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GARDEN CORNER

What is the deal with hardiness zones? What should you plant and where should you plant it? Lyn Des Marais answers these questions and more in this week's rake through all things green.

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Westsidiers ponder the value of attracting regional shredders to thrash at a potential new skatepark at the Rec.

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DEVIL'S BOWL

Hard charging from Justin Comes nets back-to-back checkered flags at the "great crate place."

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BIRD LADY OF BRANDON

Long known for taking excellent photos, Sue Wetmore shares her extensive knowledge and passion for all things bird.

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SUDBURY'S KAYLEIGH DAVENPORT was fearless in her recent completion of the 1000km Mongol Derby—the longest horse race in the world.

Photos by Tulgaa Skizz/The Equestrianists

Sudbury's Kayleigh Davenport conquered the world's longest horse race across Mongolia

BY MAT CLOUSER

SUDBURY — Hardiness, the ability to thrive in isolation, and a good sense of humor are hallmarks of many a happy Vermonter's lifestyles. And they can frequently put themselves through impressive feats of endurance to get that happiness.

Whether chopping wood, visiting with that "slightly-too-

chatty-for-my-blood" neighbor (you know the one), or even just surviving the winters, Vermonters are willing to go to great lengths to make themselves whole. However, one person has just gone a little further than most.

Sudbury's Kayleigh Davenport recently completed the longest, toughest horse race in the known world: the Mongol Derby.

The Derby is a 1,000km (621.37 miles) trek through northern Mongolia designed to mimic the horse messenger system established by Genghis Khan nearly 800 years ago in 1224.

Davenport, who grew up riding at Pond Hill in Castleton and calls riding part of her identity, first heard about the race via her job working for SmartPak, an online

retailer for equestrian apparel.

SmartPak sponsored a rider in 2018, and a postcard hanging in the break room thanking them for their support piqued Davenport's interest. "I'm always looking for some kind of adventure. I said, why not? Let's do it."

Davenport didn't think she had a chance to get accepted. Still, af-
(See Kayleigh Davenport, Page 7)

Questions abound following new arrest for Shane Bartshe

BY MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — For nearly two months, tension and uncertainty have been on the rise in Brandon after the Brandon Free Public Library (BFPL) received notice on July 1 from Rutland Mental Health Service (RHMS) that a local man under their care, Shane Bartshe, had threatened to rape one of BF-

PL's librarians.

Compounding the problem are issues pertaining to Bartshe and the legal and mental health care systems at large, specifically as it pertains to his legal protections and RMHS's inability to shed light on the nuances therein—a situation that involves the State's Attorney's office and several pend-

ing cases including a sexual assault case from 2019 where Bartshe is alleged to have sexually assaulted a caretaker at his residence in Brandon, which RMHS owns.

On the evening of Friday, August 12, Bartshe was arrested again, this time for disorderly conduct, after placing a chair in the middle of Route 7/Frank-

lin Street. Brandon Police were able to peacefully detain Mr. Bartshe, who has a history of violence, including a recent incident with Rutland City Police

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Profile: Sue Wetmore, The Bird Lady of Brandon

BY STEVEN JUPITER

BRANDON — Regular readers of The Reporter are familiar with Sue Wetmore's work: beautiful photographs of birds, all captured in local surroundings. These fascinating creatures are everywhere, yet few of us take the time to observe them outside our backyards. And even fewer of us take the time to photograph them as well as Wetmore.

On an early August morning, Sue took me to one of her favorite local birding spots just outside Brandon Village. It was a dirt road, sparsely populated by humans but teeming with avian life.

"Spish Spish Spish." Wetmore began this half-whisper/half-hiss patter as soon as we got out of the car. "It's called 'spishing,' and it gets their attention," she explained. "It's the sound birds make when predators are around. It gets them to come out to see where the danger is."

Almost immediately, we hear a wicka-wicka-wicka sound. "That's a flicker," said Wetmore. "It's a kind of spotted woodpecker."

Like someone who immerses herself in dozens of foreign languages, Wetmore can recognize the calls of scores of birds.

"That's a titmouse," she said when we heard a harsh rasp that seemed incongruous with the bird's name. She can even differentiate between two local species of warbler by noting that one species has a more singsong call than the other, just as one might distinguish a Boston accent from a Rhode Island accent from slight differences in pronunciation or cadence.

And when she hears the call of a bird she finds interesting, she stops in her tracks and peers into the trees. "Hunting with my father when I was a kid trained my eye," she said. Several times she pointed out birds I could not see even when I looked precisely where she pointed.

Different species have different personalities. "Crows are really smart," Wetmore says. "Mourning doves are the dodos of the bird world. They're too stupid to know when they're in danger. Even when every other bird in the area is running for cover, they just sit there and get eaten."

Wetmore started birding back in the 80s by observing what was going on at her backyard feeders. She became intrigued, eventually

buying books and binoculars. She went on birding walks with local groups. "I started hanging out with people who knew what they were doing. It's the best way to learn."

Decades of study and observation have made Wetmore one of those experts. In 2019, she was given the Julie Nicholson Community Science Award by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies. "It was like winning the Oscar," Wetmore said with a laugh.

She keeps meticulous notes on her sightings and enters them all into eBird, an online database used by amateur birders and professional ornithologists to track breeding and migration patterns. "Oh yes!" Wetmore said when asked if birders can get competitive about sightings. That competitiveness can sometimes even lead folks to exaggerate or falsify their data.

"One guy came up here from New Jersey. Birding is a small community, and people down there had problems with him, so we were warned. He ended up trying to claim he'd seen a dozen examples of a species you'd be lucky to see just once," she said.

"But even I get real sightings re-

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SUE WETMORE PRACTICES patience while birding outside Brandon Village. Photo by Steven Jupiter

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VT workforce training initiative to offer free tuition

WINOOSKI—The new Vermont Trades Scholarship Forgivable Loan Program, proposed by Governor Scott to the Vermont Legislature and administered by Vermont Student Assistance Corp. (VSAC), will offer Vermont and non-Vermont residents funding for tuition, initial licensing fees, and exam fees for qualified recipients who enroll in high-need trades training and certificate programs.

Funding for the \$3 million trades scholarship program is part of Governor Scott's \$84.5 million comprehensive workforce and economic development initiative signed into law in June.

The bill invests state and federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to address Vermont's workforce shortage and provide local businesses and municipalities with resources to grow in the years ahead.

"Investing in the trade has been a top priority for my administration, and this program will help address some of our state's biggest challenges. It is an opportunity to change our course for the better, to grow our workforce and support our communities in their continued recovery and revitalization," said Governor Scott.

The new program, open to Vermont and non-Vermont residents, will help meet the acute need for more trained workers in Vermont in select building, mechanical, industrial, or medical trades; emergency services; energy, including clean energy, energy efficiency, or weatherization; transportation; broadband; robotics and other high-demand sectors.

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds have been awarded. Programs beginning after Sept.

1 are eligible.

"VSAC knows that the path to meaningful employment for almost every Vermonter will be through education or training beyond high school. And we know that for many Vermonters, the cost of training and education is the largest barrier to students pursuing their dreams. VSAC is very excited to be able to offer this program, so eligible students of all ages can cover the cost of tuition, exams, and licensing for the training they need to pursue the career they want," said Scott Giles, President, and CEO of VSAC.

The funding will be awarded to qualifying applicants with financial needs on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been depleted.

Applicants must register with the Vermont Department of Labor to receive relevant job referrals if unemployed.

Awards are in the form of an interest-free loan which is forgiven when the recipient signs a promissory note and completes working in their profession in Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure or certification completion for each year of funding received.

Additional funding from the historic bill also provides scholarships and forgivable loans for eligible students pursuing careers in critical fields such as early childhood education, nursing,

dentistry, mental health care, and more.

The legislature raised the family income eligibility level to \$75,000 or less for the popular 802 Opportunity program, which, combined with other state and federal financial aid, offers free tuition at Community College of Vermont. Almost
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Stopping for a sip of nectar

COULD IT BE a fritillaria butterfly? Think you know this flighty friend? Let us know at news@brandonreporter.com.

Photo by Lyn Des Marais

Community Forum

State releases COVID-19 guidelines to school nurses ahead of school year

MONTPELIER—The Vermont Agency of Education and the Department of Health issued a joint memo to school nurses last week for the re-opening of schools relative to COVID-19.

The memo gives school nurses recommendations on how to manage symptomatic individuals, implement testing protocols, and suggests communication strategies, including the need to work closely with local medical practices.

"School nurses have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep students healthy," said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD. "As we begin to think of COVID-19 as an endemic disease, we once again need to shift our thinking. COVID-19, like the flu, is now a part of our lives."

The memo emphasizes the clinical judgment of school nurses in determining if a student or staff member with mild symptoms is well enough to attend school.

"This will be important as we

get into the winter months," said Dr. Levine, "since the presentation of mild respiratory disease symptoms, including a runny nose, nasal congestion, minimal cough, and absence of fever, can enable a student or staff member to stay in school provided they have no current or recent household exposure to COVID-19."

The use of testing is also outlined in the memo. Schools will supply both antigen and LAMP tests to implement the protocol outlined in the memo. Both in-school and take-home testing will be available. Decisions about when to test and what test to use will rely on the expertise of school nurses.

"Testing will be used to help inform the clinical decision-making of school nurses in their work with symptomatic individuals," said Secretary of Education Dan French, "but testing should not be required for symptomatic students or staff to return to school."

Prior to the summer break, antigen and LAMP tests were

distributed to schools across the state in anticipation of the upcoming school year. Schools will be able to order additional testing supplies through the Agency of Education website.

"We will no doubt continue to see cases of COVID-19 in our communities and in our schools," said Secretary French, "but with the advent of vaccination and new treatments, the risks from COVID-19 are much lower than they were two years ago. I am very optimistic that the opening of school this year will proceed with minimal interruption from COVID-19."

Finally, schools and school districts are encouraged to coordinate their response protocols and testing procedures with pediatric primary care offices in their communities to improve communication with students and families. This recommendation builds on the strong partnerships built between schools and pediatricians over the last two school years.

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Letter to the Editor

Thank you for participating in our democracy

To all primary candidates:
We wish to thank you all, Democrat and Republican, for your contribution to our elections and our democratic process. Throughout the campaigns, most candidates made strong efforts to reach out to the constituents via television, post mail, emails, debates, and even door-to-door visits. The media did a superb job of displaying candidate interviews and platform statements in order to inform potential voters. The election process was accomplished with respect, both for the candidates and the constituents.

In recent national campaigns,

we have been conditioned to disrespect and abuse, not only for opposing candidates but also for the intelligence of constituents. As the national campaigns have demonstrated, personal attacks, name-calling, and targeted lies only serve as a distraction from the real issues. That was not an apparent tactic in this election, and we are grateful for that consideration. Without the contribution of each and every one of our candidates, our democratic process would not work. Thank you to everyone.

For those candidates proceeding to the November elections,

your work is not done. We are glad that you have identified the issues of your concerns. But we, your constituents, know the problems well. We live with these problems every day. We want to hear your solutions. We want to know how your solutions will be accomplished. So, keep up the fine work you have begun in the primary campaigns, and good luck.

And don't forget, your obligations to your constituents don't end with your election. Stay in touch.

*J & A Quenneville
Brandon*

Workforce training

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2,000 students have taken advantage of free tuition at CCV in the first year of 802 Opportunity.

Eligible Vermonters can also use the VSAC Advancement Grant program, which provides funding for training in a non-degree program or short-term training program that will enhance job skills to improve their ability to get a job.

“These investments in our workforce come at a time when Vermont employers are in desperate need of talent,” said Department of Labor Commissioner Michael Harrington. “This support will allow the Department of Labor to provide much-needed resources and information so employers can better conduct outreach to fill openings, while also developing

talent pipelines for sustained internal growth. We look forward to continuing to help connect Vermonters to good jobs and other important workforce development efforts.”

For details on how to apply, visit www.vsac.org/workforce-development-funding or call 888-253-4819.



All the little birds on Jaybird Street

LOVE TO HEAR the robins go tweet tweet tweet.

Photo by Patty Ketcham

Shred sessions headed to West Rutland soon?

BY MAT CLOUSER

WEST RUTLAND — The West Rutland selectboard convened on Monday, August 8, to discuss several new projects, including a potential skatepark, the Whipple Hollow bridge replacement, and whether or not to approve the purchase of fireworks for the upcoming town block party.

Skatepark

Recreation Director Steve Pietryka addressed the board, thanking them for their time, mentioning how pleased he's been with the recent increase in users following the town's improvements to the recreation area, before moving along to a discussion about potentially building a new skatepark in the recreation area.

Pietryka introduced West Rutland resident Victoria Gorham, who knows the skatepark industry. Gorham submitted to the board a proposal outlining feasibility, design, public interest, and grant funding opportunities related to the park.

It was noted that the closest skateparks are in Burlington and Lebanon, Nh and that the park could become an economic driver for the community in much the same way that the dog park had become something of a regional draw.

The proposal indicated that there would be no cost to the town until something was actually built, and the board decided they would like to move forward with exploring the project. The next step will be a review of the recreation area's map from the master plan to determine feasibility.

Whipple Hollow Bridge

Following the recent VTrans recommendation that West Rutland close Whipple Hollow bridge to traffic, Daniels Construction was contacted about placing a bid on the job and came back with a \$359,425 bid to include removal of the timber bridge deck and steel girders and the construction of a new reinforced precast concrete structure slated for this fall.

The town, which has already been allotting funds for the bridge repair in the amount of \$237,692.00, would be able to

supplement its own monies with an additional \$200,000 in grant money that was acquired with the aid of Rep. Butch Shaw and VTrans.

Motions were made and accepted to acquire the grant money and accept the bid from Davis Construction, although Dick Daley raised the concern of OMYA traffic on that road. Town Manager May Ann Goulette said that she would be meeting with their plant manager in a few weeks and would discuss the matter at that time.

Block Party

The Town Manager's report noted that the town block party, scheduled for September 17, had already received some sponsorships and vendor fees to help support the entertainment costs. Ms. Goulette also raised the question of the board's desire to feature fireworks this year as price increases have led to an updated cost of \$5000. The board swiftly motioned to accept the costs and voted unanimously to approve them.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed the possibility of taking over the Rutland Town Fire District but cited concerns about the condition of its existing infrastructure. John Harvey and John Center agreed to meet with the prudential committees to determine the next steps, noting that both towns would need to vote on the matter in November or March.

- Discussed the preliminary design for the Regional Ambulance construction at 484 Main Street, where it was requested that the existing curb be altered and widened to accommodate two ambulance bays. A motion was approved and accepted to alter the curb.

- Fuel bids were reviewed from Johnson Energy, Proctor Gas, Sam's U Save, Irving, and Suburban propane. Uncertainty in the market made it difficult to get fixed pricing. Ultimately the board voted to award their business to Irving, which had the lowest prices: \$3.672 for oil, \$1.519 for propane, and \$3.901 for diesel, the State variable price.



Birth Announcement



A son, Kylan Ray Tilley, was born on August 4, 2022,

to Desiree Raymond and Damion Tilley of Brandon.

Obituaries

Evelyn Martha Nickerson, 95, Brandon

BRANDON— Evelyn Martha Nickerson, age 95, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2022, at her home in Brandon.

Evelyn was born in Rochester on October 17, 1926. She was the daughter of John and Maidie (Fuller) Austin.

She grew up in Rochester and Brandon, where she received her early education and graduated from Brandon High School in 1944.

On May 31, 1945, she married Rollin Nickerson. Together they owned and operated a dairy farm on Nickerson Road in Brandon. Mr. Nickerson predeceased her on April 25, 1993.

In her earlier years, Evelyn worked at the Ayrshire Breeders Association in Brandon and later for Tom P. Whittaker, auctioneer.

Evelyn retired from the Brandon Post Office in 1978 and moved with her husband to Prescott, Az, but returned to Vermont in the mid-1990s.

She was an active member of the Brandon United Methodist



EVELYN NICKERSON

Church who enjoyed gardening, cooking, knitting, crocheting and writing poetry. She was an avid reader.

Evelyn will be remembered for visiting shut-ins and helping her neighbors.

She is survived by her daughters, Alice Sutherland and her husband Andrew of Brandon with whom she lived, and Sally Nickerson of Ft. Sumner, Nm; her sons, Donald Nickerson and his wife

Susan, Thomas Nickerson, and Charles Nickerson and his wife Joan, all of Newport, Tn, and her sister Janet Lamoureux and her husband Wilfred of Shoreham.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was predeceased by her daughter Linda and her brothers Raymond, Gilbert, and Gerald Austin.

The memorial service, "In Celebration of Her Life," will take on Saturday, September 10, at 10 a.m. at the Brandon Methodist Church. A private graveside committal service and burial will follow in the family lot at Pine Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in her memory to the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 232, Brandon, Vt 05733, or Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, Vt 05701.

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

Harmon Franklin Thurston, 96, Shoreham

SHOREHAM— Harmon Franklin Thurston passed away on August 3, 2022, at Porter Hospital in Middlebury.

He was a fun, energetic, generous man devoted to his family, friends, and employees who influenced and touched many people throughout his life.

He was born March 4, 1926, on the family farm in North Rumford, Me, to Lee Joel Thurston and Edith Martin Thurston. He was the youngest of 11 children.

His family loved hearing his stories about growing up on the farm, visiting his father's logging camps, and going to a one-room schoolhouse.

He joined the Army at age 17 and was stationed in India during World War II. After the war, he went to the University of Maine and earned a Forestry degree.

He married the love of his life, Maxine Dresser Thurston, in 1954. After a short stay in Oregon, they moved to Vermont and started raising their family of four children. They were married for 59 years before she passed away in June 2013.

In 1960, they started New England Woodcraft, a furniture company that is still in operation. He was very devoted to the employees, many of whom worked for him for over 40 years.

In 1996, they moved "out" to the farm in Shoreham, where many evenings were enjoyed on the porch with friends and family.

He loved his family and heartily supported their many projects over the years. They relish many fond memories of skiing, picnics at Branbury Beach, hiking, traveling, and family gatherings.

He had a great sense of humor and was known for a good laugh. He loved dancing, designing furniture, tending his flower gardens, and baked beans.

He is survived by his son Lee Thurston and his wife Susan of



HARMON THURSTON

Grass Valley, Ca; daughter Lynn Thurston and her wife Janice of Scarborough, Me; son Charles Thurston and his late wife Martha, who passed in February 2022; son Jeff Thurston and his wife Michele of Whiting; seven grandchildren: Everett, Pierce, Mackenzie, Emmett, Avery, Payton, and Grant Thurston; three great grand-children: Eldon, Ada, and Raegan; his brother Marlin Thurston of Peru, Me; his sisters-in-law: Joyce Birch of Glen Allen, Va and Frances Kerchner of Wellesley, Ma., as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank "Healthcare Angels," Julie Lonergan, Rachel Chartrand, and the staff from the Residence at Otter Creek, whose attention to his needs was a source of immeasurable support for him and the family.

The family hopes you can join them on the farm at 2973 Hemenway Hill in Shoreham to celebrate Harmon's life on September 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with stories at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider planting a tree or doing a small kindness for somebody in need.

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Burton "Burtie" Cole, 68, Leicester

LEICESTER — Burton "Burtie" Daniel Cole, 68 passed away Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Porter Medical Center Hospital, Middlebury. The son of Burton H. and Jeanette (Desabrais) Cole, he was born in Middlebury on February 22, 1954.

Burtie grew up on the family dairy farm and was a lifelong farmer. He received his early education in Leicester and graduated from Otter Valley Union High School in 1972. On July 5, 1980, he married Beth Ann Jackson in Middlebury.

He was an avid Boston Red Sox and Patriots fan and also enjoyed the outdoors and hunting.

Burtie is survived by his wife Beth of Leicester; son, Daniel James Cole of Redmond, Wa; daughter, Jessica Lynn Cole of Mendon, Ma, and his sister Romona McNulty of Winter Haven, Fl. He is also sur-



BURTON COLE

vived by four grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents Burton and Jeanette and brother Russell Moulton.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home, 26 Franklin Street in Brandon.

The funeral service in celebration of his life will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Forest Dale Christian Fellowship Church. The Rev. Barry Tate will officiate. Graveside committal services and burial will follow in Pine Hill Cemetery, Brandon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Forest Dale Christian Fellowship Church, 1895 Forest Dale Road, Brandon, VT 05733, or the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, PO Box 232, Brandon VT 05733.

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Submissions must be received by 11 a.m. on Monday for publication in the Wednesday paper.

Kayleigh Davenport

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ter submitting numerous videos and pictures of her riding and going through a lengthy interview process, she was finally approved.

The race, whose course changes every year and is kept secret until the last minute, can take riders through mountain passes, open valleys, river crossings, wetlands, floodplains, arid dunes, rolling hills, and of course, the famed Mongolian steppe.

All across roughly 10 days of riding 13 hours a day and dealing with all manner of difficulties along the way—including weather, wolves, and the all-too-common (in Mongolia) giant marmot hole.

“If you’re on a horse and you don’t really have a say in how fast you’re going to be going, you can’t be barreling through a field and fall in a marmot hole, which happened a lot,” she said.

Riders must carry all their mate-

rials and supplies (although meals are provided at checkpoints) and may not weigh more than 187 lbs., including their backpack (with camping supplies), in addition to a maximum of 11 lb. saddle bag. “When you’re out in the field, it’s just kind of you and your horse,” said Davenport.

Some restrictions are made to keep the race close to what the initial Mongolian riders had to contend with, but much of it is done with horse safety in mind.

No horse may be ridden for more than one leg (about 40 km), and a team of vets checks each horse after each leg to ensure that they have not been over-ridden. “At each horse station, there are the herders who own the horses and help you get on and get saddled,” she said. “There’s a whole team of medics that work for the race, a whole team of vets that work for the race, and some crew that are there to help support you.”

If the horses do not meet benchmarks for health, the riders can suffer substantial time penalties—penalties that frequently affect the outcome of races. As a result, Mongol Derby horses are injured at much lower rates than other types of horse racing.

In America alone, there are approximately 700-800 racehorse fatalities annually. In contrast, the Derby has suffered only one such fatality since the race began in 2009, and that horse is thought to have had an old injury or a congenital defect which contributed to its death.

“The horses are absolutely amazing athletes, but they’re so different from our horses,” said Davenport, who rode equestrian in college and showed on the American Quarter Horse Association circuit.

“The Mongolian people are nomadic,” she continued, “so when they’re in an area, they wrangle their horses, and when they go back somewhere else, they leave them. They’re wild half the year, so they really need to be treated like wild animals.”

Selecting good horses is a key to success, according to Davenport. “The [riders] who maybe had a worse time were more concerned about getting the racehorses and being the fastest one out there rather than getting there in one piece, or they were in the back of the pack, so they only had a limited number of horses to choose from,” she said.

For her method, Davenport said she wanted to select horses with both experience and temperament, asking herders first if the

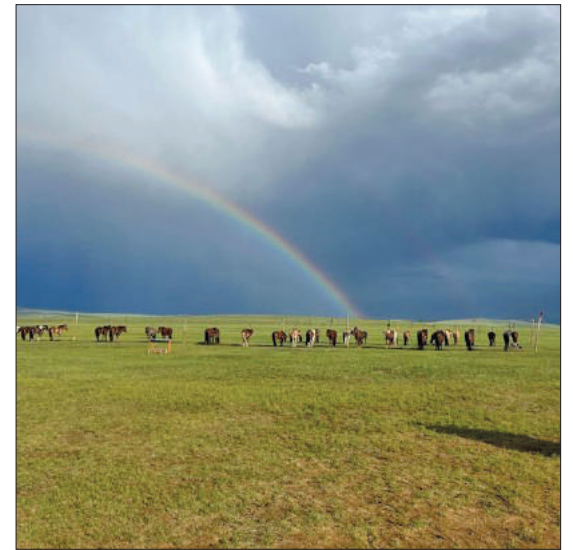
horses were fast but then if they were well behaved.

“I’d look at their feet—they don’t have any farriers or blacksmiths up there, so [their hooves] naturally wear down—and if they had really long feet, I assumed they didn’t get worked very often, so I would usually pass on those,” she said. “Next, I would go up and see if I could pet his neck, and if I couldn’t pet his neck, then I passed on him.”

In addition to the horses, the elements play a huge role in the race. Davenport said it was a hot race this year, with temperatures regularly in the 80s and 90s, making heat stroke and dehydration a common bugaboo among competitors.

Of course, there are storms, too. “We only got two big rainstorms. When it rains, it really rains,” she said. “It was like quarter-sized hail, thunder, and lightning—really scary actually. That was the scariest moment I was out there. We were out in a field—the flattest field—it was me and another guy, Mike. At the end of it, I said, I’m just glad you were taller than me.”

“The vastness of everything—



THE MONGOL STEPPE shimmered after one of its heavy storms.

Photo by Kayleigh Davenport

you can’t even describe it,” she continued in reference to the landscape and its challenges, all of which make even finishing the race a massive achievement. Of the 47 riders who began this year’s race, only 33 finished. Davenport finished in a tie for 14th place.

Davenport said the comradery and sportsmanship among riders are high even though riders come from all over the world and specialize in a variety of riding styles, including endurance western, jumping, racing, dressage, and even ranchers.

Davenport said all the riders did have one thing in common. “We all are equally crazy people. Crazy horse people,” she said with a giggle. “We’re all equally as crazy, and kind of have the same philosophy in a lot of things. I met (See Kayleigh Davenport, Page 10)



LENA HAUG, LEFT, and Kayleigh Davenport, right, celebrate the end of their 10-day ride across Mongolia.

Photo by Shari Thompson/The Equestrianists



KAYLEIGH DAVENPORT

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Bartshe

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that left two officers injured.

The arrest is just one of the dozens of interactions with Bartshe that involve BPD dating back to June 2022 and one of roughly 100 interactions dating back to 2015.

At issue since the RMHS call to BFPL on July 1 has been Mr. Bartshe's conditions of release following the 2019 sexual assault case. The case has been delayed or prolonged due to numerous issues, including COVID and difficulty arranging for sign language translators for the hearing-impaired Bartshe.

The Conditions of Release document from July 22, 2019, signed by Judge Thomas A. Zonay, stipulates that Mr. Bartshe "Follow care providers [sic] rules and Regulations [sic]. May not be left unsupervised [sic] at any time." RMHS is not explicitly named in the document, and Judge Zonay was unavailable for comment at the time of publication.

The Brandon selectboard heard from BFPL at the selectboard's meeting on July 25. At that time, it was decided that they would write a letter of support for BFPL to gain clarification on and assistance with

the ongoing behavior of Mr. Bartshe.

In an email exchange addressed to Brandon Selectboard Chair Seth Hopkins and BFPL Board Chair David Roberts sent on behalf of RMHS's CEO Dick Courcelle and the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, & Independent Living (DAIL) Commissioner Monica White, White wrote the following:

"As potential solutions go, the criminal justice system offers a limited universe of outcomes; almost all of those depend on the outcome of [Mr. Bartshe's mental] competency litigation."

—Ian Sullivan, Acting State's Attorney

"There is no court order of which we are aware that requires RMHS or any other agency to provide the Agency's client with 24/7 supervision... Misinformation continues to circulate about the client's diagnoses, legal status, conditions of release,

etc., which is perpetuating a misunderstanding of the role and legal powers of the various entities working together to best address this situation in the safest manner possible for all involved."

RMHS, which has yet to make public comments on any aspect of the current developments, has declined multiple requests for clarification from *The Reporter*, citing privacy laws, stating, "There are certain instances where we can and, in fact, may be compelled to make disclosures, but responding to questions from a reporter does not fall within

those exceptions."

In an emailed response to Mr. Hopkins's questions about the conditions of release, Mr. Courcelle wrote the following: "We are not involved in the criminal case and therefore cannot speak to the validity of the provision you cite, except to say that this language from 2019 does not require RMHS to provide 24/7 supervision. Any further questions about the provision in question should be directed to the criminal court."

Following Mr. Bartshe's recent arrest, Acting State's Attorney Ian Sullivan sent an email to DAIL, RMHS, BFPL, the town of Brandon, and State Reps. Stephanie Jerome and Butch Shaw in an attempt to clarify the state's position.

"It is clear to me that the situation in Brandon is extremely tense. In addition to the criminal cases that we are already prosecuting, there were deeply concerning statements that have left a library employee feeling unsafe at work," he wrote. "Understandably, there is a very real concern and frustration within the community. As far as I can tell, many well-intentioned people are looking for a solution so that this situation ends without anyone being hurt."

"As potential solutions go, the criminal justice system offers a limited universe of outcomes; almost all of those depend on the outcome of [Mr. Bartshe's mental] competency litigation," he continued. "If a new crime has been committed, a new prosecution can begin. A new prosecution affords the possibility of requesting new conditions of release, bail, pre-

trial detention, or a combination, depending on the specific facts and charges."

Sullivan went on to discuss BPD's involvement, as well as what the potential fallout from the most recent arrest may be, stating, "Chief Kachajian and I have been in contact about this incident. I now have a better sense of the incident BPD responded to and the response the officers chose. As I understand it, the officers deescalated a tense situation and connected a person in need of services with the available services."

"At this point," he went on, "the State's Attorney's Office does not have a new violation of conditions of release to prosecute. We are both committed to working together, within the laws and existing systems, to protect public safety."

Sullivan went on to discuss the legal issues surrounding pre-trial detention, pointing out that Vermont's laws make it rare because it is a "deprivation of liberty." There are extreme circumstances that allow for pre-trial detention; however, they typically involve a person being charged with a life offense such as murder, kidnapping, and sexual assault, or a violent felony "where no conditions can prevent a threat of future violence."

In other words, Mr. Bartshe has not been charged with any of the above, and there is very little that the legal system can do barring a change in those circumstances.

It's unclear what legal options RMHS has available to find Mr. Bartshe a preferable living situation—a situation that BPD Chief David Kachajian agrees would be better for both Brandon and Mr. Bartshe.

"He says he's bored and doesn't want to be in Brandon," said Kachajian. "He just wants to go down to the hospital in Rutland."

According to Kachajian, BPD has had almost no interaction with RMHS regarding Mr. Bartshe's recent spate of police interactions. "I haven't heard a peep in I can't remember when," he said.

BFPL's director Molly Kennedy recently spoke alongside David Roberts at the RMHS board meeting, outlining

their current frustrations with RMHS as well as the measures that the library has been forced to take to bring security to a level where librarians and community members alike might feel safe enough to return to the facility after a 10-day closure.

"As we prepare to reopen on August 16, we have put in place extra safety measures to ensure

our staff can be at work without being afraid," said Kennedy, outlining a sweeping security plan that includes mace training with BPD, the installation of trauma packs, evacuation and security drills, a new Bluetooth deadbolt system, Livestream security camera system, the installation of a safe room, the implementation of a neighborhood watch system, and a police call button.

"We've done everything in our power to provide a safe work environment, and these measures

will hopefully enable our co-worker to return to work safely until this individual is appropriately supported," said Kennedy.

"In the meantime," she continued, "we are asking that you prioritize this situation to ensure an expedient resolution; allowing the library to return its focus to supporting the greater Brandon community rather than exhausting its limited resources on this mental health crisis."

Mr. Roberts spoke more directly about the situation's impact on the community.

"Neighbors living next door are afraid to let their children play in their yard. These children see the police and ambulance come to this house over

and over again. Many times, they hear a lot of yelling and fighting but hide in their rooms," he said.

"The police recently visited a retired school teacher living nearby who was frightened to leave her home," he continued. "Children have told their parents that they have seen a 'big man

walking around buck naked' in the yard. How would you feel if your 10-year-old granddaughter lived next door?"

"We asked for help to keep
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802 Opportunity Grant to offer free college tuition to Vermonters

MONTPELIER — The Community College of Vermont (CCV) and Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) are expanding a program to provide Vermonters with a debt-free college degree.

The 802 Opportunity Grant provides free tuition to Vermonters with a household income of \$75,000 or less that do not already have a bachelor's degree. The grant is available to new or returning students of any age. According to US Census data, the median household income in Vermont is \$63,477.

The 802 Opportunity Grant is a natural extension of CCV and VSAC's work to address college affordability. "The 802 Opportunity Grant allows Vermonters to

invest in themselves," said CCV President Joyce Judy. "This program removes a barrier and provides a boost to Vermont families, communities, and businesses. We are proud to partner with VSAC to expand access to an affordable education in Vermont."

Funding for 802 Opportunity was approved by Governor Scott and the Vermont Legislature in the summer of 2021 as part of a record investment in training and workforce programs. Now in its second year, the program had an original income threshold of \$50,000.

"We know that education is the greatest equalizer when it comes to economic opportunity," said Scott Giles, President and CEO of VSAC. "Education beyond high school is required for Vermont's

high-demand, high-wage jobs—the jobs that Vermonters want and the jobs that our employers need to fill. This program is a game changer for many traditional-age students and working adult students and one of the most important investments in higher education the state can make."

802 Opportunity, in combination with state and federal grant aid, covers tuition for all credits in a degree program of the student's choice, as well as the \$100 administrative fee. The grant does not cover lab and studio fees, books, or other supplies.

CCV's fall semester begins on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

To learn more about the 802 Opportunity Grant, visit ccv.edu/actnow or vsac.org/802Opportunity



PEONIES AND IRISES combine to make a bold addition to any garden.

Photos by Lyn Des Marais

What's the deal with hardiness zones?

BY LYN DES MARAIS

BRANDON — I am often asked about what plant should be planted where. Let's start with the basics: hardiness zones of plants and shrubs, soil type, water needs, and the amount of sunlight needed are key facts to know before you plant.

Sales of perennials are upon us. I find that sales of plants are so hard for me to resist. I often say I'm not buying another plant only to come home with 10-12 crammed into the back seat of a car.

But before you buy or plant, it helps to know what conditions your garden has that will affect whether that gorgeous sale plant will thrive.

Most plants sold around mid-Vermont are appropriate for Zone 5a. But there's more to a plant's survival than the US hardiness plant zone map.

WHAT IS THE US HARDI-

NESS PLANT ZONE MAP?

The first map of hardiness zones traces back to Boston, Ma, and the Arnold Arboretum, in 1927. The map was a guide to show interested people various perennial plants and shrubs and their ability to survive in different parts of the United States based on the lowest average cold temperature, and it was a hit.

The USDA created a map of 13 hardiness zones in 1960 with data from hundreds of US weather stations. It updated that map in 1990 and again in 2012.

The 13 zones cover the entire United States, with each zone encompassing a ten-degree change in Fahrenheit. Every zone has an 'a' or 'b' designation that splits the zones in half. Brandon's zip code, 05733, is designated Zone 5a.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that the average minimum temperature of this region is between -15 and -20 degrees Fahrenheit in winter. That sounds very cold. Some might say, "But it's not that cold for very long." Others might say, "the wind chill makes it even colder." Still, others say "plants can freeze at 25 degrees in the spring."

All of these statements are true—many factors, including temperature, will affect the longevity of

your perennial plants.

That means gardeners in Brandon (and we are lucky there are so many talented gardeners here) can plant all sorts of glorious perennials that typically thrive in our zone: tulips, daffodils, iris, peonies, echinacea, daisies, hosta, daylilies, hydrangea, hyacinth, turtlehead, lupin, blueberries, raspberries, and lilacs to name only a few.

Looking at all the different gardens and different combinations of flowers when walking around town is a treat.

What other factors affect whether your perennials will survive?

So many: soil type, pH of the soil, altitude, proximity to water, snow cover, wind, summer heat, rapid changes in temperature, water needs, and exposure to the sun are a few important ones.

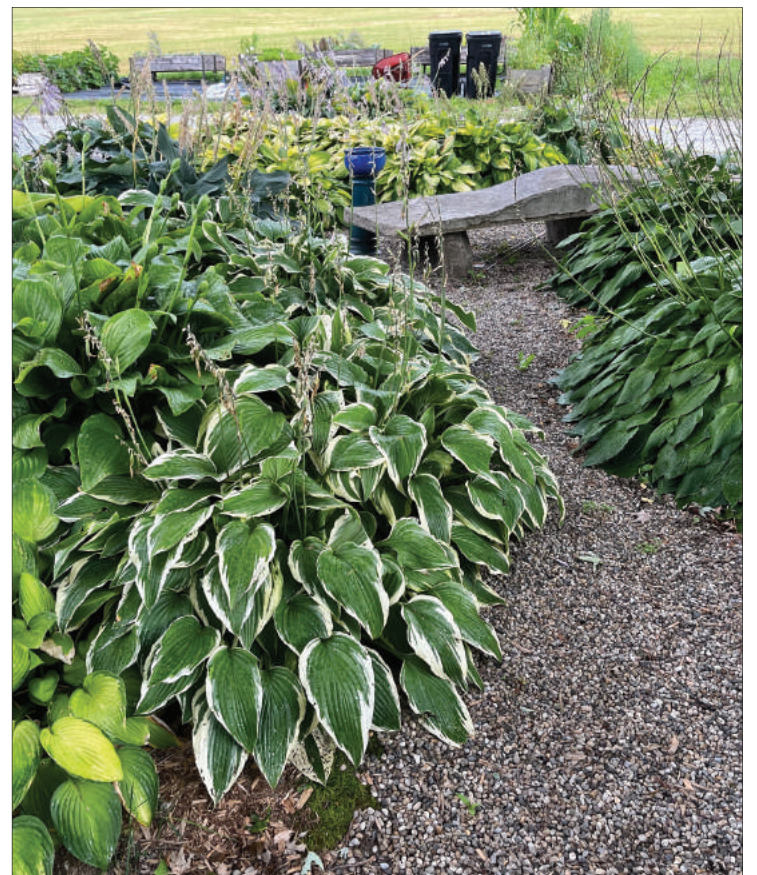
SOIL

Brandon has sand, gravel, loam, and clay as soil types. Soil sampling is an inexpensive way to help you determine the acidity of your soil before you buy plants and plant them.

Once you've determined soil type, you'll know what additives or amendments to add to your garden. For example, our soil is primarily clay, so I add compost and sand to make it more granular and less compact and hard. Then there's pH—some plants, like peonies, prefer sweet or basic soil. Others, like blueberries, love acidic soils.

SUNLIGHT AND WATER

Once you've got a handle on your soil type, record the hours of sun and shade in your garden and know where water runs off and where it pools. This should be done ideally the season before planting. Keep notes and grab ideas from gardens you love.



HOSTAS LOOK SHARP around the base of a silver maple tree.



KNOWING YOUR HARDINESS zones can make the difference between bloom or bust.

Write down what you want.

Do you want all one plant? All one color? Contrasting colors? What heights? Do you have favorites you can't live without? Do you have mainly shade or sun where you want your garden?

Save pictures from the internet, magazines, and newspapers. Dream, plan and think (where is the closest water source?). You'll be happy you did when you need to water the new plants or seeds.

Once you've determined your zone (be conservative—I assume I'm Zone 4 because we have lots of wind here that dries in summer and drops the temperature in winter), soil types, water, and light, you are ready to plant. The planning takes time, but the planting takes very little

time.

You can grow nearly every flower and vegetable from seed. I recommend trying at least a few: daisies, poppies and cornflower, basil, mint, lettuce, cherry tomatoes, spinach, and most squash. It's simple and so satisfying. Plant starts are great also. If you like a fully grown plant, head for those perennial sales.

For the daredevils among you who say, "What if I choose a zone 6 perennial and put it in my garden anyway?" I say, "Why not? Be brave. Try it; it may survive. If it does not, there's another name for it—an annual."

To paraphrase Helen Keller—life is a glorious adventure. To quote Warren Kimble, "Just have fun!"

Bartshe

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our threatened Librarian safe,” he continued. “Every conversation went silent or was ignored. The Brandon Police, Rutland ER, Rutland County State’s Attorney,

Brandon Select Board, Brandon Rescue Squad, and many community members all asked why

Rutland Mental Health wasn’t taking action. Instead of helping us in the most significant crisis this library has ever faced, Rutland Mental Health employees treated our librarians like they were the problem. It was insinuated that the librarians were making too big of a deal out of this situation. We were ignored and accused of mischaracterizing the situation.”

No member of RMHS added any comment to either Roberts’s or Kennedy’s statements during the meeting or at *The Reporter’s* request following the meeting.

Following a recent conference call with Mr. Courcelle and Ms. White, Brandon Selectboard Chair Seth Hopkins expressed some optimism that RMHS was taking the town’s concerns seriously, stating, “My hope would be that a statement would be forthcoming,” he said.

Town Manager David Ather-ton, who was also on the call, expressed a similar sentiment. “Something might come down the pike soon,” he said. “They told us what they could. They’re looking for a solution—I don’t think it will happen overnight.”

In the meantime, it will continue to fall to Chief Kachajian and BPD to do what’s in their power to keep Brandon and Bartshe safe, despite their limited abilities. “We’re doing what we need to do as a police department,” he said. “We are checking off boxes. We need [the other] agencies to do what they need to do to fix this problem.”



CANADA GEESE FLYING in formation through a cloudless blue sky.

Vermont’s resident Canada goose hunting seasons announced

VERMONT — Vermont’s resident Canada goose hunting season will be held from 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 Wildlife 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 October 15-November 13, 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 4-November 6 and November 23-December

18, with a daily bag limit of two Canada geese.

New this year is a late Canada goose season targeting resident birds. Within the Lake Champlain and Interior zones, the season will be held from December 1 to January 21, with a five-bird daily bag limit. The season will run from December 19 to January 21 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 older must carry current federal and Vermont duck stamps. Federal stamps are sold at post offices, federal refuges, and on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website <https://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php>.

Vermont duck stamps can be added to your hunting license

on Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) 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 at 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 will also be available from license agents and post offices.

Kayleigh Davenport

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so many great people.”

She says she has kept up with her fellow competitors since the race ended on August 1. “Every-one kind of has post derby blues getting back into normal life, so we’re all commiserating together.”

Davenport mentioned fitness

and preparations as key to her success, but she also mentioned the importance of keeping things emotionally light. “Roll with the punches and prepare as much as you can. You’ve got to have a sense of humor,” she said.

As for future plans, Davenport says, “I don’t think I would [do it again]. I think some things are

once in a lifetime for a reason. And I had such a fortunate time and got really lucky, got good horses; I don’t think I could ever get this lucky again.”

“I loved it. It was amazing,” she continued. “I keep seeing people saying, ‘oh, you made it back in one piece,’ and I’m like—I am wholer than I have ever been.”

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New funding to refresh prison library collections

VERMONT — The Vermont Department of Libraries, in collaboration with the Department of Corrections, has provided over \$42,000 in books to the six state correctional facilities. The books will refresh the facilities' library collections available to incarcerated individuals.

The funding was part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant provided to the Vermont Department

of Libraries by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The IMLS ARPA funding is meant to help libraries update collections, spaces, and equipment for safe operations and expand programming possibilities, aiming to improve and increase services to end-users. The Department of Libraries is responsible for distributing the funds to libraries across Vermont to meet these goals.

The Department of Libraries believes that "every citizen of the State of Vermont should have access to the educational, cultur-

al, recreational, informational, and research benefits of libraries." This effort aims to support the libraries in the correctional facilities around the state as they work to provide that access to incarcerated Vermonters.

"Access to reading materials is vitally important to individuals who are incarcerated in Vermont, as books both support academic coursework and provide cultural enrichment. The ARPA funds

available to us through IMLS enabled the Department of Libraries to work with colleagues at the Department of Corrections in bolstering collections at all six correctional facilities in our state," said State Librarian Catherine Delneo. "The books were selected to meet the individuals' recreational and informational needs while considering a wide range of reading levels."

"Reading may be the single greatest skill of humankind. It enables us to know where we've been, understand where we are, and dream of where we might go," said Department of Correc-

tions Commissioner Nicholas Deml. "These new resources from the Department of Libraries will benefit those in our care and custody, whether they are looking to learn new things, to build skills that will support them when they're released, or to get lost in another world for a while. We are so appreciative of this effort and our partners at the Department of Libraries."

About the Vermont Department of Corrections: The Vermont Department of Corrections is charged with overseeing correctional facilities and supervising people on probation and parole. The Department of Cor-

rections is part of the Agency of Human Services. To learn more, visit doc.vermont.gov. Follow Vermont DOC on Facebook and Twitter.

About the Vermont Department of Libraries: The Vermont Department of Libraries—housed within the Vermont Agency of Administration—supports Vermont libraries as they work to ensure access to quality information for their patrons. To learn more, visit libraries.vermont.gov or follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

About IMLS: The Institute of Museum and Library Services

is the primary source of federal support for the nation's approximately 120,000 libraries and 35,000 museums and related organizations. The agency's mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Its grant-making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit <http://www.imls.gov> or follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

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—Nicholas Deml,
Department of
Corrections Commissioner



Sue Wetmore

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jected if my photos aren't clear enough."

At this point, Wetmore reckons she's spotted almost 600 species in North America. Still on her bucket list is the Swain-



SUE WETMORE

son's Warbler, a rare species native to the southeast U.S.

And of all the species she's heard, Wetmore still thinks that Vermont's state bird, the Hermit Thrush, has the most beautiful song. When she pulled it up on YouTube, I had to agree. The call isn't especially melodic, but the tone is exceptionally sweet.

On a good day in Brandon, it's possible to spot up to 40 different species in a single outing, Wetmore said. During spring and fall migration seasons, early mornings are best. "They've been traveling all night and need to stop to feed. They often migrate in groups, so if you find the right spot, you can see a lot of activity."

Brandon itself is

known among birders as a "hot spot." The terrain varies, with woods, marshes, meadows, and farms. There's something for every species that travels up and down the Eastern Seaboard. "If you want to attract birds to your backyard, put out black oil sunflower seeds," Wetmore said. "Plant fruit trees. Birds will go where there's food."

Anyone in the area who's interested in getting started should contact the Rutland County Audubon Society (rutland-county-audubon.org). There are monthly walks that are open to all. A pair of binoculars is a must, said Wetmore. And patience, persistence, and curiosity.

"People can contact me at ii-birdvt@icloud.com," said Wetmore. "I get emails and calls all the time. They always ask, 'Are you the bird lady?'"

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Calendar of events

August

Tuesday:

Chess Club

Join us every Tuesday evening for a fun night of chess from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer Street, Rutland.

Brandon Public Library Pins & Needles Crafting Group

The club will meet 5:30–7 p.m.

Brandon Public Library Teen Advisory Group

This advisory group meets every first Tuesday of the month from 3:30–5 p.m.

Brandon Public Library Book Discussion Group

Starting at 6 p.m., this group also meets every first Tuesday of the month.

Brain Club: Virtual Weekly Community Education Series

Brain Club is a weekly community education series (6–7 pm resuming July 12) where we will be joined by professionals from various fields to teach us about different ways that brains of all types navigate everyday life, followed by Q&A from the audience. Each week will have a presenter or panel about a different topic, oriented around a monthly theme. All webinars are recorded for on-demand viewing.

Wednesdays:

Brandon Public Library Meditation Group

Meet us for an hour of calm from 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Music At The Riverbend Summer Concerts

The warmth of the late-day sun on your face . . . the swell of music and the smell of popcorn carried on an evening breeze . . . Brandon's wonderful summer concert series have attracted over 100 folks to each performance and over 200 to some of them!! Every Wednesday night in July and August, the beautiful grounds behind the Brandon Inn is the site of free concerts for our community. We have an eclectic line-up of bands on tap. Join the folks who come out and relax with some quality music with their friends and neighbors. The kids have fun running around the pretty grounds next to the Neshobe River, and we all enjoy free pop-

corn! Adult beverages are served up by the Brandon Inn, available in the outdoor lounge area, so you don't miss a note of the music. At this time rain outs will NOT be held inside the Inn. We'll try to put a sign out that states "No Concert Tonight". Thanks for your support in our fundraisers and for coming out to support the great bands we have year after year. It's great to be part of live community music! Make a secure online donation here to help support the Brandon Summer Concert Series. Many thanks to the generosity of the Brandon Inn for sharing their space with us! For more information, contact the Chamber at 802-247-6401 or info@brandon.org

Thursdays:

Summer Storytime Playgroup with Sophie

Join us at 10 am at the Maclure Library. for stories, crafts, snacks and free play!

16 20:

The Vermont State Fair

The Fair will be held, as always, in Rutland from August 16 to 20. Gates open at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, and 8 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday with gates closing nightly at 10 p.m. This year's fair will feature a variety of games, food, rides, music, and fun, including; Rosaire's racing pigs; horse, ox, and VTPA truck and tractor pulls; dog dock diving; chainsaw carving, a dairy show; Pond Hill Rodeo; a demolition derby; performances by Vanilla Ice, Coolio, Rob Base, Tone Loc, Young Mc; educational displays at the Philbrook Forestry building with appearances from Smokey Bear; and much, much more. For a complete list of details, see the website at: www.vermontstatefair.org.

17:

Blood Root Gap

Blood Root Gap will play their signature blend of "locally sourced, free-range bluegrass" as part of the Music at the Riverbend series in Brandon behind the Brandon Inn from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come listen to great music with friends and neighbors. Free.

Bees Besieged: A History of Beekeeping,

At 7 p.m. at the Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St., Salisbury. Beekeeping goes back 10,000 years, but bees have been much in the news recently as a multi-

pronged scourge has devastated many of the nation's 2.5 million colonies. Meanwhile, hobby beekeeping has grown exponentially in the country. Bill Mares, writer, and beekeeper for 45 years, will tell of the origins and evolution of beekeeping, sometimes referred to as "farming for intellectuals," with a particular emphasis on his research in Vermont.

This talk is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. Hosted jointly by The Salisbury Historical Society and The Salisbury Conservation Commission. Bees Besieged: A History of Beekeeping is a Vermont Humanities program supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Seven to Sunset Concert Series: Emma Cook & The Questionable Company

A new band will play from the Gazebo at Main Street Park every Wednesday throughout the Summer starting at 7 p.m.! The Rutland City Band will be playing Sundays throughout the Summer at Main Street Park.

Emma Cook is a vocalist, songwriter, and instrumentalist. Cook is an open book, and her music marks the moment in time. With thoughtful lyrics and upbeat grooves, her songwriting is rooted in the natural way of things and influenced by her upbringing in the rich folk and roost scene of Michigan. emma brings an expressive vocal range and intricate rhythm to every song, original or cover.

Kennedy Park Concerts

August 27 Melissa Moorehouse

September 10 Jim Shaw

September 24 Patrick Fitzsimmons

All shows 11a-1p in Kennedy Park.

Sponsored by the Downtown Brandon Alliance.

19:

DaddyLongLegs Band

Concert at the Henry Sheldon Museum, 5 p.m. DaddyLongLegs is the confluence of three well-known Vermont musicians - Rick Ceballos, David Gusakov, and Matt Witten, whose talents merge to form a dynamic and highly original traditional folk trio. Their instruments include banjo, guitar, and fiddle. There is no charge for the concert.

Stop by for this informal evening of music—attendees can sit under the IPJ Tent, are welcome to bring a picnic supper, and are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. The Sheldon Museum is located at One Park Street, Middlebury. For more information, visit www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org or call 802-388-2117.

20:

Blast from the Past: Historic engines at Chimney Point

From 10 a.m.–3 p.m. several members of the Vermont Gas and Steam Engine Association will be on the grounds of the Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison to showcase examples of historical gas and/or steam engines. They will demonstrate how these engines worked and what they were used for. Stop by to observe, learn, and ask your questions.

Visit the Chimney Point museum while you're here. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and free for children under 15. The Chimney Point State Historic Site is located at 8149 VT Route 17 in Addison, at the Vermont foot of the Lake Champlain Bridge. Call 802-759-2412 for information. The site is regularly open Thursdays through

West Rutland SculptFest22 Sept. 10, 5–8 p.m.

An exciting group of artists will present sculptural installations for SculptFest22 at the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center. The opening reception for the annual exhibition is scheduled for 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, September 10.

Proposals were submitted in response to this year's theme of "Games." Guest curator Evan Morse selected site-specific works by artists Haley Kean, Dway Lunkad, John Morris & Maya Murphy, Samantha Newman, Melissa Shaak, Laurie Sheridan and Phil Whitman.

The opening reception is free and open to the public, featuring refreshments and live music by "Moose Crossing." SculptFest22 closes October 23. For more information, please contact the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center by telephone at (802) 438-2097 or email to info@carvingstudio.org.



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ays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, until October 9.

Bandwagon Summer Series: Soggy Po' Boys
 Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series and Twilight present an outdoor evening of New Orleans-style jazz with the Soggy Po' Boys, Saturday, at 6:00 p.m., Cooper in Putney.

Soggy Po Boys, native to New England, have quickly become an institution. They are spreading the good news of New Orleans music across the northeast and beyond, performing at concert halls and street corners; music festivals and burlesque festivals; bars and libraries; wherever the music requires. Part of the beauty of New Orleans music is that it's celebrated and appreciated wherever it goes, from the street to the theater.

Bandwagon Summer Series is a family-friendly outdoor performance series running from early May through October. More than 20 performances ranging from a variety of musical styles, circus arts, dance, and theater will take place at ballfields, farms, and parks throughout Chittenden County. Kids under 12 always get in for free, and a dedicated play area will be available at all shows. Refreshments are sold onsite, including the return of last summer's popular Barr Hill cocktails, and the new addition of selections from Mad River Distillers.

Independence-Hubbardton Military Road car tour

Participate in a guided driving tour along part of the 1776-mile-long Independence-Hubbardton Military Road. The tour starts with an orientation at the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site in Hubbardton. Meet there at 10:00 a.m. in your own vehicle. The tour will make various stops along the way, ending at 1:00 p.m. in Center Rutland.

This annual driving tour is hosted by Jim Rowe, historian with the Crown Point Road Association. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults, free for children under 15, and include admission to the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. The Hubbardton Battlefield is located at 5696 Monument Hill Road. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, it is the site of the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the Vermont State-Owned Historic Sites, visit www.historicsites.vermont.gov or join the Vermont Historic Sites group on Facebook.

Be invited to BARN OPERA's Open House!

From 7p.m.–9p.m. join Artistic Director, Joshua Collier, members of the BARN OPERA artistic team, and the Board of Directors of BARN OPERA for the first public open house at the new BARN OPERA House, in advance of our production of Ariadne auf Naxos in September.

When you see the Barn, have a glass of wine, take pictures in this beautiful space, make sure you have tickets to the show, see all the projects that we have in the works and where you might be able to be a part of the BARN OPERA story. BARN OPERA House is located at 1321 Pearl Street, Montpelier, Vt, 05733.

Shoreham Congregational Church hosts presentation on Age Well VT

Starting at 1:00 p.m. Age Well Vermont focuses on the importance of health, happiness, and wellness of the elderly in Addison County and several other counties in Vermont. This non-profit organization works to reduce barriers by providing services to healthy meals, in-home care, and community projects. They have many options to help both caregivers and individuals who want to remain in their own homes as long as possible. They also act as a clearinghouse for information from a variety of agencies to help our aging population. The presentation will give a presentation of their programs and activities at the Shoreham Congregational Church. This program is free and open to the public. It will be useful for all elderly individuals and those caring for them. Please come and learn about this tremendous resource.

26:

Blueberry Hill Inn: Patti Casey & Colin McCaffrey
 Casey and McCaffrey are two of Vermont's most beloved musical treasures, having created individually and together an artistic landscape as ruggedly beautiful as the Green Mountains of Vermont, where they both grew up. Gorgeous vocal harmonies and rock solid acoustic instrumental work – both are internationally known as award-winning songwriters and singers – together their ease and humor onstage give you a chance to catch your breath from the last song, which may just have taken it away.

Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. We appreciate advance reservations. We do not offer a music-only rate. Pizza and live music are \$35 per person, \$25 for kids 11 and under, and kids 5 and under are free. Includes pizza and inn-made lemonade or iced tea and live music. Hearty Salad, LuLu Icecream, and Blueberry Hill Cookies are available to purchase on-site!

28:

Grace Coolidge Musicales features "Eloquent Expressions"
 The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth Notch will host a Grace Coolidge Musicales on Sunday,

at 3:00 p.m. The 45-minute concert, entitled "Eloquent Expressions" is free to the public thanks to the generous support of the Donchian Foundation. Donations are welcome. Pianist Abigail Charbeneau and Cellist Kate Jensik will perform musical works by Robert Schumann, Antonio Vivaldi, Gabriel Faure, Camille Saint-Saens, and Ola Gjeilo. The musicale will be held in the Grace Coolidge Room of the Museum & Education Center at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. The performance will feature the piano that was given to Mrs. Coolidge by the Baldwin Company and used in the family quarters at The White House.

A celebrity in its own right, this grand piano was once played by the composer and virtuoso pianist Sergei Rachmaninoff and is said to be the first piano ever to be transported in an airplane. The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is open Tuesday – Sunday through Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information and event listings call 802-672-3773, visit www.historicsites.vermont.gov, or on Facebook at Vermont State Historic Sites.

Goings on around town



Cast Off 8's square dance club kicks off 2022 season Sept 14 and 21, 7–8:30 p.m.

PITTSFORD — As summer winds down, contemporary square dancing is winding up. The Cast Off 8's Square Dance Club has been dancing again for more than a year, and now, with reduced COVID restrictions, the club is ready to kick off the fall season.

Just as social dance took off after the pandemic of 1918, all forms of community participatory dance are taking off now. Contemporary square dance is a great way to be active, meet new people and get back into a lively lifestyle after these many months of restricted activity. Square dancing has

evolved a great deal compared to the grade school memories people have; it is an upbeat and vibrant activity.

Interested community members can come out for free square dancing this September on Wednesdays at Lothrop School. No experience necessary!

Dust off your comfortable shoes and come dance the evenings away. There are several free square dance nights on Wednesdays: September 14, 21, and 28th at 7 pm, at Lothrop School in Pittsford. The 28th includes an ice cream social.

Try out some easy square dance calls and have a good time dancing

to pop, rock, country, hip hop, and other popular music. Individuals and couples are equally welcome; there are others to dance with.

If you have a good time, you may wish to join the fall class, a low-cost activity held in 9-10 week segments. There is no pressure to join, but the benefits are a healthy body, mind, and social life.

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Check the website at www.castoff8s.com or Facebook at Cast Off 8's Square Dance Club for more information.

Sports

OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE FALL 2022

Girls Varsity Soccer (16)

8/23	@ Vergennes (Scrimmage)	5:00
8/30	Poultney (Scrimmage)	5:30
9/2	@ Proc (Black River TNMT)	6:00
9/3	@ GM OR L&G (Black River TNMT)	6:00/8:00
9/6	@ Woodstock	4:30
9/9	@ Middlebury	4:30
9/14	West Rutland	4:30
9/23	Hartford (Homecoming)	4:30
9/26	@ MSJ	4:30
9/28	Mill River	4:30
9/30	Springfield	4:30
10/5	Fair Haven	4:00
10/8	@ Hartford	6:00
10/11	Woodstock (Senior Game)	4:00
10/17	@ Springfield	6:30
10/20	@ Fair Haven	6:00



Boys Varsity Soccer (15)

8/27	OV Jamboree (Sharon, Verg (Scrimmage))	11:00
9/2	West Rutland	4:30
9/7	@ Proctor	4:30
9/13	Woodstock	4:30
9/17	Hartford	11:00
9/20	@ Green Mountain	4:30
9/24	Fair Haven (Homecoming Game)	10:00
9/27	MAU	4:30
9/29	@ Hartford	6:30
10/6	Green Mountain	4:00
10/8	@ Woodstock	11:00
10/11	@ Bellows Falls	4:00
10/15	@ Fair Haven (Proctor Taranovich Showcase)	1:00
10/18	@ Stratton	4:00
10/22	WRV (Senior Game)	11:00

Varsity Field Hockey (15)

8/27	@ Mt Abraham (Scrimmage)	8:00/12:30
8/30	Rutland (Scrimmage)	5:00
9/3	@ Brattleboro	11:00
9/8	@ Rutland	4:00
9/10	Woodstock	11:00
9/12	@ Windsor	4:00
9/17	Brattleboro	11:00
9/20	@ Burr & Burton	4:00
9/24	Springfield (Homecoming)	11:00
9/28	Fair Haven	4:00
10/4	Bellows Falls	4:00
10/6	Middlebury	4:00
10/10	@ Springfield	4:00
10/15	@ Woodstock	3:00
10/19	Windsor (Senior Game)	4:00
10/22	@ Fair Haven	11:00

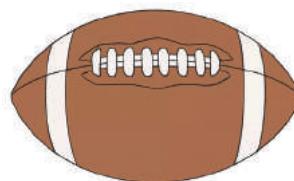
Varsity Football (10)

8/23	@ MAU (Scrimmage)	12:00
8/27	@ FH (Scrimmage - FH/CVU/MR)	10:00
9/3	@ Rice	1:00
9/10	@ Mill River	1:00
9/17	Springfield	1:00
9/24	Mt Abraham (Homecoming)	1:00
10/1	@ Windsor	1:00
10/8	Poultney	1:00
10/15	@ BFA-Fairfax	2:00
10/22	MVU (Senior Game)	1:00



Varsity Golf (11)

8/23	@ Woodstock (Wood, OV, Hart, WRV, Wind) (B/G)	3:30
9/1	@ Lake Morey (Wood, OV, Hart, Riv, Wind, WRV) (B/G)	3:30
9/6	@ Bomoseen (WRV, FH, MSJ, OV) (B/G)	3:30
9/7	@ Woodstock (Wood, KMS, Rut, BBA, OV, Hart, WRV) (B/G)	3:30
9/8	@ Manchester (BBA, Arl, MAU, Wind, OV) (B/G)	3:30
9/13	@ Lake Morey (Riv, OV) (B/G)	3:30
9/19	@ Bomoseen (FH, LT, OV) (B/G)	3:30
9/20	@ Woodstock (Wood, Hart, OV) (B/G)	3:30
9/21	@ Killington (KMS, Wind, MSJ, WRV, Hart, OV) (B/G)	3:30
9/26	@ Rutland (Rut, MR, MSJ, OV, LT) (B/G)	3:30
9/28	@ Woodstock (Wood, Wind, KMS, MR, OV, Hart) (B/G)	3:30
10/3	@ Woodstock (Wood, OV, KMS, LT, WRV, Hart) (B/G)	3:30
10/5	@ Woodstock (Wood, OV, KMS, MR, MSJ) (B/G)	3:30
10/6	@ Div 2 Sectionals VT - Ralph Myhre (B)	9:00
10/11	(State Girls - Williston (G))	9:00
10/13	State Boys - Orleans CC (B)	9:00
10/31	(New Englands - Mohegan Sun)	TBA



Varsity Cross Country (10)

9/6	@ Rutland	4:45
9/13	Otter Valley (SR)	4:45
9/20	@ Hartford	4:45
9/27	@ Mill River	4:45
10/1	@ Thetford Trail Run	9:00
10/4	@ Long Trail	4:45
10/11	@ Rutland	4:45
10/22	@ Hartford (SVL Cham)	10:00
10/29	@ Thetford (State Cham)	9:00
11/12	@ New Englands	TBA



WINNER OF THE Sunoco Sportsman Modified feature Justin Comes, poses with his second straight checkered flag.

Photo by Bill McGaffin

Justin Comes busts out for for back-to-back wins at Devil's Bowl

WEST HAVEN — Justin Comes has certainly turned things around. After going winless for two years, the veteran Middlebury racer has made it back-to-back victories at Devil's Bowl Speedway.

Comes' triumph on McGee Family Dealerships Night highlighted an event that saw Katrina Bean, Randy Edson, Matt Wade, Lane Saville, and Adam Sears score wins.

Comes won the Sunoco Sportsman Modified feature from the front row at the previous week's "Battle at the Bowl" event on a tacky surface, but his drive in the 30-lap run on McGee Night was vastly different.

With dry-slick conditions underneath him, Comes marched forward from the 17th starting position to make an authoritative statement for the win. Comes also scored the Charlie LaDuc "Hard Charger" bonus for gaining a race-high 16 positions.

Behind him, Tanner Siemons scored a season-best finish as the runner-up, and sophomore racer

Shawn McPhee earned a career-best third-place effort after leading several laps early. Championship point leader Todd Stone came from 19th to finish fourth, and David Boisclair drove from 14th to round out the top five.

Josh Masterson was sixth ahead of Tim LaDuc, Elmo Reckner, Jimmy Ryan, and rookie Dylan Madsen. McPhee, Reckner, and Justin Stone won the qualifying heats, and Don Mattison won the Elmo's Pit Stop Bonus Bucks from Ed "Elmo" Allen.

Benson's Katrina Bean scored her second career win in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Sportsman division, gathering the night's loudest cheers. Bean started on the pole and finished out front of the 25-lapper, holding off longtime racer Steve Miller for the win. In his first season on dirt, Miller's runner-up finish was his best Limited Sportsman effort after winning twice in the Rookie Sportsman class earlier this year.

Hunter Nutter was third ahead

of Anthony Ryan and Josh LeClaire, Bean's fiancée. Randy Ryan, point leader Evan Roberts, Bill Duprey, Timmy Aldrighetti, and Bubba McPhee completed the top 10. Heat wins went to Bean, McPhee, and Fred Little.

Randy Edson became the latest driver to end a decades-long span between wins, picking up his first Hoosier Daddy Racing Rookie Sportsman victory. The Orwell racer's last win came in the former Late Model division on June 5, 1994, for a winless spell of 28 years, two months, and eight days.

Edson had a good battle with teenager William Lussier, and they traded the lead twice on restarts during the 20-lap race. Lussier settled for second ahead of Daryl Gebo, Kamden Duffy, and Josh Bussino.

The rest of the top 10 was filled out by Adam LaFountain, Aaron Clark, Ed Bell, Tyler Travis, and Bobbi Jo Hulth. Lussier and Robert Gauthier won the qualifiers.

Fair Haven rookie Matt Wade

turned in his second winning performance in the Mini Stock division, leading a multi-car charge through traffic during the 15-lap race. Wade started 12th and managed his passes to get the win, narrowly beating Brian Blake—who started 14th—by just 0.157-seconds at the finish line.

Point leader Chris Sumner came from 16th to finish third ahead of Craig Kirby and Chris Conroy. Jake Barrows was sixth, followed by Damian Olden, Allen Hewitt, Griff Mahoney, and Austin McKirryher. Sumner, Wade, and Conroy won the heats.

Rookie Lane Saville took his third win back home to Warrensburg, NY, in the 20-lap Friend Construction 500cc Mini Sprint feature. Saville started out back and took the lead just before the halfway mark, then outpaced fellow rookie Logan Denis for the checkered flag. Kevin Smith was third, with Chayton Young and Ray Hanson next.

Brandon's Adam Sears was

the winner of the one-on-one Street Legal Spectator Races.

Devil's Bowl Speedway returns to action on Saturday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m., as The Stove Depot presents the annual "Double Feature Night" for all five weekly racing divisions and a wild-and-crazy 50-lap Enduro. Grandstand general admission is \$12 for adults and free for children aged 12 and under, and infield drive-in parking is \$20 for adults and free for children. Tickets are available at the speedway on race day.

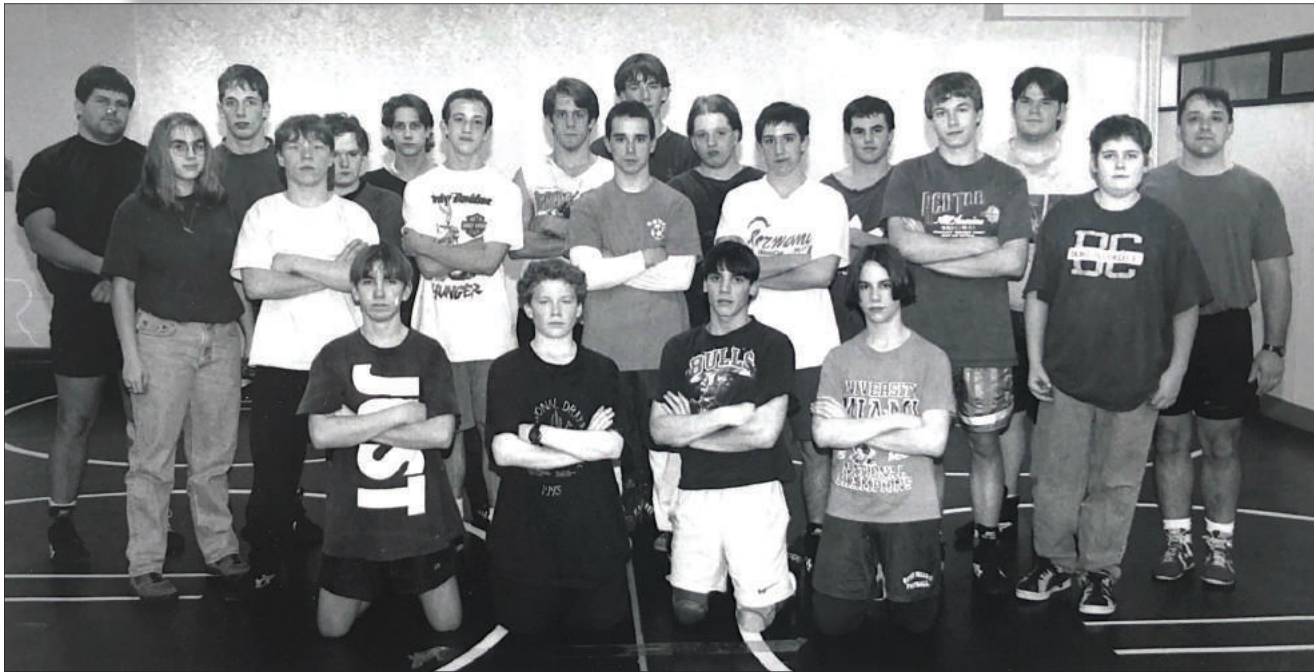
Devil's Bowl Speedway is located on Route 22A in West Haven, Vt., four miles north of U.S. Route 4, Exit 2, and just 20 minutes from Rutland, Vt. For more information, visit www.DevilsBowlSpeedwayVT.com or call (802) 265-3112.

Devil's Bowl Speedway is on Facebook at facebook.com/DevilsBowlSpeedway, and on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat at @DevilsBowlSpeed. Follow the action using the #DevilsBowl hashtag.



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 ads@brandonreporter.com if you can identify someone in these photos.

Or call us at 247-8080



Recognized



Kayla Poljatic emailed to recognize one of the girls in this photo. Kristle Wheeler, is the girl on the left. Her married name was Kristle Hummiston.



Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan
6. Swiss river
9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
13. Like coagulated milk
14. Lima is its capital
15. Lying down
16. Jai ___, sport
17. Egyptian statesman
18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
19. Renovated
21. Chadic language
22. 18-year period
23. Beverage container
24. Natural logarithm
25. The "mecca" of basketball
28. A way to darken
29. Mackerels
31. Actor Pitt
33. Places to buy seafood
36. True firs
38. Neither
39. Fencing sword
41. Italian pastas
44. Island nation close to the U.S.
45. Begets
46. Resembles a pouch
48. ___ student, learns healing
49. Sodium
51. Indicates position
52. The world has one
54. Partner to pains
56. Photographer
60. Chew the fat
61. Culture of the British Iron Age
62. Weaverbird
63. Advice or counsel
64. Asian nation
65. Brought on board
66. German river
67. Airborne (abbr.)
68. Leaf-footed bug genus

CLUES DOWN

1. Mark left behind
2. Cry weakly
3. Ancient region in modern Syria
4. Farewell
5. Blue grass state
6. Genus of mosquitoes
7. S. Israeli city
8. You can get stuck in one
9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
11. Tigers legend Fielder
12. Make more attractive
14. Horses
17. Slight projection in typefaces
20. Male parent
21. Jack and Jill are two
23. After B
25. Licensed for Wall Street
26. Missile with about 600-mile range
27. Goddesses
29. A day kids love
30. Oily secretion
32. One-tenth of a meter
34. A father's male child
35. One point east of southeast
37. Silk garments
40. Cool!
42. The color of anger
43. Trade profession
47. It can get you around
49. Mother-of-pearl
50. Hurt
52. Legendary slugger Hank
53. Polio vaccine developer
55. Incline from vertical
56. Sea creature
57. Actress Kate
58. Affirmative votes
59. Nothing
61. Pie ___ mode
65. Expresses surprise

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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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Puzzle solutions

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"Pop Up" Yard Sale to Benefit RCHS on August 20th!

The Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) is holding a yard sale to raise money for the homeless animals in Rutland County. Join us on Saturday, August 20th from 9 AM - 2 PM at RCHS, 765 Stevens Road in Pittsford. Join the fun, find a treasure and help raise money for the animals and programs at RCHS. Please contact Sam at 802.483.9171 ext. 203 or Sam@RCHSVT.org with any questions. See you on the 20th!

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



MEET BOOTS (FELV+) - 1.5-YEAR-OLD. NEUTERED MALE.

DOMESTIC LONG HAIR. BLACK/WHITE.

Boots is an unbelievably sweet cat and ideal companion. He loves being near you, enjoying your company, eating treats, and snoozing alongside you. He's playful and good-spirited, just waiting for a home to settle into. Having tested FeLV+, Boots is looking for a home without other cats or a home with a cat that also has tested FeLV+.

MEET CARMELLA - 5-YEAR-OLD. FEMALE. PIT MIX. TAN WITH WHITE.

Carmella is such a sweetheart who absolutely loves everyone and everything! She is very goofy and loves getting pets from the staff at RCHS. She has a lot of energy but has done great with kids. She likes to chase small animals and has shown interest in cats, but it depends on the cat. She loves other dogs and has gotten along with every dog she has met. She will need an active family who will spend time playing with her and taking her for long walks. After your walk, she will curl up with you on the couch.



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Off the Shelf

New books at the Brandon Free Public Library

Adult Fiction

The Bodyguard by Katherine Center

Hannah Brooks looks more like a kindergarten teacher than somebody who could kill you with a wine bottle opener. Or a ballpoint pen. Or a dinner napkin. But she's actually an Executive Protection Agent (aka 'bodyguard'), and she's been hired to protect hunky actor Jack Stapleton from his stalker. Jack's been off grid since a family tragedy a few years ago, but when Jack's mom gets sick, he goes home to the family's Texas ranch to help out. Kate reluctantly agrees to be his "girlfriend". What could go wrong?

The Retreat by Sarah Pearse

In this follow up to The Sanatorium, Detective Elin Warner finds herself at a posh retreat off the English coast investigating the death of a young woman. What at first seems to be just a tragic fall, Warner discovers it may be murder after all. She wasn't a guest, and she definitely was not supposed to be on the island- a place with a dark connection to a serial killer. When a second guest dies, Warner quickly digs deeper before history begins to repeat itself.

Did you know?

We're hosting the **Brandon Congregational Crafters in this month's art show. Stop in to see the photography, paintings and other art, now through the end of August.**

An Honest Living by Dwyer Murphy

After leaving his career at a prestigious law firm, a Brooklyn lawyer makes ends meet by picking up odd jobs from a colorful assortment of clients. When a mysterious woman named Anna Reddick turns up at his apartment with \$10k in cash and asks him to track down her missing husband Newton, a bookseller who she believes has been pilfering rare true crime volumes from her collection, he trusts it will be a quick and easy case (if not a little shady). Only that wasn't the real Anna Reddick, and the real Anna Reddick is... angry that someone has been slandering her husband. Finding himself out of his depth, the down on his luck lawyer is drawn into a series of deceptions set against the backdrop of early 2000s Brooklyn.

Movies:

Dr. Strange and the Multiverse of Madness

In this latest outing in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Dr. Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) encounters multiple versions of himself, and universe-hopping teen America Chavez (Xochitl Gomez) when a giant monster comes after her in New York City. When the Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen) comes to steal America's powers, in hopes of reuniting with her lost children, Dr. Strange and America go on the run through the multiverse in hopes of finding a way to stop the Scarlet Witch from destroying everything they know.

Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore

With the wizarding world in upheaval, evil wizard Gellert Grindelwald (Mads Mikkelsen) plans to seize control and start a war with muggles by stealing the power to see the future. With the help of Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), muggle Jacob (Dan Fogler) and a team of fearless wizards, Albus Dumbledore (Jude Law) hatches a plan to stop Grindelwald- except Grindelwald knows every step they'll take.

Tough Turkey: Truck thief busted hiding in turkey coop

BRANDON — Local police began their week On Aug. 8 with the report of an untimely death on McConnel Road. Upon further investigation, officers determined that the deceased was under hospice care and further investigation was unnecessary.

Later in the day, police received a call from a concerned mother who believed her child was reacting to a bee sting. Brandon Rescue personnel gave the child a preliminary exam, and the child was not found to be in distress. Rescue recommended that the mother take her child to its primary care provider.

A resident on Maple Street called On Aug. 9 to report an alarm at her neighbor's house. The responding officer determined that the source of the alarm was a malfunctioning smoke detector since there was no sign of smoke or fire inside or outside of the residence. The caller let the officer know that she had called the homeowner and would keep an eye on the house until the owner got home from work.

Shortly after the alarm call, police got a call from a Furnace Road resident unable to locate her two-year-old child. The responding officer found the young girl napping underneath the blankets on her parent's bed, safe and sound.

Nicholas D. Pecor (19) of Brandon was arrested On Aug. 10 for criminal driving with a suspended license and negligent operation following a motor vehicle complaint on Wood Lane. Pecor was released on a

Brandon Police Report

citation to appear in Rutland Superior Court Criminal Division on Oct. 10 at 11 a.m.

Police received a report of suspicious activity on Mulcahy Drive later in the day. Occupants of a red dodge truck were reported to have exited the vehicle and shined flashlights in a resident's apartment. The vehicle had left by the time officers arrived.

A concerned citizen called On Aug. 11 to report a possible untimely death at a residence on Mulcahy Dr. The property manager was concerned when an elderly tenant did not come out to take his scheduled shuttle bus for the day and was unable to raise him inside of his apartment. The responding officer entered the apartment and located the male, who was hard of hearing and had been sleeping.

Brandon Police recovered a stolen pick-up truck later that morning at a residence on Conway Terrace. The truck had been stolen in Rutland City the day prior. The suspect fled out the back of the house upon police arrival and hid in a turkey coop behind the home. The officer located the suspect and detained him. The vehicle was later towed from the scene and impounded. The suspect was released pending further investigation into the theft by the

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE



LEO July 23-Aug. 23

It is alright to have some doubts when you are trying something new, Leo. Just don't let those doubts get the better of you and derail your plans.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, a public gathering in the near future may attract several people, including some you are interested in meeting. Take the first step and introduce yourself.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, this week you are likely to feel refreshed and energized. This may pave the way to some new ideas, including a change of scenery or even a new job.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, at this point in your life, it is important to go with the flow and learn from others with an easygoing approach. Take time to exhale and unwind.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you have long been practical and sensible with your finances. But this week you may be lured by a flashy purchase. If it is in the budget, then let loose.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Clear your mind of cobwebs and any other errant thoughts, Capricorn. Right now you need to relax and unwind for a bit, and you'll feel better after a few days of recharging.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, after many months of asking yourself where you want your life to go, this week you finally have a plan of action to put in motion. Enjoy the ride.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

Be extra patient and affectionate towards all of your loved ones this week, Pisces. Someone close to you will need your help.



FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 18 Roberto Clemente, baseball player (d)
- Aug. 19 Coco Chanel, fashion designer (d)
- Aug. 20 Robert Plant, singer (74)
- Aug. 21 Count Basie, composer, musician (d)
- Aug. 22 Kristen Wiig, actress, comedian (49)
- Aug. 23 Jeremy Lin, basketball player (34)
- Aug. 24 Ava Duvernay, filmmaker (50)

ARIES March 21-April 20

Aries, take a step back and allow people some room to figure things out. Your offers to help are appreciated and will be accepted in due time.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Taurus, others appreciate your authenticity. Stay true to yourself and you will have no regrets. Encourage others to do the same when they seek your input.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Gemini, this week is a good opportunity for some serious introspection. Put yourself in other people's shoes before you render an opinion.

CANCER June 22-July 22

An important decision is looming, Cancer. Take some time to look inward as your try to decide the best path to take. Don't hesitate to seek input from people you trust.

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Police report

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Rutland City Police Department.

In other activities, police:

On Aug. 8

- Conducted routine business checks at Mallory's Auto on Forest Dale Road and a residence on Fox Road.
- Responded to a report of suspicious knocking at a residence on Severy Farm Road. Officers checked the residence but found nothing suspicious.
- Conducted an untimely death investigation on McConnell Road.
- Assisted the Shelburne Police Department in an attempt to locate and serve a citation upon an individual allegedly at Fox Road in Brandon. The individual was not found to be residing at that address.
- Responded to a hold-up alarm activation at Neshobe Family Health on Court Drive. Officers determined it was a false alarm.
- Responded to a minor motor vehicle crash at Estabrook Field in which a tractor-trailer unit knocked over some street signs while backing up.
- Notified the town highway department of a tree down on McConnell Road.
- Assisted a mother whose child had been stung by a bee.

On Aug. 9

- Made routine business checks at Mallory's Auto on Forest Dale Road, Walgreens on Union Street, Hawk Hill Bait and Tackle on Franklin Street, and 802 Spirits in Conant Square.
- Responded to a report of a home alarm on Maple St.
- Responded to a report of a two-year-old child that had gone missing from a Furnace Road home for approximately a half-an-hour. The child was eventually found napping under a pile of blankets.
- Conducted directed traffic enforcement in the area of Ella Dean Road and Union Street.
- Responded to a Burglary alarm activation at Heritage Family Credit Union on West Seminary Street. The building was checked and appeared secure.
- Made traffic stops on Grove Street. One warning was issued for speeding. Another vehicle was stopped for defective equipment, and the driver received a ticket for driving an uninsured vehicle and a warning about the defective equipment.

On Aug. 10

- Took fingerprints for school employment.
- Removed discarded needles and syringes from a property on Furnace Road following a complaint.
- Received a 911 hang-up at Jiffy Mart on Grove Street. The responding officer determined that the call was an accidental dial and that there was no emergency at that location.
- Made a welfare check on Marble Street for a subject that had missed a meeting, which was out of character for the individual.
- Arrested Nicholas D. Pecor (19) of Brandon for criminal driving with a suspended license and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.
- Received a report of a stolen vehicle out of Rutland City allegedly being driven to an address in Brandon. The operator was later reported to have left the residence and was headed back toward Rutland City. The vehicle was not located in Brandon.
- Responded to a report of suspicious activity from a red Dodge truck on Mulcahy Drive.

On Aug. 11

- Made routine business checks conducted at Jiffy Mart on Grove Street, Union Street Grocery on Union Street, and a private residence on Pearl Street.
- Responded to a report of a possible verbal domestic dispute at a residence on Grove Street. The responding officer determined that the issue causing the argument was concerning a civil property issue, and both subjects were advised to seek remedy in civil court.
- Took fingerprints for school employment, school volunteering, and a nursing school student.
- Responded to an apartment on Mulcahy Drive for possible untimely death.
- Conducted a meeting with a concerned resident of Franklin Street regarding issues with a nearby neighbor.
- Recovered a stolen pick-up truck at a residence on Conway Terrace that had been stolen in Rutland City the day prior.
- Assisted Vermont State Police in serving multiple court orders for a subject that resides in the Town of Leicester. Contact was made with the subject, and it was arranged that he would come down to the Brandon Police Department to be served.

- Received information regarding a dispute on Park Street.
- Responded to a report of a newer model red Toyota Tacoma operating at a high rate of speed traveling on Route 7 to the Brandon/Pittsford border. Officers attempted to locate the vehicle, but it was not found.
- Conducted directed speed enforcement on Franklin Street. No operators stopped. All vehicles were observed traveling at reasonable speeds in the area.
- Conducted speed enforcement on McConnell Road. Two operators were stopped, and one ticket was issued to an operator for a local speed limit violation.
- Made traffic stops on McConnell Road for speeding, issuing one warning and one ticket; on Park Street for failure to display a license plate, and on Champlain Street for a stop sign violation where a warning was issued.
- Made a traffic stop on Grove Street for speeding. Tickets were issued to the operator for speeding, unregistered motor vehicle, and an uninsured motor vehicle. Warnings were issued for not having possession of a driver's license and defective equipment. The vehicle was towed from the scene as it was both unregistered and uninsured.

On Aug. 12

- Assisted with a landlord/tenant dispute on North Street. An underage diversion ticket was issued for a 20-year-old subject drinking at the residence, causing a disturbance.
- Investigated the untimely death of a two-month-old infant at a residence on Franklin Street. The investigation is ongoing.
- Responded to a report of a former tenant that had just been evicted from an apartment building in Conant Square hanging out in front of the residence in his car, acting suspiciously. The subject was gone prior to the responding officer's arrival.
- Arrested Shane M. Bartshe, 30, of Brandon, for disorderly conduct after he was found sitting in a lounge chair in the middle of the road disrupting vehicular traffic in front of his residence on Franklin Street.
- Responded to a motorcycle accident on Vermont Route 73 on the Sudbury border. The operator received injuries, and the motorcycle was totaled.

- Responded to a report of suspicious activity on Forest Dale Road concerning some individuals walking in the middle of the roadway. Upon further investigation, it was found that the individuals in question were a male and female waiting to be picked up by a friend.

On Aug. 13

- Investigated an alarm at Neshobe Elementary School on Neshobe Circle. The alarm was determined to be accidental by an employee doing some work at the school.

On Aug. 14

- Received a report of some-

one yelling for help from a second-story window in the alleyway between Li's Chinese Restaurant and the Neshobe Cafe on Park Street. The investigating officer contacted the resident of the apartment where the yelling was coming from and determined that there was no emergency and that it was most likely just children yelling from inside the residence.

- Conducted drone deployment training at the Brandon Police Station.
- Assisted a resident in removing a large quantity of needles found outside in a container on his property on Furnace Road.

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Examining the good and the bad of the Inflation Reduction Act

BY SEN. BERNIE SANDERS

Dear Fellow Vermonter,
As you may know, the Senate passed a reconciliation bill on Sunday called the "Inflation Reduction Act." The vote was 51-50. I voted for it.

Let me be honest with you in saying that I have very ambivalent feelings about this legislation. This bill was a chance to do big things. It did very modest things. It was a chance to stand up boldly for the working families of our country who, today, are struggling hard to keep their heads above water. Sadly, it didn't do that.

In my view, after weighing the pluses and the minuses of the bill, the pluses won out and I voted for it. But let's be clear. This is only the beginning. We still have a long way to go to create the kind of economic, social, racial, and environmental justice the people of our country deserve. And that

is not going to happen unless we fight for it. And that's exactly what I intend to do.

As you may know, a reconciliation bill is one of the few opportunities we have in the Senate to pass major legislation with 50 votes, not the usual 60. It is unfortunate, therefore, that not one of the 50 Republicans in the Senate was prepared to come forward and support a bill which would have addressed the many serious problems facing struggling working families.

That meant that we needed all 50 Democrats in the Senate to stand together if we were going to address the major crises facing our country.

That's not what happened. Two corporate Democrats, both of whom receive huge amounts of campaign contributions from powerful special interests, prevented that from happening.

The result is that this bill does

nothing to reform our dysfunctional, wasteful and cruel health care system. It does nothing to address the massive levels of income and wealth inequality and concentration of ownership that we are currently experiencing.

It does nothing to raise the starvation minimum wage or make it easier for workers to join unions. It does nothing to build the millions of units of affordable housing we need. It does nothing to address the crisis of childhood poverty and a totally inadequate childcare system.

It does nothing to address the home health care crisis facing our seniors and people with disabilities. It does nothing to expand Medicare to cover dental, hearing, and vision care. It does nothing to make it easier for young Americans to get a higher education, or pay off their student debt. It does nothing to move us forward toward immigration reform

or voting rights reform.

So, what does this bill do? Why did I vote for it?

This legislation makes major investments in clean energy and energy efficiency. At a time when we face the existential crisis of climate change, the most significant part of this bill is an unprecedented \$300 billion investment in clean energy, including a \$7 billion solar roof top proposal that I introduced. This bill could help increase U.S. solar energy by 500% and more than double wind energy by 2035. That is no small thing.

But here is the very negative aspect of this bill which I tried, unsuccessfully, to correct. Unbelievably, at a time when we are trying to cut carbon emissions, this bill provides massive giveaways to the fossil fuel industry. Under this legislation, up to 60 million acres of public waters and up to 2 million acres of public lands must be offered up for sale each and every year to the oil and gas industry before the federal government could approve any new wind or solar projects.

And that's not all. The fossil fuel industry will benefit from a side deal that would approve the \$6.6 billion Mountain Valley Pipeline – a fracked gas pipeline that would span 303 miles from West Virginia to Virginia, and potentially on to North Carolina. This is a pipeline that would generate emissions equivalent to that released by 37 coal plants or by over 27 million cars every year and is vigorously opposed by the environmental community. It is beyond comprehension that these anti-environmental provisions are in the bill.

As you may know, I have been one of the leaders in Congress in taking on the greed of the pharmaceutical industry which charges us, by far, the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs. This bill takes a small step forward in doing something that many of us

have demanded for years.

The good news is that it will allow Medicare to negotiate the outrageously high prices of prescription drugs and lower drug costs. The bad news is that these negotiations won't go into effect until 2026 and they will begin with only 10 drugs. Further, this bill will cap the out-of-pocket costs seniors pay for prescription drugs at no more than \$2,000 a year. That is the good news.

The bad news is that this provision won't go into effect until 2025. Under this bill we will continue paying, by far, the highest prices in the world for our medicines for the indefinite future. It is unfortunate that the Senate did not go further in lowering drug prices.

In terms of tax policy, this bill begins the work of making the wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share in taxes by imposing a 15% minimum tax on corporations.

In America today, large corporations like AT&T, Nike and Federal Express are able to make billions in profits and pay nothing in federal income taxes. This bill begins to end that absurdity.

Further, this legislation gives the IRS the resources they need to audit wealthy tax cheats who are avoiding over \$160 billion in taxes each and every year and will also help ordinary, working people get their tax returns faster.

Bottom line—this is a modest bill that does some good things, but goes nowhere far enough. It also contains some very bad provisions that will benefit fossil fuel companies like BP and Shell.

At a time of massive income and wealth inequality, when the people on top are doing phenomenally well while working families are struggling, we should have done much more. The struggle continues.

*Sincerely,
Bernie*

Federal Inflation Reduction Act will reduce health care costs for many Vermonters

MONTPELIER — Governor Phil Scott announced Monday, August 15, that the federal Inflation Reduction Act will help mitigate rising health care costs for many Vermonters, particularly those on Medicare and who buy health plans on Vermont's health insurance marketplace. The Act is expected to be signed into federal law by the President this week.

"The pandemic and inflation have both stressed the health care system and increased the costs of care," said Governor Scott. "While this federal legislation will help us fight back against these rising costs, my Administration is also committed to working with the Legislature and health care providers to stabilize the system, make cost increases affordable and sustainable, and reduce the percentage of Vermonters' income spent on health care so they can get ahead."

The Act also includes key initiatives to control rising prescription drug costs, which will cap out-of-pocket costs for Vermonters. Starting in 2025, Vermonters who are on Medicare—

including most of Vermont's senior citizens over the age of 65—will not pay more than \$2,000 per year for prescription drugs. Beginning in 2023, they will not pay more than \$35 per month for insulin, a medication used to treat diabetes.

In addition, Vermonters covered by Medicare or Medicaid can receive all recommended adult vaccines for free beginning next year.

"This federal legislation will help seniors afford the prescriptions vital to their health and well-being and will increase subsidies for Vermonters of all ages who buy insurance plans through Vermont's health insurance marketplace. This should offset most of the recently announced premium increases, which will help stabilize our health care system," added Governor Scott.

Young adults are traditionally the most likely to be uninsured, often due to their risk tolerance and insurance costs. The Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey estimates the number of uninsured Vermonters aged 25-34 fell 10% from fall of 2018 to fall of 2021, resulting, in part, from additional federal dollars reducing the cost of insurance for Vermonters. The Act extends these federal dollars to help eligible Vermonters pay for health insurance premiums through 2025.

Subsidies currently help about 23,550 Vermonters who purchase insurance through Vermont's health insurance marketplace, Vermont Health Connect. Vermonters saved nearly triple the national average through premium assistance, according to a September 2021 report by the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight. Vermonters who enrolled in the first year that subsidies were available saw their premiums decrease by \$186 per month or 62%.

"We can be proud that Vermont has among the highest rates of insured

people in the nation," said Jenney Samuelson, secretary of the Vermont Agency of Human Services. "It is vital that Vermonters keep their health coverage while we work to stabilize our health care system, a top priority as we emerge from the pandemic."

"In partnership with other states, Vermont urged Congress to extend subsidies beyond their current planned expiration at the end of this year to help Vermonters continue to afford health insurance," said Andrea De La Bruere, commissioner of the Department of Vermont Health Access. "Affordable health premiums are a cornerstone of access to health care."

These subsidies have already infused more than \$30 million to lower health insurance premiums for Vermonters across a wide range of income levels. For example, an individual earning \$25,000 could have their entire premium subsidized. Families with higher incomes could see an 80% discount on their plan.

About the Inflation Reduction Act

The Inflation Reduction Act (H.R. 5376), passed by Congress and expected to be signed by President Biden this week, includes a series of measures aimed at reducing cost pressures on Americans, including prescription drug reform, health care subsidies, tax rebates, credits for energy costs, and more. For more details, visit www.congress.gov.

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Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region in search of nominations for the Board of Directors

RUTLAND COUNTY— The Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR), a not-for-profit board charged with championing economic development in its communities, is seeking engaged residents for appointment to its Board of Directors.

Residents interested in applying can find more information about CEDRR at www.rutland-vermont.com. The deadline for nominations is noon on Friday, September 2, 2022.

The CEDRR nomination process seeks to recruit residents of the Rutland region with lived experience and expertise to help achieve goals related to local economic drivers: business development, en-

trepreneurship, marketing and tourism, advanced education, community services, and arts and culture.

Nominations are completed in accordance with CEDRR's diversity statement, which supports diversity in all of its forms and recognizes that cultural diversity plays a key role in economic growth, as people from diverse backgrounds bring language skills, unique experiences, new ways of thinking, innovative ideas and creative solutions to difficult problems.

Consideration is given to various demographic and geographic representations within the greater Rutland Region.

The CEDRR Board meets on the second Tuesday of the

month at 8 a.m. for one hour. Appointments are three-year terms, allowing members the opportunity to sit on several committees focused on advancing the Rutland region as a great place to live, work, and play.

All Board of Director meetings are currently held virtually, with an evolving hybrid meeting approach for the future.

Rutland region residents interested in learning more about CEDRR's board responsibilities and membership, CEDRR's committees, and the work being undertaken, may reach out to Lyle Jepson via email at lyle@rutlandeconomy.com.

ABOUT CEDRR

CEDRR's mission is to create a regional economic climate conducive to business growth by recruiting talent and businesses of all kinds, growing and retaining employers while creating a bridge to community and cultural organizations which promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in Rutland County.

On October 1, 2020, Rutland Economic Development Corporation and Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce merged into one strong organization. A comprehensive committee structure comprised of Board and Rutland County-wide community members actively

set goals and benchmarks for success in regional marketing, public policy, business development, diversity-equity-inclusion, finance, real estate, and events.

Each committee supports the organization's mission. This includes support for the MINT, Rutland's Makerspace, development of the Hub CoWorks and associated Rutland's Tech Startup Incubator, oversight of a loan fund, advocacy for state policies and regulations, strategic marketing, diverse workforce growth, and business and community engagement opportunities.

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WATERBURY — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is offering a New Instructor Training Course for people interested in volunteering to teach Hunter Education in Vermont.

The training will take place Tuesday, August 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Parro's Gun Shop at 601 US-2, in Waterbury.

Policies and procedures, field techniques, and teaching methods will be covered to give instructors the tools to teach future hunters how to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Applicants must pass a background check with a Vermont State Game Warden and appren-

tice-teach with a chief instructor before receiving their full State of Vermont Hunter Education Instructor certification.

"Our hunter education instructors are all volunteers, donating their time to pass on a cherished Vermont tradition," said Hunter Education Training Coordinator Nathan Lafont. "The hours our instructors put in will leverage federal dollars that enable the Hunter Education Program to function."

Those planning to attend should send in a filled-out application package found at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/node/128> and register

for the training event online at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/184763>, or call the Hunter Education Office at 802-828-1193 before the course date.

"Additional instructor training courses will be offered in the future, and the instructor application can be filled out and submitted at any time," added Lafont.

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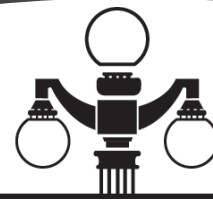
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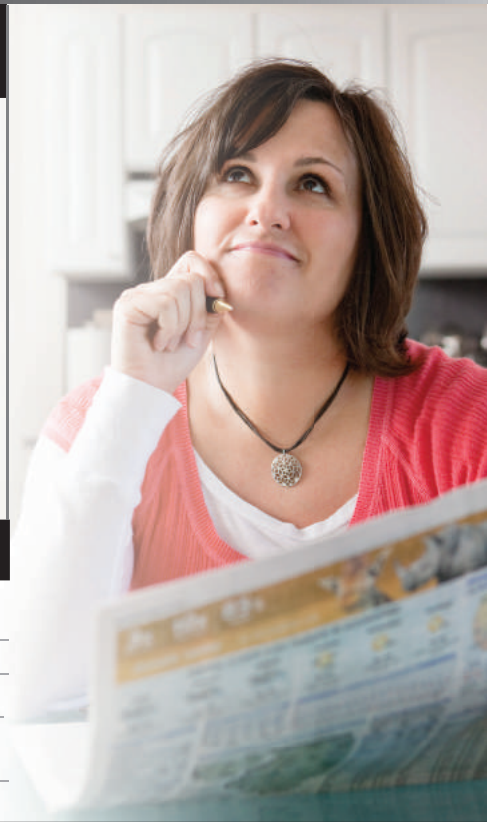
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