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## Neshobe comes through for cancer research!

**NESHOBE SCHOOL & Friends Relay for Life Team** raised \$37,500 for the American Cancer Society during the 2025 season. This was accomplished because of all the individuals and businesses who support us. Thank You! Pictured are Helen Williams and Deb Miner accepting a plaque from Richard Vitagliano and Ken Shattuck, co-chairs of Rutland County Relay for Life.

## New Brandon Trustees of Public Funds discuss their future

BY STEVEN JUPITER

**BRANDON**—The three newly-seated Trustees of Public Funds (TPF) convened for their first meeting on Tuesday, August 12. The three new Trustees—Faith Daya, Devon Fuller, and Tracy Wyman—were appointed by the Brandon Selectboard after the three previous Trustees—Laura Miner, Tanner Romano, and Courtney Satz—resigned this spring.

The resignations came in the wake of heated controversy surrounding the previous Trustees' approach to managing the funds left to the town of Brandon by Shirley Farr, one of Brandon's wealthiest residents at the time of her passing in 1955. Ms. Farr's will had stipulated that

the bequest be used primarily for public sanitation projects. However, over the decades, the various members of TPF had begun taking a more expansive view of the board's mission, relying on a provision of the will that allowed money not used for sanitation to be used for other public benefits not covered by municipal taxes.

Under this provision, TPF had granted money over the years for numerous projects unrelated to sanitation (Editor's note: In 2024, The Reporter received \$5,000 from TPF). These grants became the subject of community scrutiny when TPF pledged \$20,000 to the Otter Valley Activities Association (OVAA) for a feasibility study for a proposed community recreation center that came to be known as the Valley Community Center (VCC).

One of the central figures

in VCC was Tanner Romano, owner of Naylor & Breen builders in Brandon and one of the members of TPF. Mr. Romano's involvement in both TPF and VCC drew intense criticism from some Brandon residents who felt that the relationship was a conflict of interest. They argued that Mr. Romano should have recused himself from the TPF decision to award the money to OVAA. A formal ethics complaint against Mr. Romano and Ms. Miner was filed with the state and investigated by the Brandon Selectboard.

Though the VCC project was ultimately shelved, and the Selectboard found only the appearance of a conflict without direct financial benefit to Mr. Romano and no conflict for Ms. Miner, pressure on Mr. Romano continued until he resigned in the spring. Ms. Miner and Ms.

(See Trustees, Page 9)

## Otter Valley hires new varsity soccer coaches

BY STEVEN KEITH

**OV VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER HEAD COACH:**

Otter Valley Union High School is proud to announce the hiring of Paul Lathrop as he takes over the Varsity Girls Soccer Program at Otter Valley Union High School heading into the 2025 season. Paul is versed in the world of athletics. He is an Otter Valley soccer alumnus and has a long history of coaching youth programs including soccer, baseball & basketball, as well as middle level soccer and both middle level and JV baseball at Otter Valley. We are excited to have him leading our girls' soccer program.

Coach Lathrop brings a high level of energy to our soccer program. He is well versed in working with athletes and has an innate ability to get the most out of them. He is knowledgeable regarding the sport and is strategically driven. We are excited to see the future of girls' soccer with Coach Lathrop at the helm.

(See OV coaches, Page 18)



## Fire in Leicester

**A FIRE BROKE** out at a home near Leicester Four Corners on Friday, August 15. No injuries were reported, though the house suffered extensive damage. Traffic on Route 7 was limited to one lane to accommodate the responding departments. The fire is thought to have started in the attic but the cause is still unclear. Thank you to all the firefighters, first responders, and law enforcement agencies that kept the situation under control.

Photo by Mickey Peluso.





# Coming to America, No.5: Timothy and Susanna (Wright) (Clark) McCullough

BY MICHAEL F. DWYER

A monument atop the terraces in Pittsford's Evergreen Cemetery marks the final resting place of Timothy McCullough (1850 [in fact, 1849]–1918 and his wife, Susanna. It also sparks curiosity that Susanna was nine years older than her husband. Descending cascades mark the graves of other family members, but these stones do not attest to the complex migrations

of three generations of the McCullough family to the United States from the Eastern Townships of Canada. Before delving into their story, we must go back a generation to Timothy's father, Charles Lawrence McCullough (1803–1889).

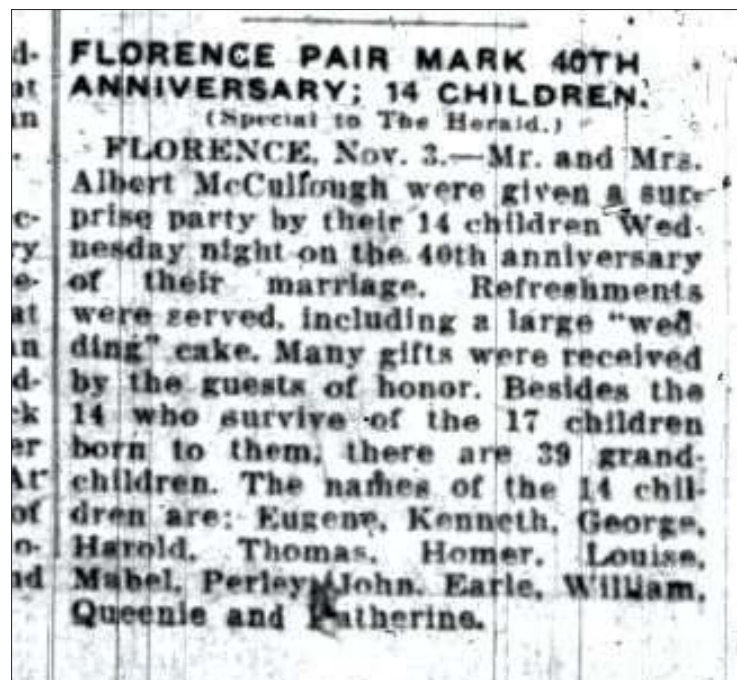
Census records after 1851 point to Charles's birthplace as Nova Scotia. No contemporary source, however, names the specific town or the names of



GROUP PHOTO OF Bert and Harriet McCullough family ca. 1923. He stands at far left. Hattie is slightly left of center. All children and spouses included with the four youngest children up front: Queenie, Kate, Earl, and Bill.



MCCULLOUGH FAMILY GROUP, Clarenceville, Québec, 1895: Anna McCullough, b. 1866, mother Susanna, John J. b. 1885, Bert, b. 1874, Jennie, b. 1880, Susanna's daughter, Nancy, b. 1863, and father Timothy.



ABOVE: SUSANNA WRIGHT, ca. 1860.  
BELOW: 40TH ANNIVERSARY clipping.

his parents. This lack of information did not stop dozens of family historians from averring that Charles was the son of John or Jean McCullough who wed Praxède Saulnier in Digby, Nova Scotia, around 1785. Catholic baptism records of their children preclude Charles from being part of their family. We do know that as a young man in his twenties, Charles moved to Lacolle,

Québec, only about seven miles from the border of New York State. Records of the adjacent Odelltown Methodist Church show that Charles first wed Hannah Palliser, daughter of a Scottish immigrant, and shortly after her death in 1838, he married Esther Scarf, born in Yorkshire, England. Odelltown, three miles south of Lacolle, was founded by United Empire Loyalist John

Odell. The town, now absorbed by Lacolle, became a mecca for other descendants of Loyalists who fled the American Revolution as well as Irish and Scottish immigrants who seized the opportunity to settle newly established townships. Charles may have belonged to either group. Making the puzzle of Charles's parents more difficult, no other (See *Coming to America*, Page 8)



# The Habitat for Humanity adventure went to Brazil and Amazon

BY LYLA FULLER

I agreed to do another build with the woman I had roomed with during the Habitat for Humanity build in Vera Cruz, Mexico, so we chose to join a team traveling to Brazil. The town of Juazeiro do Norte is in the north-

me to my hotel to check in then gave me a tour of the city. We drove up to the famous Christ the Redeemer statue that overlooks the city, to the stadium where Pele played soccer and the area where the floats are constructed for the Carnival parades. It was

spoke it. Our local leader spoke some English as did another local.

It is a long 22 hours travel from the US to reach Juazeiro do Norte, stop in Rio De Janeiro, and Fortaleza. Then a 3-hour bus drive. Our hotel was on the town square, so we had front-row seats to all the action of the city.

The build was brick, but we didn't need to make them. Long days and hot hard work. The group was mostly college-age people.

We all experienced a new drink, caipirinha, made with lime juice and rum. Good food and lovely happy people.

After the build, Toni and I had planned a trip to Manaus and Curitiba, which is south and near the ocean.

We flew from Fortaleza to Manaus, which is located on the Amazon River, just south of where the Negro River and the Solimoes meet to create the Amazon. It is a bustling city now but had experienced poverty when the rubber business failed in the late 19th century.

In its heyday, there were huge homes and many rich rubber barons. There was also a beautiful opera house that reminded me of the Tabernacle building on Temple Square in Salt Lake

City. I could imagine the ladies in their beautiful silk gowns and the gentlemen in their tuxedos. Once there were other sources of rubber, the wealthy moved on. Then the only way to reach the city was by boat.

I enjoy farmers markets and

other open-air markets like the one here. It was patterned after the market in Madrid, Spain, and I believe some of the steel beams were shipped from there. It is filled with fishmongers, butchers, fruit stalls, bakers, vegetable stalls and most anything you can imagine. Lots of color and smells.

We spent two nights at a hotel in Manaus then took a boat down river to the Amazon Village camp. As we cruised along, you could see the rivers join, the Negro River is dark and murky, so you can see the clear Solimoes flow into it. Also you can see the fresh water dolphins there—they are pink! Not vivid but a pale pink and very playful following our boat.

The Amazon Village is located on an inlet of the river and is about 25 buildings, some single

dwelling and others larger duplex or triplex housing. Toni and I shared a room for the 3 days we were there. Meals were at the main reception building along with the Amazon Bar. It was hot and humid.

Our first evening, we took a small boat out to see the caimans (small alligators). They are only seen at night. The following day, we trekked through the jungle to a small portion of a rubber plantation and were given a demonstration of how the rubber sap is taken from the trees. Very much like maple tree sap tapping. The rubber is then processed and formed on molds we were told. Then the guide with a mischievous grin rolled out a rack with about 8-10 large rubber prophylactics! He was delighted to shock two middle-aged ladies.

(See Habitat, Page 9)



ABOVE: THE AUTHOR on the Negro River in Brazil after another Habitat for Humanity build.

BELOW: THE AUTHOR getting acquainted with a small, nocturnal alligator-like reptile known as a caiman.

ern part of Brazil. It is high-plain farm country with rolling hills covered with chaparral suited for grazing cattle. Some sugar cane and corn are grown there as well. It is dry and hot.

I arrived a couple of days early in Rio. My cab driver delivered

a whirlwind trip but worthwhile. My hotel was near the ocean, so I walked along the Ipanema beach the following day and shopped at the flea market. Then on to Fortaleza the next morning.

Portuguese is the language of Brazil and none of the 14 of us

## Spotlight On Business

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# Vermont Secretary of State responds to President's statement attacking mail-in voting, 'Voting Machines'

On Monday, August 18th President Donald Trump posted on his social media platform that he plans to issue an Executive Order eliminating vote-by-mail and the use of "voting machines" in next year's Midterm Elections. Similar to the "election integrity" Executive Order he issued back in March of this year, this statement promotes baseless myths and outright falsehoods about elections, proposes significant barriers to voting access, and represents an unprecedented and illegal overreach of Federal authority.

Vermont Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas has issued the following statement in response:

"The President appears to be confused about several key facts when it comes to American elections.

For one, he says in his post that when it comes to election administration, states must do what he tells us. As I detailed in a statement just last week, the U.S. Constitution gives the states control over elections and gives only Congress the power to pass laws regulating elections; it does not empower the president or executive branch to do so (U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 4). This means that, in the absence of a law passed by Congress, state law dictates all matters around elections. Either way, our country is not set up to operate by executive fiat — our founding fathers were quite clear about that.

Mail-in ballots are not only a secure method of voting, they also greatly increase voter turnout by allowing more vot-

ers to cast their ballot from the comfort of their home, removing the constraints of work and caretaking schedules and transportation. While I, of course, love to get out and vote at the polls on Election Day, many Vermonters find it more convenient and accessible to vote by mail — and that shows in the numbers. Since Vermont's first universal vote by mail general election in 2020, we've seen more than 70% of Vermonters vote in presidential election years — and the majority of those votes were mail-in ballots. I've heard personally from members of all three of Vermont's political parties who've told me how important it is for them to be able to receive and cast their ballot from home. I want more voters casting their ballots in elections, not less. This strengthens our democracy.

Now, as for the 'voting machines' that the president referenced, it's unclear whether he's referencing the vote counting machines, known as 'tabulators,' used in every Vermont district that has more than 1,000 voters. He did mention that he likes paper ballots — I do too. Per state law, we use paper ballots and those are kept for 22 months after a federal election. In truth, 98% of Americans cast paper ballots. Our secure, air-gapped tabulators are faster and more accurate than hand-counting.

As Vermont's Chief Elections Officer, I won't tolerate any effort to undermine the integrity and accessibility of our democracy. To the extent that (See 'Voting Machines', Page 21)



## I'm not in Kansas anymore

THIS UNCOMMON MIGRANT, a Connecticut warbler was passing through Half Moon State Park a couple of years ago.

Photo by Sue Wetmore

## Community Forums

# Vermont's resident Canada goose season will run from Sept. 1-25

Vermont's resident Canada goose hunting season will be held September 1 through September 25 to help control Vermont's resident Canada goose population prior to the arrival of Canada geese migrating south from Canada according to the Vermont Fish and Wild-

life Department.

The season will be open statewide with a daily bag limit of five Canada geese in the Connecticut River Zone and eight in the rest of Vermont.

A second Canada goose hunting season for resident and migrant birds will be held Octo-

ber 11-November 9 with a daily bag limit of one Canada goose in the Lake Champlain Zone and Interior Vermont Zone.

In the Connecticut River Zone, the second Canada goose season will be October 13-November 11, and November (See Canada goose, Page 23)

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# Opera Vermont presents historic double-bill at The BARN OPERA House: Puccini's Le Villi and Zuelli's La Fata del Nord

BRANDON—Opera Vermont is proud to announce another landmark event in the world of opera: a double-bill production at the beautiful BARN OPERA House in Brandon, Vermont, featuring Giacomo Puccini's Le Villi and the long-lost La Fata del Nord by Guglielmo Zuelli. These performances, taking place

on September 19 and 20, will mark the first time in living history that audiences anywhere in the world will hear Zuelli's opera performed live.

The pairing of these two works brings audiences back to Milan, 1894, where Zuelli's La Fata del Nord famously won the prestigious Sonzogno competition—defeating none other

than the young Puccini himself. Over 130 years later, Opera Vermont invites audiences to revisit that decisive moment and answer the question anew: who is the true winner—Zuelli or Puccini?

"This is not just a performance; it's a rediscovery," said Opera Vermont Artistic Director (See BARN OPERA, Page 5)



# Community Forums continued

## New free mentored fishing on Labor Day weekend is a chance for experienced anglers to pay it forward

MONTPELIER—This Labor Day Weekend, experienced anglers have a special chance to share the joy of fishing. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is asking anyone who regularly spends time on the water to consider taking out a friend or family member in celebration of Vermont’s first ever “Free Mentored Fishing Weekend.”

The new annual opportunity was approved this past June as part of Act 47, a package of updates to the state’s fish and wildlife laws.

This opportunity allows a licensed angler to take up to four unlicensed anglers aged 15 years or older to fish for free from Saturday, August 30, through Monday, September 1. Kids under 15 years old can already fish for free in Vermont. Free Mentored Fishing Weekend gives adults who have never fished, or have not fished since childhood, an easy and welcoming way to try the sport.

“Every one of us who fishes has a story about the parent, grandparent or friend who showed us

the ropes,” said Shawn Good, a fish biologist with the department. “If you’re an experienced angler, the new Free Mentored Fishing Weekend is your chance to be that person for someone else. Invite a friend, a co-worker or a neighbor to join you. Show them your favorite spot, lend them some gear and teach them what you know. That’s how traditions are passed on.”

Free Mentored Fishing Weekend is different from Vermont’s longstanding summer and winter Free Fishing Days, which

are geared towards families that already have some fishing savvy. This new opportunity is designed for adults who want to start fishing and need an experienced mentor to guide them.

“I really want to encourage experienced anglers to treat Vermont’s first Free Mentored Fishing Weekend as an opportunity to pay it forward,” said Jason Batchelder, Commissioner of Fish & Wildlife and a life-long angler. “For many of us who love the sport, mentoring new anglers is as much a part of our

calling as exploring new waters or pursuing new species.”

For new anglers who are unsure how to connect with a mentor but still want to take advantage of Free Mentored Fishing Weekend, Vermont Fish & Wildlife will host a special edition of its popular “Fish with a Warden” program. Three free workshops will be held on Saturday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Bomoseen, Little River, and Silver Lake State Parks. Interested anglers can register online at the department’s fishing events calendar.

## Vermont law prohibits the sale of bear paws, organs

MONTPELIER—With Vermont’s bear hunting season starting September 1, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department reminds hunters that the sale of bear paws and internal organs of bears is prohibited.

“Vermont State Game Wardens have investigated cases where people from out of state have approached Vermont hunters to purchase bear paws and gallbladders which are valuable in Asian countries,” said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jason Batchelder. “Until the law was changed last year, Vermont was one of the few states that still allowed

the sale of bear paws and gall bladders that are resold on the black market.”

The meat of bear, deer or moose may be sold within Vermont during the open hunting season and for 20 days after the season ends. The meat may not be bought or sold to be transported out of the state.

A person may buy or sell the head, hide, hoofs, and antlers of legally taken deer or moose and the head and hide of legally taken black bears at any time.

## BARN OPERA

(Continued from Page 4)

tor and stage director Joshua Collier. “To present Zuelli’s La Fata del Nord for the very first time is a gift to the operatic world, and to do so alongside Puccini’s Le Villi offers our audiences a rare and thrilling opportunity to experience history as if they were in the competition hall themselves.”

Opera Vermont has assembled a company of exceptional professional singers, both veterans of Opera Vermont, and newcomers alike, who will travel from across the country to bring both operas to life. The performances will feature the artistry of pianist Maria Rab-

bia and the leadership of Opera Vermont’s Music Director, Cailin Marcel Manson, who will conduct both works.

Audiences at The BARN OPERA House will enjoy not only the beauty of the music but also the chance to take part in operatic history by casting their own vote: will the long-forgotten Zuelli remain the champion, or will Puccini—destined to become one of the greatest operatic composers of all time—finally take home the prize?

Tickets for this unprecedented event are on sale now and expected to sell quickly. Don’t miss your chance to witness a

world premiere, a rediscovery, and a competition reborn in Vermont’s most intimate and enchanting opera house.

Event Details

Opera Vermont Presents: Le Villi (Puccini) & La Fata del Nord (Zuelli – American Premiere)

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# Obituaries

## Michael Albert Wilber, 66, Brandon

Michael Albert Wilber, age 66, passed peacefully on July 31, 2025, at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Mike was born on May 3, 1959, in Reno, Nevada. He was the son of Albert and Gloria (Beauchamp) Wilber. He grew up in Pittsford, where he graduated from Otter Valley Union High School, class of 1977. Following graduation, he began his career with Agway Energy Products, which was later bought out by Suburban Propane. He served the local community as a Master Technician for over 45 years, during this time he received the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association Founders award. Mike enjoyed spending his time hunting, fishing, and watching NASCAR. Most of all, he loved being sur-



**MICHAEL ALBERT WILBER**

rounded by friends and family enjoying laughs with amazing food.

Mike is survived by his wife, Karen (Ethier) Wilber, whom he married on August 8, 1981, in Pittsford; his loving

daughter, Heather Chisamore (Kyle); a sister, Donna Carrara (Ron) of Rutland; two brothers, Charles McMaster (Lois) of Texas and Mark Wilber (Claire) of Pittsford. Several nieces, nephews, & cousins also survive him.

A gathering "In Celebration of His Life" will take place on August 30, 2025, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Brandon American Legion Post #55.

A private graveside committal service and burial will take place at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery in Pittsford.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in Mike's memory to a foundation of your choice.

Arrangements by Miller & Ketcham of Brandon.

## Iola Marie (Balcom) McCullough, 96, Pittsford

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend, Iola Marie (Balcom) McCullough. Iola passed on Friday morning, August 15, 2025, at Vista Senior Care, after a long period of failing health.

Iola was born on December 1, 1928 in Shoreham, the daughter of Owen C. and Maude (Blackmer) Balcom. She was a farm girl and grew up in Orwell, attending elementary school there. She went on to attend Shoreham High School for two years, finishing her high school years at Brandon High School, graduating in 1947 with honors.

On September 12, 1948, she married the love of her life, Lloyd McCullough. They celebrated their 53rd anniversary shortly before his passing in 2001. After marriage, she worked for the Ayrshire Breeders Association in Brandon. After the birth of their son, Brian, and 15 months later their daughter, Janice, she was a stay-at-home mom. When we were in 5th and 7th grades, she went to work at Metro Mail, where she remained for over 30 years until her retirement.

Iola was a member of the Pittsford Congregational Church; Order of the Eastern Star, Marble Chapter, #80 in Brandon; American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #31; and the Anne Story Chapter DAR. She was a volunteer usher at the Paramount Theater for 23 years, which brought her so much joy.

Survivors include a son, Brian McCullough, and his wife Carol, of Bessemer City, N.C.; a daughter, Janice McCullough Tower and husband, John, of Rutland; a bonus daughter, Pat Jaquith, who lovingly helped care for her; three grandsons, John Tower, Jr. and wife, Danielle Senecal of Brunswick, Maine; Robert Obee Tower and wife, Meaghan of Toronto, Ontario and Shawn McCullough and wife Lisa, of Southington, Conn. She is also survived by



**IOLA MARIE MCCULLOUGH**

two stepgrandsons, Brian Travis and Scott Travis; and by eight great-grandchildren: Gabriel and Elliot Tower, Kyla and Sophie Obee Tower, Nikole Travis Newman, Anthony O'Brien, Nathan McCullough and Kasey Newman. Also, several special nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lloyd G. McCullough on September 29, 2001; her parents, Owen and Maude Balcom; a grandson, Bradley McCullough; two sisters, Lenore Smith and Muriel Paradis, and two brothers, Owen Charles (Chuck) Balcom and Leroy (Roy) Balcom.

Per Iola's request, there will be no calling hours. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, August 31, at 1 p.m. at the Pittsford Congregational Church. Light refreshments will be served in the church hall following the service. We will then proceed to Evergreen Cemetery for burial.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to the staff and aides at Vista Senior Care for the wonderful loving care they provided her over the last six months; the staff, Chris Masillo and Shanna Halliday at Lisa and Peter Hogenkamp's for the wonderful care provided my mother and all the support and guidance provided to me; and the support of our pastor, Michael Dwyer.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pittsford Congregational Church, 121 Village Green, Pittsford, Vt. 05763.

## Dorothy Marie Wigmore, 87, Brandon

Dorothy Marie Wigmore, age 87, passed peacefully with family by her side on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at her home in Brandon.

"Dot" was born in Hydeville on April 18, 1938. She was the daughter of Simon and Mildred (Wade) Manning. She grew up in Hydeville and received her education in local Fair Haven Schools. She worked for several years as a waitress at the Fair Haven Truck Stop. On June 19, 1976, she married William Wigmore in Poultney. They made their home in Brandon since 1980. She worked as a shift supervisor at the Brandon Training School until the school closed in 1993. She enjoyed arts & crafts and was a proficient crochet expert. She belonged to the Order of The Eastern Star in



**DOROTHY WIGMORE**

West Rutland.

She is survived by two daughters, Dawn Williams and Lori Doolan; five sons, Clifford Kenyon, David Kenyon, Darren Kenyon, Keith Kenyon and Dean Kenyon; a sister, Carol

Ann Whitaker; and two brothers, Richard Manning and Barry Manning. 19 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews & cousins also survive her. She was predeceased by her husband, William Wigmore; 2 sons, Kevin and Scott Kenyon; a sister, Sarah Gibbs; and 3 brothers, Frederick, Raymond, and Harold Manning; and an adopted daughter, Twila Moody.


The funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the Brandon Congregational Church. The Rev. Sara Rossigg, pastor and the Rev. Michael Dwyer will co-officiate. The graveside committal service and burial will follow the service in the family lot at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Following the committal service, the family will receive friends back at the Congregational Fellowship Hall for a time of remembrance.

Friends may call at the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon on Friday, August 22 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to the West Rutland Chapter Order of The Eastern Star.

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# For the Luv of Dogs Car Show revs up Estabrook!

**BY COLLEEN WRIGHT**

A great crowd of 52 cars—new, antique, rebuilt, stock, hot rods, trucks, motorcycles and more—came to Estabrook Park on Saturday Aug 16 for the For the Luv of Dogs Car Show, a benefit for the Rutland County Humane Society!

The skies were blue, but we

had every color of car under the rainbow on the field. All of them were amazing; from the recently acquired Trooper car to a Model A, to tuners. Baker LaRock and Diane VanLew co-directed the event, bringing a higher level of organization and new fun to the show in its 3rd year.

One of those great ideas was

a limbo contest. Baker LaRock built the limbo pole, and Dillon Ladd assisted in manning the measurement. Cars competed to see which was the lowest rider—to include some being weighted down by friends, and taking air out of the tires! It made for a fun day for everyone!

And the final tally was \$1,404

for the Rutland County Humane Society, which is soon to relocate to Brandon from its current location in Pittsford.

And our winners in each division:

Motorcycle: Colton Benoit  
Fan Favorite: Dennis Brittoli  
Hot Rod: Charlie Nassau  
Truck: Vinnie Covino

Modern: Shaun Ketcham  
Lady Owned: Jess Anthony  
Modified: Steve Baccei  
Classic: Dennis Brittoli  
Stock: David Anthony

Highest Vote Getter: Charlie Nassau

See you next year for another great show!





# Coming to America

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McCullough family has been found in the surrounding towns near Lacolle. The best option for one day solving this genealogical brick wall may be through DNA evidence.

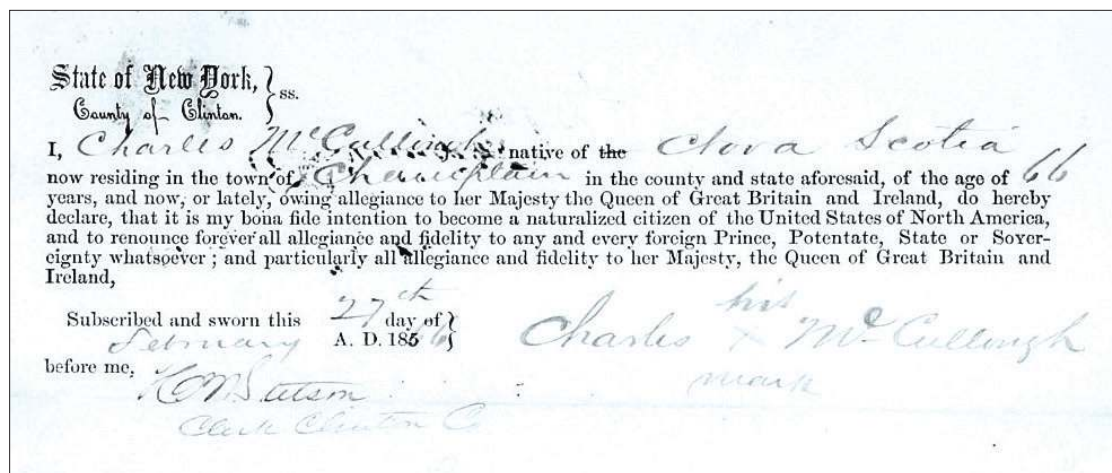
Timothy Hoyle McCullough, fifth child of Charles and Esther, was baptized at the age of four months at the Odelltown Methodist Church on August 15, 1849. By 1860, Charles, Esther and eight children moved over the border to Champlain, New York, where he was counted in the census as a day laborer. Charles became a naturalized United States citizen on February 26, 1866. The 1870 census of Champlain shows Charles, now a farmer with \$2,500 in real estate, with Esther and four children. Two of their children had already moved to Vermont. In September of 1878, Esther died in Lacolle, where she had been living with the family of her daughter, Esther Napper. After his wife's death, Charles McCullough did not return to the United States. His burial on October 31, 1889 was documented in the register of the Odelltown Methodist Church.

Meanwhile, around 1869, Timothy H. McCullough married a young widow, Susanna Clark nee Wright, whose husband Andrew Clark died in a sawmill accident in 1864. Susanna's three children, Andrew, Robert, and Nancy Clark were then parceled out to other families and never joined the McCullough household. Timothy and Susanna touched down in Vermont long enough for their son Charles's birth to be recorded in Middlesex on October

9, 1870, but they soon rejoined family back over the border. For the next three decades, Timothy and his growing family remained in Clarenceville, Québec.

But once again, there was a pull to the United States. In 1910, Timothy, Susanna, and their youngest son, John moved to Pittsford, Vermont. Tragedy soon stalked the family. A newspaper account from November 29, 1911 cited that "careless handling of food and candy" from John McCullough to an Annie Beaudry resulted in a typhoid outbreak in two households. Susanna McCullough died of the disease. Following his wife's death, Timothy purchased a property at 8 1/2 Arch Street in Pittsford, where he and his son John ran a blacksmith shop. Timothy's obituary on December 19, 1918 attested as to how far-flung the family had become with children in Massachusetts, Vermont, and Québec, and his sister Esther Napper in North Dakota. Another of Timothy's brothers had settled in South Dakota.

Other members of the McCullough family continued to migrate to Pittsford. Timothy's son, Albert Luther McCullough, known as Bert, crossed from Clarenceville, Québec, to Alburg, Vermont, where he married Harriet Fournival on November 1, 1893. Over the next 24 years, Harriet gave birth to 17 children, of whom 14 lived to maturity. It is difficult for us to imagine today how one house could have held this many children! In families this size, the older children were often out of the house before the younger children were born. The process of emigration started with son Bert



CHARLES MCCULLOUGH NATURALIZATION, 1866.

and Harriet's son Kenneth McCullough who crossed the border at Rouse's Point in 1915 "by team." His parents and remaining siblings are documented entering the United States through Rouse's Point in 1920. They settled in Florence, where Bert found employment working in the quarries of the Vermont Marble Company. Pittsford's 1930 census gives a snapshot that most of the children were out of his house with only son William, daughters Queenie, Catherine, and granddaughter Esther living with them. A short news story appeared in The Rutland Herald on November 4, 1933 to mark the couple's 40th wedding anniversary. Two years later, Hattie died at home on November 27, 1935, age 62, from a cerebral hemorrhage. Her obituary noted 35 grandchildren.

Bert spent his remaining years with his son Homer McCullough in Proctor. In the weeks preceding Bert's death on November 16, 1940, his son Thomas died in June, and grandson Kenneth, age 14 died in a car accident in August. Bert's obituary listed 40 grandchildren. Though the fami-

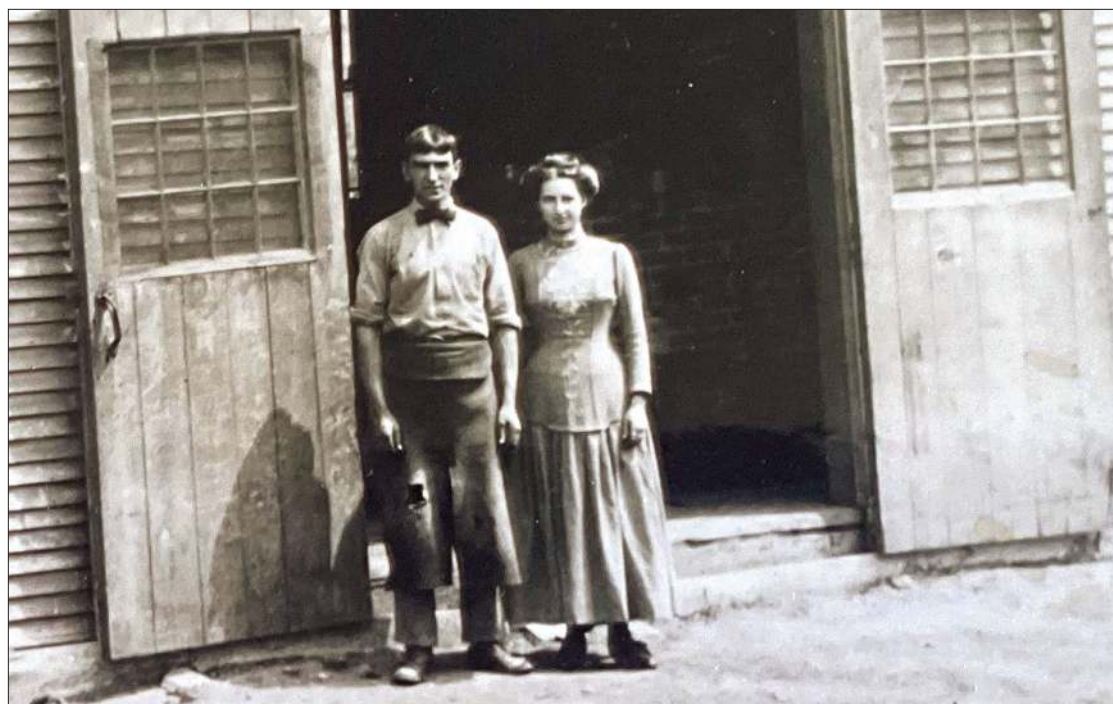
ly had purchased multiple lots in Pittsford's Evergreen Cemetery, they ran out of room as the family continued to multiply.

Over the years, I asked various clusters of McCullough acquaintances and students, "Are you

related to—McCullough?," with the answer usually, "No," or "I don't think so." Now armed with the discovery of multiple generations of McCulloughs, I know they were indeed related, though (See Coming to America, Page 23)



BERT'S GRANDSON LLOYD McCullough with Charles Kallen guiding dumpster of rock into crusher at White Pigment in Florence, ca. 1941.



JOHN AND RUTH (Walker) McCullough in front of blacksmith shop on Arch Street, summer 1911.



# Trustees

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Satz attempted to continue with TPF but a contentious public meeting after Mr. Romano's departure prompted them both to resign as well.

In addition to the specific situation regarding VCC, critics held that TPF had strayed impermissibly far from the terms of the original Farr bequest and that Trustees must give priority to town-managed sanitation projects. Brandon Town Manager Seth Hopkins had argued at the last TPF meeting before Mr. Romano's resignation that the terms of the Farr bequest made the town of Brandon the sole beneficiary of the bequest and that awards should not go to non-municipal projects.

After the resignations, the Selectboard solicited applications for the Trustees' replacements and appointed Ms. Daya, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Wyman.

At their August 12 meeting, the new Trustees introduced themselves and selected Mr. Fuller as the Chair and Ms. Daya as the Clerk.

Mr. Fuller has served on several other local boards, including the Brandon Selectboard and the Otter Valley School Board. He is currently also the president of the Downtown Brandon Alliance. He has lived in Brandon for 18 years.

"I thought this was one more thing I wouldn't mind getting involved with," he said.

Ms. Daya does not have prior experience with public boards but has extensive professional experience in finance and trusts. Ms. Daya was critical of the approach taken by the previous Trustees.

"I love living in Brandon," she said. "It's a fabulous town."

Mr. Wyman has served on other boards, including the Brandon Selectboard. He is a native of Brandon.

"I thought I'd like to try this," he said.

Ms. Daya provided a summary of the current financial state of the trust, which has \$932,955 in an investment account with Morgan Stanley and \$1,941 in a checking account at Bar Harbor Bank. The Trustees have historically disbursed \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually.

Ms. Daya also reviewed the previous Trustees' last awards: \$20K to the town for vacuums at the wastewater treatment plant on Union Street and \$5K for repairs to the bell tower at the Brandon United Methodist Church. There was some speculation that the award to the Methodist Church had contingencies, though the official minutes of the last TPF meeting did not mention any.

According to Daya, neither of those disbursements has yet been made, since they had been pledged during the previous fiscal year, which ended on June 30, and TPF had already reached its limit for that year. Ms. Daya said that the grants would be disbursed in the current fiscal year and would likely account for all the funds available for disbursement for the year.

Ms. Daya also presented revised application forms which require applicants to provide greater financial detail about their proposed projects than had the prior version. TPF had been criticized

for not requiring applicants to demonstrate need or prove how disbursed funds had actually been used. The new form asks applicants whether they have "reached out to other funding sources or conducted fundraising" in order to determine that applicants are not seeking TPF funds, which belong to the people of Brandon, without first seeking funding elsewhere.

The new Trustees discussed other adjustments to the application process to provide more transparency both as to how the awards are made and how they are spent.

They discussed having applicants appear in person to answer questions about their applications. They discussed requiring financial statements

showing the financial status of the applicant organizations. They discussed a suggestion from attendees that the Trustees establish a yearly or semi-yearly deadline so that all applications can be considered and compared simultaneously. Previously,

applications were considered on a rolling basis, which often meant that early applications could tie up available funding for the fiscal year even if worthier applications were later received.

During the segment dedicated to public comment, Brandon Town Manager Seth Hopkins reiterated his position that the original intent of Ms. Farr's

will mandated that the monies from the fund be given first to municipal uses if the town requests them.

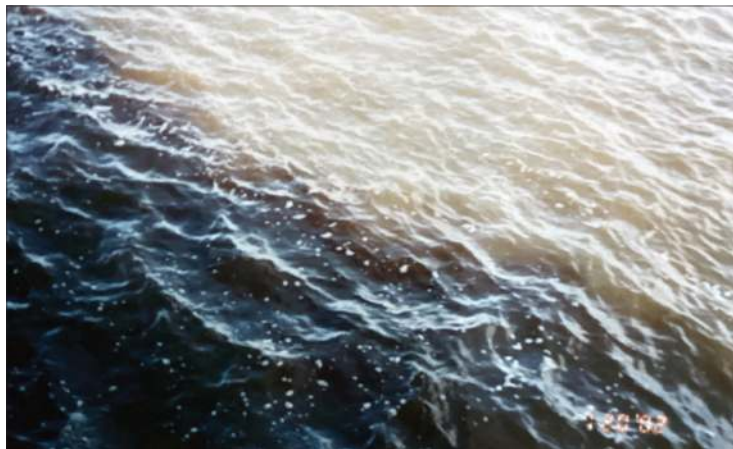
"It doesn't matter if the trust has evolved," he said. "Return the trust to its moorings. If Brandon wants a 'Community Chest,' we can find other ways to fund it."

Another attendee agreed with Mr. Hopkins and added that the Trustees should institute an auditing process in which successful applicants will demonstrate how their awards were actually spent.

Brandon Selectboard Chair Doug Bailey thanked the new Trustees for "taking on the task" and stated that he had "total faith in you guys," though he did also encourage the Trustees to follow up on awards.

Mr. Hopkins advised the Trustees to consult with their financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in a warned public meeting in order to get an overview of the trust and formulate an investment strategy for the future.

The Trustees also discussed the frequency of their meetings, noting that they did not need to meet if there was no business to discuss. They agreed to meet again in October or November. Once the date is set, the next meeting will be duly warned.



# Habitat

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The guide had cut a small sapling tree for me to use as a walking stick and I wanted to take it home with me. At the airport, the agent put the air tags on it as if it were a piece of luggage and off we went to Curitiba. I still have that walking stick! It came all the way home with me and moved to Brandon!

Curitiba is a large city in the south of Brazil, in the highlands about 50 miles from the ocean. It has a big German influence

in the architecture and food, since many Germans came here about the time of the First World War. It is considered the cultural center of Brazil with many theaters. I was very different from Manaus but interesting. We rode a bus out through the city and back. I find this is a good, cheap way to see any city. Only a day there then we flew home. It was a wonderful trip!

## BACK TO SCHOOL SALE!



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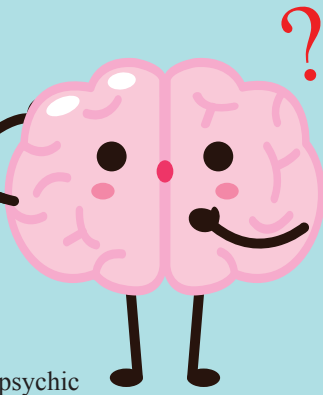
# OUR CREATIVE KIDS

STUDENTS: Noah Beaulieu  
GRADE: 1 (going into grade 2)  
SCHOOL: Neshobe  
TITLE: Untitled  
TEACHER: John Brodowski





# Brandon Brain Buster



Reginald is participating in a psychic experiment in which he must guess the symbols on cards he cannot see. The cards each bear one symbol out of a total of 10 possible symbols. So far, he has guessed correctly 86 times out of 743 attempts. If he guesses correctly on every subsequent attempt, how many more attempts will he need to make in order for the total number of correct guesses to represent 90% of the overall number of attempts?

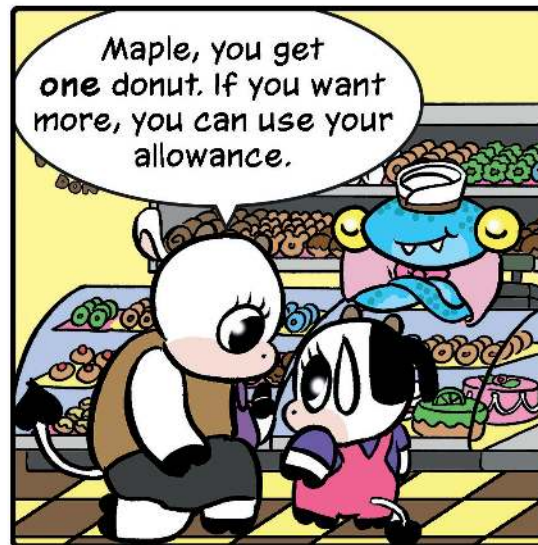
- A) 7,430
- B) 6,570
- C) 6,484
- D) 5,827
- E) 5,744

Answer on pg.21

## the MAPLE COW® by Matt Aucoin



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## As Vermont CSAs adapt to the climate crisis, members notice the changes

BY KATE KAMPNER

Kate Kampner is a reporter with the Community News Service, part of the University of Vermont's Reporting & Documentary Storytelling program.

When Robin Berger became a member of the Intervale Community Farm CSA in 1998, she said that toward the end of the summer pickups, in October, the farm would have a membership survey and invite members for hot cider.

But these days, Berger said, "It is no longer cold in October."

As global temperatures continue breaking records, farmers worldwide are seeing disruptions in their farming schedules, including shifting harvesting times and changing crop choices.

CSAs, an agricultural business model which stands for community supported agriculture, is a program in which members sign up for weekly shares to get a promised set of produce for the year prior to harvesting season. This model provides farms with a secured revenue and an understanding on what they need to grow and what equipment to buy to make themselves profitable.

While farms try to adjust their CSA formats by making them more flexible or diversifying their crops, they are also trying to keep membership afloat. Berger, along with many other longtime CSA members, has noticed climate disruptions, such as warmer weather

and flooding creeping into their produce-filled lives. Members are having to adjust their expectations on what crops they're receiving as well as alter their grocery store needs. While some choose to stick with it, others don't put up with the insecurity.

In 2023 and 2024, the Intervale Community Farm was hit by summer flooding that damaged and destroyed many farms and homes. While the land was able to recover, the farm still lost many of their regular products, including carrots, butternut squash and onions, Berger said.

"There are some things they just couldn't plant again in time for them to get a harvest," Berger said. She said she and other CSA members have talked about how they have to remember which produce they now have to get at the grocery store that they normally don't.

"I'm just out of practice, all my onions have come from the farm basically since they've had a CSA," Berger said.

She also saw how members used to get Brussels sprouts at the summer share, but are now only available for the winter share. Berger said this is because "it's just not going to frost before the end of the summer share," due to the warmer weather carrying into the fall. Regardless of changes in her produce lifestyle, Berger never considered

(See CSAs, Page 14)

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** March 21-April 20  
You are likely to experience a week full of thoughtfulness and introspection, Aries. You are searching for a new source for self-fulfillment, and may be inspired by another's ideas.

**TAURUS** April 21-May 21  
Taurus, now is the time to identify your priorities. Figure out what you want or would prefer to do before you start taking any steps forward. This is the only way to get satisfaction.

**GEMINI** May 22-June 21  
Prepare for a week that will pose some challenges, Gemini. A last-minute project at work may test your mettle.

**CANCER** June 22-July 22  
The plan may have been to stay isolated until you get all of your tasks done, Cancer.

But those closest to you have some other ideas; they might invade your quiet cocoon.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 23  
Leo, there's more than one way to approach a project. Remain receptive to new ideas and take time to think things through before choosing a path forward.

**VIRGO** Aug. 24-Sept. 22  
Virgo, your independent streak may need to be tempered in the days ahead. Teamwork is the name of the game so make a concerted effort to be a good team player.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 23  
Right now you might not feel you are in the correct place in your profession, Libra. Is your current role too restrictive or does it not challenge your skills? You might want to start looking around for new challenges.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 24-Nov. 22  
Scorpio, now is a great time to take the bull by the horns. An opportunity to be assertive and take on a leadership role presents itself this week. You're ready.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 23-Dec. 21  
Sagittarius, you may be taking stock of your professional life and goals. Be sure you plan accordingly to balance the work side with your personal needs.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 20  
Something unusual may happen to you this week, Capricorn. Be ready for the unexpected. This also is a good time to tie up some loose ends that you have been overlooking.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 21-Feb. 18  
There is nothing to stop you from asking for help from time to time, Aquarius. While you certainly enjoy the satisfaction of getting things done, assistance is necessary from time to time.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20  
Hard work is starting to pay notable dividends, Pisces. Enjoy the fruits of your labors, but remember to keep your nose to the grindstone.

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### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 22 Dorothy Parker, writer, critic and satirist (d)  
Aug. 23 Kobe Bryant, basketball player (d)  
Aug. 24 Ava DuVernay, filmmaker (53)  
Aug. 25 Elvis Costello, singer-songwriter (71)  
Aug. 26 Peggy Guggenheim, art collector (d)  
Aug. 27 Alice Coltrane, musician (d)  
Aug. 28 Jennifer Coolidge, actor (64)



# Calendar of events

## August

### Mondays

**Brandon Rec offers Aikido classes**  
Aikido classes for Youth (4:30) and Adults (5:30) at Brandon's Town Hall main floor. Beginners and Spectators always welcome! For more information, visit [www.AikidoVermont.org](http://www.AikidoVermont.org)

**Maclure Library Yoga -**  
Gentle to moderate Kripalu yoga. Class includes physical movement, breathing techniques & meditation. Please bring a mat & any props you practice with. At 6 pm, \$10 fee. Sign up by emailing Paula Liguori at [pali36@aol.com](mailto:pali36@aol.com)!

### Tuesdays

**Maclure Library Story Time Playgroup**  
Jessica Abbott from the Rutland County Parent Child Center hosts a weekly family program at the Library from 10 am–12 pm, geared towards kids ages 5 and under with singing, dancing, stories and crafts!

**Pokémon Club at the Brandon Free Public Library**  
3–5 pm. Ages 7+.

**Magic the Gathering at the Brandon Free Public Library**  
5–7 pm

**Pins & Needles Craft Club at the Brandon Free Public Library**  
Drop in from 5:30–7:00 pm, and bring your projects to work on.

**Free Drop-In Tech Support at the Brandon Free Public Library**  
5–6 pm

### Wednesdays

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

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

If you are interested in table tennis as a recreational or athletic activity, we're interested in you! There is a modest membership fee of only \$30, although you can come twice free as our guest. Bring your sneakers

### Music at the River Bend Behind the Brandon Inn, 6-8 p.m.

Aug 20: Enerjazz  
Vermont's high energy big-band  
Aug 27: Ten Rod Road  
Classic Brandon band reunites for one show!  
Rain location: Town Hall

and paddle (or use ours) and have some fun playing a great game of "Pong!"

For further information about the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, visit our club's website at [www.gmttc.com](http://www.gmttc.com).

**Friends Zone**  
Need a safe space to socialize? Come join us at the Friends Zone. Open Wednesdays 2-5 p.m. at the Brandon United Methodist Church, 1 Franklin Street, Brandon. Meet with old friends and make new ones. Play cards, cribbage, or Yahtzee. Put a puzzle together or bring your arts, crafts, and hobbies to work on. Snacks and beverages provided. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact pastor Vicki Disorda at [vqueenoftheearth@gmail.com](mailto:vqueenoftheearth@gmail.com) or 802 345-4125.

**Crafternoons**  
Join us from 12–2 pm at Maclure Library every Wednesday & bring your craft projects & supplies for an afternoon of art. Share tips, get ideas & inspiration for new projects with fellow crafters!

**Free Drop-In Tech Support at the Brandon Free Public Library**  
5–6 pm

**Yoga Prana Shakti Zoom & Studio Chair Yoga, Gentle, Wednesdays**  
From 10:30–11:30 am 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!

**Storytime at the Brandon Free Public Library**  
Starts at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories and bubbles!

### Fridays

**Chaffee Art Center All About the Arts Free Class for kids 3–5**  
From 11am–Noon...FREE! Students will have fun creating and doing activities with art, music, literature, and more!

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

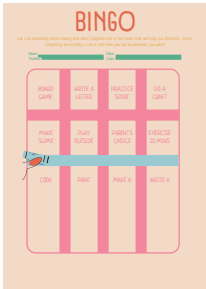
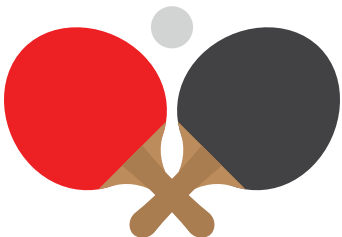
Instructor: Lori Sullivan; Minimum 3.

**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 corn-



*Goings on around town*





hole 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,

## Free Medical Care for Adults

### Wednesdays in Aug. from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

A free walk-in healthcare clinic for uninsured or underinsured residents in Rutland County will be offered by the Rutland County Health Partners (formerly Rutland Free Clinic) every Wednesday in August from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at our offices at 204 North Main Street, Rutland, Vt. No appointment is necessary. For appointments or any questions, call 802-774-1082.

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.

## 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

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

### Chess

Join us at The Greenhouse Dispensary on Conant Square in Brandon for a few casual games of chess on Sunday mornings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All experience levels are welcome. Free and open to adults 21 and older only.

## Saturday 23rd

**Kids Pour Painting — Chaffee Art Center**  
Learn the pour painting technique with instructor. Lorrie Amerio Maniery. Follow along with an instructor and leave with a finished painting. \$30 per person, includes all supplies. 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. Must pre-register.

**Downtown Rutland Street Party & Sidewalk Sales**  
Join us from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Center Street and Merchants Row. This event will feature sale tents and outdoor dining from local businesses. Enjoy a variety of family-friendly entertainment, including local artists, crafts, food vendors, and live music from area musicians.

### Bandwagon Summer Series — Rhythm Future Quartet and DiTrani Brothers

The acoustic jazz ensemble Rhythm Future Quartet has a clear mission: to keep the spirit of Gypsy jazz alive and expanding in today's musical landscape. Named after a Django Reinhardt tune, this virtuosic foursome blends the classic sound of the Hot Club of France with a fresh, contemporary approach. Founded by violinist Jason Anick, the quartet performs dynamic and lyrical arrangements of both Gypsy jazz standards and original compositions, drawing on diverse international rhythms and musical idioms.

With Max O'Rourke, Henry Acker, and Greg Loughman rounding out the group, Rhythm Future is dedicated to pushing the boundaries of this vital musical genre.

Putney Inn Field, 6-8 p.m. \$22 in advance / \$25 at the gate / Children under 12 free.

Food from Smokin' Bowls. Every show includes a play area, local food vendors. Bring a picnic, a blanket or a chair and enjoy live music in beautiful southern Vermont.

Shipwreck Tour with Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Did you know there are hundreds of historic shipwrecks in Lake Champlain? Join us for a special tour and dive into this exciting underwater history, without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Watch underwater footage of shipwrecks from the Museum's archaeology team and underwater Remote Operated Vehicles (ROVs), learn about our lake's unique geology and history, talk with Museum experts, and get a first-hand look at the nature and animals that call these parts of the lake home including eagles, fish, \$25 for kids and \$45 for adults. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Camp Thorpe's Ultra Camp: Dirty Dancing Edition**  
This immersive, overnight two-day event, designed for those aged 16 and older (with supervision for those under 18), will take place on August 23-24 at Camp Thorpe, located on 14 acres of our 171-acre Green Mountain National Forest campus in Goshen.

You won't want to miss the chance to lounge around our 100-ft by 50-ft zero-entry pool, enjoying or participating in activities ranging from elevated arts and crafts to walking and hiking, yoga and movement programming, a film screening in our pop-up cinema, and more! Dressing for the period (1950s-60s) is strongly encouraged. Brush up on your trivia knowledge and favorite dance moves because prizes will be awarded!

Day pass includes access to all daytime activities plus one meal ticket for lunch, \$50.

680 Capen Hill Road, Goshen, Vt. 05733

## Cancellation notice

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Community Dinner at Brandon United Methodist Church scheduled for August 30th has been cancelled. Our sincere apologies to our regular patrons. We look forward to seeing you at our next Community Dinner on September 27th. Thank you for your understanding.

## Sunday 24th

**Renaissance String Quartet — Rochester Chamber Music Society**

Jeremiah Blacklow, violin; Randall Goosby, violin; Jamall Martin, viola; Daniel Hass, cello. Florence Price String Quartet No. 1. Beethoven String Quartet Op. 130. Hass/Marley 'Satisfy My Soul.'

From 4-6 p.m. at the Federated Church in Rochester, 15 Main St., Vermont Route 100.

Admission by donation. For info visit <http://www.rcmsvt.org> or call 802-767-9234

## Wednesday 27th

**Social Tinkering presents Gather Together — Brandon Free Public Library**

A free event for all ages to meet and simply hangout! Come chat, snack, or do activities

with your neighbors! An opportunity and space for people to simply meet and socialize.

This is a zero-pressure space. Feel free to chat with others as much or as little as you

feel like! We provide snacks, beverages, and activities.

## Friday 29th

**Town Hall Theater Free Summer Concert — Bobby Alu**

Outdoor weekly free concerts in Town Hall Theater's new plaza, with a bar and food trucks! Australian/Samoan singer, ukulele strummer and drummer Bobby Alu, with his band of musical soul brothers, ride the groove spectrum from Polynesian folk through roots, reggae, harmony laden soul to tropical pop. Catch Bobby's U.S. tour at THT.

5:30-7 p.m. Outdoor bar. Food by Rollin' Rooster.

## Brandon United Methodist Church at Crystal Beach

August 24, 11 a.m.

Brandon United Methodist Church is pleased to announce Sunday worship service on August 24 will be held at Crystal Beach, 3727 Route 30 N, Bomo- seen at 11 a.m.

Park admission fee is \$4/adult & \$2/seniors and children (under 18 or still in high school). All welcome to attend.







## GARDENING CORNER

# Garden though a dry spell is not for the faint of heart

BY LYN DESMARAIS

We humans “owe our existence to 6 inches of topsoil and the fact that it rains,” and a few other things, but it’s a pithy and apt quote at the moment. In May and June, we longed for blue skies and warmth, which we now have in abundance.

The skies were gray for most of Sunday, but no rain fell, the winds gusted, and the temperature plummeted. It’s pleasant working weather. It’s great haying weather if there’s anything to cut. Our lilacs have the same fungus as last year, so I am cutting them back, removing the crispy leaves, and trying to improve air circulation around each of them.

Lilac leaves aren’t the only crispy things in my garden. After nearly 8 weeks, and perhaps more, of no appreciable rainfall and hot dry-ish weather, everything is suffering. The lawns crunch under foot. When you do water, it gets absorbed in a second. Even trees planted 2 and 3 years ago are suffering. There’s also no rain in sight for a few more weeks.

Everywhere I look, things are drooping or even dying. So let’s break out our pails, hoses, cans or jugs and get to watering!

The best time to water is at either the beginning or the end of the day. Trees need deep weekly watering, shrubs the same. The hydrangeas

especially are looking sad. A friend thought she should probably dig out her tree water bags and reattach them. I think it’s a good idea and I’m going to adopt it too. That’s a task for tomorrow. I did find my watering timers and I’m still trying to get them to work.

My gardens are not looking their best. I have weeds, especially bindweed, suffocating everything in one garden. I have weeds poking through perennials in others. This is the time of year when I recognize that my garden plan needs amending. Serious amending.

Queen Anne’s lace, milkweed, and black-eyed susans are gorgeous together with the blue globe

thistle and pink-purple echinacea, but I have too many and they’re clumped together awkwardly. My hibiscus, which is in bloom now, needs elbow room and it’s not getting its time to shine. I realize this is a perennial complaint. I’m going to have to do something about it.

I think I’ll read a book from a different friend. It’s about the art of Japanese gardening. I’m liking the idea of stones and evergreen shrubs. I’ll leave you with a poem more apt for May than August, unless it’s prescient:

It’s called “Yorkshire Rain” (and I got it off the internet):

*It rained and rained and rained and rained*

*the average fall was well maintained*

*And when the tracks were merely bogs,*

*it started raining cats and dogs.*

*After a drought of half an hour*

*We had a most refreshing shower.*

*And then the most curious thing of all,*

*a gentle rain began to fall.*

*Next day was also fairly dry*

*Save for the deluge from the sky,*

*Which soaked this person to the skin,*

*And after that the rain set in.*

—Author unknown

## CSAs

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ending her CSA membership.

However, some CSA members might have felt differently when they saw changes in their subscription.

Andy Jones, the Intervale’s farm manager, said the team typically saw a 90% membership renewal rate from one year to the next, but after the floods, they saw it drop to 80–85%. This decrease was largely due to a proportion of newer members who didn’t have a CSA track record.

Jones said this wasn’t a shock. He saw the same drop in members in 2011 and 2012 when Hurricane Irene hit. In the long run, the farm has a successful track record of consumer value and quality of produce, he said.

“People that have been with us for many years can see that,” Jones said. “It’s harder to do that when

you’re brand new.”

The Farm Upstream, a certified organic farm in Jericho, is in its first season doing a CSA and trying to keep their model — which is based on the Intervale farm — as flexible as possible for members. This includes occasional choice in produce and adjusting pick-up times if needed.

“We’re trying to create models that work for people’s lifestyles,” said Jake Kornfeld, one of the five owners of the farm.

The team knows what to expect when it comes to preparing for floods and climate adaptation as all five of them have worked with CSAs in the past. One of the farm owners, Tucker Andrews, saw his previous farm get wiped out last summer by floods.

The farm’s land, which was meticulously chosen, steers clear of floodplains for the most part and has well-drained soil. The team also diversifies their crops and practices

successive planting, the process of planting a crop on the same field that was just harvested, which allows for seasonal variability.

“If some catastrophe happens, we can bounce back in a couple of weeks, and that should be okay,” Kornfeld said.

The owners plan on hosting community events with their members, including farm tours and potlucks. “It’s just a way to make sure people feel like they’re a part of something that’s more than a transaction,” Kornfeld said.

Jeanette Berry, another longtime member of the Intervale CSA, said even though there was crop loss on the farm, it never crossed her mind to quit the farm because of it. “The produce that we got (after the floods) was still overall cheaper than if we bought it at the store,” she said.

Berry said some Intervale CSA members were offered a partial refund in response to the missing pro-

duce. But she didn’t even consider taking it. “It’s a minor contribution to the farm, to not ask for a refund on a few weeks of lost crops,” Berry said.

The only drawback of the CSA that Berry could think of was that she had too many vegetables in her refrigerator. “We have so much choice in what we can pick up,” she said.

That’s the goal for Ananda Gardens, a Vermont CSA based in Montpelier that focuses a lot of time and energy on making sure there are options for their members. The farm offers produce delivery and pickups for their CSA and has 60 to 80 different varieties of crops.

“That’s one of the benefits of having a very diversified CSA,” said Melisa Oliva, one of the owners of the farm, “You don’t have all your eggs in one basket.”

The farm was minimally impacted by the 2023 flooding when they lost a greenhouse of tomatoes.

Oliva said that the potatoes that they get from a partnership with another farm seemed limited at the time of the flooding.

“It’s on the back burner all the time,” Oliva said about extreme weather events in the state. “When are we going to be impacted? What is going to happen?”

Although they haven’t dealt with a lot of rainfall this year, the farm has made adjustments due to summer heat waves, she said. The team placed a cover mesh in their greenhouses because the crops can burn from the heat. They’ve also had to shift their farmwork earlier. “By 3 p.m., it’s just too warm,” Oliva said.

But this internal preparation doesn’t stop or limit her team. “We’re committing to planting those tomatoes, and we are committed together to strengthen the fabric of the local economy,” Oliva said.



# Cookbook Corner with the Maclure Cookbook Club

## Blueberry picking is both medatative and delicious

BY ELIZABETH SIMPSON

Blueberries are in at Mother's Meadow Pick-your-own Blueberry Farm (2075 McConnell Road, Brandon)

It was my first visit there; what a wonderful experience!

I find picking berries a relaxing, almost meditative activity. The world fades away as you search for that "just perfect" berry or discover a bunch you have missed. I filled my bucket and came home with over five pounds of large, sweet berries. Some will go in the freezer and be a welcome reminder of warm summer days-round about February; others will become one of our favorite desserts. Even if you don't pick the berries, there's nothing better than a fresh-baked blueberry treat in the summer. Happy cooking!

Blueberry Squares

Ingredients

Crust-

1/2 cup unsalted butter-softened

1 cup flour

1/4 cup light brown sugar

Topping-

1 teaspoon baking powder

2 eggs, lightly beaten

1 and 1/3 cup sugar (I use light brown, but you can use regular, granulated sugar, or a combination of both)

1 cup blueberries (fresh berries are better but you can use frozen)

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1 Tablespoon flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Blend softened butter, 1/4 cup brown sugar, and 1 cup flour until thoroughly mixed.

Press the mixture into a parchment-lined glass baking pan and bake for ten minutes. Remove from oven and turn your oven temperature up to 375 degrees.

Combine the baking powder, eggs, TBL of flour, nutmeg, and the 1 and 1/3 cup sugar. Stir in blueberries and pour over the hot crust in the pan.

Put the pan back into the 375-degree oven and bake for about 20 more minutes. Serve cooled or slightly warm with ice cream.

Once, I threw in a small handful of uncooked oats into the topping. It gave it a nice texture.

For this version I used half regular flour and half rye flour in the base.



Kevin Sandwich - 10am to 3pm Weekdays







# Mim's Photos

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



E-mail  
kate@brandonreporter.com if you can identify  
someone in these photos.

Or call us at 247-8080





# Crossword

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mongolian politician
- 5. Coconut palms
- 10. Rounded knob
- 14. Japanese city
- 15. Covers in soft material
- 16. Walk around
- 17. Ancient region in Syria
- 18. French painter
- 19. Grandmother
- 20. Cow part
- 22. Rocky peak
- 23. Secret plan
- 24. Sings to one's lover
- 27. More (Spanish)
- 30. Father
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Hat
- 35. In agreement
- 37. A person's brother or sister
- 38. Evil spirit
- 39. Monetary units
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. About Sun
- 42. A place to dance
- 43. Performer \_\_\_ Lo Green
- 44. Beach accessory
- 45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 46. Partly digested food
- 47. Pooch
- 48. Honorific title added to family name
- 49. Salts
- 52. Lichens genus
- 55. Lowest point of a ridge
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Albanian language
- 61. Gold measurement
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Longtime late night host
- 65. Extremely angry
- 66. U. of Miami mascot
- 67. Mid-month day
- 68. Omitted from printed matter
- 69. Upper body part

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Cooking ingredient
- 3. Iranian city
- 4. Publicly outs
- 5. Steep-sided hollow
- 6. Spoke
- 7. General law or rule
- 8. Extravagantly theatrical
- 9. Very fast airplane
- 10. Arm bones
- 11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 12. \_\_\_ fide; legitimate
- 13. Gemstone
- 21. Counsels
- 23. Top exec
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Touch lightly
- 27. Extract money via taxation
- 28. Dyes
- 29. Cloying sweetness
- 32. Soft drinks
- 33. Capital of Guam
- 34. Chemical compound
- 36. The bill in a restaurant
- 37. Car mechanics group
- 38. Late comedian Newhart
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Wise individuals
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
- 44. Trim
- 46. Former OSS
- 47. The upper surface of the mouth
- 49. Edible lily bulbs
- 50. Type of reef
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Mottled citrus fruit
- 53. A place to store lawn tools
- 54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
- 57. Hollywood pig
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Spanish soldier
- 62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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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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3	8	9	6	7	4	5	1	2
2	4	6	1	5	3	8	7	9
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# Get Your Ducks in a Row!

The Duck Derby is coming up fast, and you don't want to miss out on the fun. Adopt your ducks today; each one gives you a chance to win and helps care for homeless animals in our community. Help us beat last year's race with 3,171 ducks! The 19th Annual Duck Derby race is set for Thursday, September 4, at 5:30 PM at the Pittsford Recreation Area! Each adopted duck will race for the chance to win cash prizes, including \$200 for 1st place and even \$50 for the last duck to cross the finish line. Whether you adopt one duck or a whole flock, you're helping animals in need at the Rutland County Humane Society. Get your ducks today! You can also visit <https://rchsvt.harnessgiving.org/campaigns/18519> or call 802-483-6700 to adopt by phone.

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



### MEET FAITH - 1-YEAR-OLD. SPAYED FEMALE. DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR. TORTIE.

Faith may be a little shy at first, but with a few treats and some gentle affection, she'll warm up in no time. Once she trusts you, you'll see her sweet and loving side shine through. Faith has a playful, independent spirit and a dash of classic tortie charm. She enjoys quiet moments, cozy spots, and the company of someone who understands that trust takes time. If you're looking for a loyal companion who just needs a little patience to blossom, Faith is ready to give her heart to the right home. As part of our Clear the Shelters promotion, her adoption fee is 50% off through August 31.

### MEET PINKY - 3 1/2-YEAR-OLD. NEUTERED MALE. AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG MIX. TAN AND WHITE.

Pinky is a sweet, smart, and spirited 3 1/2-year-old Cattle Dog mix who's come a long way thanks to the dedicated staff at RCHS. When Pinky first arrived, he was unsure around strangers and overwhelmed in the shelter setting. We hit pause on his adoption journey to give him the time, patience, and support he needed to build confidence, and it's paid off! He will continue to need proper socialization and an active family, but he has come a long way, and we are so proud of him! Pinky has been working hard on his reactivity. With treats and an engaging handler, Pinky is all ears (literally!). Pinky needs a home without other dogs, and with older kids who respect his space. He would do best with a family who knows the breed and can keep his brain engaged, and plenty of exercise. Pinky is available at RCHS. As part of our Clear the Shelters promotion, his adoption fee is 50% off through August 31!



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# OFF THE SHELF

## NEW BOOKS AND NEWS



### New adult fiction

#### Artificial Wisdom by Thomas R. Weaver

2050: Investigative journalist Marcus Tully is still grieving his wife and unborn child, ten years after they perished in a deadly heat wave. Now the whole planet is both burning and drowning, and the nations of the world decide to elect a global leader to steer humanity through the climate apocalypse. The final two candidates: a former U.S. president...and Solomon, the first artificial intellect to hold political office. But as Election Day races closer, Solomon's creator is murdered, and it's up to Tully to find the culprit. Soon Tully is unraveling a conspiracy that goes to the highest levels.

#### A Game in Yellow by Hailey Piper

Carmen and Blanca have been in a rut. That is until Blanca discovers the enigmatic Smoke in an under-street drug den, who holds pages to a strange play, *The King in Yellow*. Read too much, and you'll fall into madness. But read just a little and pull back, and it gives you the adrenaline rush of survivor's euphoria, leading Carmen to fall into a game of lust at a nightmare's edge. As the line blurs between the world Carmen knows and the one that she visits after reading from the play, she begins to desire more time in this other world no matter what horrors she brings back with her.

#### Hemlock & Silver by T. Kingfisher

Healer Anja regularly drinks poison. Not to die, but to save—seeking cures for those everyone else has given up on. But a summons from the King interrupts her quiet, herb-obsessed life. His daughter, Snow, is dying, and he hopes Anja's unorthodox methods can save her. Aided by a taciturn guard, a narcissistic cat, and a passion for the scientific method, Anja rushes to treat Snow, but nothing seems to work. That is, until she finds a secret world, hidden inside a magic mirror. This dark realm may hold the key to what is making Snow sick.

#### Gilt Frame by Margie Kraft Kindt and Matt Kindt. (Graphic Novel)

Together, orphan Sam and his wealthy aunt Merry have solved some of the most notorious murders in the world. And true to form, their Parisian vacation is cut short when they stumble upon a murder scene so bizarre that only a raging psychopath could have produced it. But to solve the crime, they have to wrestle with jewel thieves, art forgers, gunrunners, a lost puppy, and a master French detective who may just solve the crime before they do.

#### Lessons in Magic and Disaster by Charlie Jane Anders

Jamie has one extraordinary secret: she's a powerful witch. Jamie's busy digging

### DID YOU KNOW?

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into a three-hundred-year-old magical book, but she still finds time to teach Serena to cast spells and help her come out of her shell. But Jamie doesn't know the whole story of what happened to her mom years ago, and those secrets are leading Serena down a destructive path.

#### I Found a Body by Becky C Brynolf

Mona, a seasoned detective, is trying her best to conduct a proper investigation based on good old-fashioned police work, but when Kylie, the social media influencer who found the body, decides to solve the case herself, their dueling investigations hamper all efforts to identify the killer. Nine years later, Mona has hit rock bottom, and the case remains unsolved. When Kylie, now a sleek TV contrarian, approaches Mona with a high-paying offer to reopen the cold case, Mona has no choice but to accept and hope things will be different this time around.

## OV coaches

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### OV VARSITY BOYS SOCCER HEAD COACH:

Otter Valley Union High School is proud to announce the hiring of Brent Wilbur as he takes over the Varsity Boys Soccer Program at Otter Valley Union High School heading into the 2025 season. Brent

is versed in the sport of soccer. He is an Otter Valley soccer alumnus and competed at Castleton University. He has a history of coaching youth soccer and most recently was the Otter Valley 7th and 8th grade head coach in 2024. We are excited to have him leading our boys' soccer program.

Coach Wilbur possesses a pride in soccer here at Otter Valley that is visible every minute he is coaching. He is knowledgeable about the game of soccer and motivates his athletes to compete at their highest level. We are excited to see the future of boys' soccer with Coach Wilbur at the helm.

## Brandon Police Report

*Note from Brandon Police Chief David Kachajian: The Vermont State Police (VSP) are covering the Town of Brandon for emergency calls from 4 p.m./6 p.m. until 8 a.m., 7 days a week, due to the staffing shortage at the Brandon Police Department (BPD). This log may not reflect calls that VSP receives during the time Brandon officers are off duty.*

### August 11

- Received a call about a suspicious individual in the area of West Seminary Street who was reportedly intoxicated and acting disorderly near the dog park. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the individual.

- Responded along with the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, Brandon Fire Department, Middlebury Regional EMS, and Dartmouth Hitchcock Advanced Response Team (DHART) to Forest Dale Road where a man had crashed a golf cart and was unresponsive. The man was ultimately transported by DHART.

- Received a report from a resident of North Street about an ongoing issue with identity theft and theft from her bank accounts.

- Received an alert of an alarm activation at the Lucky 7 Dispensary on Grove Street.

### August 12

- Vehicle stop on Champlain Street for driving while using a cell phone. Warning issued.

- Received a report of an alarm activation on Grove Street at the Lucky 7 Dispensary. The alarm was determined to have been accidentally set off by employees closing the business.

### August 13

- Responded to a burglary that occurred at Champlain Farms on Grove Street where two individuals broke a window and stole the ATM located inside the building. The BPD is requesting the public's assistance with the investigation. If you have any information about the incident, please contact the BPD.

- Received a trespass complaint on Lovers Lane.

- Responded to an animal incident at Hannaford Supermarket in which a dog had been left in a car in the hot weather.

- Observed an abandoned vehicle on Mulcahy Drive. The vehicle was subsequently towed.

- Assisted a motorist on Center Street who was having issues with their vehicle.

- Responded to a minor non-reportable crash that occurred on Park Street. Officers then assisted in the exchange of information between the two operators.

### August 14

- Vehicle stop on Grove Street for operating with an obstructed license plate. Ticket issued for operating an unregistered vehicle.

### August 16

- Received a call from a resident of Country Club Road reporting that his mother will not return money that he left at her residence.

- Received a report of a woman having a mental health crisis harassing a family on Carver Street. The woman subsequently left the area in a vehicle.

### August 17

- Received a report that a woman having a mental health crisis walked into a residence on Carver Street where the complainant and her children were inside. No Brandon Police officers were on-duty and the VSP -Rutland responded to residence.

- Received a call about a vehicle complaint on Union Street in which someone ran into the roadway and threw a log at the complainant's car. The call was taken by VSP-Rutland.

- Responded to a report of illegal dumping on Hollow Road.

- Received a report from a resident on Barlow Avenue that she believed someone broke into her house while she was away.

- Received a complaint regarding juveniles riding bikes into vehicles and banging on hoods at Hannaford Supermarket.

- Dispatched to Court Drive for a report of suspicious activity.



# RNeSU Bus Routes

OTTER VALLEY AND NESHOBE (FORESTDALE AND GOSHEN)

Bus Route - South - Bus 7, Updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:45 Leave OV	2:40 Neshobe School
7:00 Route 73 & Hathaway Rd Intersection	2:42 Furnace Rd
7:06 Hathaway and White Rocks Rd Intersection	2:46 North Street - North
7:08 Intersection of White Rocks Rd	2:51 Forestbrook
7:11 Town Hill Rd	2:54 North Street - South
7:17 North Street - North	2:58 McConnell Rd
7:20 Forestbrook	3:00 Wood Lane
7:23 North Street - South	3:03 Otter Valley
7:26 Furnace Rd	3:06 Triangle Court
7:30 Neshobe School	3:07 Mcconnel Rd
7:37 Route 7 and Humiston	3:10 Stearns Rd/McConnell Rd
7:42 Woods Lane	3:11 McConnell Rd/Van Cortland
7:45 McConnell	3:18 Neshobe School
7:47 Otter Valley	3:19 Furnace Rd
7:50 Return to Neshobe	3:23 North Street
7:52 McConnell and Van Cortland Intersection	3:28 Route 73
7:57 Neshobe School	3:33 Town Hill Rd
	3:40 Flora White Rd/Carlise Hill Rd
	4:00 Otter Valley

OTTER VALLEY AND NESHOBE (FORESTDALE AND BRANDON - CENTRAL AND EAST)

Bus Route - South & West - Bus 6, Updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:35 Leave Otter Valley	2:30 Neshobe School
6:45 Leave Neshobe	2:40 Forestdale Rd - South
6:57 Birch Hill Rd	2:44 Frog Hollow
7:00 Birch Hill Rd Turn Around	2:46 Forestdale Rd - South
7:11 North Birch Hill Rd	2:51 Franklin Street
7:16 Basin Rd	2:57 Humiston Drive
7:20 Park Street	3:00 Otter Valley
7:25 Franklin Street	3:10 High Street
7:27 High Street	3:11 Park Street - East
7:28 Forestdale Rd	3:14 Smalley Rd
7:33 Frog Hollow	3:17 Basin Rd
7:35 Morning Dove Lane Intersection	3:18 Basin Rd Turn Around
7:36 Forestdale Rd	3:22 North Birch Hill Rd
7:39 Neshobe School	3:25 Birch Hill Rd
7:52 Otter Valley	3:30 Birch Hill Rd Turn Around
	3:44 Forest Dale Rd
	3:46 Frog Hollow

OTTER VALLEY AND NESHOBE (LEICESTER AND BRANDON - NORTH AND CENTRAL)

Bus Route - South & East - Bus 35, updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:35 Leave Otter Valley	2:30 OCA - Leicester
6:44 Lovers Lane	2:43 Neshobe School
6:47 Wheeler - North	2:48 Town Farm Rd - South
6:48 Town Farm Rd	2:54 Park Street
6:54 Delorm - North	3:00 Arrive at OV
7:00 Maple Run	3:18 Route 7 - North
7:03 Route 7 - South	3:22 Brandon House of Pizza
7:06 Mulcahy Drive	3:23 Brandon Post Office
7:15 Arnold District - North	3:30 Lovers Lane
7:22 Otter Creek Academy	3:32 Mulchay Drive
7:32 Route 7 - South	3:35 Arnold District Rd
7:36 Center Street	3:45 Cram Rd
7:39 Park Street	3:50 Route 7 - North
7:42 Neshobe School	3:51 Maple Run
7:55 Otter Valley	3:55 Shackett Rd
	3:59 Delorm Rd
	4:05 Town Farm Rd
	4:15 Route 7 - South
	4:20 Otter Valley

OTTER VALLEY AND NESHOBE BUS ROUTE - North & West - Bus 15 (Brandon Central and West)

Updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:54 Leave Otter Valley	2:40 Leave Neshobe School
7:01 Conant Square	2:45 Paintworks Rd
7:04 Grove Street - South	3:05 Leave Otter Valley
7:06 Champlain Street (Route 73)	3:06 Franklin Street
7:12 North Seminary	3:10 Country Club Rd
7:13 East Prospect	3:14 Forestdale Rd
7:13 River Street	3:24 Town Office
7:14 Walnut Street	3:25 North Seminary
7:17 Prospect Street	3:26 East Prospect
7:22 Mount Pleasant Drive	3:29 River Street
7:31 West Seminary	3:31 West Seminary
7:38 Paintworks Rd	3:33 Walnut Street
7:42 Neshobe	3:34 Intersection Old Farm Rd
7:49 Franklin Street	3:37 Prospect Street
7:54 Otter Valley	3:41 Mount Pleasant Drive
	3:52 Conant Square
	3:54 Champlain Street
	3:56 Champlain Street Turn Around
	4:01 Center Street
	4:18 Otter Valley

OTTER VALLEY AND NESHOBE

Bus Route - North & East - Bus 10 (Brandon Central and Northeast), Updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:25 Leave Otter Valley	2:40 Leave Neshobe
6:48 Lion Hill Rd	2:44 Richmond Road
6:55 Wheeler Road	2:45 Wheeler Road - South
6:59 Pearl Street	2:51 Country Club Road
7:01 Russell Lane	3:01 Otter Valley
7:02 Maple Street	3:06 McConnell Road
7:06 Union Street	3:08 Wood Lane
7:09 Carver Street	3:10 Country Club Road
7:20 Nickerson Road	3:15 Carver Street
7:23 Country Club Road	3:27 Nickerson Road
7:29 Town Farm Road	3:35 Union Street
7:32 Newton Road	3:36 Maple Street
7:35 Neshobe School	3:38 Russell Lane
7:45 Otter Valley	3:39 Pearl Street
	3:50 Newton Road

OTTER VALLEY AND NESHOBE

Bus Route - North & East - Bus 22 (Brandon - Central and West), updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:40 Leave Neshobe	2:40 Leave Neshobe School
6:50 Pearl Street	2:47 Church Street
6:55 Long Swamp Road	2:51 Rossiter Street
7:02 Marshall-Phillips Road	2:53 Union Street
7:06 High Pond Road	3:05 Leave Otter Valley
7:14 Union Street	3:11 Carver Street
7:17 Barlow - South Entrance	3:14 Church Street
7:20 Union Street - North	3:16 Union street
7:23 Carver Street - South	3:18 Barlow Avenue
7:26 Rossiter Street	3:22 Union Street
7:26 Church Street - South	3:30 High Pond Road
7:30 Carver Street - North	3:33 Hacks Sawmill Road
7:35 Neshobe School	3:44 Long Swamp
7:40 McConnell/Van Cortland Road	3:47 Pearl Street
7:50 Otter Valley	



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OTTER VALLEY AND LOTHROP

Bus Route - South & West - Bus 17, updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:40 Meadow Lake Drive	2:15 Leave Otter Valley - Route 7 South
6:50 Route 7	2:23 Arch Street
7:03 Leave Lothrop - Route 7 North	2:40 Leave Lothrop - Route 7 North
7:05 Elm Street - North of Bridge	2:55 Elm Street
7:13 Arch Street	3:10 Leave OV - Route 7 South
7:19 Route 3 South	3:15 Kamuda's
7:24 Dawn Meadow Lane	3:17 Lothrop School - transfer students
7:27 Crown Point North & Deerfield Acres	3:18 Arch Street
7:28 Gorham Bridge Rd	3:21 Route 3 South
7:32 Elm Street	3:33 Crown Point North
7:33 Route 3 South	3:34 Sandy Meadow
7:35 Stevens Rd	3:36 Gorham Bridge Rd
7:39 Corn Hill Rd	3:52 Stevens Rd
7:43 Orchard Hill Rd	4:01 Corn Hill Rd
7:44 Corn Hill Rd	4:06 Orchard Hill Rd
7:47 Lothrop	4:10 Corn Hill Rd
7:50 Kamuda's	4:18 Route 7
7:59 Otter Valley	4:28 Meadow Lake Drive

OTTER VALLEY AND LOTHROP

Bus Route - South & East - Bus 26, updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time Stop	Time Stop
6:30 Leave Lothrop - Route 7 South	2:35 Leave Lothrop - Route 7 South
6:32 Route 7 South	2:42 Mountain View Drive/Route 7
6:39 Evelyn Drive/Route 7 intersection	2:48 Evelyn Drive
6:42 Oak View Lane	2:55 Brookside
6:43 Route 7 South	2:58 Oak View Lane
6:47 Leonard Drive	3:05 Alpine Acres Turn Around
6:50 Parker Rd	3:06 Route 7
6:54 Hudson Terrace/Park Rd	3:09 Leonard Drive
7:00 Creed Hill Rd	3:15 Lothrop School transfer students
7:12 Beech Lane	3:20 Evelyn Drive
7:15 Sangamon Rd	3:23 Oak View Lane
7:20 Holden Rd	3:28 Parker Rd
7:21 Chittenden Rd	3:31 Hudson Terrace/Parker Rd
7:25 Ager Rd	3:33 Creed Hill Rd
7:27 Oxbow Rd	3:38 Powerhouse Rd
7:35 Route 7 South	3:39 Beech Lane
7:40 Lothrop School	3:40 Sangamon Rd
7:52 Otter Valley	3:46 Holden Rd
	3:51 Chittenden Rd - South
	3:55 Ager Rd
	3:56 Oxbow Rd

OTTER VALLEY AND LOTHROP

Bus Route - North & West - Bus 14, updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:30 Otter Valley	2:40 Leave Lothrop
6:48 Martin Rd	2:42 Village Green
6:50 West Creek Rd	2:45 Keith's Store
6:53 Fire Hill Rd	2:47 Alfred Buck Lane
7:06 Markowski Rd	3:05 Leave Otter Valley
7:10 Butler Lane	3:10 Kendall Hill Rd
7:12 Whipple Hollow Rd	3:12 Intersection West Creek Rd & Truck Rte
7:16 Allen Mills	3:15 River Street
7:17 West Creek Rd - North	3:23 Fire Hill Rd
7:19 River Street	3:38 Markowski Rd
7:25 Kendall Hill Rd	3:42 Butler Lane
7:30 Route 7 - South	3:44 Whipple Hollow
7:33 Keith's Store	3:49 Allen Mills
7:35 Kamuda's	3:54 West Creek
7:40 Lothrop	4:00 Bronto Lane
7:50 Otter Valley	4:20 Otter Valley



# RNeSU Bus Routes

NESHOBE, OTTER VALLEY AND LOTHROP

Bus Route - North & East - Bus 16, updated: August 14, 2025	
Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Time/Stop	Time/Stop
6:53 Lothrop School	2:40 Leave Lothrop School
7:00 Furnace Rd	2:45 Adams Rd/Goat Farm Rd
7:08 Adams Rd	2:46 Furnace Brook Rd
7:12 Furnace Brook Rd	2:49 Furance Rd
7:15 Intersection Four Seasons Lane/Plains Rd	2:52 Pinewoods Rd
7:16 Plains Rd	2:54 Terounzo Rd
7:20 Sugar Hollow Rd	2:56 Plains Rd
7:29 Plains Rd	2:57 Pinewoods Rd
7:31 Pinewoods Rd	2:58 Route 7 North
7:36 Plains Rd	3:00 Route7/Taylor Lane intersection
7:37 Terounzo Rd	3:10 Depart Otter Valley
7:38 Plains Rd	3:13 Valley View Drive
7:41 Route 7 North	3:12 Route 7 South
7:47 Valley View	3:20 Keith's Store
7:50 Otter Valley	3:22 Plains Rd
7:56 Route 7 South	3:24 Pinewoods/Terounzo intersection
7:58 Lothrop School	3:25 Pinewoods Rd
8:07 Otter Valley	3:29 Sugar Hollow Rd
	3:41 Plains Rd
	3:42 Plains Rd/Four Seasons Lane intersection
	3:54 Adams Rd
	3:57 Furnace Brook Rd
	4:00 Route 7 North
	4:12 Route 7/Valley View Drive intersection
	4:15 Arrive OV



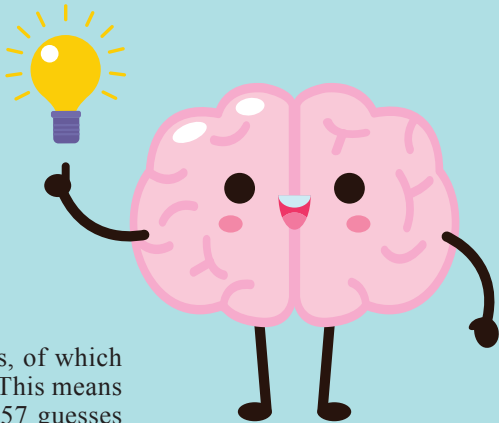
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## Brandon Brain Buster Answered

**Answer: D**  
The question asks for the number of additional attempts that Reginald will need to make in order for the total number of correct guesses to represent 90% of the overall number of attempts, if he guesses correctly on every subsequent attempt. This is essentially asking how many more correct guesses he will need to make so that his CURRENT number of wrong guesses ends up representing 10% of the total number of guesses, since he will not make any more incorrect guesses. Reginald has already

made 743 guesses, of which 86 were correct. This means that  $743 - 86 = 657$  guesses were incorrect. If Reginald never guesses incorrectly again, then we need to know when 657 represents 10% of the total number of guesses (because we want the total number of correct guesses to represent 90%). If 657 represents 10% of the total number of guesses, then the total number of guesses must be 6,570. But the question asks for the number of additional guesses that Reginald would need to make in order for the number of correct guesses

to represent 90% of the total. We know that he has to get to 6,570 guesses overall, but he's already made 743. So, he would need to make  $6,570 - 743 = 5,827$  ADDITIONAL guesses, which will all be correct, in order for the total number of correct guesses to represent 90% of the total number of guesses.  
  
The answer is D.



# 'Voting Machines'

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the President seeks to overstep his authority, I will continue to work with Attorney General Clark to protect Vermonters' rights. The Attorney General and I will also continue to coordinate with other states that are committed to preserving the constitutional balance of power."

The Secretary of State's Elections "Myths v. Facts" page can be found here: <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/election-info-resources/myth-v-fact/>  
An overview video about election security in Vermont, created with Town Clerks from across the state, can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2TKdTso6I>



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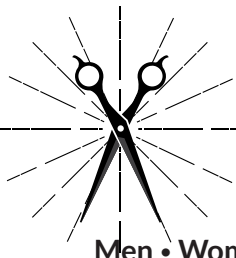


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# Coming to America

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not closely. After all, how many of us could name all our fourth or fifth cousins? From this family study, I observe the process of emigration/immigration is not always linear but often circular,

especially in the century of a relaxed border between us and Canada.  
[Acknowledgments: Pittsford Historical Society, John W. Tower, Sr., who has spent decades researching his wife Janice's Mc-

Cullough ancestors. We honor Janice's mother, Iola (Balcom) McCullough, who passed away on August 15, 2025, age 96.]



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MCCULLOUGH GRAVES.

# Canada goose

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27-December 26 with a daily bag limit of two Canada geese.  
For a fourth year, a late Canada goose season will be held targeting resident birds. Within the Lake Champlain and Interior zones, the season will be held from December 1 to January 19, with a five-bird daily bag limit. The season will run December 27 to January 15 in the Connecticut River zone and applies only to the lands of the zone, not Connecticut River waters.  
A hunting license is required, and a waterfowl hunter 16 or

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Vermont duck stamps can be added to your hunting license on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website and through license agents. The hunter must sign the federal duck stamp.  
All migratory game bird hunters must also be registered

with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). This can be done on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website or by calling toll-free 1-877-306-7091. After providing some basic information, you will receive your annual H.I.P. registration number, which you then need to record on your hunting license.  
A printable copy of migratory bird hunting regulations can be downloaded from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website under "Hunt" – "Waterfowl." A printed version is available from license agents and post offices.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF PITTSFORD Notice of Selectboard Public Hearing [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com)

Place: At the Town of Pittsford Municipal Offices, 426 Plains Road Pittsford, VT  
Date: September 4 and 17, 2025  
Time: 6:30pm  
1) The purpose of the hearing is to adopt the Town of Pittsford's Enhanced Energy Plan addendum to the Town Plan in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117.  
2) The geographic area affected are all areas in the Town of Pittsford.  
3) Town of Pittsford Enhanced Energy Plan –  
Table of Contents:  
Goals  
Introduction  
Impacts of Fuel Use  
Current Conditions  
Future Targets  
Policies  
Actions  
4) The full text of the proposed Enhanced Energy Plan addendum to the Town Plan can be reviewed at the Town of Pittsford Town Office or on their website at [pittsfordvermont.com](http://pittsfordvermont.com).

### TOWN OF BRANDON, VERMONT Notice of Public Hearing for Brandon Development Review Board (DRB)

On Thursday August 28 2025, 7:00 PM, the Brandon DRB will hold in-person and via Zoom remote conferencing, Public Hearings to review the following applications:  
**Application # 082825** from Jason Sica (Landowner/Applicant) for a setback waiver. The purposed setback waiver is construction of a carport with a purposed setback of 20' from the property line at 22 Marble Street (Parcel # 024-0031-0022).  
This Meeting & Hearing will be conducted remotely by Zoom audio & visual programs; and access instructions are posted on Town website, Town and Post Offices.  
Interested Parties are to be registered and present testimony (Town Hall Meeting room), or have submitted written testimony to the Town, by 7:00 PM of the Hearing date or they may forfeit their right to appeal any decision of the DRB to VT Superior Court (Environmental Division).

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