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Brandon to be 64th concert in the 'Play Every Town' concert series on Aug. 24

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The life of a professional musician involves a lot of travel. And for musicians who reach a certain level of renown, a good part of that travel is done by airplane. But increasingly, air travel is seen as a major polluter and contributor to climate change, prompting some green-minded musicians to rethink the way they manage their schedules and careers.

David Feurzeig is one such musician.

A composer-pianist who teaches composition and music theory at UVM, Feurzeig decided during COVID to stop traveling by plane to his gigs, even that means forgoing otherwise exciting opportunities. Having performed internationally—Germany and Thailand, for example—Feurzeig understood that the decision would limit his reach.

"At first it felt limiting and sort of sad," he said in a recent phone conversation. "But then I began to see it as an opportunity to get to know my home state."

Thus was born "Play Every Town," Feurzeig's multi-year project to perform in all of Vermont's 252 towns, no matter how remote or how small. And after 63 out of those 252, Feurzeig will perform in Brandon at BARN Opera on Saturday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Though Feurzeig plays a different piano sonata by the Baroque composer Scarlatti at every program (there are over 500 of them, so the supply won't run out), he varies his musical selections from concert to concert.

"I'd lose my mind playing the same pro-



DAVID FEURZEIG

gram every time," he laughed.

He also tries to choose pieces that have some connection to the locale. In Brandon, (See 'Play Every Town, Page 7)



BPD K-9 UNIT Guinness sits in front of the drugs, cash, and paraphernalia seized from a vehicle in Brandon last week. The investigation is ongoing but BPD Chief Kachajian stated that the size of the seizure will likely bring in federal law enforcement.

Large quantity of drugs seized in Brandon

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The Brandon Police Department (BPD) issued a press release on Friday, August 9 to notify the public that a significant quantity of drugs had been seized as part of an investigation into illicit activity in the parking lot of the 802 Spirits liquor store on Conant Square in Brandon. The seized material included powder cocaine, crack cocaine, liquid cocaine, fentanyl, meth, prescription depressants, drug paraphernalia, U.S. currency, and handgun ammunition. The street value of the narcotics is estimated to be \$28,000.

According to BPD, the investigation began on the evening (See *Drugs seized, Page 20*)

Brandon SB talks budget, dog park, and RV rallies

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The Brandon Selectboard convened on Monday evening for a meeting that lasted over two hours and veered between civil discussion and open hostility, with some residents expressing anger toward town management and the board.

The conflicts stemmed primarily from disagreements over last year's budget process, the installation of water fountains at the dog park, and the proposed "downtown takeover" by a group of RV enthusiasts who planned to occupy Park Street for an entire weekend in September.

BUDGET PROCESS

Board Chair Doug Bailey had placed on the agenda a discussion of the process that will be used in the upcoming budget workshops this fall. Last year's workshops ended with some animosity between the Budget Committee's non-voting civilian advisory panel and the committee's voting members, who were simply the 5 members of the Selectboard. Several members of the advisory panel stated that they felt that their input had been dismissed by the voting mem-

bers and blamed those members for the subsequent failures of the budget at the ballot box last spring.

Mr. Bailey said his goal was to avoid a repeat of that situation, much of which he believed was the result of a misunderstanding of the role of the advisory panel. Mr. Bailey emphasized that the panel is meant to offer guidance and suggestions but that ultimately the final decisions must rest with the voting members. He proposed that the process begin earlier, with clearer roles, and a more strategic roll-out of the resulting budget.

Board member Heather Nelson agreed that clear expectations would help ease tensions. Board member Tim Guiles stated that everyone was welcome to come to the budget workshops and offer input but that the final decisions should remain with the elected officials (i.e., the members of the Selectboard who also serve as the Budget Committee). Mr. Guiles even suggested that a Budget Committee wasn't necessary.

Members of last year's ad- (See *Brandon SB, Page 6*)

Names lost in Vermont, Part 30: Rivers and Baker

BY MICHAEL F. DWYER
Non-flood-related question: how many Rivers were there in Vermont a century ago? Over

Addison counties. Just about all these Rivers families trace their origin to Québec ancestors who crossed the border

French names for Rivers include Larivière (literal translation of river), plus Desloges dit Larivière as well as Chapdelaine dit Larivière. Now let's look at who was whom among these descendants.

names of the parents, Julian Larivière and Marie Bélanger (not Baker).

Perhaps an indication of economic struggle and marital strife, only Mary Rivers was listed as head of household with four children in Chittenden's 1880 census. Her youngest son, Leon Truman Rivers, died in a tragic accident on December 7, 1885, as described in the Rutland Herald: "The boiler explosion in C.R. Holden's mill in North Chittenden Monday, which killed Leon Rivers and seriously injured the engineer, William Deming, was probably due to carelessness. Deming had allowed the water



JULIUS RIVERS. DESCENDANTS have posted on Ancestry.com this digitally restored image of a tintype, claiming it is the Civil War soldier as a young man. It is more likely, based on the sartorial details, a picture of his son, Julius Rivers Jr. (1866-1912).



JULIUS RIVERS'S CIVIL War enlistment certificate, actually his enlistment in 1864.

250 individuals carried the Rivers surname, several dozen of whom lived in Rutland and into northern New York or Vermont at various times in the 19th century. Variations of

to get low in the boiler...Leon Rivers, the boy who was killed, but a few minutes before came in off from the ice and sat down in front of the engine to warm his feet. He was blown out of the building and most of his
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GARDENING CORNER

Ethan Nelson's towering sunflowers hit record heights

BY LYN DESMARAIS BRANDON—Ethan Nelson of Brandon loves to grow giant plants. This year, he has surpassed the Vermont State record for tall sunflowers with a 19'2" flower that comes in above the previous record of 18'11" held by John and Kerry Young of Jericho, and he may

end up breaking his own record again later this season. I was invited to stop by to see these giant flowers last week. They're incredibly beautiful and quite remarkable. Even more remarkable is Ethan's and his wife Heather's garden. Ethan and Heather, who both grew up here, have a proper-

ty that they are turning into a productive fruit-and-vegetable garden with every inch of grass being thought about and converted to productive food or flower space.

I asked him how he got into growing giant sunflowers. Back in 2018, Dan and Holly Boyce set a new state record for heaviest pumpkin in Vermont: 2017.5 lbs. Ethan didn't

The latest news is that Sunday Aug 11th, the final official measurement was conducted at The Baird Farm in East Chittendon by Jenna Baird and Jacob Powsner.

even know this was a thing before reading the article. It was transformative. Ethan asked local farming legend Jon Satz for advice. Jon referred him to Jenna Baird at The Baird Farm in Chittenden who got him into the Vermont Giant Pumpkin Growers Association. The club shares various giant seeds, which is how Ethan came, somewhat by mistake, to grow his first tall sunflower (15.5 feet) in 2020, when the state record was just over 16 feet. This year, he attributes his success to seeds from a grower named Alan Rickers in Idaho and growing advice from a grower in NY named Rick Mace, who (See Gardening Corner, Page 20)



BRANDON'S ETHAN NELSON showing off one of his record-breaking giant sunflowers. Nelson has perfected his reverse-bonsai techniques through careful selection of seeds and preparation of the soil. One of his sunflowers exceeded 19' this year, taking the Vermont record!

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VERMONT ATHLETE ELLE Purrier St. Pierre competes in the semifinal of the women's 1,500-meter race during the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France, on Aug. 8, 2024.

Photo by Pete Dovgan/Speed Media/Icon Sportswire via AP

Elle Purrier St. Pierre caps Paris Olympic run with mettle, if not a medal

BY KEVIN O'CONNOR/
VTDIGGER

Talk to Vermont runner Elle Purrier St. Pierre last summer and she'd tell you about being eight weeks pregnant when she failed to qualify for the 2022 world championship finals, only to stop competing entirely after giving birth to her son in 2023.

But tune in to live 2024 Olympic coverage on Saturday and you'd see the 29-year-old Montgomery dairy farmer bounce back, in sunglasses no less, to compete in the women's 1500-meter race in Paris.

Purrier St. Pierre, U.S. record holder for the indoor one- and two-mile, finished eighth in a field of 12 international athletes, with her 3:57.52 time besting her 10th-place finish at the pandemic-delayed Tokyo games in 2021.

"Having a Baby Didn't Slow Down Olympian Elle Purrier St. Pierre," summed up a headline in Time magazine.

Hundreds of Vermonters who watched the Thursday semifinals at the runner's alma mater of Richford Junior-Senior High School and at Montgomery's Phineas Swann Inn and Spa returned for the Saturday race.

"We're all very excited about having a local athlete," said Darren Drevik, a former Olympic reporter before he and his wife bought the inn 12 years ago. "We just cheer like crazy when Elle shows up on the screen."

Purrier St. Pierre's journey has sparked plenty of media shout-outs, including a recent interview with Time.

"It was a hard decision to have a baby and put my career on pause," she told the magazine. "And so now that I have done that, I just feel like this piece of me that was missing is now here. I feel more complete and so I'm more level-headed and happy. That's just all around good for my career."

(See Elle Purrier St. Pierre, Page 5)



****That*** was a rough night*

THIS PAIR OF Burrowing Owls was seen in Florida . About nine inches tall, they excavate a burrow for nesting. They are endangered due to habitat loss.

Photo by Sue Wetmore

Community Forums Labor Day weekend is BIG in Shoreham!

Start your celebration of Labor Day Weekend by coming to Breakfast at the Shoreham Congregational Church on Saturday August 31, 2024, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Feast on plain or blueberry pancakes or French toast with Vermont maple

syrup, sausages, home fries, our famous quiches, and beverages. The cost is only \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, and \$30 for families. Please bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the Food Shelf to help those in need.

This is a great chance to enjoy good food as you chat with your neighbors and friends before you check out the Town-Wide Yard Sale. And after eating this breakfast, you will be all set until the Fire Department Barbecue starting at 4 PM.

Quilters' stash sale in Middlebury

Note: A quilter's stash includes fabrics and notions purchased without any specific project in mind. It's usually fabrics that a quilter falls in love with, certain they will use for a future project (but often never do). It also in-

cludes leftover fabrics from completed quilts.

The Milk & Honey Quilters Guild members have been sorting through their piles of fabrics and notions as they prepare for another great stash buster sale.

This sale will be Saturday, August 24th from 9:00am – 3:00 pm at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Church's Community Room located at 2 Duane Court, Middlebury, (See Quilters' Stash, Page 5)

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Letter to the Editor

America is great and so is Neil Diamond

One of the greatest musicians that I have listened to is Neil Diamond. He is known for being a singer-songwriter who has sold more than 130 million records worldwide. His music is heard and played all over the world, including his hit "Coming to America."

Neil started out writing songs for other artists, such as Sonny

& Cher and the Monkees. Neil started singing his own songs in 1966. Since that time, he has written fourteen hit songs. Two of my favorites are "Sweet Caroline" and "Cracklin' Rosie." This is just the tip of the iceberg.

Did you know Reba McEntire is a big fan of Neil's? His music has helped people

around the world relax.

I wanted to write about music because it's something I can share with everyone and it's something different for people to read. I'm a two-time author of books about Brandon.

Sanford Rouse
Brandon

Pittsford's women artists have their moment in Montpelier

BY STEVEN JUPITER

MONTPELIER—The Pittsford Historical Society (PHS) has put together a fascinating exhibit on female artists who lived and worked in the town from the mid-1800s through the mid-1900s. The show is currently up at the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) in Montpelier and of-

talents. This exhibit, however, takes an admiring look at a number of Pittsford women who explored their creativity and left behind an impressive body of work.

There was Martha Wood (1844 – 1930) and Lucia Gilbert (1832 – 1998), who made a business of painting copies of the "Great Masters" on slate in

spent her youth in Pittsford, in the late 1800s studied art in New York City, and won national prizes for her watercolors. Her "Woman in Yellow" is on display at VHS, somewhat reminiscent of John Singer Sargent or William Merritt Chase. Her portrait in watercolor "Producer and Cast" of 1938 features both a sensitive depiction of her brother and a slightly unsettling puppet he had made. In fact, the wonderfully crafted puppet is in the show as well. Ms. Belcher's relations still live in the family house in Pittsford.

Mary Randall Allen (1878 – 1968) was a photographer who (See Pittsford's artists, Page 21)



"PRODUCER AND CAST" by Hilda Belcher, 1938. This charming watercolor depicts the artist's brother Stephen and a puppet he created. The puppet is also in the show. Photos by Steven Jupiter

fers a unique perspective on Pittsford.

At a time when women were expected to keep house and look after their families, it was rare to find those who had freedom to develop their artistic

the 1870s. A 1972 oil painting of a Pittsford landscape shows the influence of the Hudson River School that dominated American landscape art in the 1800s.

Hilda Belcher (1881 – 1963)

Quilters' Stash

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VT (behind the Mary Johnson Day Care Center and close to Middlebury High School). Rain or shine, it promises to be a great opportunity for quilters, aspiring quilters, seamstresses, theater groups, crafters – really anyone who loves fabric – to find bargains on some great treasures on the 25+ tables of colorful delights. Several of those tables will be filled with fabulous fabrics from a community member who recently passed. She was an avid and talented quilter with a keen eye for beautiful fabrics. This sale is not to be missed!

The Milk and Honey Quilters Guild began more than thirty years ago in Middlebury as a small, informal, and support-

ive group for quilters and anyone interested in quilting. Over the years, it has grown to over 70 members, and they always welcome newcomers. Monthly guild meetings consist of a business meeting, Show & Tell and a Q&A time which often results in sharing tips and tricks. The group often hosts a locally or nationally recognized guest speaker and/or trunk show. They dedicate at least two sit and sew sessions per year to community service sewing projects.

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Elle Purrier St. Pierre

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Purrier St. Pierre is one of three Summer Games athletes with Green Mountain State ties. Burlington rugby player Ilona Maher, 27, helped the U.S.

women's team win a bronze medal, while Norwich rower William Bender, 23, joined fellow Dartmouth College alum Oliver Bub in the men's pairs competition.

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Obituaries

Annie Mary Griffin, 79, Brandon

Annie Mary Griffin, 79, passed away on Thursday August 8, 2024 at Rutland Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Annie was born in Rutland, the daughter of Cassius "Bud" and Hazel B. (Scribner) Smith. She grew up in Brandon, where she received her early education and graduated from Otter Valley Union High School, Class of 1963. Annie had worked as a waitress at the Triangle Restaurant in Brandon and at Middlebury College in the House-keeping Dept. She later was a cook at Camp Thorpe in Goshen. Annie was active in her community and volunteered at the Brandon Free Public Library and the Brandon Thrift Shop.



ANNIE MARY GRIFFIN

Surviving her are: 2 daughters (Annie M. Bourque and her husband Roland of Barnstead, NH and Hazel L. Pratt and her husband

James of Sudbury); 2 sons (Roland B. Griffin and Timothy R. Griffin, both of Rutland); 1 brother (Roland L. Smith & his wife Bonnie of Chittenden). She is also survived by her 11 grandchildren: Justin, Colton, Keenan, Patrick, Houston, Essence, Wynn, Anissa, Allie, Ella, and Skyler. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The funeral service "In celebration of her life" will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home, 26 Franklin St. Brandon, VT.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to the Brandon Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. Brandon, VT 0573

David Philipsen, 83, Brandon

David Philipsen, age 83, died August 3, 2024, at his home in Brandon following a long, valiant struggle with Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease.

David was born at Proctor Hospital, on July 31, 1941, the son of veterinarian Dr. William and Marion (Mills) Philipsen. He was a life-long resident of Brandon, as was his father Dr. William Philipsen. His grandfather, Dr. Herman Philipsen (also a veterinarian), immigrated to Brandon from Denmark in 1894. A maternal fourth great-grandfather was an early settler of Brandon, coming from Massachusetts about 1805. David graduated from Brandon High School, class of 1959. At first, unsure of his career path, he studied at UVM, Boston University, and Northeastern University, finally earning a B.A. in English and a B.S. in Social Science from Castleton State College in 1970. He became a public librarian in Manchester, a college librarian at Castleton State College, a traveling school librarian for seven schools in the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union, and, lastly, at West Rutland's K-12 School, from which he retired in



DAVID PHILIPSEN

2003 following 20 years of service. Many years ago, he served on the board of directors of early daycare centers in Castleton and Brandon. He was a member of the Brandon Historical Society. At different times of his life, he enjoyed reading, genealogy, using computers, photography, listening to music, playing the piano, gardening, and in earlier years skiing, hiking, kayaking, golfing, and bicycling. He had a wonderful sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife/care provider, Maryann (Groeger) Philipsen of Brandon, whom he married at St. Mary's Church in Bran-

don, on July 31, 1977. He is also survived by his feline companion, Lily, and by many special friends. Additional survivors include his brother Doug's wife, Mary, niece Marion, nephews Chris, Kevin, and Doug, and Maryann's sisters, Holly and Nancy and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Bill and sister-in-law Barb and brother Doug.

Following his instructions, there will be no calling hours or public funeral service. A private graveside committal service and burial will take place at a later date in the family lot at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in his memory to Brandon Area Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 232, Brandon, VT or to the Brandon Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 25, Brandon, VT 05733.

"It is in the shelter of each other that people live" Irish Proverb.

As Dave, in his 83 years, lived in the shelter of so many, receiving a special memory would be most welcome.

Arrangements by Miller & Ketcham of Brandon.

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visory panel were present and expressed their frustration with what they felt had been dismissive treatment by the voting members. They questioned the purpose of the advisory positions if they had no real authority. They agreed that it was essential that the role of the advisory panel be delineated.

Town Manager Seth Hopkins reminded the room that under Vermont law, the Selectboard cannot delegate its statutory responsibilities to town committees. Since Selectboards are responsible for town budgets, it would not be permissible to grant voting authority to the members of the advisory panel.

Ultimately, the board voted 4 to 1 (Mr. Guiles was the lone nay) to solicit applications from community members who wish to be on the 5-member advisory panel this fall. Anyone interested in the positions should submit a cover sheet and letter of intent to Mr. Hopkins (shopkins@townofbrandon.com) by noon on Thursday, August 22 and be prepared to be interviewed by the board at its meeting on Monday, August 26.

DOG PARK WATER FOUNTAINS

Board member Brian Coolidge presented Deputy Town Manager and Rec Dept. Director Bill Moore with a list of questions regarding two water fountains proposed to be installed on Seminary Hill, one in the dog park and one in the adjacent playground.

Mr. Coolidge expressed concern over the cost of the fountains and pressed Mr. Moore for details on the expense. Mr. Coolidge was particularly concerned that the Fire District had no written agreement with the town to cover the cost of one of the fountains and the installation, as had been stated previously by Mr. Moore. Mr. Coolidge also expressed concern that the fountain in the dog park was going to be installed on land that the town did not own, since a significant portion of the park occupies private property that is being donated for use by the park.

Mr. Moore explained that the fountains would cost approximately \$3,000 each and that Ray Counter, who heads the Water Department, had assured him that he would cover the cost of one of the fountains out of his own budget. He also said that an expected donation to cover some of the cost of the other fountain had recently been rescinded because the donor felt that the fountain, which has 4 different faucets at different levels, was too elaborate.

That donor was present at the meeting and stated that she'd retracted her \$500 donation be-

cause she felt that Mr. Moore had not represented the project to her accurately and did not have a plan to cover the total cost, going so far as to call him "disingenuous." Mr. Moore pushed back, criticizing the donor for impugning his integrity. Other attendees expressed support both for the project and for Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore also stated that several fundraising events were scheduled for the fall for the express purpose of raising money to pay for the fountains.

One attendee stated that she'd heard that the town was planning to purchase the portion of the dog park that it doesn't own. Mr. Moore said that the owner had approached the town with an offer to sell the parcel to the town for \$25K but that the offer hadn't even been brought to the board yet. Mr. Hopkins stated that he had planned to bring the offer to the board in executive session that evening but the open discussion eliminated the need. The board did not take any further action on the offer.

PARK STREET RESIDENTS REJECT 'AIRSTREAM RALLY'

Residents of Park Street had received flyers in their mailboxes over the weekend informing them of an upcoming "Airstream Rally" to be held on the street over the weekend of September 27. Up to 30 Airstream RVs would occupy the parking spaces on either side of the street and the owners of the RVs would camp out on Park Street from Friday (See Brandon SB, Page 23)

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COMPOSER-PIANIST DAVID FEURZEIG will perform at BARN Opera in Brandon on Saturday, August 24 as part of his "Play Every Town" project in which he will visit all 252 towns in Vermont. Brandon will be #64. Composer Eve Beglarian and tenor Josh Collier, both of Brandon, will join Feurzeig on stage.

'Play Every Town'

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for example, he'll be performing Scott Joplin's "Magnetic Rag," a sly nod to Thomas Davenport, who used magnets in the electric motor he invented in Forest Dale in the 1830s.

Mr. Feurzeig also partners with hometown musicians and composers whenever possible. In Brandon, he's fortunate to have the top-notch talents of BARN Opera's own Josh Collier and Grammy-winning classical composer Eve Beglarian, both of whom will be joining Feurzeig on stage. Collier will be performing Italian vocal selections and Beglarian will be presenting original compositions, some of which will be sung by Beglarian herself and some of which will be performed solely by Feurzeig on piano.

"I love everything about David's 'Play Every Town' project and I've been waiting with delight for Brandon's turn," Beglarian wrote to The Reporter. "And I'm so happy to finally be able to hear him play some of my solo music live and to guest with him on a song. I think it'll be a really enjoyable evening."

Anyone who has not heard these musicians before ought to take advantage of this opportunity. The concert, like all in the series, is free of charge, though donations are accepted. Any proceeds from the concert in Bran-

don will be given to the Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN), a local organization that promotes sustainable food production.

The experience of playing in every town in Vermont has reinforced for Feurzeig the sense of community that the Green Mountain State is known for. Under normal circumstances, an audience of 16 people might be a disappointment to a musician of Feurzeig's stature, but when those 16 people represent 36% of a town's entire population, it starts to feel less like a snub and more like a compliment.

The concerts draw people who are interested in the philosophy of the project as well as those who simply love music. Many older folks who can no longer travel too far from home have been happy to have such high-quality music performed right in their backyards.

Feurzeig also relies on local pianos, sometimes creating challenges for himself as a pianist, as when the instruments won't stay in tune or when their hammers stick and he has to figure out on the fly how to continue playing without attracting attention to the problems. He's sometimes even resorted to facial contortions and body language to express musical dynamics that he couldn't wring out of the poor battered piano he was playing on.

"But it's felt more invigorating and challenging than annoying," he said. He added that sometimes the issues with the pianos can help him let go of perfectionism and simply focus on the music.

2 years in, Feurzeig anticipates that the project will continue for another 5. If you can't make the concert in Brandon, he has yet to play Pittsford, Proctor, Leicester,

Goshen, Sudbury, or Whiting, though he did play Salisbury last year (it was #42 in the series). All the performances are recorded and archived on the project website (dfeurzei.w3.uvm.edu/playeverytown).

"It's important that the project have an enduring form," said Feurzeig, who says he's learned a lot about his home state through

this work.

To describe the experience he's had, Feurzeig quotes Henry David Thoreau, the 19th-century philosopher who famously spent two years alone in a cabin in Concord, Massachusetts:

"I have traveled a great deal in Concord."

Sometimes you don't need to cover much ground to travel far.



Brandon's bicentennial quilt is looking for a new home

BY CAROL FJELD

BRANDON—You may have noticed a quilt hanging just inside the downstairs lobby of the Brandon Town Hall. Have you wondered about the story behind it? I did, so I had a conversation with Maridon Gibson. Here's what I found out.

In June 1978, Bette Moffett made the suggestion to the Brandon Congregational Women's Association to create a bicentennial quilt. Maridon Gibson had completed a quilt for her family. It was elegantly appliquéd, hand quilted, and of her own design. In the eyes of the Brandon Congregational Women's Association, this qualified Maridon to be the leader on this project.

There are 30 panels each measuring 14" square that were hand appliquéd and embroidered. Each was designed to represent a Brandon landmark of the needle worker's choice. Some of these include historic sites and activities such as Goodnow's Orchard (Joan Bockes), the Railroad Depot (Catherine Clifford), and skating on Jones' Pond (Susan Walins). Some are familiar landmarks and organizations, such as the Town Hall (Debbie Kirby), Sanderson Covered Bridge (Maxine Thurston), Town Office block (Martha Wood) and Ayrshire Breeders' Association (Maridon Gibson). The group spent six months meeting and

sharing fabrics and ideas. Each needle worker went home to work on her block.

The blocks were finished by November of 1978. Maridon then took the blocks home to join with blue gingham sashing strips and border. She finished with a Dacron fill and a white sheet for the back. It was then hand quilted between February and March in quilting bees held at the Congregational church. The women participating included Helyn Anderson, Marguerite Baker, Bobbie Berry, Joan Bockes, Miriam Eisenring, Fay Getz, Maridon Gibson, Jan Giles, Joyce Heath, Marion Hood, Blanch Huesi, Debbie Kirby, Nancy Knapp, Marion Leonard, Bette Moffett, Maris Ogg, Nona Peck, Priscilla Powers, Marjorie Read, Barbara Sherman, Maxine Thurston, Barbara Torstenson, and Martha Wood.

A formal dedication was held on April 8, 1979, and the quilt was on display in the Meeting room at the Brandon Library. At this time, a new home for the quilt needs to be established. We are looking for a place to hang the 91"x 103" quilt that has minimal exposure to direct sun and is readily available for the public to view.

If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Carol Fjeld of the Friends of the Brandon Library at cekfjeld@gmail.com.



MARIDON GIBSON WITH the bicentennial quilt that she and the ladies of the Brandon Congregational Women's Association made in 1978. Each quilter designed and executed a panel in the quilt based on a bit of local history. There are 30 panels altogether.



MS. GIBSON WITH the quilt back when it was first completed in 1978. It was displayed for the first time at the Brandon Free Public Library in April of 1979. Recently, it has been displayed at Brandon Town Hall. It will need a new permanent home and the Friends of the Brandon Library are hoping someone will come forward with a viable suggestion.



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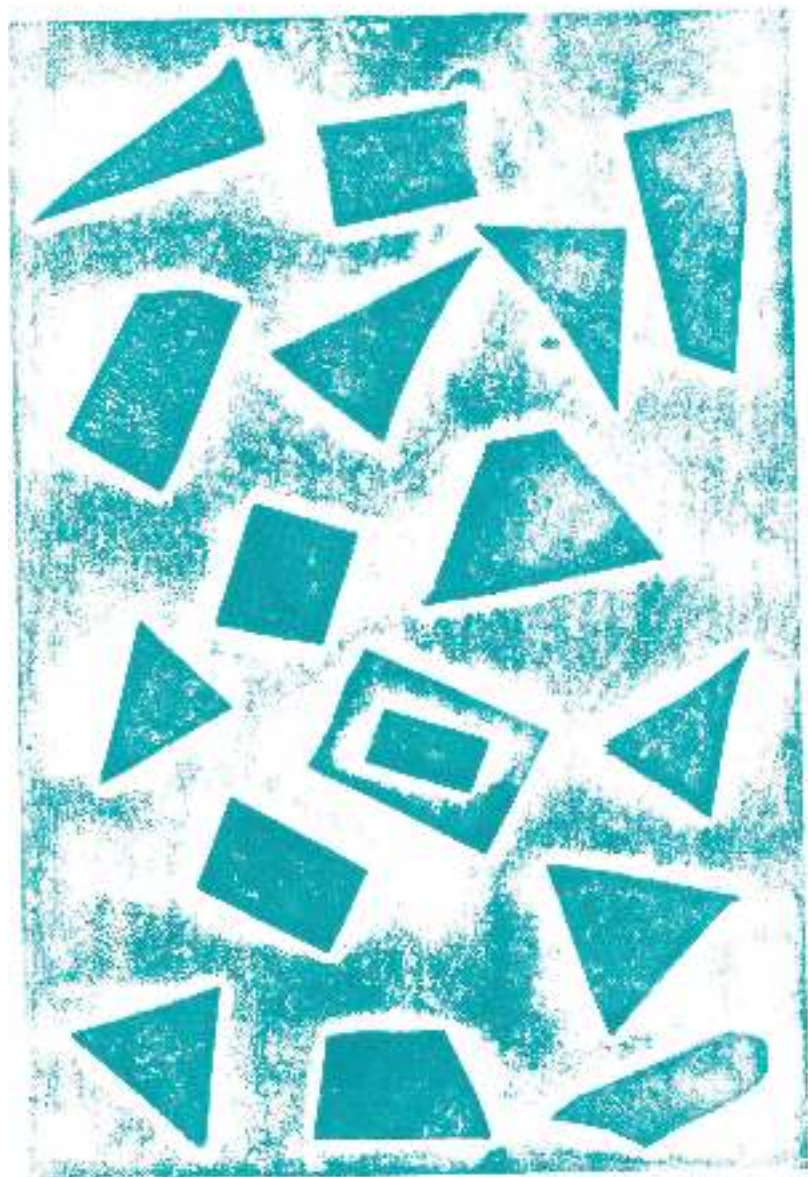
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TITLE: Untitled

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TEACHER: John Brodowski



Statement from Mackenzi:

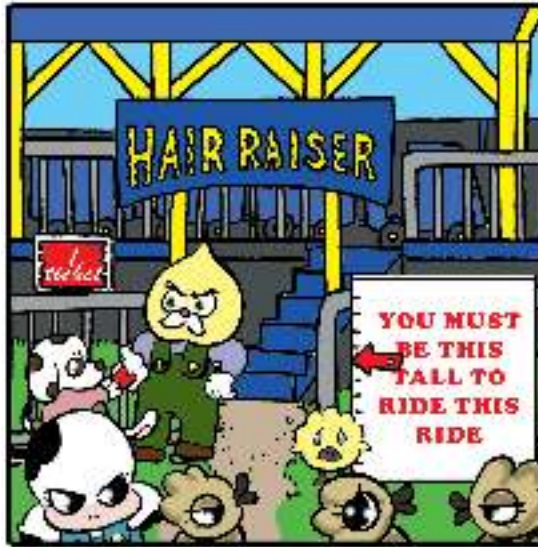
My friend Rylee helped me make these collagraphs. It is a print that you make by cutting shapes out of cardboard and gluing them to another piece of cardboard. Then you roll ink on the cardboard, take a piece of paper, put it on the cardboard, and put them both through the printing press.



Statement from Mr. B:

Several sixth-grade students experimented with collagraphs this past school year. Mackenzi really got the hang of it and made a series of beautiful prints. Her friend Rylee helped her learn the process. Mackenzi donated some of her prints to the art room so we can use them as inspiration and examples for students next year!

MAPLE ^{the} COW™ by Matt Aucoin



FRANCES BAKER AND Eliza in St. Alphonus Cemetery.

Names lost

(Continued from Page 2)
clothes torn off. He was terribly bruised and nearly every bone in his body broken.”

While Mary Rivers lived with daughter Bertha Battease in Chittenden’s 1900 census, Julius Rivers was counted in son George Rivers’s household in Pittsford. Within a few years, Julius moved to the Soldiers Home in Bennington, where he died of tuberculosis on May 27, 1904, age 77, parents’ names left blank on the death certificate. Mary survived Julius by four years. Her obituary, as “Mrs. Julius Rivers,” named her seven surviving children: Peter Rivers of Chittenden; Frank Rivers of Brandon; Julius Jr. and George Rivers of Pittsford; Julia Parker, Josephine Eddy, and Bertha Rivers (by now divorced from William Battease), all of Chittenden. From them, many descendants continue to live in the area.

Julius Rivers’s Civil War pension file, extending over 160 pages, delineates the debilitating struggles of a veteran trying to earn a living as a manual laborer. After ten years of testimony, medical examinations, and depositions, Julius was awarded the disability pension in 1891. William Buck, of Upper Jay, New York, testified that he knew Julius before the war as a healthy and robust young man. He recounted that after Julius’s discharge, barely able to work, he lived for a time with the Bucks. Discerning some kind of family relationship, it turns out that William Buck was Julius’s brother-in-law, having married Emily Rivers around 1850. Even with this clue, I have not yet been able to determine Emily and Julius’s parents. Following Julius’s death, it took widow Mary over a year to obtain a pension because she could not

produce a marriage document. She alleged that she and Julius were married at St. Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh, New York, in either August 1854 or 1855. Twice, a priest responded to the pension office’s query but could not find a record, citing the officiant’s probable carelessness. Mary then stated that Julius could have used the surname Desloges—still, no record with that name either. Eventually, depositions from friends and neighbors citing Julius and Mary’s long cohabitation as a married couple won the day, and she collected her pension.

Mary River’s death certificate named her father as “Frances Baker,” mother unknown. While searching St. Alphonus Cemetery for Julius’s Civil War marker, unrecorded in the published cemetery book, I came upon the two adjacent gravestones of Frances [sic] Baker and his wife Eliza. Were they Mary’s parents, and would I be able to track them back to Québec with the surname Bélanger? Yes! In the 1850 census of New York, they were counted Francis Baker, age 50, laborer, born Canada, with wife Lisette, 37, born Canada, and children, Mary, 12, Francis Jr. 10, Jenette, 8, Peter, 6, and Betsey, 17, all born in New York. I hoped that Francis and wife Eliza/

Lisette, with possible maiden name of “Donagh,” married in Québec before moving in Clinton County, New York. Indeed, they were: François Bélanger and Louise Donais wed in Napierville, Québec, on October 18, 1825. Only their eldest child, Phebe, was baptized there in June 1826 before the couple emigrated. Tracking the Bakers through censuses, including their residence in Goshen, Vermont, in 1860, and eventually settlement in Pittsford, parallels the moves of their son-in-law, Julius Rivers.

One more loose end to tie up. Another Julius Rivers (1848–1891) is sometimes confused with the above family. He married in Shrewsbury, Vermont, on June 3, 1871, a woman



JULIUS RIVERS CIVIL War marker in St. Alphonus Cemetery, Pittsford.

NAME	AGE	SEX	RELATION
John Ravens	32	M	Head
John	21	M	Son
Andrew	20	M	Son
William	14	M	Son
Louise	10	F	Daughter
Elizabeth	8	F	Daughter
Joseph	4	M	Son
Mary	2	F	Daughter
John	11	M	Son

1850 CENSUS FOR John Ravens.

named Eva Baker, no relation to Mary (Baker/Bélanger) Rivers because Eva was a Baker of Yankee origin, not a Bélanger. Her husband Julius Rivers shows up in Essex, Vermont’s 1850 census in the household of John and Delia “Ravers.” Once again, a sacramental record from St. Joseph’s Church in Burlington divulges that Julius Rivers, aka Julien Chapdelaine dit Larivière, son of Jean Chapdelaine dit Larivière and

Adelaide Berthiaume, was baptized at the age of four on September 14, 1852. This Rivers family eventually moved from Milton to Wallingford. Their seventeenth-century ancestor, André Chapdelaine, enlisted in the French Royal Navy and arrived in Québec on May 29, 1687. Chapdelaine, is the French word for hooded cloak, an apt metaphor for disguised identities until someone discovers their lost names.

Calendar of events

August

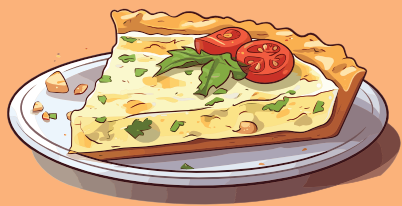
Mondays

Brandon Rec offers Aikido classes

Youth Class at 4:30 and Adult Class at 5:30. Beginners and spectators welcome. Classes at Neshobe School Gym until mid-July, then returning to Town Hall. Visit www.AikidoVermont.org for more info.

Quiche Luncheon at Shoreham Congregational Church August 17

Come to a Quiche Luncheon on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the Shoreham Congregational Church. For only \$10, you can enjoy a slice of our famous meat, vegetable, or cheese quiche along with salad, beverage, and angel cake with Vermont strawberries for dessert! It is a great time and place to relax with friends after the activities of early August. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Shelf to help those in need.



Tuesdays

Maclure Library Story Time Playgroup

Looking for a fun, educational playgroup for your 2–5 year old? Look no further! From 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. join Miss Allie, a certified teacher, for a weekly FREE literacy-based playgroup. Light snacks will be provided, along with stories, crafts, songs, games, and more. To register, please email allie.griffiths@rcpcc.org with your child's name, age, and contact information for your family.

Friends Zone

The Friends Zone will be initially open 3 hours per week at the Brandon United Methodist Church on Tuesdays from 12-3 p.m. at 1 Franklin Street, Brandon. Socialize with old friends, make new ones. Sip some soup while you sip a drink. Be puzzled for a bit, sorting out a puzzle, or hold an Ace in the hole until the right moment to play it. If so inclined, you can bring to the table a struggle of your own to work on or your thoughts on developing the Friends Zone or improving our lives. The door is open. Our minds are open. Our hearts are open.

All are welcome in.

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

Pins & Needles Craft Club at the Brandon Free Public Library

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

Wednesdays

Ping Pong

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

The club has begun playing on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. It will meet nearly every Wednesday year-round in the gym at the Rutland Area Christian School in Rutland, located at the corner of Melrose Ave. and Lincoln Ave. in Rutland, a block from the intersection of Route 7 and Melrose Ave. (110 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701).

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

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

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

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

From 10:30–11:30 a.m. at 155 Woodstock Avenue in Rutland, Lina Cloffe Hanson (Parvati) offers an Earth 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 reap 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 you 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 our email list. \$15/class.

Thursdays

Ukulele Group

Free at the Chaffee Art 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 Art 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.

Brandon Senior Center Game Day

Come join us every Friday at 2:00 p.m. Cards, darts, puzzles, board games, coloring.

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 whomever shows up each time or just practice your cornhole skills!

Saturdays

Bingo at the Brandon Senior Center

First Saturday of each month 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 Saturday afternoon. Please direct any questions to Kathy Mathis at 247-3121.

Storytime at the Brandon Free Public Library

Join us every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for picture book storytime. All ages welcome.

2024 Music at the

Aug 14

Tom Caswell Blues Band
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Sundays

Brandon Town Hall Painting with Crystal

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Thursday 15th

Rainbow Girls plus Children of Divorce — Next Stage Arts

Folk, roots, and Americana. Rainbow Girls are an eclectic folk trio hailing from the golden countryside just north of California's Bay Area. Vanessa May, Erin Chapin, and Caitlin Gowdey seamlessly combine soul-touching harmonies, varitextured instrumentals, and poignant lyrical content into a beautiful sonic tapestry. Throughout

their performance, voices are paired with an ever-changing amalgamation of acoustic and slide guitar, keys, upright bass, harmonica, and an array of vocal techniques, creating an engaging and emotionally moving live show. Children of Divorce open.

Next Stage Arts, 15

Kimball Hill, Putney. \$10–25.

Thursday 15th Friday 16th

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead — THT's Young Company Classical

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead is an absurdist, existential tragicomedy by Tom Stoppard. The play expands upon the exploits of two minor characters from Shakespeare's Hamlet, the courtiers Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, and the main setting is Denmark. The action of Stoppard's play takes place mainly "in the wings" of Shakespeare's Hamlet, with brief appearances of major characters from Hamlet who enact fragments of the original's scenes. Between these episodes, the two protagonists voice their confusion at the progress of events

occurring onstage without them in Hamlet, of which they have no direct knowledge. The characters pass time by playing Questions, impersonating other characters, and interrupting each other or remaining silent for long periods of time.

*For our Young Company Musical Production in July we introduced a \$25 Generous Ticket. The proceeds of this ticket purchase go directly to funding scholarships for those who may otherwise not be able to participate in our educational programs. 7 pm, \$10, \$15 or \$25.

Saturday 16th

Wild Couch w/ Connor Lin Frost and Cady Ternity — The Underground - Listening Room

Advance: \$14 // Day of show: \$17 Doors: 7 pm // Show: 7:30 pm. All Ages. BYOB (21+).

Wild Couch: Wild Couch is a half-Vermont, half-California band that formed in 2013. This is their first live show since the release of 2022's "Jagged Little Pillow" and 2020's "A Cushionary Tale."

Connor Lin Frost: Hailing from Westchester County, NY, Connor Lin Frost started his punk outfit, Dizzy Bats, back in 2011. After twelve years of touring nationally and internationally, as well as over a half-dozen releases, many of which have received praise from publications such as

v13 and American Songwriter, he's ventured into a new sound with the start of this new, solo project. This fresh direction maintains its punk roots, while also exploring the world of indie-pop and electronic, with heavy influences like Matt and Kim and The Postal Service.

Cady Ternity: Blending elements of pop, classic rock, jazz and more, Cady Ternity's unique sound is timeless. Founded by Ben Burr and Sara Primo in January of 2023, the now three piece act (featuring the talents of Griffin Crafts on keys) brings a lively and soulful atmosphere, all centered around a Boss DR-880 Dr. Rhythm drum machine, anywhere they go.

Saturday 17th

Local musician hosts benefit concert for Turning Point Center Rutland

Local Vermont musician Breanna Elaine has taken matters into her own hands after her close friend died of a drug overdose. The Brandon Vermont Musician is soon releasing her new single "Where the snakes live," a tribute to her late friend, at an event that will raise money for Turning Point Center Rutland, a non-profit substance recovery center located in Rutland, Vermont.

The all-ages benefit concert will take place on at Merchants Hall in Rutland. Doors open at 7 pm with the show starting at 7:30 pm. The entry fee is a suggested donation of \$15.

Half of ticket sales from this event will be donated directly to Turning Point Center Rutland. Also to be donated is all of the profit from a raffle that gives event goers the chance to win a variety of prizes ranging from goods to gift cards donated by businesses in Rutland!

Some of the prizes include gift certificates to Masala Corner restaurant, Divine clothing store, Rutland food co-op, Wonderfeet Kids Museum, a session in the salt cave at Pyramid Wellness Center, goods from Fruition Fineries and Mountain Music, a book basket from Phoenix Books, and much more!

The entertainment for this event includes Breanna's band "Breanna & The Boys" playing a set of unique original folk rock music with special guest Emma Jeanne Hoops, a flow arts performer from Brandon.

Come out and support this event to raise money for Turning Point Center Rutland, win exciting raffle prizes, dance to homegrown Vermont music, see a breathtaking flow arts performance, and celebrate Breanna's new song "Where the snakes live." And don't forget to indulge in a piece of snake cake made by Thistle and Honey Bakery in Middlebury.

Castleton Colonial Day House Tour

Step back in time as hostesses in Colonial attire greet

2024 Live at Kennedy Park line-up

August 24

Jim Shaw, Folk, old-time, blues, pop oldies

September 14

Melissa Moorehouse, Singer/Songwriter

September 28

Bird Boombox, Alt. Folk/Rock Trio

guests in homes along Castleton's historic Main Street during the 84th Annual Colonial Day House Tour. The Castleton Woman's Club sponsors this annual event featuring over a dozen sites throughout the village including outstanding period homes, public buildings, and historic sites. The tour will be held rain or shine. Tour

tickets \$20 (\$18 seniors) can be purchased on Colonial Day at ticket booths on Main Street.

Bandwagon Summer Series: Myra Flynn

Singer/songwriter Myra Flynn spends her career embracing dichotomy. Half Irish and half African American, her original indie/soul songs blend soulful vocals with a lyrical delivery that doesn't let one get too comfortable. As the New England Deli Magazine puts it, "Her vocal influences have as much in common with Ani DiFranco and Shawn Colvin as they do with Rihanna and Jill Scott." The Bandwagon Summer Series is a family-friendly outdoor cultural performance series running from early May through mid-October. Twenty performances ranging from a diverse group of musical styles, circus arts, dance, and theater will take place at ballfields, farms, and parks throughout Windham County. Kids under 12 always get in for free, and a dedicated play area will be available at all shows. Refreshments are sold onsite, including the return of the hugely popular Barr Hill cocktails. Bring a picnic and a blanket or fold-up chair to enjoy our concerts. 6–8 pm at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road, Putney. \$20–25.

Thursday 22nd

VSO Concert with Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival

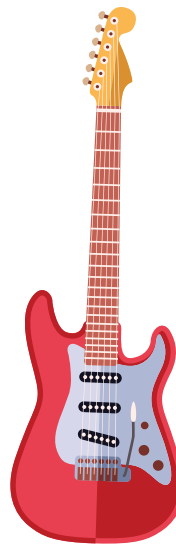
Led by Matt LaRocca, the VSO's chamber orchestra accompanies the evolution of animation over almost 100 years. The afternoon opens with Lotte That Silhouette Girl, a film about animation pioneer Lotte Reiniger, followed by a screening of The Adventures of Prince Achmed, Lotte's 1926 movie that is the oldest surviving animated feature film.

The Adventures of Prince Achmed has been scored with original music by Erik Nielsen of Brookfield, Vermont. The concert concludes with the premiere of the live-music version of The Cocoon, an animated short produced almost 100 years after The Adventures of Prince Achmed and winner of the VSO/MNFF Best Music Integration Into Film Award for 2023. This concert is presented in partnership with the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival.

Lotte That Silhouette Girl: Before Walt Disney, there was a trailblazing woman at the vanguard of animation. Influenced by folktales and legends, Lotte Reiniger was a tour de force of creativity and innovation: she invented the multi-plane camera and created the oldest surviving animated feature. This stunning film explores the life and times of a woman who is finally being given her due.

The Adventures of Prince Achmed: When The Adventures of Prince Achmed premiered in Germany on September 23, 1926, it was hailed as the first full-length animated film. Almost 100 years later, this enchanting film still stands as one of the great classics of animation—beautiful, mesmerizing and utterly seductive. Taken from The Arabian Nights, the film tells the story of a wicked sorcerer who tricks Prince Achmed into mounting a magical flying horse and sends the rider off on a flight to his death. But the prince foils the magician's plan and soars headlong into a series of wondrous adventures—joining forces with Aladdin and the Witch of the Fiery Mountains, doing battle with the sorcerer's army of monsters and demons, and falling in love with the beautiful Princess Peri Banu.

The Cocoon: Trapped inside a room covered with muddy footprints, a man will stop at nothing to mop the floor perfectly clean. But with every step he takes to wipe away a footprint, he leaves a new one behind him. 2 pm at Wilson Hall, McCullough Student Center, Middlebury College, 14 Old Chapel Road, Middlebury.



Riverbend lineup

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Can you guess the street?

BY LAURA PETERSON

Both Sally and Pat Wood helped me out with this one. Last week's mystery photo was Jones Pond on Rt 7, near Wood's Market Garden. Pat writes:

"The August 7 mystery photo is of 'Water's Edge tourist cabins.' There

were several of those little cottages clustered along the bank of Jones Mill Pond on the property of Robert and Ruth Wood Sr.

There was a building where the present-day Wood's Market is where my grandmother served meals and my

grandfather sold produce. The cabins that you see had names on them like 'Dun-Movin'', 'End-O-Day,' and 'U-Own-It.'

There was a shower house/washroom like you would have at a state park campground. It was located slightly behind the stand. There were also picnic tables along beside Wood Lane with roofs over them. Again, quite similar to what you would see at a state park.

And my favorite part was a tall (I'm guessing it was 10 or 12' tall) painted map of Vermont with a 'You are Here' star on it. It was located at the junction of Route 7 and Wood Lane at the front of the row of picnic tables. As a kid, I could climb up to the picnic table roof and get onto the top of the map and balance there and watch traffic go by."

Pat's mother, Sally Wood, had told me that the pond was swim-

mable back then, and that there was a dock and boats to use. Pat writes:

"By the time I was a kid, the pond was not swimmable - snapping turtles and blood suckers etc. We'd have to pull the blood suckers off when we got out. I can remember playing on a raft with my cousin, then going over to climb in the eaves of the picnic table 'sheds' and having Ricky notice a bunch of blood suckers on my legs! As kids that was a fun excuse to play with matches to burn them off."

The pond also provided ice for local iceboxes. Jim Peck wrote an illustrated article that he posted on the Brandon Museum Facebook page back in Aug. of 2022.

Congrats to Steve Koch and Michael Howland, both of Brandon, for correctly identifying the photo as well!

Thanks to Ed Barna for the photos of Water's Edge tourist cabins.



JONES POND TODAY (above) and Jones Pond circa 1940 (right).



Your mystery for next week!

REAL ESTATE



This multi-family Brandon village home offers nice options with two spacious rental units. Or convert it back to a one family home for an impressive property indeed! The enclosed front porch has a marble floor and natural wood ceiling making a welcoming space for relaxing and entertaining. Attached garage and adjacent barn. Lots of room for workspace and storage. The back yard offers a nice grassy area and full sun most of the day. Conveniently located within walking distance to all the amenities Brandon has to offer. Comfort & convenience! **\$325,000**



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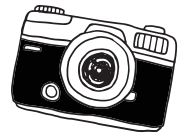
Mim's Photos



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

E-mail
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in these photos.

Or call us at 247-8080



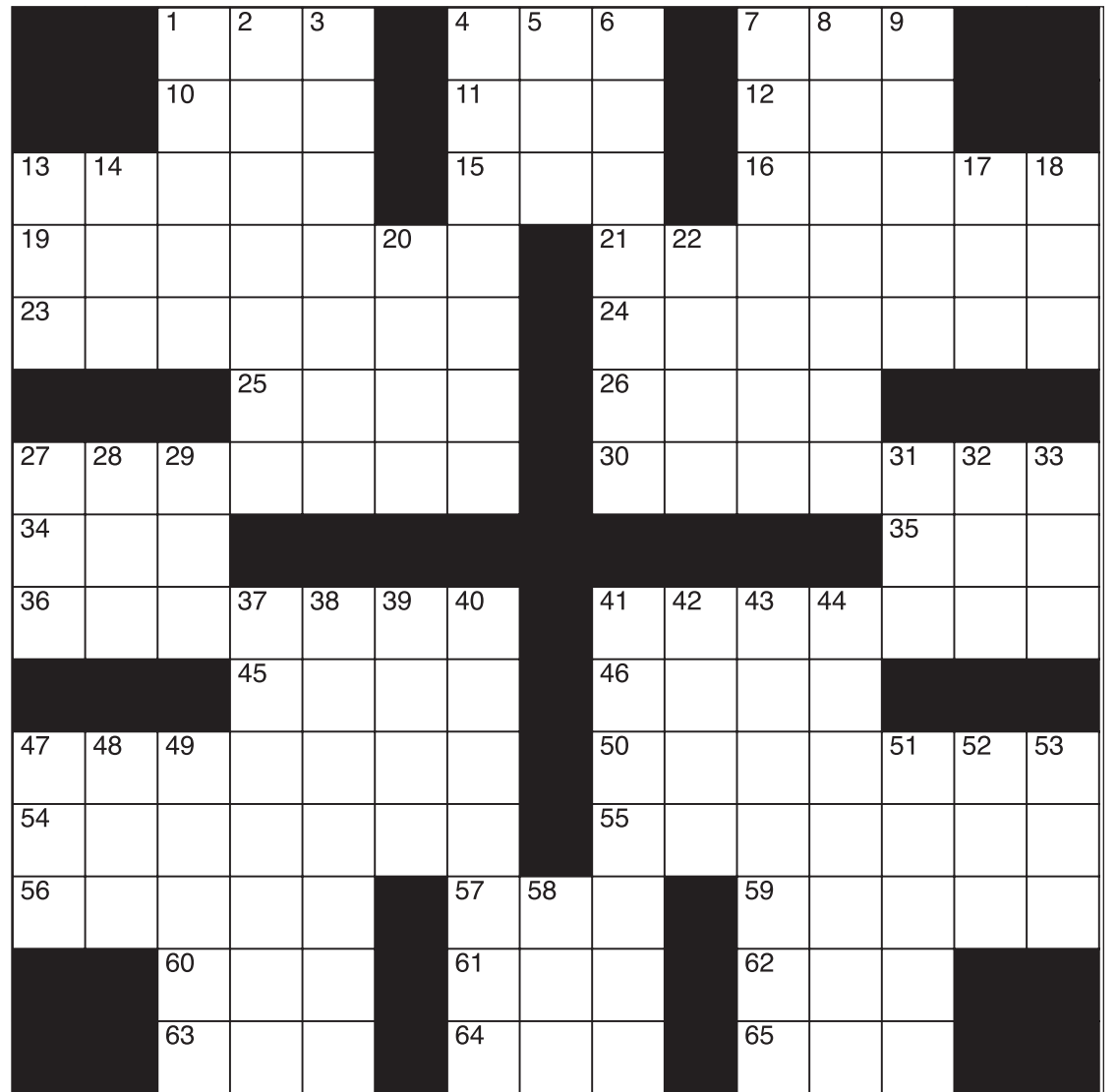
Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Major American automaker (abbr.)
4. Pressure measurement
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand
11. Up in the air (abbr.)
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Bog arum genus
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Type of test
23. Monetary units
24. Collection of various things
25. Sum of five and one
26. Type of sword
27. Hates
30. Immobile
34. Pie __ mode
35. Moved quickly
36. Passenger's place on a motorbike
41. A way through
45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Greetings
54. Remedy
55. Soft lightweight fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. People get one in summer
62. Wreath
63. Thus far
64. They __
65. Sea eagle

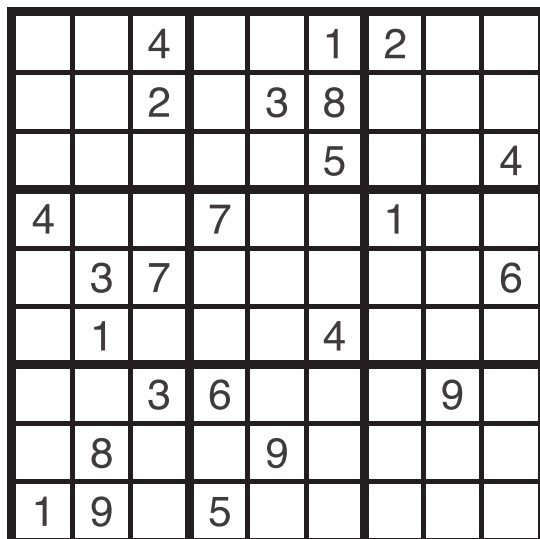
CLUES DOWN

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Can't move
5. Helps little firms
6. Lists of names, subjects, etc.
7. Takes down
8. Makes possible
9. Wife of Julius Constantius
13. Engine additive
14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Something the first shall be
22. No (slang)
27. Gov't lawyers
28. Peyton's little brother
29. Small amount
31. Investment vehicle
32. Fall behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Popular sport in England and India
39. King Charles's sister
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Maidservant
43. Able to be marketed
44. Tinier
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
49. Oneness
51. Bitter chemical
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river



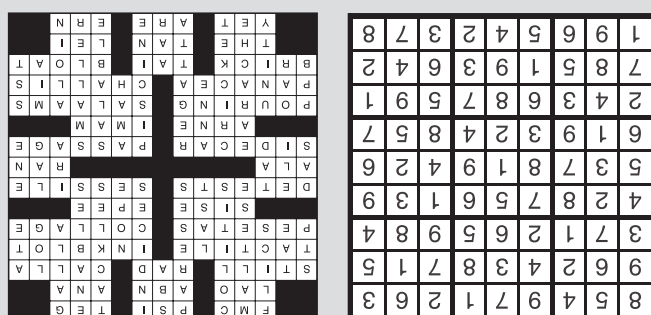
Sudoku

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



Level: Intermediate

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



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This little piggie is stopping to smell the roses

“THE GARDEN” BY Warren Kimble is one of the dozens of decorated pigs on display in downtown Brandon as part of “Art of the Pig” to mark the 25th anniversary of the Brandon Artists Guild. The pigs will be offered at a silent auction on August 16, 17, and 18 at the Brandon Town Hall. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to arts education in local schools.

Brandon Police Report

August 4

- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street near OVUHS for speeding. Warning issued.
- Received a complaint of property damage by newly evicted tenants at a rental at a residence on Forest Dale Road. Incident was determined to be civil in-nature and documented for informational purposes.
- Vehicle stop near the intersection of McConnell Road and Smalley Road for an obstructed windshield. Warning issued.
- Provided assistance to a person who walked into the Brandon Police Department (BPD) reporting that her vehicle was rendered disabled on an unmaintained road in Chittenden. A tow truck was contacted for the operator.
- Received a call of a communications line on Hollow Road that was on fire. The BPD and Brandon Fire Department (BFD) responded to the area and the BFD took control of the scene.
- Conducted a patrol on River Street.
- Responded to OVUHS. The man exhibited signs of drug impairment and ultimately agreed to go to the hospital with Brandon Area Rescue Squad (BARS).

August 5

- Responded to the area of the Dunkin’ Donuts on Conant Square for a report of a suspicious man loitering in the woods on private property. The man was located and subsequently moved along without further incident.
- Received a complaint of a motorcycle traveling into town at high speed. The motorcycle was not located upon patrol of the area.
- Served a search warrant on a vehicle at the BPD that was seized during a vehicle stop on Newton Road. Crack cocaine was found in the vehicle as a result of the search.
- Responded to Franklin Street for a report of a car versus deer crash. Due to the injuries sustained by the deer after it was stuck, it was humanely euthanized by the responding officer.
- Took fingerprints for school employment.
- Responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle loitering on North Street. The vehicle had left the scene prior to officer’s arrival.

- Executed a search warrant at the BPD on a vehicle that was seized on suspicion of containing illegal drugs. Evidence of illegal drugs was later located in the car. Investigation ongoing.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance on Forest Dale Road. During the investigation it was found that the disturbance was only verbal in nature. Both parties then agreed to separate for the night.

August 6

- Vehicle stop for speeding on Champlain Street. Warning issued.
- Executed a search warrant along with the K-9 Unit and officers from the Pittsford Police, Middlebury Police, and Rutland City Police on Hendee Lane in Pittsford, stemming from a multi-agency investigation.
- Responded to the area of Forest Brook near Deer Run Road for a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area. The officer made contact with the subject, who advised that he was a private investigator and was in the area working a case.
- While conducting a search warrant in Pittsford on Hendee Lane, as part of a multi-agency operation, officers located a man with an active warrant for his arrest. That man was arrested and brought to Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility.
- Conducted a welfare check on an elderly gentleman sitting by Hannaford’s Supermarket on Union Street who had reportedly been in the area for the past five days. The subject was located and determined to be fine.
- Received a late report of a minor vehicle accident that occurred in the area of Garden Lane and Forest Dale Road. Incident documented for insurance purposes.
- Received a call of a man beating his dogs possibly in the park near Center Street and Union Street. The man was not located.
- Responded to the parking lot of Brandon Discount Beverage on Conant Square for a report of a possible drug deal in-progress. The investigating officers located several subjects on-scene.
- K-9 Unit was called to assist other Brandon officers with a vehicle suspected of containing illegal drugs that was stopped on Conant Square. K9 Guinness alerted to the presence of narcotic odor inside the vehicle, (See Police report, Page 19)

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Police report

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which was then seized.

August 7

- Served a search warrant on a vehicle that was seized on suspicion of drug trafficking.
- Served a final protection order to a juvenile at the BPD.
- Performed a background check for a vendor applying to provide work services to the BPD. Background check completed and approved.
- Executed a search warrant at the BPD. A large amount of cocaine and other drugs were found in the vehicle. Investigation ongoing.

August 8

- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for speeding. Ticket issued.
- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for speeding. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for driving with an obstructed windshield (excessive window tint). Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Union Street for failure to display license plate(s). Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for driving with an obstructed windshield. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on Arnold District Road for speeding. Warning issued.
- Vehicle stop on McConnell Road for speeding. The driver was later determined to be criminally suspended and was arrested. He was released on a citation to appear for arraignment in the Rutland County Superior Court on 9/23/2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Received a report from a resident on Marble Street, who came into the BPD, that some peaches were missing from the tree on his property. At this time it is not known if someone actually stole the peaches or if perhaps an animal may have eaten them.
- Received a walk-in complaint regarding identity theft and fraud concerning a member of the Heritage Family Credit Union in Brandon. Matter is under investigation.
- Responded to Mulcahy Drive for a caller reporting she believed someone was standing outside of her window. The area was checked by the responding officers, but there was no indication that anyone had been around the area of the complainant's window.

August 9

- Responded to a residential burglary alarm activation on Hollow Road. False alarm.
- Received a report of a stolen

vehicle in the area of Franklin Street and McConnell Road.

- Received a report of a tree that had knocked down a power line on Carver Street. Officers then blocked off the road and notified Green Mountain Power.
- Responded to an alarm at the Neshobe Elementary School. False alarm.
- Responded to an alarm on Mulcahy Drive. It was determined that the alarm was set off due to a power outage.
- Received a report of suspicious activity on Conant Square.
- Responded to Town Farm Road for a dispute between family members regarding ownership of a vehicle.

August 10

- Assisted BARS with a medical call on Mulcahy Drive.
- Responded to a residence on Union Street for a verbal dispute between family members.
- Responded to multiple panic alarms activated at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. False alarm.
- Conducted a foot patrol in downtown Brandon.
- Received a report of a Facebook "Pet Scam" from a Ballantine Drive resident.
- Received a lost purse that was turned into the BPD.
- Conducted a patrol on River Street.
- Vehicle stop on Arnold District Road for driving an unregistered vehicle. Warning issued.

August 11

- Vehicle stop on Arnold District Road. It was discovered the male passenger had an outstanding cite-and-release warrant. The man was issued a citation to appear in Orange County Superior Court.
- Responded to a report of a domestic disturbance of Franklin Street. Both parties were separated for the evening.
- Received a walk-in report concerning a suspicious event that occurred on Franklin Street late at night. Additional patrols are being conducted in the area.
- Received a walk-in complaint of a runaway juvenile. The juvenile was ultimately located and returned home by the officer.
- Conducted a patrol on Franklin Street.
- Conducted a patrol on Park Street. One traffic stop was conducted and a warning was issued.
- Vehicle stop on Forest Dale Road for failure to obey flashing signals. Warning issued.



All the tiny ones!

BRANDON RESIDENT BEATE Ankjaer-Jensen sent us this adorable photo of her grandson Sven Ankjaer-Ross, age 3, showing his calf Apple (3 days old!) at Addison Field Days. In green is Beate's daughter and Sven's mother, Monika Ankjaer-Jensen. Sven's father is Seth Ross (not shown). Good work, Sven!



WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

you. But you can't come out and accuse this person without proof. Step back for the time being. where to get started. Perhaps let friends lead the festivities.

LEO July 23-Aug. 23

An important relationship could be coming to an end for you, Leo. You could try to salvage things, but you have to look at the bigger picture and determine if it is good to move on.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, you have been coasting along without a firm direction for too long at this point. While it may have been working for you, you will soon fare better with a more concrete plan.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Be mindful of other people's situations before you engage with them, Libra. What may be a good time for you will not necessarily be ideal for those around you.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, someone in your life has proven worthy of more attention. Give this person a little extra love in the days to come, and direct your focus to having a good time.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Social activities seemingly bloom around you this week, Sagittarius. There could be so much going on that you don't know

ARIES March 21-April 20

Aries, you hold the key to success right now, so everyone wants to be in your corner. Take things in stride and maintain your focus while accepting all the support.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Taurus, it is important that you streamline your workflow this week; otherwise, you may not meet the deadlines imposed upon you. Start implementing a new strategy.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

This is the week to take the road less traveled, Gemini. Blaze your own trail, get out into the wilderness and possibly expand your horizons. A spontaneous idea like this can pay dividends.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Cancer, someone in your social circle could be shielding the truth and it may frustrate

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20

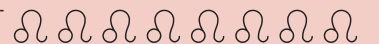
Remember, Capricorn, others are not just listening to what you say, they are reading into your actions. Make sure you are genuine in both your words and gestures this week.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18

This week you may have to take the first step in rekindling an important relationship, Aquarius. Are you ready to be the catalyst?

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

There is not much you can do about financial issues, Pisces. Make an effort to start spending less, which may be the catalyst for a real examination of your budget.



FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 16 Taika Waititi, actor, director (49)
- Aug. 17 V. S. Naipaul, writer (d)
- Aug. 18 Roberto Clemente, baseball player (d)
- Aug. 19 Ogden Nash, poet (d)
- Aug. 20 Jonathan Ke Quan, actor (53)
- Aug. 21 Usain Bolt, runner (38)
- Aug. 22 John Lee Hooker, blues musician (d)

Drugs seized

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of Tuesday, August 6, when BPD received a report of possible illegal activity taking place in a vehicle in the aforementioned parking lot.

Upon arrival, officers determined that the female driver of the vehicle was under the influence of narcotics. She was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs. BPD's K-9 unit, Guinness, was brought in to conduct an open-air "sniff search" of the vehicle. Guinness alerted officers to the presence of narcotics, at which point BPD requested a search warrant from

Rutland County Superior Court-Criminal Division.

With the warrant in hand, BPD conducted a thorough search of the vehicle on Wednesday, August 7. The search uncovered the narcotics listed above.

An investigation into the source of the seized material is ongoing. BPD anticipates that criminal charges will ultimately be brought against the involved parties, for both possession and trafficking.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Gardening Corner

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had given Ethan his first giant sunflower seeds.

It won't surprise you, but a lot goes into raising these giants. It starts with a soil test, so you know what your soil nutrient levels are. There are simple tests and more expensive and expansive tests. There is selecting the seeds, preparing the soil by adding nutrients, putting in a watering system, staking them, reducing competition (weeding), and feeding them. Ethan plans a year ahead. For the last 5 years, Ethan has grown giant pumpkins. His largest was 1092.5 pounds and won a coveted Howard Dill Award for pumpkin aesthetics. Ethan explained that this year he wanted to prioritize sunflowers.

He put about 12 seeds in each hole and then thinned them, picking the strongest one in each hole. He planted in three different stages, weeks apart. He says his sunflowers can grow anywhere up to 6 inches per day! He had to figure out a way to support the stems so that they wouldn't break off with their own weight. He has built an ingenious system around each one, with a metal rebar parallel to very delicate stems. He has attached the sunflower to the rebar carefully and not too tightly, because you don't



NELSON HAD TO construct wooden scaffolding to support his gargantuan sunflowers. He cleverly incorporated ladders into the design to give him access to the highest reaches of his blooms.

want to cut off any circulation in your stem as it's growing.

He also has a system of exterior supports of wood to keep the flowers from flopping and to support ladders, so that he can climb up and continue to add to the stakes. He said he had quite a scare earlier this year when a strong windstorm was predicted. He thought it would destroy his young sunflowers, so he raced around his yard, stacking bales of hay, straw, and anything else he had to create windbreaks. It worked! Ethan has 12 giant sunflowers that are poking up around his scaffolding tower.

The latest news is that Sunday Aug 11th, the final official measurement was conducted at The Baird Farm in East Chittendon by Jenna Baird and Jacob Powsner. The flower is now on display there for those who would like to see it in person. Ethan also says that he has another flower that is on track to surpass this current record and he plans to bring that to the Sam Mazza's Farm in Colchester on September 21st for the Vermont Giant Pumpkin Growers Association annual weigh-off event.

Congratulations, Ethan!



NELSON POSING WITH the record-breaking sunflower, which exceeded 19 feet! It needed a wooden support to keep it upright. Nelson still has a few more sunflowers that might rival this one in his garden.

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Pittsford's artists

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carried a camera (on display) everywhere she went in Pittsford, recording a good deal of town life around the turn of the last century. The PHS has been earnestly preserving the images by scanning the fragile glass negatives. A self-portrait from ca. 1902 shows a young woman smiling as she gazes at a photograph held in her lap. Behind her on the wall are two cut-paper silhouettes, a style very much in vogue in the 1800s. Portraits within a portrait of the artist...

Katherine Crockett (1898 – 1979) was born in Brandon but lived much of her life on Furnace Road in Pittsford. She was known for her block and silkscreen prints, a process which allowed her to produce thousands of Christmas cards. She started a printing business that she eventually sold. PHS has a substantial amount of her old inventory, much of which is on display at VHS.

According to Stephen Belcher of PHS, the exhibit at VHS came to be when someone from VHS came to see the work when it was on display at the Maclure Library in Pittsford this past year. VHS has a gallery that it provides to local historical societies and a planned exhibit there had just been cancelled, leaving an opening that VHS asked PHS to fill.

"We hope people will enjoy the exhibit and that they will walk away with an appreciation of the talent on display," wrote Mr. Belcher to The Reporter. "We also hope to justify our purpose as a storehouse for community history and to share some highlights [of our collection.]"

"A Century of Creative Women in Pittsford" runs at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier through January 25, 2025. There will be a reception at VHS on Saturday, September 14 from 1 pm to 3 pm.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP right: A view of the gallery space at VHS with the fragile glass negatives of Mary Randall in the foreground; the members of the Pittsford Historical Society, which put together the show; a view of the gallery space at VHS—Katherine Crockett's prints are on the wall to the right; "View South from Depot Hill in Pittsford" (1872) by Martha Wood.



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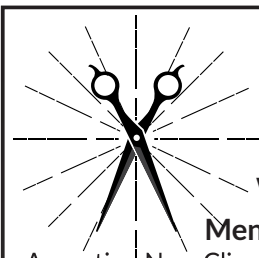
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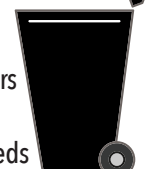
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Brandon SB

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to Sunday. The event was organized by the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club in cooperation with the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) and the Downtown Brandon Alliance (DBA).

The announcement was met with anger by some homeowners on Park Street, who came to the meeting to express their displeasure. They felt it was unacceptable to plan such an event on a residential street, especially without any prior discussion with residents. Members of the Selectboard also expressed surprise at the extent of the event, saying that they had not been informed and that they would not have supported it if they had known.

Mr. Moore said that he, BACC, and DBA had thought the event would be fun and bring economic activity to town, but he understood the objections and would contact the organizers and ask them to move the event elsewhere.

One attendee also expressed frustration with the town's emphasis on "fun" activities, claiming that Brandon was turning into "Disneyland" and becoming a "party town." This attendee, who had earlier in the evening called Mr. Moore "disingenuous," said that it was "ignorant" to plan an event like the rally in a residential area. Mr. Moore again objected to the language that she used to describe his actions.

SIDEWALK AND PAVING BIDS

The board voted unanimously to accept a bid of \$131,498 from VT Roadworks for upcoming sidewalk projects and a bid of \$244,037.03 from Pike Industries for upcoming paving. Both bids were the lowest of 3 that had been received for each project. The full list of bids can be found in the Selectboard packet for 8/12/24 on the town website.

The sidewalk project will be paid for with \$175K in ARPA funds that the board allocated for the purpose last fall. Since the bid came in lower than the allocated amount, the board voted to use any leftover funds for other sidewalk projects in town.

The paving projects will be paid for by a \$32K Class 2 paving grant, \$85K in town appropriations, \$100K in carryover funds from last year's highway budget, and \$100K from the 1% local option tax fund. Again, any allocated funds that are not used for the planned paving will be used for other paving projects.

CANNABIS DISPENSARIES

During the portion of the meeting in which the board acted as the Board of Cannabis Control Commissioners, the board voted to approve a license for a new retail cannabis dispensary, prompting questions from the room regarding the number of dispensaries a town is permitted to have.

Mr. Guiles stated that the town is not allowed to discriminate

against cannabis businesses. Any cannabis business that meets the state's criteria is basically approved by the town. The board would reject an application for a license only if there were some legal reason to do so. It cannot reject cannabis businesses simply because it feels that there are already sufficient retail outlets in the area.

LIBRARY GRANT

The board held a hearing before the main meeting to answer questions from the public regarding a \$100K accessibility grant that it had received on behalf of and passed through to the Brandon Free Public Library (BFPL). BFPL had asked the town to apply for the grant because it was available only to municipalities. The board made clear that it acted solely as a passthrough and that no town taxpayer money was involved in the grant.

WARRANTS

The town approved two warrants in the amounts of \$20,895.62 and \$489,999.26

to cover its obligations and expenses. The larger warrant included \$297,243.02 for a property on Newton Road that is part of the FEMA buyout program

for flood-prone properties. The money, however, came entirely from federal and state sources with zero contribution from the town.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF PROCTOR, VERMONT Notice of Amendment of Municipal Ordinance

On July, 2024, the Selectboard of the Town of Proctor, Vermont, adopted amendments to the Beaver Pond Ordinance pursuant to Title 10 VSA Section 1424(f) and the authority of Title 24 VSA Chapter 59. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1972 to inform the public of the ordinance and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove the ordinance.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

Statement of Purpose

It is the purpose of this Amendment to make changes to the hours and access of Beaver Pond Facilities, to better define the rules and regulations and revise the waiver fee.

Principal Provisions

Article III – Access Hours to Beaver Pond Facilities, Sec. 1 The Beaver Pond Park- Picnic Area gate may be closed during inclement weather months. The Town Manager in concert with the Department of public Works will make the decision and post accordingly for public notice.

Article IV – Water Rules and Regulations, Sec. 1, recreational purposes, Sec. 3, glass containers prohibited, Sec. 6, No fishing in designated swimming area.

Article V – Park Rules and Regulations, Sec. 1, Violators will be towed, Sec. 3, Carry-in, Carry-out, Sec. 5, Fires are allowed only in charcoal grills.

Article VII – Sec 2, removed.

Article VIII – Civil Penalty for Ordinance Violation, Sec. 2, removed.

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FULL TEXT

The full text of the ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's Office, 45 Main Street, Proctor, Vermont and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. §1973 grants the citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinances adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973, the Beaver Pond Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

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

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