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LOST IN HISTORY

A photographic mystery is revealed: Addie Card of Vermont was the subject of an iconic photo from 1910. What became of her?

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GARDENING CORNER

Lyn Desmarais talks about the birds and the bees: planting for pollinators!

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WOOF WOOF VROOM!!!!

Antique and vintage cars filled Estabrook Park in Brandon on Saturday, all to raise funds for the Rutland County Humane Society at the For the Luv of Dogs Car Show.

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Brandon Artists Guild held its 'Art of the Pig' silent auction this weekend.

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Jerome, Nielsen, and Malay win VT House primaries

BY STEVEN JUPITER
BRANDON & PITTSFORD—In last week's primary, three-term incumbent Democrat Stephanie Jerome won the right to seek a fourth term representing Brandon in Montpelier, while Brandon resident Todd Nielsen mounted a successful write-in campaign on the Republican side.

Mr. Nielsen secured a place on the ballot in November with 92 write-in votes, representing 41.63% of the total number of votes cast for Republican candidates for State Representative from Brandon. There were no candidates officially listed on the Republican ballot for State Rep, requiring write-ins for anyone wishing to see a Republican candidate from

Brandon for that office in November.

Ms. Jerome received 223 votes, or 93.31%, of all votes cast for Democratic candidates for State Rep from Brandon. Ms. Jerome first won office in 2018 and was re-elected in both 2020 and 2022.

Before Mr. Nielsen became the Republican nominee, it wasn't clear whether Ms. Jerome would face an opponent in her bid for a fourth term.

Though Mr. Nielsen was able to win a place on the November ballot through a write-in campaign, he received far fewer votes overall than Ms. Jerome. It remains to be seen whether his presence as an official candidate on the ballot will draw enough additional support to

unseat the incumbent Democrat.

Democrats won a supermajority in the Statehouse in 2022 but have faced mounting criticism from Vermonters frustrated with the substantial tax increases seen across the state this year. Those increases were driven in large part by the state-imposed education tax, fueling widespread anger at Montpelier.

MALAY WINS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR STATE REP IN PITTSFORD-PROCTOR

In the Pittsford-Proctor legislative district, Alicia Malay easily won the Republican nomination to fill the seat being vacated by long-time incumbent Butch Shaw, who will re-

tire from the Legislature in January. Ms. Malay is a Pittsford resident and the Chair of the Pittsford Selectboard. Though there was a smattering of write-in votes on the Democratic ballot, no one received enough support to appear as the Democratic candidate on the ballot in November. Ms. Malay will run unopposed.

Ms. Malay had received the endorsement of Mr. Shaw when he announced his retirement at a Pittsford Selectboard meeting last spring.

BRANDON'S BLAIS "WINS" PROGRESSIVE PARTY NOM FOR GOVERNOR

Brandon resident Marielle Blais received the greatest
(See Local results, Page 3)



THIS PHOTO FROM the Sept. 16, 1932 edition of the Rutland Herald shows Ivor Devino (left) at age 16, with his brother Francis, age 4. Both Ivor and Francis were blind and the article recounted their musical prowess. At the age of 22, Ivor would undergo a vasectomy under Vermont's 1931 sterilization law.

Brandon Museum & Rec co-host program on Vermont's darker history: eugenics

BY STEVEN JUPITER
BRANDON—Vermont has a national reputation for progressive politics with an emphasis on individual freedom. But there have been eras in Vermont's past, even within living memory, when the state itself took actions that seemed to run completely counter to today's commitment to civil rights.

One of those eras was the 1930s, when the state enacted a law enabling the sterilization of Vermonters deemed unsuitable for parenthood.

On Sunday, August 25 at 2 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall, the Brandon Museum and the Brandon Rec Dept will co-host an audio program by Richard
(See Vermont eugenics, Page 14)

September Airstream Rally to move to Brandon Inn

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON—The weekend-long gathering of the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club (NMAC) that was planned for Park Street in September has been moved to the lawn behind the Brandon Inn. The change follows pushback from a resident of Park Street who confronted Brandon's town managers at last week's Selectboard meeting, stating that it was unacceptable to have 20+ occupied Airstream campers lining a residential street for an entire weekend.

Brandon Town Manager Seth Hopkins sent out an email later in the week announcing the change, which was made after consultation with the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), Brandon Rec, Sid Beccar Varela (the owner of the Inn), and NMAC.

According to Bernie Carr, BACC's Executive Director, the change was made in order to accommodate displeased residents without having to cancel the event, which BACC sees as a means of bringing positive attention to Brandon.

"We chose Park Street because it's downtown and one of the most beautiful streets in Vermont," said Mr. Carr. "But we should've spoken to the folks on Park Street earlier. I'm more than happy to take responsibility for that."

Mr. Carr expressed great enthusiasm for the new venue, stating that it will still allow NMAC to make a strong connection to Brandon's downtown.

"They want to be part of the community for the weekend," he said. He also noted that the group is made up mostly of older folks and is not likely to be noisy or disruptive.

The event will take place from 9/27 through 9/29. There will be a contest for the most creatively adorned campsite, a booth where people can find out more about the group, and a band playing "yacht rock" music.



Then Again: Finding Addie, a girl lost in time

BY MARK BUSHNELL/
VTDIGGER

Lewis Hine's photograph of Addie Card, taken in August 1910, has become an iconic image of child labor. Hine learned that Addie started working at the North Pownal, Vermont, cotton mill when she was 8 and left school at the age of 12 to work there full-time. Photo via the Library of Congress

Lewis Hine relied on subterfuge to accomplish his mission. He couldn't just walk up to a factory's gates, or to a coal mine, vegetable farm or fish cannery, and explain that he was there to document the often-brutal working conditions endured by child laborers. Instead, Hine would take on a persona—Bible salesman, fire inspector, postcard peddler or industrial photographer—and try to talk his way in.

When that didn't work, Hine sometimes faced threats of violence, death threats even, from security guards and factory foremen. Undaunted, he would wait just off the property and photograph the children as they left work.

Surprisingly often, however, Hine's ruses worked and he was able to create poignant portraits that captured the hard realities of young workers' lives during the early 1900s. Hine, a sociologist and social reformer, was in his mid-30s when the National Child Labor Committee, a leading advocacy group for reform on this issue, hired him as a photographer. His work would take him around the East Coast and into the Midwest, where children, sometime younger than 10, were working more than 10 hours a day, often under dangerous conditions. The photos he took along the way offered Americans a shocking glimpse of a world often hidden from view.

Of the thousands of photographs Lewis Hine took of child laborers, a handful have become iconic, perhaps none more so than an image he took in Vermont in August 1910 of a slender, barefooted girl standing in front of the spinning frame she was operating. Dressed in a smock splattered with stains, her left arm resting on the machine, she looks directly at the camera with weary eyes. Other workers told Hine the girl was only 10 years old—she looks it—but she explained that she was actually 12. Hine titled her portrait "Anemic little spinner in North Pownal Cotton Mill."

The photo has been used in dozens of books, in museum displays and, in 1998, on a United States postage stamp. It has even been used in an advertisement for Reebok.

But in all that time, people knew next to nothing about the girl herself, except her name, Addie Laird. And even that was wrong.

Author Elizabeth Winthrop en-

countered the girl's image in 2002 at the Bennington Museum, where it was part of an exhibition of Hine's child labor photos. "Once

that Harris had two granddaughters living with her: 14-year-old Anna and 12-year-old Addie. The girls' last name wasn't Laird, it was Card.



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Photo via the Library of Congress

I saw Addie's face," she wrote, "I never forgot it."

The photograph inspired Winthrop to write the critically acclaimed 2006 young adult novel, "Counting on Grace," about a bright 12-year-old girl who is growing up working at a mill and struggling to get an education.

While Winthrop was inventing a life for her main character, Grace Forcier, the author wanted to discover more about the real life of the girl in the photo. That was easier said than done. When the Postal Service issued the stamp bearing the girl's image, the U.S. Department of Labor could find no record of an Addie Laird working in North Pownal.

Undeterred, Winthrop started her own quest. When searching for an Addie Laird in North Pownal proved a dead end, Winthrop decided to look for anyone named Addie in North Pownal in 1910. The Ancestry.com genealogy website still turned up nothing. Then she tried variations on the name. "Adeline" got her nowhere, but she found a possible lead: an "Adalaid Harris" appeared in the 1910 U.S. Census. On May 4th of that year, a census taker in Pownal recorded

For decades, Addie's last name had been misidentified. Winthrop had found the girl in the photo.

The image of the census page showed that both Addie and her sister had been born in Vermont, spoke English and worked as spinners in the Pownal cotton factory. By looking back to the 1900 census, Winthrop could see that Addie was already living with her grandmother when she was two. The apparent reason, Winthrop learned, was that Addie's mother had died of peritonitis. Her father apparently felt he couldn't raise his children alone. By the 1910 census, he wasn't living in the same household as his daughters and the girls had been taken in by his mother-in-law.

Winthrop couldn't find Addie in the 1920 census, when she would have been 22 years old, and worried that the waifish spinner had died in the intervening years. Her fears were allayed by a visit to Pownal's town offices during which a clerk doggedly searched for any document that might shed light on Addie's life. The clerk found it in a record from 1915—Addie's marriage certificate. Both she and her husband, Edward Hatch, had been 17 when they married.

Tracking this new incarnation of the spinner, now known as Addie Hatch, Winthrop was able to find her in the 1920 census, which reported that she was living with her in-laws and still working at the cotton mill. Edward, however, was serving in the Navy, stationed in Boston.

As she dug, Winthrop learned that Addie's adult life was challenging. The distance between Addie and Edward only grew. In the 1930 census, Edward was living in Detroit. He'd taken a job on a General Motors assembly line. And Addie was again nowhere to be found.

Winthrop wanted to continue the search, but other projects demanded her time. In 2005, she invited a friend, New England historian Joe Manning, out to dinner and told him about her hunt for Addie Card. Manning later wrote, "She dropped the search for Addie in my lap and offered to hire me to find out the rest of the story. ...As a historian, author and genealogist, I had experienced the excitement of the hunt and the elation of turning over the right rock at the right time. I wanted to forget about dessert and just bolt out the door and start looking."

Manning set out on Addie's trail, using a variety of tactics that might be unnecessary today, just two decades later, because of the rapid expansion of online resources. He visited cemeteries, libraries and town clerk's offices, cold-called newspapers and funeral homes, and read government documents on microfilm and microfiche. Through this clever, circuitous sleuthing, Manning picked up Addie's story where Winthrop had left off. Documents provided a cursory outline of Addie's life, but Manning hit pay dirt

when he located some of her living descendants, including one he found through a garage sale listing. Addie's family added invaluable details to the story he had managed to piece together.

Here is some of what Manning found out: Addie suffered a pair of painful losses in her teenage years. First, her sister, Anna, with whom she was close, moved away in 1914. Then the next year her grandmother died suddenly. Years later Addie told a story about that day. She'd been working at the mill and had seen her grandmother waving to her from outside the factory. Addie finished the task she was working on and looked up again, but her grandmother was gone. When she mentioned it to her supervisor, he said hadn't seen her grandmother. Addie returned home that day to find her grandmother being given her last rites. Addie felt that that last wave was her grandmother saying goodbye.

Just days before her grandmother's death, Addie had married Edward. The couple had a child, but the delivery had been traumatic and left Addie unable to bear any more children. After a decade of marriage, Addie and Edward split in 1925. The divorce was rancorous. Edward sued Addie for desertion and won custody of their daughter, whom he left in the care of his sister, the girl's aunt.

After the divorce, Addie stayed for a time with a friend in North Adams, Massachusetts, not far from North Pownal. There she met a man named Ernest Lavigne, who she married about a year later. They lived for a time in New Jersey, where they adopted a baby girl, and
(See *Finding Addie*, Page 24)



ADDIE CARD'S IMAGE appeared on a United States Postal Service stamp in 1998.

Photo via U.S. Department of Labor and United States Postal Service



GARDENING CORNER

The birds and the bees

BY LYN DESMARAIS

No, this is not the long-promised tome on the sexual life of flowers. Somehow, I just could not summon up the enthusiasm needed for that subject. It is mid-summer. Midsummer is a time for sitting in the garden and perhaps a short nap. Although as I have said before, I do not know anyone who does that. Perhaps if I sit or nap in someone else's garden, I will not see the weeds that need plucking.

I have been urging gardeners to remember to grow plants for pollinators in their gardens. Many of us, and rightly so, think pollinators are bees, all types of bees, and wasps and mosquitos. But birds are pollinators too. We are losing birds species. Among other things, we are disrupting and destroying their habitats. Human development was recently referred to as the "human created and curated environment." Let's make or curate some changes then, to help our birds. Birds, like us, need three things: food, water, and shelter.

Reserve places in your garden as wild places, for the wild things with wings. By adding shrubs, fruiting bushes, and trees to your garden, including evergreens, you will provide year-round shelter. Add water in a way that you can easily keep it clean, fresh, and cold. Finally include some plants for feed, from the ideas below. Make sure you drag a chair out to your garden. Birds are fun to watch. Red winged blackbirds love taking baths in, yes, a birdbath. You can add elements to your own garden or consider teaming up with others to "make" gardens just for wildlife that create or add to pollinator highways. I'm interested in writing a future column on these new highways or corridors.

Birds, butterflies, and pollinators love the following flowers and berry-bearing bushes. So will you.

Cosmos: These easy to grow colorful annuals are easy to grow from seed and may self-sow.

Petunias, begonias and nasturtiums: These are great annuals to

plant to attract birds, especially hummingbirds. They are coming in such lovely colors now. So much to choose from.

Lobelia (Cardinal flower): This attracts all sorts of birds and its true red color pops in the late summer garden.

Bright blue or bright red salvia (sage): Standing bolt upright in your garden like sentinels. Particularly vibrant varieties are called firelight, scarlet, mystic spires and, I love this one, saucy red, as in tomato sauce? Who names these? I want this job!!!

I just love Butterfly weed for the same reason: its bright, vibrant, sizzling summer color. I don't understand the thought behind this gorgeous perennial's oh-so-common name. I have found it so much harder to grow than any other "weed" I have in my garden. All of the above plants are a mid-summer hit of lavish color.

Old-fashioned favorites: you would be forgiven if you thought I had taken the following list from English country cottage gardens magazines. I did not. Well perhaps I did. But these together make a wonderful, relaxed naturalistic garden that Gertrude Jekyll would be proud of.

Honeysuckle (only buy the native and non-invasive varieties like trumpet honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)), sunflowers (*Helianthus*), hollyhocks, aster, phlox, larkspur (*Delphinium*), columbine, foxglove (*Digitalis*), and bee balm (*Monarda/bergamot*). These are roughly in descending order of size. Pay attention to sizes of the flowers and plants and be mindful of giving them growing room and supports. Fill in any possible

(See Gardening Corner, Page 20)



Local results

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number of votes for governor on the Vermont Progressive Party (VPP) ballot, yet she will not be the VPP nominee in November. According to Ms. Blais, she acted as what she called a "sponge": a placeholder put forward by the party in order to prevent non-party members from commandeering the party's ballot. VPP intended to nominate Esther Charlestin, who ended up winning the Democratic nomina-

tion. Vermont law prohibited Ms. Charlestin from running on multiple party ballots, so Ms. Blais, who is Vice-Chair of the VPP, put herself forward to prevent a non-progressive from winning the party's nomination as a write-in.

According to Ms. Blais, she will notify the Vermont Secretary of State that she is withdrawing from the race, allowing VPP to nominate Esther Charlestin in her place.

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are on page 16!

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Legislative Report

BY STEPHANIE JEROME

Taxes on my mind as well

Thank you to the 400+ folks that came out to vote in the Primary last week. I take great pride in the act of voting and am happy that others do, too. It was fun to visit with constituents and have conversations about issues that are concerning Brandon residents.

Top of mind for most folks are taxes. There is immediate property tax relief. Please check out VT Property Tax credit: <https://tax.vermont.gov/property/property-tax-credit>

This credit can assist Vermont homeowners with paying their property taxes. You may be eligible if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements. Your household must earn no more than \$128,000/year. The maximum credit is \$5,600 for the state education property-tax portion and \$2,400 for the municipal property-tax portion.

Like many, I am also upset about the increases in education funding and property taxes - my husband and I own our home and a commercial property in Brandon. Many events came together this year to create a "perfect storm" - there were increased costs in health-insurance premiums (16%), too few students, too many buildings, too many school districts, loss of federal COVID education funds, pupil weighting, and inflation. Statewide, all school budgets increased. There is shared blame statewide. Our Agency of Education has been decimated and needs to be made stronger. There has been a lack of leadership by the Governor, the Agency of Education, and the Tax Department. Work on reducing the tax burden dominated the

work of the House and Senate tax committees this session, and it will continue next year.

I wish that there had been more cooperation from the Governor's administration to help find a solution. The Tax Commissioner brought last-minute ideas, including borrowing money to bring down this year's property-tax rates. VT Treasurer Mike Picciak said that this idea was harmful, that it would damage our state's credit rating and ability to bond. Another idea was to use up all of our Education Fund reserves (which would leave us without any cushion in case of an economic downturn). These ideas would have created a bigger problem next year, making bills higher in the future.

School funding in Vermont is complicated - it is a combination of local control and legislative action. Every year, school districts all across the state develop budgets, and they bring these budgets to the voters. School boards work hard to deliver a responsible budget that provides students and teachers with the resources they need. Once local voters approve the budgets, the responsibility passes to the legislature. The local budgets, plus other expenses like school transportation and special education are added up and the Legislature is required to raise enough money to cover the cost to educate students.

This year, the House and Senate worked to figure out ways to cover the voter-approved costs but still try to bring down property-tax rates. By looking at all options, we were able to bring that increase down from 19% to about 13%. This was done by using un-

(See Legislative report, Page 21)



A most fashionable fascinators

SOMETIMES BIRDS AREN'T so hard to find. This Florida Scrub Jay was happy to be seen perched on Sue Wetmore's head.

Photo by Sue Wetmore

Community Forums

New bear population estimate based on 2023 data is now available

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Vermont's black bear population is estimated at roughly 6,300 to 7,600 based on 2023 data, the most recent available, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

"The 2023 population estimate is a little lower than in 2022, which was a five-year high for Vermont's bears," said wildlife biologist Jaclyn Comeau, who leads the Black Bear Project at the Vermont

Fish and Wildlife Department. There are many factors that influence a bear population. These include habitat quality, year to year changes in the availability of wild foods, (See Bear population, Page 5)

'Strong women of Vermont's Lake Champlain Valley in the American Revolution'

ADDISON, Vt.—The Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison, Vermont, offers an illustrated talk, "Strong Women

of Vermont's South Lake Champlain Valley during the American Revolution" on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 1:00

pm. Site administrator Elsa Gilbertson will introduce to you some of the strong, resilient (See Strong women, Page 15)

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Bear population

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 the balance of female to male bears as well as the proportions of different aged bears in that population, the number bears harvested by hunters each year, and the number of bears killed from non-hunting causes each year.

“A healthy bear population like Vermont’s has a natural cycle of peaks and dips that plays out over years,” said Comeau. “It is important to look at an individual year’s population estimate in context to larger trends over time.”

After a consistent overall increase from the 1970s through the 1990s, Vermont’s bear population has been relatively stable through the 2000s, with periods of shorter-term growth and decline. Over the past five years the population has averaged an eight percent increase. Time will tell whether this increase is part of a shorter-term population cycle of peaks and

dips or a longer-term change.

Today, Vermont’s healthy bear population is the result of a decades-long research and conservation effort that includes land protection, regulated hunting and significant public education on preventing conflicts with bears. As recently as the early 1970s Vermont’s bears were found only in mountainous areas and the Northeast Kingdom, and likely numbered between 1,500 and 3,500. Today they are found in every Vermont town except communities on the Lake Champlain Islands.

“Vermont’s black bears are a conservation success story, but our work isn’t done. If you live in Vermont, you live in bear country and you are responsible for preventing conflicts with bears,” said Comeau. “More than anything else, that means keeping human food like garbage and birdfeeders out of bears’ reach.”

A tribute to my older brother, Kyle, who has overcome so much

About 10 years ago, my older brother Kyle was the subject of a full 5-page spread as the face of heroin. Since then, he has overcome so much. He gained full custody of his daughter five years ago. He earned his CDL and has been driving for years. He’s won golf tournaments with our brother,



Kobe. He’s been one of the most reliable people in my life, and one of my best friends. He’s weathered storms and disappointment and his sobriety never wavered. I could submit a full essay on how proud I am of him, but instead I’m writing this short note.

Kyle, the world is a better place with you here. It’s been ten years since you decided to change for the better. A quick 3,650 days of memories, laughs, and rounds of golf. A full decade of having our brother back. Thank you

for choosing you ten years ago. Thank you for rising above even before there was help. We love you. Thank God you’re still here.

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The Nailors celebrate their 65th anniversary

Long time residents of Brandon, Gordon and Norma Nailor celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 8. They still reside in the house they made into a home on Pearl Street. Norma

enjoys monitoring the daily traffic on Pearl Street and observing the birds that frequent the area. Gordon, better known as “Pops,” tends flowers and landscaping at the Ralph Myhre golf course in

Middlebury. They celebrated with a wonderful family barbecue put on by their children Shawn, Stacey, and Stephanie. Congratulations, Gordon and Norma!



Congratulations on reaching this milestone year!

Vermont raised \$3.5 million from sports betting operators in first six months

BY SHAUN ROBINSON/
VTDIGGER

Vermont collected \$3.5 million in revenue from online sports betting operators over the first six months the market was legal statewide, according to data from the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery — slightly more than state fiscal analysts initially projected.

That represents the state’s cut of the roughly \$11 million those companies made in Vermont over the same period of time, the data shows. In all, people either living in or visiting Vermont bet more than \$100 million on sports from January to June. However, the data

shows, operators paid out almost 90% of that money to winning players.

When state lawmakers legalized online sports betting in June 2023, the Legislature’s Joint Fiscal Office estimated that the market would bring in \$2 million to state coffers over its first six months. But Wendy Knight, the commissioner of the liquor and lottery department, said officials soon determined that the market’s potential was larger.

“We’re pleased,” she said in an interview Friday. “We demonstrated that we were able to capture some revenue that, obviously, had gone to other states.”

Vermont was the last state in

New England, and around the 30th in the country including Washington, D.C., to greenlight online sports wagering. Geolocation data provided to state lawmakers last year showed that people were crossing state lines out of Vermont to bet on sports, largely into neighboring New York, where online sports betting has been permitted since 2021. Within Vermont, the data also showed that thousands of people were attempting to access sport betting platforms illegally.

Vermont entered into contracts last year with three gaming operators — DraftKings, FanDuel and Fanatics Sportsbook — and, as part of those agreements, now receives

between 31 and 33% of each company’s revenue from their users in the state.

Knight expects that in the first full fiscal year the platforms are available in Vermont, which runs from July 2024 to June 2025, the state will bring in about \$7 million.

Revenue from sports betting is largely allocated to the state’s general fund, though a portion is set aside for new state resources that officials hope will help curb problem gambling. Nearly 12,000 people in Vermont are estimated to have gambling problems, state officials have said previously.

In the 2024 fiscal year, which ended in July, the state put

\$250,000 from sports betting operators — plus \$250,000 in revenue from the Vermont Lottery — into a dedicated fund for new problem gambling resources managed by the state’s Department of Mental Health.

Last month, the department launched a new website that includes information for people seeking assistance with gambling problems, behavioral warning signs for players to look out for and a live chat that’s staffed by peer support specialists.

“Problem gambling can deeply affect mental health, finances, and family dynamics,” Elliott McEl-
(See Sports betting, Page 23)

Vermont Supreme Court rejects bail appeal for man charged with aggravated murder of Rutland City police officer

BY ALAN J. KEAYS/
VTDIGGER

The Vermont Supreme Court has ruled that a Salisbury man charged with aggravated murder for his alleged role in a crash that killed 19-year-old Rutland City Police officer Jessica Ebbighausen last summer will remain behind bars while the case against him is pending.

The high court's 11-page decision, issued Wednesday afternoon, rejected an appeal by Tate Rheume seeking his release from custody.

Rheume, through his attorney, "claims that there was insufficient evidence from which a jury could find the requisite intent element," the unanimous court decision stated. "We disagree."

The justices added in the ruling, "The record amply supports the trial court's conclusion that there was enough evidence for a jury to find that defendant intended to kill or cause great bodily harm to Officer Ebbighausen or, at the very least, acted with wanton disregard that death or serious bodily injury would occur."

Ebbighausen was killed July 7, 2023 in Rutland, when Rheume, who was attempting to flee police, struck her cruiser head-on with his pickup truck on Woodstock Avenue, according to charging documents.

Ebbighausen had joined the department less than two months prior as a part-time, Level 2 certified officer. She was scheduled to begin training the next month to get her full certification.

A three-justice panel of the Vermont Supreme Court made up of Chief Justice Paul Reiber and Justices Nancy Waples

and William Cohen considered Rheume's bail appeal.

Rheume, 21, had pleaded not guilty to lesser charges in the days after the July 2023 crash and had been released at that time after posting a \$100,000 bond.

However, earlier this year, following the completion of a more thorough investigation by law enforcement and crash reconstruction experts, the charges against Rheume were upgraded to include several other offenses, including the most serious one of aggravated murder, which carries a mandatory life sentence with the possibility of parole, if convicted.

At an arraignment on the new charges in April, Judge Cortland Corsones ordered Rheume held without bail, prompting a challenge from Rheume's attorney and the eventual appeal to the Supreme Court.

During oral arguments before the court earlier this week, Sean Milligan, a public defender representing Rheume, challenged the strength of the evidence against his client.

Milligan also argued that Rheume had complied with the previous conditions of his release when he was out awaiting trial for roughly nine months prior to the upgrade of the charges against him.

"I think the strongest evidence that Mr. Rheume does not pose a risk of flight from prosecution is that without extradition proceedings, without a citation, with only notice of hearing through counsel, he appeared for arraignment on the aggravated murder charge," Milligan said.

Rutland County State's At-

torney Ian Sullivan, the prosecutor, said during his arguments to the Supreme Court that the evidence against Rheume was strong and the trial court's ruling should stand.

The case against Rheume stems from when Vermont State Police said he was fleeing authorities who were looking for him after he allegedly harassed and broke into the residence of a former partner in Rutland on the afternoon of July 7, 2023.

Rheume was driving his pickup truck west on Woodstock Avenue around 2:50 p.m. with a cruiser in pursuit, according to Vermont State Police. Two Rutland police cruisers were traveling east toward him at the same time, including one driven by Ebbighausen. She was with a supervising officer, Richard Caravaggio, who was in the passenger seat.

State police said Rheume crossed over the centerline on Woodstock Avenue at a high rate of speed into the eastbound lanes of the roadway, colliding head-on with the cruiser Ebbighausen was driving before striking the second eastbound cruiser. Investigators said in court filings that Rheume was driving at speeds between 76



TATE RHEUME WAVES to his family as he is held on bail in Rutland County Superior criminal court on Tuesday April 9, 2024. Rheume is charged in the crash that killed Rutland City police officer Jessica Ebbighausen in 2023.

File photo by Glenn Russell/VTDigger

and 82 mph at the point of impact.

Ebbighausen, who was thrown from the cruiser, died at the scene, according to state police. Neither Ebbighausen nor Caravaggio were wearing seatbelts.

"Before crossing that center line, defendant's vantage point gave him a clear view of Officer Ebbighausen's cruiser, and the cruiser's lights and sirens were visible and audible," the justices wrote in their decision, citing evidence presented as part of the case.

"Defendant took no evasive maneuvers, despite having time to do so," the decision stated. "He did not attempt to brake, swerve, or slow down to avoid colliding with Officer Ebbighausen's cruiser."

In addition, the justices wrote, "there is substantial evi-

dence from which a jury could find the aggravating fact" that Rheume knew that the cruiser he crashed into was being driven by a law enforcement officer on official duty.

"The evidence shows that defendant had a clear view of Officer Ebbighausen's vehicle — with its lights and sirens activated — before crossing into her lane of travel," the justices wrote.

"Viewed in the light most favorable to the State," the ruling added, "this evidence is sufficient for a jury to find that defendant knew the vehicle was being driven by a law enforcement officer who was performing her official duties."

The next hearing in the case is set for later this month. No trial date has yet been scheduled.

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Primary Elections

Update

Tuesday's primaries featured lowest turnout in a decade

BY JUAN VEGA DE SOTO & ERIN PETENKO/ VTDIGGER

Not since 2014 had so few people voted in Vermont's primary elections.

On Tuesday, fewer people participated in choosing the Democratic and Republican nominees for November's general election than in any of the four previous election cycles, according to the state's unofficial results.

Only 15% of Vermont's registered voters cast a ballot, according to state elections director Séan Sheehan, a sharp drop from the 27% turnout rate in 2022, or the record-breaking 34% turnout rate in 2020.

The Democratic primary saw about half the number of voters — around 50,000, according to preliminary totals — as the 2022 primary, when more than 102,000 voters turned in a ballot.

On the Republican side, participation dropped from over 30,000 votes cast in 2022's primary, to fewer than 25,000 votes in Tuesday's election. There are over 506,000 registered voters in Vermont, according to the Secretary of State's office.

This summer's primary season was particularly sleepy, with competitive primaries in only 14 of the state's 109 House districts and in just seven of the state's 16 Senate districts. For the first time in 68 years, four of Vermont's major party federal primary races featured no competition at all.

"How much of a turnout happens in August is often fairly dependent on how many contested races there are," Sheehan said.

Sheehan contrasted Tuesday's election with the 2022 primary, when staggering levels of turnover — from Vermont's first two open congressional seats in 16 years, to four open statewide races — led to much

higher participation rates.

The unsurpassed 2020 turnout, Sheehan said, was due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which prompted the state to mail a ballot to every registered voter. That year, 73% of voters turned in absentee ballots, according to Sheehan.

Since then, Vermont has reverted to its previous election system, wherein voters must request a mail-in ballot if they want one. Although this year's rate of absentee voters — about 30% — was lower than the 2020 primary, it is still about double the 2018 primary rate, according to Sheehan.

"That is a shift that happened with the pandemic. The plateau (for absentee voter rates) is significantly higher now than it was before then," Sheehan said. "I think a lot of people like getting their ballots, doing their candidate research, in the comfort of their own home."

A longer view of Vermont's turnout in the August primaries reveals that Tuesday's 15% rate is not so extraordinary. The state has seen lower rates in three other election cycles in the past 20 years, including 7% in 2008, 12% in 2012 and 9% in 2014.

Higher turnout rates often correspond to hotly contested races, such as an open governor's seat, like the 23% in 2010 — when Republican Gov. Jim Douglas did not seek reelection — and the 25% in 2016, when Democratic Gov. Peter Shumlin decided to retire.

Nevertheless, at a press conference Wednesday, Gov. Phil Scott expressed his disappointment at Tuesday's low turnout rate and questioned whether the state had really gotten "the will of the people."

"You hear a lot of complaints about what's happening in our state, and we need people to vote to change it," Scott said.

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

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.

Sundays

Brandon Town Hall Painting with Crystal

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

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Wednesday 21st

Dana Lyn + Kyle Sanna with special guest Seamus Egan — The Phoenix

A Through-the-Looking-Glass approach to traditional Irish music. Brooklyn-based fiddle & guitar duo Dana Lyn & Kyle Sanna are joined by master instrumentalist Seamus Egan (Solás) for an evening of compelling new interpretations of traditional Irish music.

Dana Lyn + Kyle Sanna: Hailed as "first-rate, versatile musicians" by The New Yorker and "a top-notch fiddle-and-guitar duo" by The New York Times, Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna connect the dots between their experience as composers and improvisers in New York City's rich musical community and their deep admiration for traditional Irish music. Rooted in this tradition, the branches of Lyn and Sanna's collaboration extend to include projected animations, augmented reality, dance, video, and orchestral compositions. The duo has collaborated with some of the greatest interpreters of Irish music, including Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill, Cillian Vallely, Kevin Burke, and Mick McAuley, and with choreographers Darrah Carr Byrne, Catherine Gallant, and Seán Curran. They have received commissions from New York's Irish Arts Center and from Palaver Strings. Their projects "The Great Arc," "The Coral Suite," and "Under the Sea- Wind" are focused on themes of environmental fragility. Seamus Egan: It's hard to think of an artist in traditional Irish music

2024 Music at the Riverbend lineup

Aug 21

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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.

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).

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

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

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

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more influential than Seamus Egan. From his beginnings as a teen prodigy, to his groundbreaking solo work with Shanachie Records, to his founding of Irish-American powerhouse band Solas, to his current work as one of the leading composers and interpreters of the tradition, Egan has inspired multiple generations of musicians and helped define the sound of Irish music today. As a multi-instrumentalist, he's put his mark on the sound of the Irish flute, tenor banjo, guitar, mandolin, tin whistle, and low whistle, among others. As a composer, he was behind the soundtrack for the award-winning film *The Brothers McMullen*, co-wrote Sarah McLachlan's breakout hit, "Weep Not for the Memories," and has scored numerous documentaries and indie films since. As a bandleader, Solas has been the pre-eminent Irish-

American band of their generation for the past 20 years, continuously renewing Irish music with fresh ideas, including a collaboration with Rhiannon Giddens on

their 2015 album. As a performer, few others can make so many instruments or such wickedly complex ornaments seem so effortless.

The Phoenix, 5 Stowe Street, Waterbury Village Historic District. 7:30–8:30 pm. \$15–30.

ings on round town



Thursday 22nd

Middlebury New Filmmaker's Festival

Led by Matt LaRocca, the VSO's chamber orchestra takes a look at the evolution of animation over almost 100 years. We'll open the evening with *Lotte That Silhouette Girl*, a film about animation pioneer Lotte Reiniger. This will follow with a screening of *The Adventures of Prince Achmed*, Lotte's 1926 movie that is the oldest surviving animated feature film. *Prince Achmed* has been scored with original music by Erik Nielsen of Brookfield, Vermont. The evening will conclude with the premiere of the live-music version of *Cocoon*, an animated short produced almost 100 years after *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.

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Doors open at 1:30, concert starts at 2 pm. Wilson Hall, McCullough Student Center, 14 Old Chapel Road, Middlebury. \$15.

Saturday 24th

Moose 1122 Club Evergreen Cemetery Work Day

Rutland Moose Club 1122 will be working with community members at the Rutland Evergreen Cemetery on August 24th to do cemetery restoration work. Workers will be straightening, repairing, and cleaning monuments. They will also be doing some brush removal and general cleanup of this historic burial ground. Please bring gloves, shovels, rakes and a sense of humor. We will be working from 8 am to 12 pm. Evergreen Cemetery, 465 West Street, Rutland.

Suburban Samurai - EP Release Show w/ Better Things and Adulging — The Underground - Listening Room

Suburban Samurai: 'Fast Music for Introverts' out of Burlington, *Suburban Samurai* formed in 2015 and jumped into the van soon after—producing their tours in-house since early 2016. Drilling New England, the Mid Atlantic and the Midwest over and over, they knocked out their first 100 shows in their first 30 months, catapulting onto the North-East's radar and kickstarting a thirst for more. A record, a few singles, an EP and a series of 'not-so-live' live pandemic-era YouTube tracks later, 'SubSam' is excited to share their first official release in six years with 2024's 'Sorry About Last Time.'

Better Things: *Better Things* is an alternative punk band from Burlington, formed in 2014 by Brian LaClair (vocals/guitar), Brad Yandow (vocals/guitar), Mark Weber (drums), and Quintin Cardinal (bass). Their music, a unique blend of pop-punk, emo, and hard rock, showcases their unique collaborative songwriting style with diverse influences from Limp Bizkit to Less Than Jake. They released their debut EP, "These Roads Lead to Nowhere," in 2014, followed by "Hindsight 20/20." Their first full-length album, "Getting Worse," captures their journey into adulthood. With extensive touring under their belt and performances alongside groups like Bad Religion and The Offspring, *Better Things* returns to the stage after a 5-year hiatus with electrifying surprises and heartfelt melodies that will transcend expectations.

Adulging: *Adulging* is a Noodley guitar-driven emo band from Portland, Maine, formed in 2016 by singer and guitarist Stanley Beck. Since 2016, *Adulging* has released two full-length albums, "I'm Not Happy Til You're Not Happy" (2016) and "Things Could Still Get Worse" (2018). In 2024, the band has been playing shows while writing and recording their follow-up to their 2018 album and plans to release it in the fall of 2024. *Adulging* is a band for fans of artists like Weatherbox, Braid and Algernon Cadwallader.

The Underground - Listening Room, 24 Pleasant Street, Randolph.

Bandwagon Summer Series: Soles of Duende — The Putney Inn Field

A multicultural, all-female trio based in the rhythms of Tap, Flamenco, and Kathak dance. A Brooklyn-born Puerto Rican from New Haven, a Mexican Puerto Rican Jew from the Lower East Side, and a Bengali Indian from Jersey walked on to the wooden floor & the rest? History. Bonded by their deep love of music, their crafts, and true connection, *Soles of Duende* is on a lifelong mission to elevate the joy and music of true collaboration across disciplines and the celebration of the forms they practice. Based in the sounds of Tap (Amanda Castro), Flamenco (Arielle Rosales) and Kathak (Brinda Guha), *Soles of Duende*'s fire is the spirit that lives within each of these women to celebrate their connection given their beautiful differences and to uplift the

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forms that made them. 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. From 6–8 pm at The Putney Inn Field, 57

Putney Landing Road, Putney. \$20–25.

Sunday 25th

Pericles, Prince of Tyre — Lake George

Will Kempe's Players, the Capital Region's only touring professional Shakespeare company, returns to Lake George with a brisk, music-packed production of this seldom-performed comedy-romance. *Will Kempe's Players* is thrilled to bring "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," a lesser-known epic tale of love lost and love found, to Capital Region audiences this summer. This play, popular in the 17th century, fell out of favor until the latter half of the 20th century and WKP is ready to add to this show's long history. Directors and WKP Company Members Shane Sczepakowski and Phil Beattie bring their long-standing friendship and artistic vision to this exciting production. Through their dynamic staging, their need to explore ensemble work, and their topnotch aesthetic design, these two bring a huge personality to "Pericles" 2024. John Gower, played by WKP Director of Development Kristoph "Ragliacci" DiMaria, nar-



rates the story of *Pericles*, played by Company Member Michael Sinkora—a perilous journey of human resilience and redemption. From confrontations with mortal danger to the redemption of his family, the saga of *Pericles* never stops delivering. The other roles (princes, princesses, pirates, priestesses, and panders) are performed by an unstoppable ensemble of nine local actors: WKP Company Members Andrew Vroman, Ash Visker, Imzak Mohamed, Rachel Moore, and Shae Fitzgerald; WKP regulars Cameron Richardson and Joey Cappuccitti; and WKP newcomers Jack Fallon and Rachel Bratager.

"Pericles" uses a traditional three-door Elizabethan set design—with surprises. Audiences can expect ships and storms at sea. Founded in 2017, *Will Kempe's Players*, the only worker-owned Shakespeare cooperative in the United States, has been touring Shakespearean works for 7 summers. Their mission is to bring the practices and conditions of the Shakespearean stage into the 21st Century, through Original Practices in the works of Shakespeare himself and beyond. From 4–6 pm at Shepard Park, Canada Street, Lake George.

Vermont eugenics

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Witting and Jules Lees called “Those Who Were Harmed,” which focuses on the lives of individuals who were sterilized under Vermont’s 1931 eugenical sterilization law. Each episode focuses on a different individual, with Sunday’s episode at Town Hall focusing on Ivor Devino from Forest Dale, who lived from 1916 to 1941 and was sterilized by the state’s eugenics program in 1938. “Eugenics” is the theory, now discredited, that society can be improved through “selective breeding” and elimination of “undesirable” traits from the general population.

Ivor (“EYE-ver”) Devino possessed a sharp mind and remarkable musical skills. But he was born blind and suffered throughout his life from seizures that may have been caused by epilepsy. In the early

1900s, those disabilities would have posed much greater challenges than they do today. It was also decades before the Americans with Disabilities Act and any sort of social movement that recognized the rights of the disabled. Instead, those with handicaps were often seen as burdens on their families and on the state, which provided aid to some of them.

Richard Witting, who initiated this project, was a chef who decided to pursue an M.A. in history at UVM, specializing in the history of food in Vermont. As part of that research, he began examining Abenaki food traditions, which led him to read about Abenaki history more broadly. He soon came across claims that the Abenaki were particularly targeted by Vermont’s sterilization program. Those claims, over the years, had become common

knowledge in Vermont. He was surprised, however, to discover that the program seemed to target a much broader range of Vermonters than had been popularly assumed.

“There were 252 documented cases of sterilization under the 1931 law,” said Jules Lees, an educator who partnered with Mr. Witting in creating this program. “Only 44 of those cases are identifiable by name. None of those was Abenaki. It was a pretty heterogeneous group that was targeted.”

“We didn’t find any evidence that Native Americans were targeted specifically,” said Mr. Witting in a separate conversation. Instead, Mr. Witting’s research led him to conclude that the state’s concerns were more about economics than about social engineering.

“The law required two doctors to sign off on the proce-

dures,” said Ms. Lees. Those targeted by the program had to fall into one of three categories: feeble-minded, idiot, or imbecile. Today we see these terms as derogatory but at the time, they were clinical diagnoses of medical conditions.

“Feeble-minded didn’t necessarily mean cognitively impaired,” said Ms. Lees. “It often just meant that someone couldn’t thrive in the social situation they were born in.” It often seemed to mean simply that someone was a burden on society in one way or another. Many of those targeted were disabled and/or poor.

And so, Ivor Devino, the blind, perhaps epileptic musician from Forest Dale, found himself involved in the program in his early 20s. With assistance from the state, he’d been sent to the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston (the same institution that had helped Helen Keller years earlier), which in itself seems to indicate the recognition of his potential. But in 1938, at the age of 22, he agreed to sterilization, as did two doctors and his uncle, who was acting as his legal guardian at the time.

“Even though Ivor signed the documents, there are questions about informed consent,” said Ms. Lees. “And the sterilization occurred during the brief period when his uncle was his guardian rather than his mother.”

Despite their research, neither Mr. Witting nor Ms. Lees can say for sure why Ivor was sterilized. It may have been his choice, so that he could marry without fear of having to raise children (he did eventually marry) or he may have succumbed to pressure from the state, which didn’t want to have to support any children he may have had.

Three years after sterilization, Ivor went “ice fishing with friends” and didn’t return. His naked body was found beneath the ice of Fern Lake, with his clothes neatly folded next to the fishing hole. He was 25.

Mr. Witting and Ms. Lees were able to track down some of Ivor’s surviving family in the Brandon area and they will be present at the event. According to Witting and Lees, the family was aware of the general contours of Ivor’s life, save for the sterilization.

“There were very real lives here,” said Mr. Witting. “I wanted to explore who these people were, beyond their status as victims.”

Many popular assumptions about the 1931 law and the sterilization program were unsubstantiated, said both Mr. Witting and Ms. Lees.

“The whole sterilization program was based on incorrect thinking,” said Witting. “There was coercion and malice, but it was also more nuanced than people generally believe. The intention of the law was that it would be voluntary and with the participation of doctors. It wasn’t that the state abducted people in the night.”

“There was opposition to the law even at the time,” added Ms. Lees.

Ultimately, the program hopes to draw attention to a different aspect of the sterilization story.

“We wanted to do justice to the people who were mistreated under the program,” said Witting. “The intersection of disability and poverty is a story we often overlook in our past. It’s not often part of the history we tell of our state.”

In the life of Ivor Devino, however, that intersection becomes a central part of the story.

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Can you guess the street?

BY LAURA PETERSON

Thanks to Jim Peck, who helped me with the background of this photo.

The building that was originally on Bank Corner was destroyed by fire in January of 1918. In fact, the whole cor-

ner block—seven businesses, a church, a family, a widow, and a “maiden lady”—were displaced by that devastating fire. On town meeting day, the renowned builder and contractor T.W. Rogers began clearing away the charred

rubble in preparation to build the present day 1918 building. Rogers, in conjunction with the Brandon National Bank had stepped up their game to build a grand two-story brick building, with a full basement to be blasted out of the bedrock. It was described as “handsome, modern, and up-to-date,” but most importantly it would be “fire-proof.” The bank moved into its new building on Aug 1, 1918, but only occupied the corner unit

of this new building. Gentleman’s Furnishings (clothing and shoes) was next door, and Hyde’s Drug Store was next to the alley. In their newspaper ad, Hyde’s Drug Store proclaimed: “Ice Cream Delivered, anywhere, any time”.

Hyde’s Rexall Drug Store was bought out by a Rutland pharmacist and became Shangraw’s in 1931, which sold to Brown’s Pharmacy in 1937. Later Brown’s moved to the building across the alley, now the National Bank of Middlebury, and after 70 years sold to Rite Aid in 2007.



BAR HARBOR BANK & Trust today (above), and the rebuilt brick building to the right. Below is the photograph of the building after the 1918 fire.



Your mystery for next week!

Strong women

(Continued from Page 4)

ient women in this area, one of the dangerous pathways of the Revolutionary War in the 1770s and 1780s.

The talk complements the traveling exhibit, “American Revolution Experience” by the American Battlefield Trust and National Daughters of the American Revolution, on view at Chimney Point until September 3, 2024. Talk is included with regular site admission: \$6.00 adults, free for children under 15, and free for Green Mountain Passport holders.

Learn about where settlers were trying to establish their families and farms. How did

the war interrupt their lives? What contributions did these women make during this time and as founders of their new towns in Vermont?

The Chimney Point State Historic Site is located at 8149 VT Route 17 in Addison, at the Vermont foot of the Lake Champlain Bridge. Call 802-759-2412 for information. The site is regularly open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with the last day being the Monday holiday of October 14.

For information about Vermont’s State-Owned Historic Sites, visit: <http://historicsites.vermont.gov>

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!



Recognized



Dolores Furnari, Sue Wetmore, Dorothy Miner, and Terry Ferson recognized Sid Rosen (left) and Desi Louras (second from left), who owned a store called the Brandon Cash Market in the area where Café Provence is now located. Ms. Miner further recognized Raymond Lamoureux (center) and John Houle (right).



Terry Ferson recognized this young angler to be Amy Kaminski.



Terry Ferson also recognized the woman on the left in this photo to be Joan Wynn, OV Class of 1966.

E-mail
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if you can identify someone
in these photos.

Or call us at 247-8080

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Mongolian city ___ Bator
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity
37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust
40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer DiFranco
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Beard moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Accuses
5. Corrie
6. Delivered a speech
7. Collection of sacred books
8. Theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. ___ fide: legit
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Corporate bigwig
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Small Milky Way constellation
28. Satirical website
29. Border lines
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
36. Bar bill
37. Car mechanics group
38. Notable Bill Murray character
40. Health care for the aged
41. Gurus
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Reduce
46. Spy organization
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Type of reef
51. Oral polio vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. Lose
54. Former Brazilian NBAer
57. Baseball great Ruth
58. ___ Clapton, musician
59. Chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. CNN's founder

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Sudoku

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

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Level: Intermediate

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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O	B	U	S	O	C	O	C	N	V	L	U	

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9	5	7	8	2	6	4	3	1
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5	2	9	7	6	4	8	1	3
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Tips to Help Your Pets When Your Kids Go Back to School

Kids aren't the only ones who might be sad to say goodbye to summer and hello to school! Your pets may have a hard time adjusting, too, so here are some helpful tips from the Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) to make the transition easier. Pets usually thrive on routine, so you'll want to adjust your walking/feeding time to match up with the new school schedule. Increase your pet's exercise time to help ease any anxiety your pet may have during the change. Smart toys, like dispensing food toys or advanced puzzles, help entertain your pet while you're away and prevent boredom. If your dog loves to get out of the house, consider bringing him on your daily trips to and from school. Another great option, if you're away a long time, is doggie daycare or hiring a dog walker to help burn off extra energy. But always remember, at the end of the day, spending a little quality one on one time with your pet will make them the happiest, even if it's just lounging on the couch before bed.

I COULD BE THE NEW FRIEND YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!



MEET GYPSY MAE *FOSTER TO ADOPT*- 5 YEARS. SPAY DATE SET.

HUSKY/ROTTWEILER MIX. TAN/BLACK. Say hi to our shining star Gypsy Mae! She's quite the stunner and is full of fun-loving energy. She came to us as a surrender on 7/26, but is eager to find her fur-ever home! Gypsy is a big couch potato, though she also likes to have her own space to go lie down in and has crated well in the past. She does have that adventurous side to her where she likes her walks, being outside, and playing around with her toys. Gypsy did previously live in a home with another dog, though in her new home it will have to be a dog that is similar in size. She's known to have a small animal drive, so cats are a no go for her. Kids should preferably be older, as she didn't like when they were so little! Gypsy is currently on medication to treat her Lyme which will be through 8/26. She will also be spayed during this time. If you're interested in our sweetheart Gypsy Mae, please call (802-483-6700) or stop in anytime Tuesday-Saturday 11-4.

MEET PAISLEY - 6-YEAR-OLD. SPAYED FEMALE. DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR. GREY.

Paisley arrived at the shelter 8/2 with several other cats from a crowded shelter in the South. She has done very well here, and we think she will be a delightful addition to anyone's home. We do not have a history with her and dogs, but with slow introductions and her personality, we think she might do okay. She is such a joy. We currently have her in a community cat room here at the shelter and she is doing very well. She is the official greeter and can't wait to meet you. We hope you will come visit and meet her. Our adoption center is open Tuesday-Saturday 11-4.



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OUR ADOPTION CENTER IS OPEN TUESDAY-SATURDAY FROM 11AM-4PM. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.



Just under two weeks and we'll be reopening on September 3rd, back at Franklin Street! We do not have any book-return receptacles until then...please hold on to your materials and return them after the 3rd.

Our park passes are being held at Maclure Library in Pittsford until we reopen. All BFPL patrons can open an account there for free and check out any of their materials. Maclure borrowing policies will apply.

If you've gone through all of the books you checked out before we closed, here are some digital options to keep you busy until we reopen.

Libby App is available in the Apple and Google Play app stores. On Libby, you can access ebooks and audiobooks, Indieflix movies, The Great Courses, Qello Concerts, and more. You will need your eleven-digit library number. If you don't have that, visit our website, go to Catalog, login

to your account with your first and last name all together (e.g., BrandonLibrary) and your password is your last name lowercase. You'll find your patron bar code along the left-hand side. In the Libby app, choose Brandon as your library, and use that to log into Libby. Your password on Libby is also your last name.

Udemy Classes- 20,000 courses are now available to you for free! Visit our website, and under "Services" on the menu, click "Digital Services." Navigate to the Udemy link and follow the instructions to create an account. You'll also need your eleven-digit code to create an account there.

The Palace Project: A new app for online reading and audiobooks. To make an account, download the app to your phone.

Click the Palace Icon in the upper left corner. Click Add Library. Look up Brandon Free Public Library and follow

LIBRARY NEWS:

While we're closed, please keep all checked out BFPL items until we reopen on Sept 3.



the instructions. You will need to "Create Card" and then your Barcode will be emailed to you to use for logging in.

For easy access to our Digital Services page, scan this QR code and it will take you to our website where you can quickly download the apps and access the courses.

Brandon Police Report

August 12

- Conducted a foot patrol and business checks on Center Street.

- Received shipment of a firearm that had gone missing decades prior from a Brandon resident and which was located by the Port St. Lucie Police in Florida and delivered to the Brandon Police so that it could be returned to its owner.

- Conducted a patrol at the intersection of Franklin Street and Park Street.

- Vehicle stop on Park Street for a cell phone violation. Warning issued.

- Responded to a multi-unit residence on Franklin Street for a report of loud noise and possibly someone entering the building. The residence and area were checked, but nothing suspicious was observed.

- Responded to the area of Hollow Road and Champlain Street for a report of an intoxicated driver who had almost caused multiple head-on collisions. The suspect attempted to flee the area but was immediately stopped by one of the responding officers.

August 13

- Received a report of a burglary on Frog Hollow Road.

- Received a walk-in complaint of custodial interference in which a minor child was taken out of state by the biological mother. Matter under investigation.

- Served a Temporary Relief from Abuse Order on an individual at a residence on Franklin Street.

- Responded to the area of Country Club Road for a report of a tree that had fallen on power lines and was smoking. Officers provided traffic control while waiting for Green Mountain Power to arrive on scene to remove the tree.

- Responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle that had been parked on Park Street for several days. It was determined that the owner lived nearby on Park Street and had parked her car on the street because she needed access to her garage.

- Executed a search warrant at the Brandon Police Department (BPD) on a backpack seized from an individual who was under the influence of drugs in the parking lot of OVUHS.

- Dispatched to a two-car crash at the intersection of Forest Dale Road and Morning

Dove Lane.

- Conducted a search warrant at the BPD. Suspected fentanyl located in a bag that was seized. Investigation ongoing.

August 14

- Took fingerprints for school employment.

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- Received a call from a person with mental health issues who was suffering from delusions. The caller's family was notified and their doctor was called requesting further intervention.

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- Assisted the Rutland City Police Department with serving a citation on an individual on Frasier Road. The citation was served in-hand.

August 15

- Responded to a report of suspicious activity on Hollow Road involving a vehicle "pushing dirt" in the area with a loud explosion being heard at the same time. The area was checked but nothing was located.

- Responded to a report of a credit card skimmer at the Jiffy Mart on McConnel Road. No skimmer was found and there was no evidence of tampering.

- Opened an investigation into a larceny that occurred at a recently burned down residence from a structure fire on Old Brandon Road. Matter under investigation.

- Conducted a patrol on Franklin Street.

- Conducted a patrol on Old Brandon Road in response to a larceny complaint that occurred at a residence there. No suspicious activity observed.

- Vehicle stop on Park Street. VCVC issued.

August 16

- Responded to the intersection of Richmond Road and Wheeler Road for a complaint made about a utility crew causing a road hazard by being parked by the side of the road. The responding officer determined that there was no issue with the parked vehicle.

- Responded to a report of a vehicle being operated erratically in the area of Mulcahy Drive. The vehicle was gone on upon arrival of the responding officer.

- Conducted a patrol on Grove Street.

- Conducted traffic enforcement (See Police report, Page 19)

After quiet primary, Bernie Sanders to face Gerald Malloy and Becca Balint to face Mark Coester in general election

BY JUAN VEGA DE SOTO/VTDIGGER

In Vermont's congressional races, Tuesday was one of the quietest nights in recent memory.

The two incumbents seeking reelection, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and U.S. Rep. Becca Balint, D-Vt., won their Democratic primaries unopposed. On the Republican side, Gerald Malloy faced no challengers in securing his party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, and neither did Mark Coester in becoming the GOP nominee for U.S. House.

Vermont's third congressional delegate, U.S. Sen. Peter Welch, D-Vt., is two years into his six-year term and was therefore not on the ballot Tuesday.

Not since 1956 had four of Vermont's major party federal primary races featured no competition, according to the state's election archive. That year saw Republicans George Aiken and Winston Prouty, two heavyweights of 20th Century Vermont politics on the ballot.

For Sanders, who is seeking a fourth six-year term in the U.S. Senate, the primary win was a matter of routine. In his previous three Democratic primaries for the seat, Sanders had never received less than 94% of the vote, according to the state's election archive, and he also ran unopposed in the 2012 election.

An independent, Sanders typically runs in the Democratic primary and then declines the nomination — though he does caucus with Senate Democrats.

Sanders will face Malloy, the Republican nominee — along with a slew of other candidates — in the general election on November 5. Malloy, a businessman and Army veteran, beat out two opponents in Vermont's GOP U.S. Senate primary two years ago, but lost in the general election against then-U.S. Rep. Peter Welch.

"I don't know Mr. Malloy terribly well. I've met him once," Sanders told reporters in front of the Robert Miller Community and Recreation Center in Burlington late Tuesday morning, after casting his ballot in Vermont's primaries.

Sanders said he suspected that he and Malloy had "very fundamental differences of opinion on the issues," including on abortion rights, campaign finance, the federal minimum wage and universal health care.

Balint, who took over the state's at-large congressional seat from Welch after the 2022 election, had a much smoother path to her party's nomination this time around. Two years ago, she took part in a hotly contested primary

(See General elections, Page 20)



Brandon Artists Guild celebrates 'The Art of the Pig!'

THESE LITTLE PIGGIES brought in the big bucks! The Brandon Artists Guild raised more than \$10,000 for local arts education at its silent auction this past weekend at Brandon Town Hall. Over 80 decorated pigs were auctioned off, some for over \$1,000, to commemorate the Guild's 25th anniversary.

PICTURED (L TO R): Andy Lamb, Althea Bilodeau Lamb, Warren Kimble, Barbara Scribner, John Peterson



Police report

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ment on Franklin Street for cell phone violations. No violations were observed.

- Vehicle stop at the intersection of Franklin Street and McConnell Road for defective equipment. Warning issued.

- Assisted Brandon Area Rescue Squad with a medical call on McConnell Road.

August 17

- Responded to a report of a suspicious person on Mulcahy Drive, going for a walk with his family, who, the complainant believed, looked in her window as he passed by. An officer responded and spoke with the complainant.

- Assisted a man on Franklin Street who was lost and did not speak English. Using a translator app, the officer was able to assist the man in getting on a bus to take him where he needed to go.

- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street at Nickerson Road for a stop sign violation. Warning issued.

- Responded to a report of a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Forest Dale Road and McConnell Road. Officers provided traffic control until the vehicle was towed from the roadway.

- Vehicle stop on Conant Square for failure to stop at a stop sign and for having an uninspected vehicle. Tickets issued.

- Vehicle stop on Nickerson Road at Franklin Street for uninsured vehicle. The driver was cited for Driving With a Suspended License due to not having an ignition interlock device on the car he was operating.

August 18

- Dispatched to Town Farm Road for a report of a large campfire in the area. Officers were unable to locate a large fire but spoke to homeowners who advised that they had already put the fire out.

- Vehicle stop on Franklin Street for failure to use turn signal. Warning issued.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

serious changes in your life, Cancer. This is the week to begin plotting a few ideas that can have a large impact.

LEO July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, there may be some room in the budget for a few splurges this week. As long as you do not go too overboard, you can snag that item that you have had your eyes on for some time.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Don't be so sure that you've examined every detail and checked them multiple times, Virgo. Your plan has to be foolproof for it to work. Run it by another set of eyes.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, if no one is asking for advice right now, it's best to leave your life coach tendencies on the side. If and when someone needs your help, you can believe they'll come calling.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, you have big news and you're ready to tell the world. Hold it in a little longer so that your audience will be chomping at the bit to hear what you have to say.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, it can be challenging for you to avoid the soap opera that is seemingly un-

folding around you right now. Do your best to stay out of the fray for the time being.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, if someone in your social circle is in need of a new perspective, you may have to speak up and help get them on a better path. Take this responsibility seriously.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You have come a long way in a short time, Aquarius. Keep up the hard work and you will continue to see results you can be proud of.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

Pisces, you will have to try to tune out the static all around you this week and concentrate on the things you need to accomplish. There is no wiggle room for distractions right now.



FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 23 Kobe Bryant, basketball player (d)
- Aug. 24 Ava Duvernay, filmmaker (52)
- Aug. 25 Tim Burton, filmmaker (66)
- Aug. 26 Antoine Lavoisier, chemist (d)
- Aug. 27 Alice Coltrane, musician (d)
- Aug. 28 Ai Weiwei, artist (67)
- Aug. 29 Joel Schumacher, director and screenwriter (d)

ARIES March 21-April 20

You are the master of leaping before looking, Aries, and this week is no different. You are not satisfied with hanging back and assessing the situation before acting. You're right in the mix.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Taurus, do not pretend to be a neutral party when two people come up to you seeking advice. You are too loyal to avoid taking sides, but it could affect the relationship with the other person.

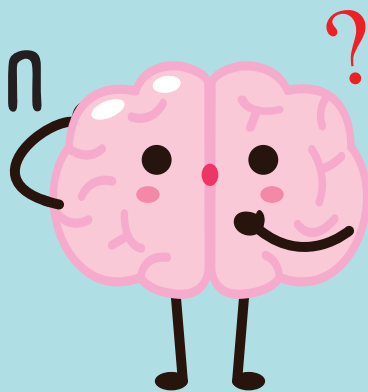
GEMINI May 22-June 21

Gemini, it may be time to step in and help a loved one refocus their energies. Rather than let them dwell on a difficult situation, work to offer them a new perspective.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Use the past as motivation to make some

Brandon Brain Buster



Car A drives from point X to point Y in 20 minutes. Car B drives from point E to point F in 20 minutes. If the distance from X to Y is 10 miles longer than the distance from E to F, how much faster does Car A travel than Car B, in miles per minute (mpm)?

- A) 0.20 mpm
- B) 0.25 mpm
- C) 0.50 mpm
- D) 0.75 mpm
- E) 1.00 mpm

Answer on pg.21

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General elections

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against then-Lt. Gov. Molly Gray, but emerged with a resounding victory on Election Day, priming her to become the first woman and LGBTQ+ person to represent Vermont in Washington.

“It feels very different not to have that pressure,” Balint told VT Digger Tuesday morning, standing outside the polls in her hometown of Brattleboro. “Primaries are psychologically and emotionally hard. You don’t want them to divide, but they do.”

In November, Balint’s Republican challenger will be Coester, a small business owner from Westminster who ran for state Senate last election cycle and drew his own party’s condemnation after displaying an alt-right symbol and flying a fascist flag at a 4th of July parade.

Reached by phone Tuesday evening, Coester characterized that story as “utter and complete hogwash.” He said the flag — featuring a bundle of arrows commonly associated with the Spanish Falange, a fascist movement tied to dictator Francisco Franco — was flown by a young man who climbed onto his log loader.

As for the drawing of “Pepe the Frog” — a cartoon character linked to far-right and white nationalist groups — on the side of his truck, Coester said: “Who gives a damn? It’s a frog.”

Instead, Coester described himself as a moderate Republican and said he believed he had “a very good chance to win” in November.

“I am a kind of common sense, pragmatic conservative. You know, middle of the road. I try to look at things from all

sides,” Coester said.

The general election will also feature an array of minor party and independent candidates equally hopeful of unseating Sanders and Balint.

On the Senate side, these include Justin Schoville, chair of the state’s Green Mountain Peace and Justice party, formerly known as the Liberty Union Party — in which Sanders got his start in Vermont politics in the early 1970s — as well as Libertarian candidate Matt Hill, Epic Party candidate Mark Stewart Green and independent Steven “Steve” Berry.

The Peace and Justice party will also compete for the U.S. House seat with nominee Jill “Jessy” Diamondstone, while independent candidate Adam Ortiz — who got 1.2% of the vote in the same race in 2022 — will once again appear on the ballot.



Gardening Corner

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“holes” you might have with annual zinnia and dahlias and your garden should be humming all summer into autumn, and I hope filled with birdsong. Blueberries are being added to flower gardens. There are low bush and high bush varieties. Get several varieties so they can cross pollinate. Strawberries are being used as ground cover.

For your wild area, let it fill up with our common milkweed,

goldenrod, common yarrow, blackberries, black raspberries, cut leaf coneflower (or wild golden glow), as it grows up to 12 feet tall, daisies, Queen Anne’s lace and feverfew. Add more berry bushes, such as serviceberry and chokeberry. Birds will thank you for it.

I met a woman today who said she has a fenced-in vegetable garden for herself and her family. In it she grows everything they love to eat. Outside and about

20 feet away she has a second garden that she does not fence or weed and in it she has all sorts of things that the rabbits, deer, woodchucks, and birds love to eat. “It’s a gift from my family to theirs,” she said. I do not know how well this will work. But as you know, I am an experimental person when it comes to gardens. It is always worth a try. If it works, write a book. If it does not, write a book anyway, or at least a column about it.

Brandon Town Manager's report — July 20th–August 9th

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Town Hall roof: Sbardella Slate brought two Vermont-quarried slate samples for consideration of the selectboard. The gray is quarried from Wells and the green from North Poultney. These will be available for examination at the selectboard meeting on the 12th.

The replacement lamppost by Blue Moon has been installed; this was a driver's insurance claim.

At the request of budget committee members, I created a budget advisory committee page on the Town website and warned a public meeting of that committee for Thursday, August 22, at 6PM.

The 2015 Diesel truck has been repaired and transferred from WW to HWY. I will work with the town treasurer on equitable assignments of value between the two funds.

The 2012 HWY truck is now ready to be divested, as is one

of the two cruisers. I suggest when the second cruiser is ready, we place them all on Muncibid and advertise them locally.

FOCUS AREAS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

A best practice in technology is to use the most secure top-level domain available to your entity. We have secured use of our own .gov domain for the Town. In coming weeks we will be migrating our website and all e-addresses. Dot gov offers us the highest available security.

I attended special meetings of the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District July 24th and August 7; Brandon planning commission meeting July 29; Brandon energy committee Aug 5; BRAVO Aug 5; Rutland Regional Town Managers Aug 8; Brandon Fire District Aug 8.

I met with Dennis Marden, Bill Moore, and Colleen Wright regarding the upcoming transition of year-round programming of the Town Hall after the Friends group winds down at year-end.

I submitted the final documentation for the Brandon Historic Survey grant; thanks to Dennis Reisenweaver for all his leadership in that project.

On Thursday 8 August, we activated our Town of Brandon opt-in text alert system for a water emergency on Grove Street. We also used the VT-ALERT notification system (because of the traffic limitation), Front Porch Forum, the Town website Notices page, and the Town Clerk's Facebook page to alert residents. The Fire District placed notices on doors of homes that would be impacted.

I assisted the energy committee with completion and submission of a grant application they conceived and support for funding of an "eRLF" (energy revolving loan fund) through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Competitive Municipality Sub-Grants. If awarded, this would address af-

fordability by lending funds to assist Brandon residents with weatherproofing and energy-efficiency projects in their homes. Repayments would replenish the eRLF for other Brandon residents to access. "Energy poverty" (paying an inordinate share of one's income to keep warm in the winter) is a very real stressor for a number of households.

I had many meetings with town officers, staff, townspeople, and responded to a number of requests for information from various parties. Public works matters were the most frequent topics.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT	
No accounting changes have been made for FY24 since last report; FY24 revenues will continue to come in during August; FY24 should settle out for reporting to the board in September.	
FY25 Budget Operating Expenses	12.59% this funds / 12.5% this year
Unrestricted / Unassigned Fund Balance	\$435,240
1% (Local Option) Tax Fund Available / Undesignated (\$100,000 board-reserved paving not included at right)	\$251,185
Known Grant Matches Not Yet Designated	UNION STREET
Delinquent property taxes (prior years)	\$529,721 (was \$543,959)
Delinquent wastewater (prior years) (over 120 days)	\$217,339 (was \$198,038)
Tax Sale Status — PAUSED due to Legislated changes	70 accounts at attorney for letters

FOR AWARENESS OF THE SELECTBOARD

A public hearing relating to the accessibility grant for the Brandon Library is scheduled for 6:30PM on August 12th ahead of the regular selectboard meeting. Notice appeared in The Reporter on July 24th. The Library is spending August re-homing themselves from the Town Hall space to their newly-improved building. During September they have offered to work with us to get the main meeting space on the lower level of the Town Hall ready for selectboard and other Town boards and committees to use again.

With permission of the Brandon Artists Guild, the Town crew installed a second Parking sign on the alley between the BAG building and Café Provence to assist motorists from the north.

The Town crew replaced three cross culverts on Wheeler Road and continued roadside ditching work on Wheeler Road to comply with the Municipal Roads General Permit. They also completed hot mix treatment of several reported trouble spots. They striped the police station parking lot and earlier did striping downtown, including crosswalks.

I have an appointment scheduled Tuesday with our traffic signal company to examine possible adjustments we might be able to make to improve downtown traffic flow on weekday afternoons.

A flood buyout was completed on 24 July for 110 Newton Road; the asbestos inspection revealed no abatement required, so the bid for demolition work will be published soon.

Town Treasurer Sue Gage reports receipt of the quarterly 1% tax in the amount of \$76,420, an improvement of 14% (+\$9K) over the same quarter (April-June) last year (included in chart above).

Legislative report

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expected tax revenue, by adding a one-time transfer to the Education Fund from the state's General Fund, and by raising taxes on cloud software and short-term rentals. All of this added about \$96 million in "other" revenue to the Education Fund and reduced property taxes. It also added an expanded property tax credit for Vermonters who pay property/school taxes based on household income. H.877 put together a package to fund our schools, at the level that local voters in every district approved, while still trying to bring down property-tax rates as much as possible.

Vermont has a very complicated education funding system, and we need to be willing to overhaul it and to make tough decisions. H.887 sets up a public-education commission that will bring an

action plan to the legislature on short-term cost containment and long-term financial transformation. Districts will have to make hard choices, and voters will have to agree, by considering things like consolidating, closing small schools, increasing class size, reducing staffing, and renovating aging school buildings. If you have ideas about how to make changes to our educational system, email them to me and I will get your ideas to the public-education commission. I encourage your input sjerome@leg.state.vt.us.

Take care,
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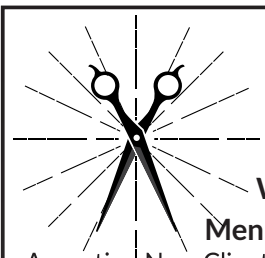
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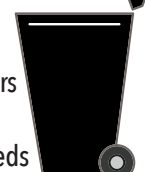
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TOWN OF PROCTOR, VERMONT Invitation for #2 Heating Oil & Diesel Fuel Bids

SCOPE: The Town of Proctor is accepting bids for a fixed delivery and/or rack plus prices for #2 Heating Oil and for ultra-low sulfur diesel.

CONTRACT PERIOD: Contract arising from this invitation for bids will be for a period of one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT: All communications concerning this invitation for bids shall be addressed in writing to the attention of: Judy Frazier, Town Manager, Town of Proctor, 45 Main Street, Proctor, VT 05765 or manager@proctorvermont.com

CONTRACT QUANTITY: The past year quantity for #2 Heating Oil was approximately 1700 gallons and tanks are located at 45 Main Street & 33 Olympus Rd. The past year quantity for diesel was approximately 4,500 gallons and tanks are located at the Town Garage at 16 Reynolds Street.

METHOD OF ORDERING AND INVOICING: Verbal orders or purchase orders may be used under this contract. Invoicing shall be monthly on the vendor's standard billhead to the Town of Proctor, 45 Main Street, Proctor, VT 05765.

CONTRACTOR CONTACT: Contractor must provide single point of contact to the Town for placing orders and all logistics related to this service.

BID SUBMISSION: Sealed bids will be received at Proctor Town Office, 52 Main Street, Proctor, VT 05765 until 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 9, 2024. Bid shall be submitted on the enclosed Bid Form and the Rack Plus Price shall include the September 1, 2024 full price and rack location. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after the opening of the bids.

DELIVERY METHODS: Sealed bids must be delivered via U.S. mail, express delivery, or hand delivery. The bid should be presented in an envelope clearly marked "Fuel Bids" and "Diesel Bids." Bidders are cautioned that it is their responsibility to originate mailings of bids in sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Town of Proctor prior to 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024. Electronic and faxed bids will not be accepted.

BID OPENING: The bid opening will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Proctor Town Offices on September 9, 2024 and is open to the public.

CONTRACT AWARD: Selection of the supplier will be based upon bidders' qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects (i.e., availability of prompt service) and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the Town to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

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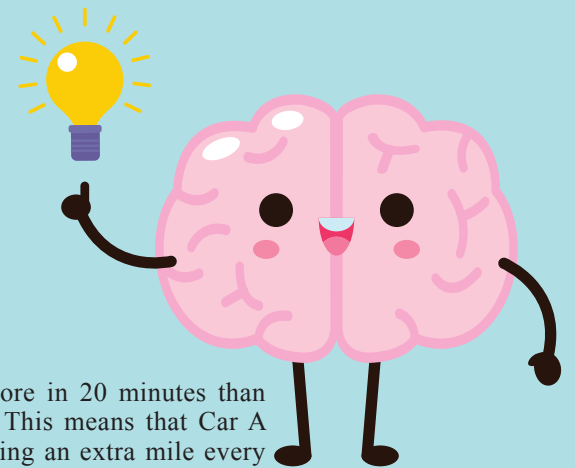
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Brandon Brain Buster Answered

Answer: C

Car A takes 20 minutes to drive from X to Y. Car B takes 20 minutes to drive from E to F. We know that the distance from X to Y is 10 miles longer than the distance from E to F. This means that Car A must cover 10

miles more in 20 minutes than Car B. This means that Car A is traveling an extra mile every 2 minutes, which is the same as an extra half-mile every minute. So, we know that Car A is going 0.50 miles per minute faster than Car B. The answer is C.



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Sports betting

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roy, the mental health department's responsible gaming program coordinator, said in a press release. "This website offers a space for individuals to find the resources and care they need to navigate problem gambling behavior."

The state also offers a voluntary self-exclusion program from betting platforms. As of June, there were seven people who had opted to exclude themselves either for one year, five years or for a lifetime, according to Knight.

Over the first six months online sports betting was operational, Vermont saw an average of about 39,000 monthly active users, data shows. Collectively, they placed about 4.65 million total bets. Knight noted that the number of active users was highest when the platforms were new — with about 52,000 users recorded in January, figures show.

As of July, the number of active users was down to about 12,000, according to the data.

Vermont's sports betting market also benefits significantly from out-of-state visitors who play while in the state, the liquor and lottery department data shows. Across those first six months, about 38% of active users in Vermont were from other states; in July, more than 43% were out-of-staters.

Knight said this trend makes sense in a state where the econo-

my leans heavily on tourism. The sports betting market saw an uptick around April's total solar eclipse, she said.

The data also shows that out-of-state users bet, on average, far more money on sports than in-state users did. Over the first six months that platforms were live, the average bet by Vermont residents was \$19.05, while bets made by visitors, or second-home owners, averaged \$34.33.

The state also collects data on which sports people are betting on. Basketball was by far the most popular over the first half of 2024, with about 40% of all bets placed, the data shows. After that, it was baseball, tennis and football, all of which had around 9% of total bets. Hockey was fifth, making up about 5% of bets placed.

Knight noted, though, that the state anticipates a sharp increase in football betting when the 2024-25 NFL season gets underway next month. The 2023-24 NFL season was in its final stages, she said, when sports betting went live in Vermont earlier this year.

One surprise to state officials, the commissioner said, came in the department's most recent trove of betting data, for July 2024. A new sport had crept into the top five for most bets placed — table tennis.

"Like, who knew?" Knight said with a laugh.

Finding Addie

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a few years later moved to Cohoes, New York, north of Albany, where Addie got another job in a mill.

Addie and Ernest had a rocky marriage; they sometimes lived apart, which family attributed to his having a drinking problem. When their daughter grew up, Addie spent years helping raise her grandsons, both in New York City and Albany. When the boys were teenagers, Addie apparently reunited with Ernest and moved with him to Hoosick Falls, New York, just west of Bennington. After Ernest died in 1967, Addie spent years living in Albany and then in a housing project in Cohoes. Addie and the daughter she gave birth to were estranged for decades. Only when Addie was an old woman did the daughter she had lost custody of agree to speak with her.

The work of activists like Lewis Hine helped the child labor reform movement gain traction with the American public. The movement's first successes, while still shockingly minimal by today's standards, were at the state level. In Vermont, for instance, the Legislature in 1913 curbed children's work schedules, allowing a maximum of nine hours a day and 50 hours a week for children under 16,

and 11 hours a day and 58 hours a week for 16- and 17-year-olds. The federal government became greatly involved in 1938, with passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The act, along with subsequent federal reforms, set stricter limits on the minimum age of child workers and the hours they could work, especially on school days, while also barring them from hazardous jobs.

For Joe Manning, the search for Addie Card was just the beginning of his work on child labor history. After studying some of the 5,000-plus photographs by Hine posted on the Library of Congress website, he had an epiphany. "I began to feel as if the children were staring back at me," he wrote. "It occurred to me that I had the power to do for some of them what I had done for Addie."

In his Lewis Hine Project, Manning managed to identify hundreds of children in Hine's photos and discover something of their lives. When possible, Manning contacted the descendants of these children in order to get more information about them. These conversations were often emotional, because Manning frequently was able to fill in large gaps in the families' histories. The project served as a sort of career capstone for Manning, who died in



ADDIE CARD, FOURTH from left in the front row, poses with other child laborers at the cotton mill in North Pownal, Vermont, in 1910. Standing slightly behind Addie and wearing a white shirt, is her 14-year-old sister Anna.

Photo via the Library of Congress

2021.

Addie never mentioned the day a photographer took her picture at the mill. She died in 1993 at the age of 95, five years before the stamp bearing her likeness was issued. She never knew she was an icon.

During her lifetime, Addie Card was known by several names, including the erroneous one, Addie Laird. Her gravestone bears her final legal name: Adeline Lavigne. Below that is the name her grandchildren and great grandchildren

called her, Gramma Pat. She never changed her name legally, but as a young woman she had started asking people to call her Pat. She never liked the name Adeline.

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