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Other Brandon favorites

The restaurant at 18 Center Street is called Patricia's, or is it Sully's?

The owner is Francis Rice, but everybody calls him Sully.

Sully bought Patricia's 24 years ago. Though the restaurant's name remains Patricia's, it's known by all as Sully's Place, explained manager Connie Bisette.

Steaks and fish are the most popular dishes at Sully's, Bisette said. Haddock almadine is one of the best-selling dinners. Like other dinner specials, it comes with cheese and crackers to start; a choice of starch; a choice of salad, soup or fruit, bread and butter.

"We have our regulars and we stay plenty busy," Bisette said. Customers come from Rutland, Middlebury and Brandon, she said. There is also "a nice older couple" from Sweden who comes every year, according to Bisette. "They're cool," she said. "They like to try a lot of the specials.

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The Neshobe River Winery operates a wine tasting room and brew store in downtown Brandon. Just outside the center of town, at 79 Stone Mill Dam Road, the winery makes brick oven pizzas from 4 to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Guests can eat the pizza inside or out; there is beer on tap and Neshobe River wine available.

The wine is made primarily from Neshobe's own grapes, according to Christine Foley, a native of Capetown, South Africa, who owns the business with her husband, Patrick Foley.

The couple met in South Africa and were engaged in Vermont, where Patrick Foley proposed to Christine in the vineyard, she said.

The winery produces two red wines, two whites and a rosé.

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