BY LAURA PETERSON

BRANDON—A hundred years ago, almost all of the streets around the village of Brandon were shaded by vaulted elm trees. Maples replaced elms, but the tree canopy remained lofty and glorious. Over the years, these street trees have died from disease or old age, and either fallen down or been removed. What is left is a spotty collection of trees with half of the branches shorn off to accommodate the power

ied a great many old photos of Brandon. You couldn't help but notice the tree-lined streets, the cathedral effect of the branches meeting high above the roadway. Stunning! And with all of the reports about the positive effects of urban forestry and shade trees, and even the color green, it was hard not to do something.

I gathered a group of like-minded individuals, and we became the Brandon Tree Committee 1.0. We got a lot of help

project. Of course, that construction took another two decades to come to fruition, and in the meantime Tropical Storm Irene made short work of many of our downtown plantings.

Now that Segment 6 is "in the rear-view mirror," and we have a cavernous culvert to protect the village from flooding—and trees have, if anything, a BETTER reputation than they did a quarter century ago—it is time we start paying attention to our tree canopy again. A tree committee 2.0 has formed called the Brandon Tree Group. The goal is to look at the trees and flowering shrubs we currently have along Brandon's streets. The inventory is crucial so we can see what we have and what condition it's in. We then are hoping to start planning and planting for the next 50 to 100 years. The work will involve learning about trees and shrubs, diseases, stressors on trees, and fundraising. The committee is looking for a Chair and committee members, new ideas and new energy. Please contact Laura Peterson at [laura@redmudboots.com](mailto:laura@redmudboots.com) if you are interested.

In the next few weeks, we will be bringing you three more articles in the series of beautifying Brandon.

REMINDER: Registration is now open for the 2024 UVM Extension Master Gardener program. The UVM extension. Master Gardener Program is currently accepting registrations for their 16-week online signature course. It starts on January 19, 2024. The course covers a wide array of topics, including vegetable, fruit, and ornamental gardening, Integrated pest management of insects and diseases, soils, tree care, sustainable landscaping, and more. 2 tracks are avail-



lines.

Study after study has reiterated the importance of trees in neighborhoods, towns, cities, along streets, beside rivers, in parks, near hospitals, everywhere. Trees improve health, safety, temperature, erosion, diversity, property values, air quality, noise levels, even your mood.

About 20 to 25 years ago, I was involved in the Brandon Historical Society, the Downtown Project, the Preservation Trust of Vermont, and trying to save the Old Brandon Settlement from becoming a housing development. Between doing research about Old Brandon and rethinking our focus on Downtown Brandon, I stud-

and guidance from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program and the Arbor Day Foundation, and in the end, we planted quite a few trees around Brandon and had an informational kiosk that made the rounds in town (library, schools, banks, MD offices) spreading the Tree Committee's mission to increase the number of trees in town, and hopefully inspiring others to do the same.

But the Tree Committee's efforts were forestalled by the looming construction on Route 7 (Segment 6). We were constantly being warned that whatever improvements we might try to make in the center of town, it would all come to naught, because of the Rt 7

# BINGO

at the Senior Center in Brandon

Beginning Wednesday, December 6th from 12-3.

This will be a weekly event every Wednesday

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Bring your lunch, we will have beverages, desserts and have a good time.

For questions call Kathy at the Senior Center at 247-3131

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able: Track one is for those aim to become certified UVM Extension Master Gardener volunteers. This track requires a 40-hour internship. Track two is designed for gardeners who are interested in home horticultural study and who are not interested in becoming certified. The registration deadline is January 12, with a \$400 fee

for Vermont residents, \$550 for non-residents. Vermont residents can apply for scholarships until December 15. To learn more and register visit: <http://go.uvm.edu/mastergardener>.

# OUR CREATIVE KIDS



**STUDENT:** Lani Heitmann

**GRADE:** 6

**SCHOOL:** Neshobe

**HOMETOWN:** Brandon, VT

**TITLE:** Hillside Terrarium

**MEDIUM:** Paint, paper, marker, and colored pencil

**TEACHER:** John Brodowski

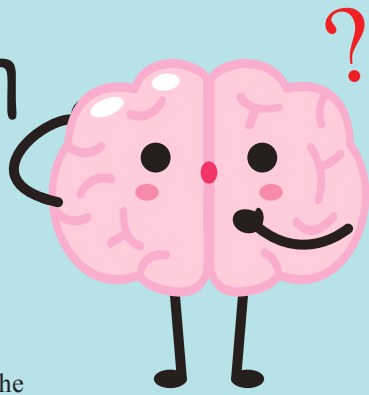
**STATEMENT FROM LANI:**

I got the idea to draw a mushroom terrarium by looking at a picture on the internet. When I first heard of terrariums I started to practice drawing them at home.

**STATEMENT FROM MR. B:**

Lani is a great artist and a wonderful person to have in art class. She always has a positive attitude and is very good at generating ideas for her artwork (which is something that can be very difficult). She has a wide variety of interests and uses these to inspire her artwork. She never wastes a minute of her time in art class!!!

# Brandon Brain Buster



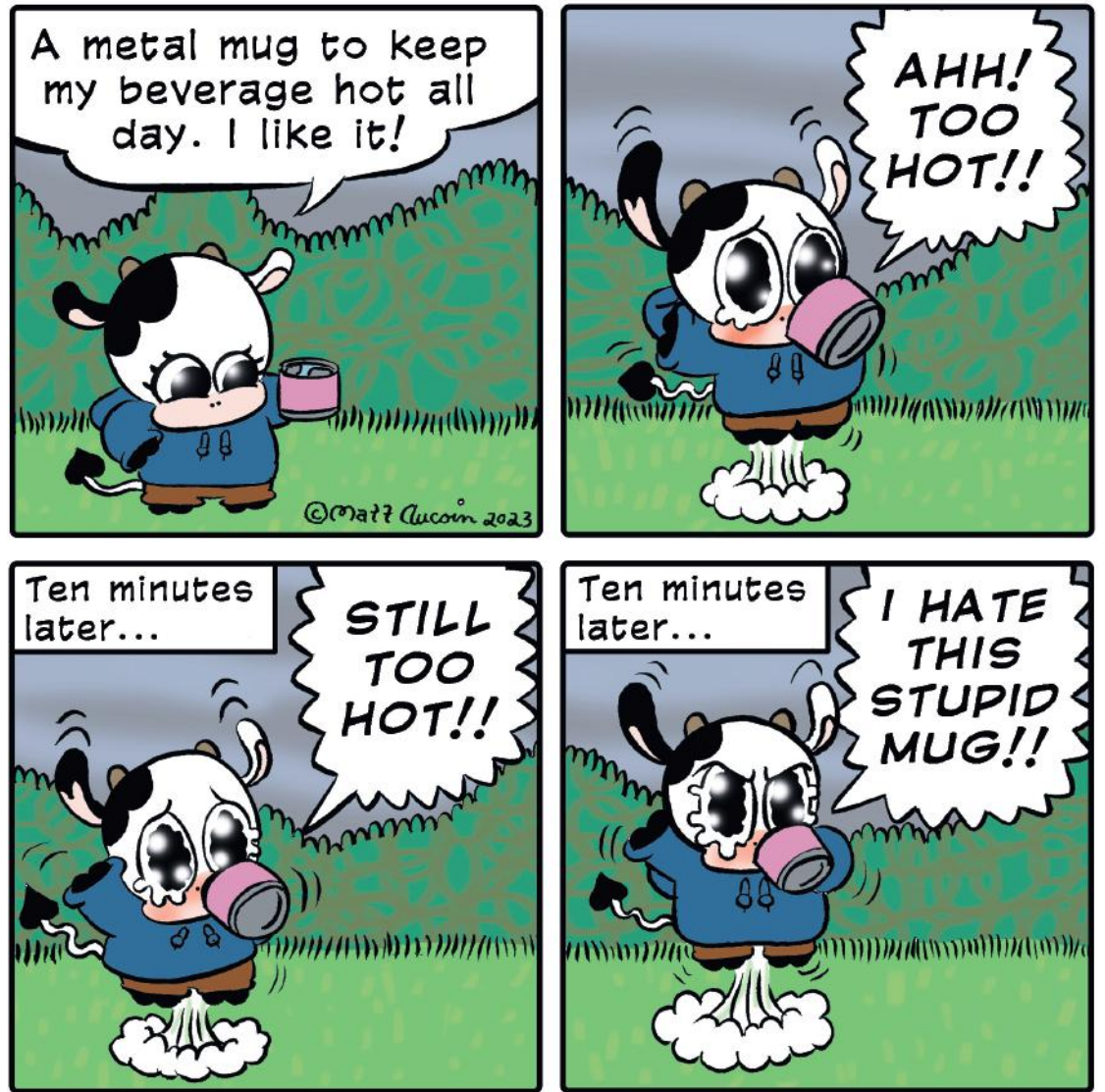
In a certain recipe, the original ratio of sugar to flour is 1 to 2 and the original ratio of flour to butter is 3 to 4. The recipe is altered so that the ratio of sugar to flour is doubled and the ratio of flour to butter is halved. If the altered recipe calls for 6 cups of sugar,

how many cups of butter will be necessary?

- A) 16
- B) 10
- C) 8
- D) 6
- E) 4

Answer on pg. 21

## MAPLE the COW™ by Matt Aucoin



# Brandon SB

(Continued from Page 6)

Former Brandon Town Manager David Atherton, a Brandon resident, was in attendance and suggested that the town's procurement policy required bids rather than proposals. Board Chair Tracy Wyman agreed with Mr. Atherton.

Mr. Coolidge also suggested that no money be allocated for the roof until after budget season, in order for the town to more accurately assess where money may need to be allocated. Mr. Wyman agreed with Mr. Coolidge.

The Board also discussed placing the remaining ARPA funds (approximately \$240K) in a capital reserve fund in order to prevent any potential clawback by the federal government, though some concern remaining about whether the fund needed to be a reserve fund rather than one dedicated to capital projects.

Several attendees, including Jan Coolidge, who is a member of the Friends of the Town Hall, urged the Board to take action. Another attendee suggested that the roof needed to be fixed before the replacement of the floor, which is scheduled to begin in December.

Ultimately, in a 3-2 vote, the Board approved a motion to go out to bid for whatever roofing material was approved by Historic Preservation. Mr. Wyman and Mr. Coolidge voted nay.

### Town Solar Array

The Brandon Energy Committee presented quotes from three solar vendors for a town-

owned solar array to be erected at the Brandon Industrial Park off of Arnold District Road. The full proposal is available in the Selectboard packet for 11/27 on the town website.

The three quotes were \$604,800 from Aegis Solar, \$458,700 from High Peaks Solar, and \$425,685 from Green Earth Energy. After rebates, allocations of ARPA funds, the respective prices would be \$363,360, \$281,090, and \$237,980.

The Energy Committee recommended that the Board agree to partner with Green Earth Energy and that it put before the town a request for a bond not to exceed \$400K. Jim Emerson of the Energy Committee stated that the bond would be paid off in 10 years and that the overall energy savings to the town would exceed \$800K.

A sticking point arose regarding the lease for the land, which has not yet been formally discussed. Mr. Emerson suggested that the Brandon Industrial Corporation (BIC), which owns the land, would lease the site to the town for \$1 per year.

The Board, in a 3-2 vote, authorized Town Manager Seth Hopkins to enter into lease negotiations with BIC and to begin preparations to present a bond vote at Town Meeting in March.

### Warrant

The Board's last piece of business for the evening was the approval of a warrant for \$1,215,777.74 to cover expenses and obligations.

## PITTSFORD TRANSFER STATION

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new hours of operations as follows:**

**Wednesday: 12pm-5pm**

**Saturday: 8am-1pm**



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# Calendar of events

## November

### 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.

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 ([hjzm@hotmail.com](mailto:hjzm@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

#### Bingo at the Brandon Senior Center

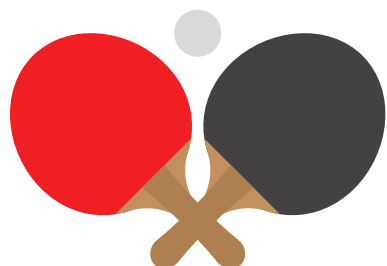
Every Wednesday beginning December 6, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bring lunch, and the Center will provide beverages, desserts, and a good time. A great way to pass a Wednesday afternoon. Please direct any questions to Kathy Mathis at 247-3121.

#### 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 Conscious, Spiritual, Gentle Physical Yoga Practice. We meet on Mondays via zoom. Contact for Zoom link. (There is also a Monday Zoom only class)

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

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

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

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

### Thursdays

#### Storytime at the Brandon Free Public Library

Join Ariana at 10:30 a.m. for a story and a craft. Age 7 and under recommended. Stay for a cup of coffee!

#### Ukulele Group

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

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

#### Open Mic at Red Clover in Brandon

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

### Fridays

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

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

One free book per student will be given weekly (while supplies last) thanks to our partners at Rutland Free Library. Adult must accompany children under age 4. Must pre-register by

Wednesday each week Instructor: Lori Sullivan; Minimum 3.

#### Maclure Library Knitting Circle

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

#### Corn Hole at the Godnick Adult Center

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

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

### Sundays

#### Brandon Town Hall Painting with Crystal

Crystal Ketcham leads an all ages painting event!

Yes, you CAN paint! More info, contact Crystal at [ceastman88@gmail.com](mailto:ceastman88@gmail.com)

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

### Wednesday 29th

#### The Birds of Costa Rica at Grace Church (Rutland)

Professor emeritus Michael Blust will present The Birds of Costa Rica at Grace Church (Rutland) Conference Room 6:30 p.m. Free to all. Sponsored by Rutland County Audubon. Any questions, please email [birding@rutland-county-audubon.org](mailto:birding@rutland-county-audubon.org)

#### Local Covered Bridges from a Local Covered Bridge Builder

A presentation by Nick Strom-Olsen on Nicholas M. Powers. Wednesday, at 6 p.m. at the Proctor Free Library.

### Thursday 30th

#### ACSF's Critical Conversations Project: Spiritual Approaches to the Built Environment Free Film Screening at the Brandon Town Hall

Starting at 7:00 p.m., this film explores the spiritual dimension of the built environment and its impact on everyday life. Produced by the Architecture, Culture and Spirituality Forum (ACSF) in partnership with the Center of Theological Inquiry, the film documents a series of roundtable discussions held on 2023 in Princeton, New Jersey that included experts from a range of disciplines and explored spiritual approaches to ethical, environmental, and transcendent issues and the built environment.

Justice and Participation, addressed spatial, economic, environmental, and professional injustices

Environmental Adaptation and Ecotechnology, climate change, globalization, and urbanization

Transcendent Human Habitats, the loss of place, cultural identity and meaning.

This resulting film is an urgent call for the design professions, religious leaders and the public at large to seek, design, and implement holistic solutions to our most pressing problems.

The ACSF is an international community of scholars & practitioners who explore the inter-



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# December

## Saturday, 2nd

### St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar, Orwell

St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar featuring local artists and crafters with wonderful items for sale, raffles, flea market, baked goods, lunch.

St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar—Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Orwell Town Hall on Main St. in Orwell.

Beautiful handmade gifts and crafts, Christmas decorations, ornaments and wreaths, quilt raffle with many wonderful prizes, basket raffle, silent auction, flea market treasures, baked goods. Hungry? Have some delicious soup, chili, sandwiches. Something for everyone - come and enjoy the festive holiday event!



### Leave the Light on, Analog Cycles

A photography exhibition exploring the journey from deep postpartum depression to a new conception of hope and healing

'Leave the Light on', a solo photography show by Tim Farrell, traces the artist's recent journey from deep Postpartum depression to a new conception of hope and clarity. Farrell mixes digital and analog photography techniques to plumb the symbolic depths of isolation, despair, hopefulness and the healing abilities of therapy and community. 'Leave the Light on' opens Saturday, December 2nd at Analog Cycles in downtown Poultnery. Refreshments and conversation from 5pm-8pm.

The show will run thru Dec 24th.

Prints and other goods for sale range in size and price from 15\$ to 150\$

To preview Farrell's work, head to <https://www.timjfarrell.com/shows>

**Holiday Bazaar/yard sale at the Brandon Senior Center** We have all sorts of goodies and baked goods and will be serving up lunch as well, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### The Vermont Mandolin Trio at Burnham Hall in Lincoln

An eclectic mix of bluegrass, jazz and roots music featuring the music of Bill Monroe, Django Reinhardt, J.S. Bach and everything in between.

The trio of Jamie Masefield, Will Patton and Matt Flinner brings together three of Vermont's finest musicians for an evening of bluegrass, jazz and roots music in the unique setting of three mandolins. Joined by one of the best bassists around, Pat Melvin, the group performs music of Bill Monroe, Django Reinhardt, J.S. Bach, and everything in between, all with the flair of virtuosity and originality.

The last time this group played at Burnham Hall it was a sold out show. Advance tickets are recommended.

Doors open at 7:00. Music begins at 7:30 for 2 sets.

Home made desserts will be available at the break.

Tickets & info <https://www.burnhampresents.org>

We offer tickets in a sliding scale fee general to generous \$15/\$20/\$25 or pay what you can.

All funds after expenses go to the artists. We don't charge a service fee.

## Sunday, 3rd

### Science Pub Comes to Brandon Inn

Come join old and new friends at Science Pub, a popular free community events, now in its 13th year, to learn, chat, eat and drink.

Presenter: Jonathan Spiro, Historian and Immediate Past President, Castleton University

**Cracking the Code:** The story of how a book-burning bishop, a chain-smoking painter, a French shell collector, an English knight, a twelve-year-old genius, and a Siamese cat deciphered Mayan hieroglyphics.

The Maya of Central America created a rich and elaborate form of writing. But the ability to read it was lost with the conquistadors, and after centuries of effort, frustrated scholars were ready to give up. In the last few decades, we have finally begun to crack the code. In this intriguing episode of Science Pub, we'll trace the epic 500-year effort to understand Mayan hieroglyphics and reveal the true nature of their extraordinary civilization.

No reservations needed except for dinner. Contact [mmlolnar3@gmail.com](mailto:mmlolnar3@gmail.com)

### Holiday Club Square Dance with Don Bachelder

Dance to Don Bachelder and celebrate the holidays with the Cast Off 8's. 1–2 p.m. Adv dancing, 2–4:30 p.m MS and Plus. \$10 + \$2 Adv. 50-50 raffle, door prizes, refreshments. Trinity Church, 85 West Street, Rutland, 05701.

## Christmas Eve 1912 at Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home

Nov 30 at 10:00 a.m –Jan 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

In December, Hildene will be decorated to evoke Christmas Eve - \$6; Free for Children 5 yrs. and under & Members of Hildene.

1912—one of a handful of years that the Lincoln Family spent the holidays in residence at their Vermont home.

Step back in time and enjoy Christmas at Hildene! Throughout the month, the home will be decorated to evoke Christmas Eve 1912—one of a handful of years that the Lincoln Family spent the holidays in residence at their Vermont home. On weekends, musicians will get you into the spirit as they play the family's piano and organ. Christmas Eve 1912 Home Tour included with admission to Hildene:

Adults-\$23; Youth (6 to 16)



2nd day admission (with receipt): Adults & Youth - \$7.

Includes Self-Guided tours of gardens, Hildene Farm, Pullman railcar "Sunbeam," and approximately 12 miles of walking trails.

Please note: We are a pet free, idle free and smoke free campus. Thank you for understanding.

Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home- Welcome Center  
1005 Hildene Road, Manchester, 05255  
\$23.00

## Friday 8th Saturday 9th

### Rutland Youth Theatre presents: Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Jr.

Three shows! Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. & 7p.m. Adults: \$15 + tax/fees Children under 18/Seniors over 65: \$10 + tax/fees

Come along with us as we take you to a "world of pure imagination, as Rutland Youth Theatre performs Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Jr., a musical based on the timeless children's book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

In Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR., a world-famous reclusive candy man named Willy Wonka announces that he will offer the tour of the lifetime through his secret chocolate factory to five children who find a golden ticket in one of his world-famous candy bars. One ticket-holder will also win a lifetime supply of chocolate.

Against all odds, an impoverished but sweet-natured boy named Charlie Bucket wins a golden ticket. He and his fellow tour members — the spoiled-rotten Veruca Salt, gluttonous Augustus Gloop, gum-chewing Violet Beauregarde and television junkie Mike Teavee — spend a day traveling with the mysterious and marvelous Willy Wonka and his crew of Oompa Loompas through the fantastical factory.

The children encounter marvelous sights and tastes along the way, including giant nut-selecting squirrels, fizzy lifting drinks, Everlasting Gobstoppers, and a chocolate river.

But each stop proves to be a test, as only one can go on to win the Wonka prize.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR. is adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald. The show features lyrics and music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, including beloved songs "The Candy Man," "I Want It Now!", and "Pure Imagination" from the classic film Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

Paramount Theatre, VT, 30 Center Street, Rutland

### Rutland Free Library Book Sale

Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Public Always Welcome

Thousands of organized, gently used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles for all ages. Always a broad selection of rare and antique books. All purchases by donation only. Limit of two grocery bags per family. No book dealers.

## Karen Deets Stained Glass Holiday Open House Weekend

Dec. 2 & 3, 10 am - 5 pm

I had my store in Allentown, and it meant going all out with music, and yummy treats. The Old Mill was a wonderland that I looked forward to hosting. I've decided to bring a little magic to my Vermont studio with my famous cheese ball and ginger cookies, I will have a original glass artwork, jewelry, to sell. I have also reopened my workshop and will be selling items on leather made from recycled belt ends!

More gifts? Stratford House will be hosting a Holiday Open House the same weekend, featuring various items.

If or someone you love with a workshop.

Workshops are the perfect excuse for anyone wanting to learn more about glass, deepen your appreciation, and immerse yourself in



the process of learning. If you decide to continue with glass, I have everything you will need for sale to set up your own workshop. Get more information here on my website. Gift Certificates are available!  
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# Adventures of Starship Bean #4: To infinity and beyond (or at least Florida)

BY GEORGE FJELD

We thought we took a wrong turn! On the map it looked like a housing development, however the roads were anything but developed! Straight cuts through the brush and trees, they were sandy potholed lanes barely wider than Bull, the truck. Bean, the camper trailer, bounced along behind, wobbling from side to side. Other than a few small houses, we didn't see many signs of life. "Should we turn around?" a worried Carol asked. "This is where the directions said to go," I retorted. A couple more turns brought us to the big discarded tractor tire where we were to turn into the site destined to be our camp for the next couple of nights. Honestly, it looked like a jungle, complete with a high tree canopy, vines hanging and large broad leaf underbrush. I thought we might see Tarzan swinging from one of those vines. I think this is what Florida looked like before we Disneyfied it. Sandy soil and vegetation everywhere. However, there were signs of human life, a newish car, a huge fire pit and a couple of half-finished shacks. "Maybe we made a mistake," I said to Carol. But she responded "We're here. Let's check it out."

The ground was irregular, layered with matted leaves and occasional debris from a wide variety of prior visitors and half-hearted attempts at construction. Tarps, tires, 2x4's, and piles of salvaged materials were scattered around,

but mostly it was jungle. Over next to the car, we realized there was a man looking at us! "Park anywhere," he said. "There's better sunlight over there if you're counting on solar," he pointed out. Glancing around, I hardly saw a break in the canopy of large trees. We should be good for a couple of nights, even if we don't get any sunlight, I thought. We picked a spot, fairly level and not too close to the bushes and piles, free of any obvious snakes or biting insects, and proceeded to set up for the evening. That didn't take long, thankfully. A quick dinner and a good night's sleep thanks to Bean and we were ready for our next adventure.

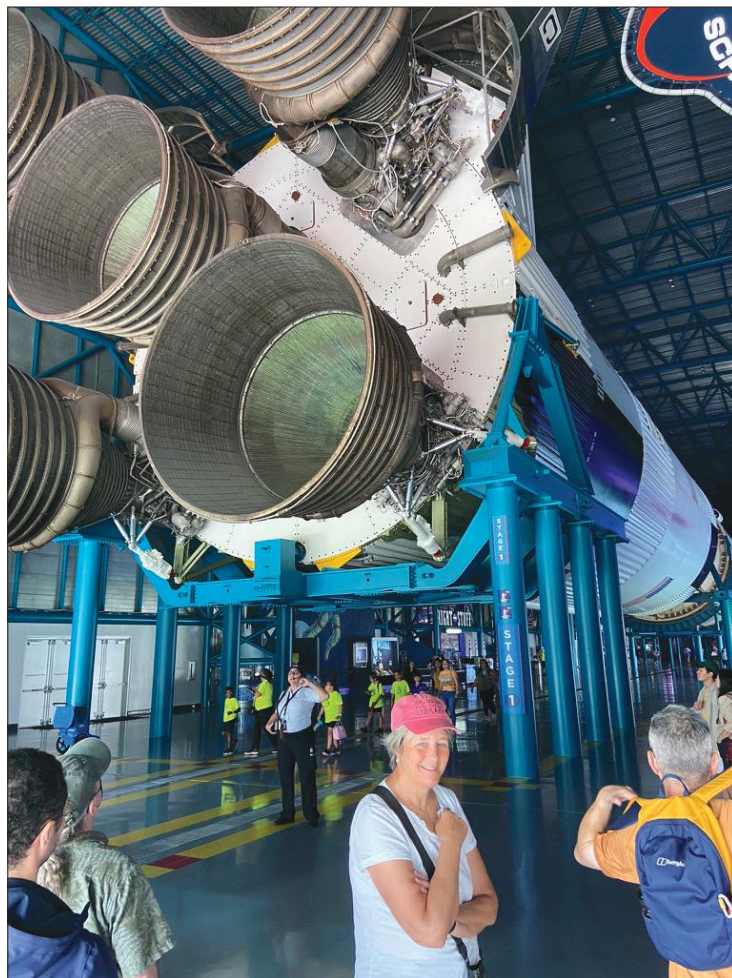
An early start got us to the opening of the gate of the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in plenty of time to get Milo the dog set up in the on-site kennel. He wasn't too happy to be there but it was better than a potentially too hot camper. Comforted that he would be safe, we returned to the main gate, where we could see a variety of tall rockets off to our left. It looked like a good place to start. They call it the rocket garden, and it is filled with actual rockets (really the backup rockets) for many US space missions. The rocket that took Alan Shepard and the Mercury space capsule into space but not earth orbit is surprisingly small. The capsule, a model of which is in the garden to try to get into, is TINY! I felt folded in half, with my head hitting

the ceiling and my legs flexed so my knees almost touched my chin to squeeze into that capsule. I'm glad nobody was filming the gyrations needed to get my 5' 11" frame out of that space. Those astronauts were smaller, younger, and more flexible than me.

The highlight of the visit for me was the Saturn V rocket. It is stored inside a huge building designed for it and the memorabilia from the Apollo missions. This huge machine lifted all the Apollo missions and Skylab, the first space station, into earth orbit. It was capable of lifting 311,152 pounds of men and equipment into space. My dad helped design the gyroscope that steered this massive rocket to its target. I remember the final model of the gyroscope was about 2 inches high and an inch across. Amazing that something that small could keep a huge rocket like this on a very precise course. The Saturn V was designed by Wernher von Braun, the same man that Brandon's Dick Kirby met while weld-



GEORGE AND CAROL view Bean's cousin (modified Airstream trailer) who transported the spacesuited astronauts to the launch site.



CAROL AT THE business end of a Saturn V rocket.



GEORGE NEXT TO the Kitty Hawk, Apollo 14 command module which went to the moon and back.

Photos by George Fjeld

ing for the military. The Apollo 14 command module looked large compared to the Gemini capsule I had squeezed into earlier. Both of them carried Alan Shepard into space.

Next, we headed to the Shuttle Launch Experience where we were belted into seats and told to hang on by former shuttle commander Charles F. Bolden in a pre-recorded show. You're treated to a shaking seat and the visu-

ally immersive experience of a shuttle launch. Astronauts say it's just like the real thing including an expansive view of the earth from space. Another experience, The Journey to Mars: Explorers Wanted show is more futuristic. From your seat, the wall in front of you opens and the floor falls away and you experience a high speed flight through the mountains and canyons of Mars. You  
(See *Starship Bean*, Page 23)

# 'Tragic irony:' Burlington shooting victims' family members say of violence following their children

BY EMMA COTTON/VT-DIGGER

BURLINGTON — Family members of the Palestinian American college students who were shot and wounded Saturday night in Burlington faced TV cameras and a large crowd of local and national reporters on Monday afternoon.

"We're still in shock over this," said Radi Tamimi, uncle of Kinnan Abdalhamid, one of the three injured students.

Tamimi and Rich Price, uncle of Hisham Awartani, said they felt betrayed and shocked after their 20-year-old nephews were attacked in America — a place they thought would be safer than the Middle East, where the three men attended high school.

Price said he hosted Awartani and his two friends — Abdalhamid and Tahseen Aliahmad — for Thanksgiving at his home on North Prospect Street, a tradition that stretched back several years. Police allege that Jason Eaton, a 48-year-old white Burlington resident, shot the three men as they walked down the street Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's violence, though thousands of miles from the war raging in the Middle East between Hamas and Israel, has brought national and global attention to Vermont.

"Tragic irony is not even the right phrase, but to have them

come stay with me for Thanksgiving and have something like this happen speaks to the level of civic vitriol, speaks to the level of hatred that exists in some corners of this country," said Price.

Two of the three victims, all 20-year-old men who went to high school together in the West Bank and now attend different colleges in the United States, were wearing keffiyehs, a traditional scarf that has become a symbol of Palestinian identity, when they were shot.

Awartani is a student at Brown University. Abdalhamid attends Haverford College and Aliahmad attends Trinity College. The Ramallah Friends Schools, based in the West Bank, identified them as graduates.

"Kinnan grew up in the West Bank, and we always thought that that could be more of a risk, in terms of his safety, and sending him here would be the right decision," said Tamimi, Abdalhamid's uncle, who walked into the press conference late, having only just arrived in Vermont from California. "We feel somehow betrayed in that decision here."

Earlier on Saturday, Aliahmad, Abdalhamid and Awartani attended a birthday party at a bowling alley for Price's twin 8-year-old sons.

"If you're in college, who wants to go to an 8-year-old

birthday party? But these three guys did," Price said. "They came. They played with my boys. We had just come home and they were walking around the block, and this is when this happened."

Price told reporters that he has been in the hospital with the three men since the shooting took place on Saturday, and that all three are in the intensive care unit. While Abdalhamid sustained injuries, he is likely to make a "full and speedy recovery," Price said. Aliahmad is "in quite a lot of pain," but is also expected to recover. Awartani, Price's nephew, suffered a spinal injury and "faces a long recovery," he said.

"I've been listening to them talk to one another and try to process the events, and I'm blown away by their resilience, by their good humor in the face of these difficult times," Price said.

While some national groups have called on authorities to prosecute the case as a hate crime, Chittenden County State's Attorney Sarah George told reporters at Monday's press conference that her team does not "yet have evidence to support a hate crime enhancement."

"I do want to be clear that there is no question: This was a hateful act," George said.

Price and Tamimi both said (See "Tragic irony", Page 21)



RADI TAMIMI, CENTER, a relative of one of the three college students of Palestinian descent shot in Burlington on Saturday night, listens as Rich Price, right, another student's relative, speaks at a press conference after Jason Eaton was charged with the crimes in Burlington on Monday.

Photo by Glenn Russell/VTDigger

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# Mim's Photos

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

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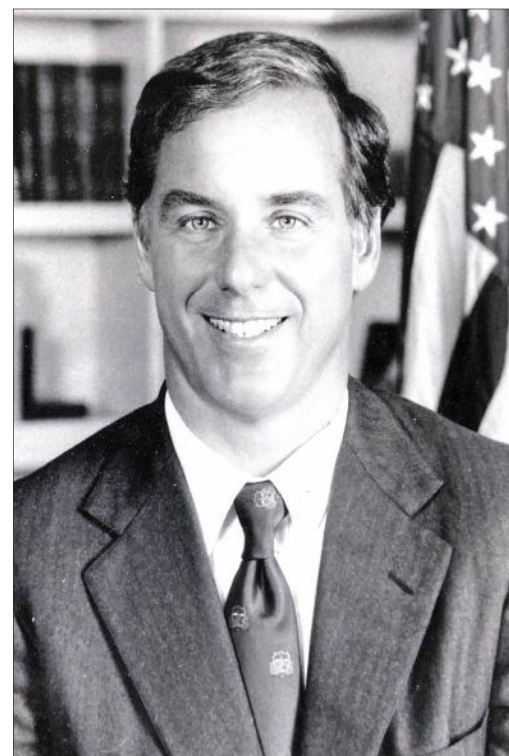


## Recognized



Linda (Quimby) Thompson recognized her Great Aunt Rena & Uncle Ken. Kenneth and Rena (Eubar) Gardner, lived in Forest Dale for many, many years. Her Uncle Ken worked at Newton & Thompson Wooden Toy Manufacturing Company. Linda says, "It was nice seeing their picture."

Gordon Nailer recognized Ken and Rena Gardner as well. Gordon and his wife were very close with the Gardners. This photo was from their 50th wedding anniversary.



Sue Wetmore was the first to identify a very young Howard Dean, past governor.

Ethan Nelson confirmed that this is young Howard Dean. Possibly when he was running for governor, announcing his win or early in that career. He was governor for most of Ethan's childhood: 1991-2003.

Gordon Nailer chimed in to identify Howard Dean as well.



# Crossword

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Old English letters
5. Sculpture
11. Showing up again
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Stiff structures in invertebrates
19. Mark over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular race: \_\_\_ 500
24. Pile up
28. Mint
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Small Eurasian deer
33. Baseball stat
35. Numbers cruncher
36. Japanese masked drama
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Place under prohibition
56. Calm, dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. One of two main branches of Islam

## CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. Gordon and Snider are two
3. Geographical region of Finland
4. Ejected saliva
5. A way of performing
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. Foolish person (Brit.)
13. Of the wind
16. Grand home
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Symbol indicating ownership
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Apart from
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Sea bream
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. South Dakota
43. An orderly crowd
45. Indicates position
48. \_\_\_-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Nocturnal flyers
54. American state
55. Clusters in fern fronds
57. Patriotic women
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Popular film "Despicable \_\_\_"

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# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Help RCHS Exceed Our \$35,000 Year End Matching Challenge

Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) has a fabulous opportunity to end 2023 with an amazing challenge! A few very generous supporters have offered to donate \$35,000 to RCHS if the community will match it by December 31st, 2023. What a great opportunity to help the homeless animals in Rutland County! Every dollar will be matched so your donation will go twice as far! If you would like to donate, check out our website at [rchsvt.org](http://rchsvt.org), or, you can send a check to RCHS at 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, VT 05763 and note "Year End Matching Challenge" in the memo line. Please contact Beth at [Shelterbeth@RCHSVT.org](mailto:Shelterbeth@RCHSVT.org) or 802.483.9171 ext. 211 with any questions. Thank you for being part of this wonderful opportunity to help the animals!

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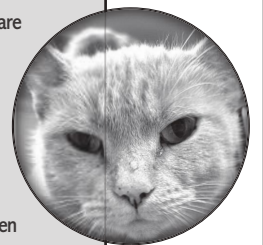


#### MEET CHARLIE - 8-MONTH-OLD. NEUTERED MALE. POINTER MIX. BLACK AND

WHITE. Isn't Charlie handsome?? He arrived at RCHS from a shelter in the south. He was actually recently adopted out, but returned because he was "too busy." Being that Charlie is still just a pup, he will need structure and work from his new family. He is an active boy who loves to go for hikes, play with toys, or run around with kids. He was in a foster home and lived well with another dog and kids. He has an easy-going personality and loves to make new friends. If you would like to meet this joyful pup, the Adoption Center is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 am-4 pm.

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**Resurrection Walk by Michael Connelly, donated in memory of Arthur E. Sawyer.**

Defense attorney Mickey Haller is back. After getting a wrongfully convicted man out of prison, he is inundated with pleas from incarcerated people claiming innocence. He enlists his half-brother, retired LAPD Detective Harry Bosch, to weed through the letters, knowing most claims will be false. Bosch pulls a needle from the haystack: a woman in prison for killing her husband, a sheriff's deputy, but who still maintains her innocence. Bosch reviews the case and sees elements that don't add up and a sheriff's department intent on bringing quick justice in the killing of one of its own. Now Haller has an uphill battle in court, a David fighting Goliath to vindicate his client.

**The Edge by David Baldacci, donated in memory of Andy Livak**

When CIA operative Jenny Silkwell is murdered in rural Maine, government officials have immediate concerns over national security. Her laptop and phone were full of state secrets that could endanger the lives of countless operatives. In need

of someone who can solve the murder quickly and retrieve the missing information, the U.S. government calls in Ex-Army Ranger Travis Devine who's spent his time in the military preparing to take on any scenario. Devine must ingratiate himself with locals who have trusted each other their whole lives, and who distrust outsiders just as much: Dak, Jenny's brother, who's working to revitalize the town; Earl, the retired lobsterman who found Jenny's body; and Alex, Jenny's sister, with a dark past of her own. As Devine gets to know the residents of Putnam, Maine, answers seem to appear and then transform into more questions.

## Adult Fiction:

**The List by Yomi Adegoki**

Ola Olajide, a celebrated journalist at Womxxxn magazine, is set to marry the love of her life in one month's time. Young, beautiful, and successful—she and her fiancé, Michael, are considered the "couple goals" of their social network and seem to have it all. That is, until one morning when they both wake up to the same message: "Oh my god, have you seen The List?" It began as a crowdsourced collection of names and somehow morphed into an anonymous account posting allegations on social media. Ola would usually be the first to support such a list—she'd retweet it, call for the men to be fired, write article after article.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Friends of Brandon Library annual Holiday Auction is THIS Sunday, 12/3! Come start (or finish) your holiday shopping with art, crafts, and more from local artists and community members.

Except this time, Michael's name is on it.

**Absolution by Alice McDermott**

Tricia is a shy newlywed, married to a rising attorney on loan to Navy intelligence. Charlene is a practiced corporate spouse and mother of three, a beauty and a bully. In Saigon in 1963, the two women form a wary alliance as they balance the era's mandate to be "helpmeets" to their ambitious husbands with their own impulse to "do good" for the people of Vietnam. Sixty years later, Charlene's daughter, spurred by an encounter with an aging Vietnam vet, reaches out to Tricia. Together, they look back at their time in Saigon, taking wry account of that pivotal year and of Charlene's altruistic machinations, and discovering as they do how their own lives as women on the periphery—of politics, of history, of war, of their husbands' convictions—have been shaped and burdened by the same sort of unintended consequences.

# When life gives you an egged car, make eggnog

## Brandon Police Report

### November 20

- Vehicle stop on Holstein Drive for speeding. Tickets issued for speeding, unassigned plates, and driving with a suspended license.

- A resident of River Street reported that a delivery truck that had dropped off a package at her house left tire marks on the lawn and knocked over a small garden statue.

### November 21

- Report of littering on Richmond Road.

- Property watch at a residence on Richmond Road.

- Property watch at a residence on Hollow Road.

- Report from a resident of Church Street that her car had been egged the night before.

- Directed traffic enforcement at the intersection of Franklin and Park Streets.

- Vehicle stop on Carver Street for failure to stop before turning right on red. Warning issued.

### November 22

- An officer received a complaint of an unattended child in a vehicle on Grove Street. The child was involved in an ongoing custody dispute. The report did not constitute a criminal act and DCF was made aware of the situation.

- A resident on Mulcahy Drive reported that two packages that were supposed to be delivered to her residence were missing.

- Officers conducted a welfare check at residence on Barlow Avenue. The subject was found to be safe and sound.

### November 23

- Vehicle stop for speeding on Grove Street. Warning issued.

- Officers assisted driver with a flat tire on Grove Street.

- Officers responded to what turned out to be a false alarm at a building on Franklin Street.

- Property watch at a residence on Richmond Road.

- Property watch at a residence on Hollow Road.

### November 24

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

- Brandon Police served a Notice of Hearing on a male that came voluntarily to the police station.

- Welfare check on a resident of Mulcahy Drive. The individual was found to be safe and sound.

- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for speeding. Warning issued.

### November 25

- Vehicle stop on Marble Street for failure to obey a stop sign. Warning issued.

- Connor S. McCarthy of Shoreham was arrested on Supermarket Drive for DUI-Second Offense and two counts of cruelty to a child. McCarthy was released on a citation to appear at the Rutland County Superior Court on 12/18/23.

- Foot patrol on Center Street.
- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for speeding. Warning issued.

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

- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Franklin Street. No criminal behavior was observed and the parties were separated for the night.

### November 26

- Vehicle stop on Lovers Lane for a moving violation. Warning issued.

- Directed patrol on Forest Dale Road.

- Officers stopped a vehicle on Nickerson Road because its trunk was open. The officers closed the trunk and informed the driver of the situation.

- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for failure to maintain travel lane. Warning issued.

- Vehicle stop on Park Street. Warning issued.



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**Mim's Photos**

Like all things vintage?

are on page 16!



## Moonrise

THE MOON PEEKS through the clouds as the late afternoon sun illuminates the distant mountains.

Taken by Dale Christie in West Rutland.



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

**Cancer.** You'll have pep in your step and others willing to lend a hand if it is needed.

### LEO July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, someone may offer you some honest feedback that is a little too raw for your ego at this point in time. You will simply have to take it with dignity and lick your wounds elsewhere.

### VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You need to be the driving force on a project that will pop up, Virgo. Even though you're not sure of your readiness for this type of work, you can give it a good attempt.

### LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Whatever you tackle this week, it shouldn't revolve entirely around money, Libra. Finances may have gotten in the way of things for some time; focus now on relationships.

### SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't let a dream you had put you all in a tizzy, Scorpio. That was just your subconscious working through some things and not a prediction of things to come.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Don't be shy about receiving credit for something that you did, Sagittarius. You

deserve the recognition no matter how large or small the task. Celebrate all your victories.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You may be coveting something of late, Capricorn. However, only when you stop actively wanting that thing or person will you finally get what you desire.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, your positive attitude is an asset in life. Even as challenges come your way this week, you can prove the naysayers wrong by maintaining your rosy outlook.

### PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

Pisces, standing up for yourself this week is challenging, but you need to do it to get your point across. Don't worry, you have many supporters in your corner cheering you on.



### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 1 Zoe Kravitz, actor (35)
- Dec. 2 Gianni Versace, designer (d)
- Dec. 3 JeanLuc Godard, filmmaker (d)
- Dec. 4 Marisa Tomei, actor (59)
- Dec. 5 Margaret Cho, comedian (55)
- Dec. 6 Judd Apatow, filmmaker (56)
- Dec. 7 Noam Chomsky, linguist (95)

### ARIES March 21-April 20

Aries, if you work or spend time with an introvert, reach out to him or her and strike up a conversation. This person may only need a little nudge to become a good friend.

### TAURUS April 21-May 21

Taurus, a friendly competition that may have started out lighthearted is now starting to transform into something a bit more competitive. Dial it back a bit.

### GEMINI May 22-June 21

Gemini, things are starting to slow down in your life, and your to-do list has gotten shorter. Expect things to ramp up again soon enough, but enjoy the break for now.

### CANCER June 22-July 22

This is a good week to begin something that you've been thinking about tackling,

## Power outages

(Continued from Page 8)

Green Mountain Power expected to restore power for most of its customers by the end of the day on Monday, she said.

As of noon on Monday, Green Mountain Power still had 15,000 customers without power, according to data on the company's website.

Vermont Electric Cooperative still had around 2,400 customers without power and said that

some customers may not see their electricity restored until Tuesday due to the weather conditions.

"These outages are widespread and because field conditions are tough, restoration for some areas is taking time," Jake Brown, energy services planner for the co-

operative, said in a press release.

The Washington Electric Cooperative had just over 6,000 customers without power as of noon on Monday, according to VTOutages.org.

The National Weather Service had issued a winter weather advisory through 1 p.m. Monday, but canceled it Monday morning after the storm dissipated.

"The storm has moved out, so at this point we are not expecting any additional wide-

spread precipitation," Kucicoff said. "Aside from that, in Vermont, we're definitely looking at more quiet weather over this next stretch, with maybe some scattered snow showers."

*"This was a case where even areas that didn't see much in the way of snow depth had a lot of liquid in the snow, so the weight of the snow was quite high,"*

*—Seth Kucicoff, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service station in Burlington*

# Brandon Festival Singers get in the spirit

THE SINGERS DELIGHTED onlookers during the annual tree lighting ceremony at Town Hall. The chorus sang popular Christmas carols such as "Come All Ye Faithful," "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Silent Night."



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# 'Tragic irony'

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that while they strongly suspect and fear that the shooting was motivated by hate, they plan to defer to the legal system to determine whether it can be prosecuted as a hate crime.

"I believe the families fear that this was motivated by hate, that these boys — these young men — were targeted, because they were Arabs, they were wearing keffiyehs. I think that is our fear," Price said.

He added, speaking on behalf of his family, that "we believe in the sanctity of the presumption of innocence and due process, and so we will support the authorities as they go through their investigation."

"It certainly seems like — that's our fear," he said.

Tamimi said he agreed, and that "it's hard to imagine, in this time, with everything that's happening, that it was just a random act. It doesn't feel that way," he said.

"We are absolutely willing to wait and find out, and let due process take its course," he said.

Quickly surrounded by reporters and bright camera lights after the press conference, Tamimi

spoke about Abdalhamid's childhood and experience in America

"He's a very empathetic boy, and just — we're all broken up that he's experienced this here, because I know it's going to change how he feels about where he is, and I don't want that to happen," Tamimi said.

He said his sister, Abdalhamid's mother, grew up in the United States and moved to Palestine around 2000. Abdalhamid was born in Illinois, and Tamimi lived with his sister and nephew for several years before his sister moved back to Palestine. Abdalhamid lived in the West Bank for most of his life until he moved back to the United States to attend Haverford College. Tamimi said he keeps in regular contact with Abdalhamid.

"For this to happen is really shocking, and it can really change someone's life," Tamimi said. "And that's what I'm afraid of."

Price, who has lived in Burlington for 15 years, described the shock that such an event could happen so close to home.

"We take a lot of pride in this community being a welcoming and inclusive city," he said.

"This is not who Burlington is. This is not what the city's values reflect. And that's what makes it all the more devastating."

Politicians, organizations, student groups and government officials have responded to the shooting with an outpouring of statements condemning the violence. Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger said he started Monday's press conference several minutes late because he had been on the phone with President Joe Biden.

Among those reacting to Saturday's shooting include a group of Burlington-area rabbis who said they were "saddened and appalled by the shooting of three Palestinian American college students."

"Our hearts go out to these young men and their loved ones and to the Vermont Palestinian and Muslim communities. We hope the perpetrator(s) will be brought to justice," read the statement, signed by Rabbi David Edleson with Temple Sinai, Rabbi Aaron Philmus with Ohavi Zedek Synagogue and Rabbi Jan Salzman with Congregation Ruach haMaqom. (On Monday night, Jewish Communities of Vermont announced that the leaders of many other synagogues and Jewish faith groups in Vermont — from Brattleboro

and Bennington to Woodstock and Stowe — had also signed on to the statement.)

The rabbis said they contacted the Islamic Center of Vermont to offer a message of support.

"We pray for the recovery and strength of those impacted by this horrific act," the group wrote.

In an interview, Wafic Faour, a Palestinian and a member of Vermonters for Justice in Palestine, who had helped organize a rally on Sunday, said members of the Palestinian community are "angry, terrified, horrified."

He expressed disappointment that officials, including George, the state's attorney, have not yet found evidence to support charging Eaton, the suspected shooter, with a hate crime.

"All the officials, including Sarah George, said, it's a hateful crime, but it's not a hate crime. How is that?" he said.

While Faour said he stands with the family members who said they suspect the shooting was motivated by hate, he said he is skeptical of the legal process and that he hopes it will be fair. He cited rising violence and hateful rhetoric against Palestinians across the country.

The Coalition for Palestinian Liberation, a group of organizations, is planning a Dec. 2 rally on the Statehouse lawn, he said.

"We're going to fight against all racism: Islamophobia, anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian and anti-semitism, as well," he said.

When reporters asked Tamimi, Abdalhamid's uncle, whether he had a message for other Palestinians, Tamimi said that "everyone is family in the Palestinian community right now."

"That support system is what's keeping us all sane, quite frankly, among this craziness and chaos," he said.

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## Brandon Brain Buster Answered

**Answer: A**

We can set up a table to represent the original ratios.

Sugar	Flour	Butter
1	2	
	3	4

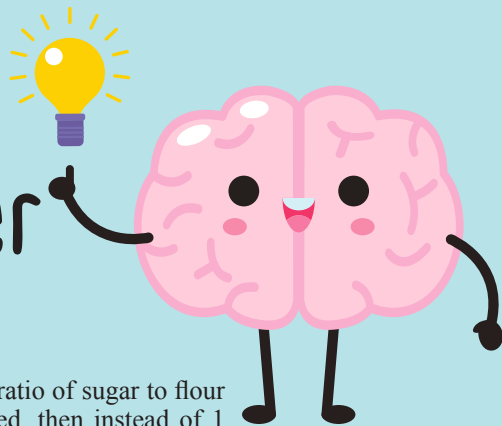
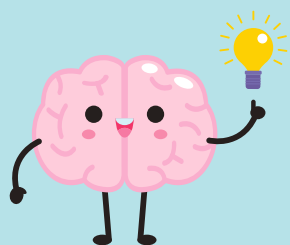
If the ratio of sugar to flour is doubled, then instead of 1 to 2, it would be 2 to 2, which is the same as 1 to 1 (think of a ratio as fraction—the original ratio is 1/2 and doubling that is 2/2). If the ratio of flour to butter is halved, then instead of 3 to 4, we would have 3 to 8 (one half of 3/4 is 3/8). We can write this in a new table.

Sugar	Flour	Butter
1	1	
	3	8

According to the altered recipe, if we had 6 cups of sugar, we would have 6 cups of flour, since the new ratio is 1 to 1. And because the ratio of flour to butter is now 3 to 8, 6 cups of flour would correspond to 16 cups of butter (if we double the number of cups of flour, we must double the number of cups of sugar to keep the ratio consistent.)

The final table would look like this:

Sugar	Flour	Butter
6	6	
	6	16



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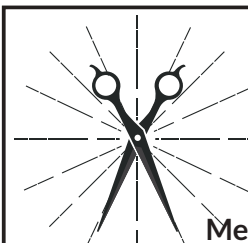
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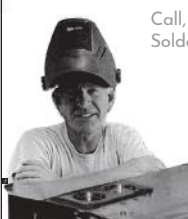


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# Harper Rose Briar trial Starship Bean

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The case has dragged on for years, the process hindered by the intervening COVID epidemic, among other factors. But the trial finally began on Monday, November 27 at the Rutland County criminal court.

Rutland County State's Attorney Ian Sullivan is now tasked with proving beyond a reasonable doubt that Vaillancourt administered the diphenhydramine (the active ingredient in Benadryl) that was discovered in Harper Rose's body at the time of her death and was determined to be the cause.

Defense attorney Robert McClallen, in his opening statements, asserted that the state will not be able to meet its burden of proof.

"The state's not going to be able to give any evidence that proves how the diphenhydramine got in her system," said McClallen.

However, Harper Rose's parents—Marissa Colburn and Blake Briar—deny that they ever gave their daughter any medication containing the compound in question and that they

ever even had any such medication in their possession.

Colburn has testified that on Harper Rose's third day in Vaillancourt's care, while driving home from class at Castleton University (as it was still called at the time), she received a message from Vaillancourt alerting her that Harper Rose was ill and being taken to Rutland Regional Medical Center.

When Colburn arrived at the hospital, she was informed that staff was attempting to resuscitate the infant and that even if the staff were successful, Harper Rose had already suffered irreversible brain damage. Colburn gave permission to the medical staff to end their attempts and let Harper Rose go.

The case shook the local community, who rallied behind Colburn and Briar and began displaying the ubiquitous pink signs in support of the couple and their lost child.

The trial is expected to continue throughout the week.

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find yourself hanging on as your chair tips ever so slightly forward then right and left in conjunction with the dynamic movie. I found this particularly engaging, the visuals alone were worth the price of admission.

After a visit to the gift shop, we collected Milo, who was very glad to see us, and headed back to our camper in the jungle. I'll let Bean tell you her story: Wow, this is surely a change! Sooo much better than that driveway in South Carolina. This place is Green and Lush! So beautiful and undeveloped. Although I was alone, it was really peaceful and serene.

I just love nature. I hope they take me to more places like this. I overheard them talking about their trip to some space place. I even think they saw my famous cousin (made by Airstream) that ferried the astronauts to the launch pad for their trip to the moon. She's famous back at the factory! Maybe I can go and meet



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