

Alburgh appoints Darby, Dunn to local school board

By MICHEAL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

ALBURGH – Alburgh’s school board added two new members this week, voting Monday to appoint a local farmer and professor, and a longtime village official to serve in school board positions vacated shortly after Town Meeting Day this year.



The Alburgh school board gathers Monday for a regular meeting at the town’s elementary school. Photo by Michael Frett.

The school board’s three remaining members unanimously agreed Monday to appoint Heather Darby and Cheryl Dunn to serve on the school board until Town Meeting Day next year, when both of their school board seats are scheduled to come before voters for reelection.

Darby is a celebrated agronomist and professor working with the University of Vermont’s extension program and a lifetime Alburgh resident and farmer. Dunn, meanwhile, was previously a member of Alburgh’s school board and currently serves as the official clerk and treasurer for the Village of Alburgh’s government after previously chairing the village’s board of trustees.

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Officials said they selected the two for what board members described as their “bureaucratic” skills, citing Dunn’s background in both school and municipal governance, and Darby’s work in developing programming through the University of Vermont and experiences with “numerous boards both local, regional and national” mentioned in her letter of interest for Alburgh’s school board.

“I’ve been on the board going on four years, but I have miles and miles to learn,” Whitney Maxham, the school board’s current chair and its only veteran member after recent turnover on the school board, said. “I really appreciate the experience coming from Cheryl as a previous board member and coming from Heather... sitting on many boards.”

Matthew LeFluer, an Alburgh native who has served on several state committees and task forces, had also applied for a position on the school board, noting in his letter that, as a person of color with learning differences, he would have offered more diversity to the board and helped plan “our next step together for equity, inclusion, diversity, transparency and acceptance.”



Cheryl Dunn, the Village of Alburgh’s current clerk and treasurer, was unanimously appointed Monday to serve on Alburgh’s school board. File photo by Michael Frett.

While board members ultimately opted to appoint Darby and Dunn, they praised LeFluer for offering what one school board member described as an “invaluable” perspective on the Alburgh community.

“Matthew LeFluer’s unique perspective into our community would be invaluable,” Luke Richter, one of the school board’s two recently elected members, said. “The only reason I’m going with who I’m going with is that we have to rebuild again, and I see folks who are very qualified with bureaucracy.”

Officially a five-person board, Alburgh’s school board has been operating with only three members since Town Meeting Day this past March, when two of the school board’s incumbents were replaced by Richter and fellow newcomer Jenn Fenn in competitive elections, and two other veteran school board members, Tara Bessette and Stacey Gould, subsequently resigned.

Both this year’s elections, and Bessette and Gould’s subsequent resignations had come at a time when the Alburgh school district’s relationship with the Grand Isle Supervisory Union had been frayed over a dispute relating to special education services overseen by the supervisory union for Alburgh’s local elementary and middle school.

Maxham, the Alburgh school board’s current chair, remains the only member of Alburgh’s school board serving during that dispute to continue with the board after this year’s local elections.

Alburgh school officials speaking during the school board’s meeting Monday celebrated the fact they had heard from more prospective candidates than there were seats available on the school board, heralding it as a sign of community interest in Alburgh’s school and as an example of the community wanting to “step up” after years of sparsely attended meetings and uncontested elections.



Heather Darby, a University of Vermont professor and local farmer, was appointed Monday to serve on Alburgh’s school board. File photo by Michael Frett.



Whitney Maxham, Alburgh’s school board chair, speaks during the board’s meeting earlier this week. Photo by Michael Frett.

“I would like to thank all three members for submitting a letter of interest,” Maxham said. “It’s encouraging to see that so many community members want to step up.”

Darby and Dunn are expected to serve at least until Town Meeting Day in 2025, when both Bessette and Gould’s terms were scheduled to end.

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Unpublicized meetings held to find nominations to replace veteran State Sen. Dick Mazza

By MIKE DONOGHUE
Islander Staff Writer

The executive boards of the Democratic party for both the town of Colchester and the county of Grand Isle conducted unpublicized meetings last week to produce names for a possible successor to longtime State Sen. Dick Mazza.

The private selection sessions were held before many of the constituents for Mazza, D-Grand Isle/Colchester knew he had resigned Monday, April 8 after 42 years at the statehouse, including 39 years as a state senator.

The list of six names proved to be interesting for both who was on as much as who was not included. There are only 3 or 4 weeks left as legislators are under the gun to adjourn.

The chairs of both Democratic committees, who presided over separate private meetings – Julie Hulburd for the town of Colchester and Dr. Deborah Lang for Grand Isle County – each had their names sent to Gov. Phil Scott for consideration to fill Mazza's seat.

Two Democratic State Representatives from Colchester – Sarah “Sarita” Austin, who covers Malletts Bay and Curt Taylor, who covers the village and Fort Ethan Allen areas – round out the three names sent from the town committee.

Joining Lang on the list of nominees from the Champlain Islands are Andy Julow, a former school board director from North Hero and Carol Tremble, a CPA and former South Hero selectboard member.

Hulburd told The Islander she believed there was not enough time to properly warn a public meeting for Democrats in Colchester to attend.

Hulburd said she has been town chair only since June and took her lead from the Vermont Democratic Party. She said the email from the Governor's office, which was sent at 1:46 p.m. Tuesday, asked the two chairs to provide names promptly.

Hulburd said she later met by Zoom with Colchester Vice Chair Bob Henneberger, Secretary Ruth Blauwiel and Treasurer Carol Anderson to approve the three nominations from the town. Hulburd emailed the names to the Governor on Thursday.

Lang said she received an email from the Governor's office on Tuesday afternoon and she held the meeting that evening with three other executive board members -- Vice Chair Josie Leavitt, Treasurer Carol Tremble and Secretary Mary Jane Wirsing – by Zoom.



Senator Dick Mazza, D-Grand Isle/Colchester served the State of Vermont for 42 years at the statehouse, including 39 years as a state senator.
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Lang said she thought she had been told she had 24 to 48 hours. She said she did not believe there was time for the traditional five-day warning notice for a meeting.

"We thought it was urgent," Lang said Monday.

In a return email to the Governor with the three Island names, Lang wrote the Grand Isle County Committee wants Scott to act quickly to fill the seat.

Lang wrote she believed there are some major decisions for the senate to consider before it goes home next month, including the annual budget, education funding and leadership.

Mazza's resignation letter was overshadowed by the total solar eclipse last week, Monday. Some local TV stations did not do a full story about his resignation until Tuesday or Wednesday newscasts. The Islander newspaper put the story out on its Facebook page on Monday, and the full story in its print edition landed on Thursday.

Many in the senate district of about 20,000 voters were unaware until mid-week about the Mazza vacancy. If people were interested at that time in seeking the public office, it was too late. By that time, the six names had been sent to the Governor's office.

Scott may be looking for a senator that is close to Mazza's middle of the road philosophy when it comes to spending and other key issues. As the legislature increases taxes and fees, Scott and Mazza – who are longtime friends from opposing parties – have repeatedly said Vermonters do not have bottomless pockets filled with cash.

The new senator will be expected to hit the ground running with little time left in the session and much to learn. Also, it is unclear if the new senator will get the two committee assignments that Mazza has held, or if some current senators might want those seats in a reorganization with weeks remaining.

The Senate Transportation Committee and the Institutions Committee are both considered prize appointments.

The Governor also may feel some pressure to appoint a woman since there are only 12 in the 30-seat senate and also pressure to appoint a candidate from the Champlain Islands as some residents believe the area is shorted at the legislature when it comes to reapportionment at the Statehouse.

If Scott appoints one of the two House members from Colchester seeking Mazza's seat, it will mean the appointment process would start over to fill that House post before adjournment.

It is unclear if the two Democratic committees were seeking candidates that are interested in running only to close out Mazza's term, which would end in January, or whether they wanted somebody that might get an early jump on running for a full two-year term in the November election.

Mazza, who resigned for health reasons, has said he will help in any way in getting the seat filled. Mazza, in the days before his formal announcement, had been speaking with close friends about who might be good in his district to fill his seat if he resigned.

The letter from Scott seeking nominations said Mazza had asked the Governor's office to seek separate lists from the two committees.

Scott's team was expected to begin interviews sometime this week with the six candidates once all the resumes and cover letters were received, an office spokesperson said Friday. The list will be whittled down and the governor will eventually interview the finalists.

The resume and cover letter for the last candidate was received late Sunday night, a spokesman for Scott said Monday morning.

The governor does not have to pick from the two lists submitted. Some previous governors have actually picked somebody not on the party list.

While it apparently was too late for many residents to express interest in the vacant seat to the local Democratic committee, there were some names that local residents were surprised were not on the list. Among them was former House Speaker Mitzi Johnson of South Hero, South Hero Selectboard Chair David Carter and Leavitt, D-Grand Isle/West Milton, the lone Democrat in the House from the islands.

Two of Leavitt's three Democratic colleagues serving in the House from Colchester had their names sent to the Governor's office. Lang said Leavitt indicated she wants to run this fall to retain her House seat.

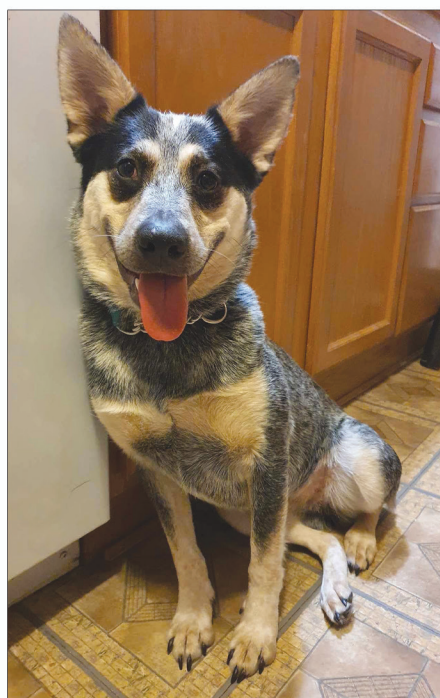
Also not included on the lists were either of Mazza's two adult children to serve out the final 3 or 4 weeks of the legislative session, but there may have been no interest. Governors have been known to appoint family members to fill various seats.

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Governor, lawmakers approve South Hero charter, establishing local room and meals tax

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO – Gov. Phil Scott announced Tuesday he had signed legislation creating South Hero’s town charter into law, officially establishing a charter for the Grand Isle County community and allowing it to enact a local options tax authorized by voters two years prior.

According to David Carter, the chair for South Hero’s selectboard, the town welcomed the news Tuesday, with officials noting the sometimes disappointing years’ long process to create a charter started after plans for a voter-approved local options tax were stonewalled by the town’s lack of a municipal charter.

“We’re finally getting a charter,” Carter told *The Islander* during a brief interview Tuesday. “I knew it was coming, but it was just a matter of going through the steps.”

Under Vermont law, municipal charters are documents essentially serving as a community’s local constitution, outlining the powers of a municipality’s government and its different governing bodies. Most communities in Vermont do not have a town charter and instead defer to state statutes relating to municipal government.

In early 2022, voters in South Hero authorized allowing the town to charge a 1% local options tax for meals and rooms, an attempt by South Hero officials to glean additional revenue from visitors to the Champlain Islands town. Funding from the tax, according to the article authorizing its creation, would support maintaining recreation and park facilities, and town structures.

As a community with at least ten venues for purchasing meals and alcohol, Carter said South Hero could readily benefit from a local options tax targeting rooms and meals. While questions remained about the exact revenue South Hero officials should expect from a local options tax, town officials have generally placed tentative revenue for the Champlain Islands town at around \$40,000.

“The objective here is to obtain some revenue from visitors who enjoy town facilities,” Carter told *The Islander*. “We’re very fortunately positioned, because we’re a tourist town.”

South Hero’s initial plans for a local options tax were ultimately sidelined, however, by state law requiring that communities, depending on their respective education tax rates in 1997, amend a municipal charter to enact a new tax. Without a charter, South Hero was unable to adopt its tax, and attempts to reform or exempt South Hero from those requirements eventually fell short during the legislature’s 2023 session.

Officials eventually drafted a town charter last summer, modeling South Hero’s new charter off the charters helping govern other Vermont municipalities.

Beyond language allowing the town to finally enact a local options tax, South Hero’s approved charter also officially allows the town to appoint a town administrator and listers, as well as hire an auditor, something Carter said officials had included in order to guarantee a certain professionalism with future audits and allowing the town greater flexibility when it came to staffing certain roles.

Voters approved adopting the proposed charter in August last year, and lawmakers finally approved the charter change this session after the Champlain Islands’ delegation – Reps. Michael Morgan (R – Milton) and Josie Leavitt (D – Grand Isle), and Sen. Dick Mazza (D – Colchester) – ushered legislation formalizing South Hero’s charter through the Vermont House of Representatives and Vermont Senate, respectively.

According to Carter,

Vermont’s tax department would have until July to formally enact the town’s local options tax and begin collecting revenue.

“We’re very fortunate the process has gone through,” Carter reflected Tuesday.

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South Hero school officials prep May election, thinning failed Town Meeting budget by \$150K

By MICHAEL FRETT
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SOUTH HERO – Education officials in South Hero have warned an election in early May for a revised school budget that, if approved, would see the town's school district working with \$150,000 less than what school officials had proposed on Town Meeting Day this year.

During the South Hero school board's most recent meeting, the town's school board agreed to warn a May 14 election for a \$5.2 million education budget funding the Folsom Education and Community Center, and affording tuition for South Hero students attending school outside of the islands.

The budget proposed by school officials for a May vote is \$150,000 less than what South Hero voters handily rejected on Town Meeting Day this year, a reduction the Folsom school's administration said last week would be covered through cutting an unstaffed math interventionist's position and opting against replacing another member of the school's support staff leaving at the end of the school year.

The district's proposed \$150,000 cut also incorporates around \$25,000 in reduced spending earmarked for the Grand Isle Supervisory Union, which had thinned its own supervisory union budget by around \$103,000 in late March after each of the Champlain Islands' school districts saw their respective budget proposals fail on Town Meeting Day.

The reduction proposed for South Hero's school, according to school officials, was comparable with those made for other Champlain Islands school districts facing elections over the coming weeks.

"I think we are well in line with our neighbors," Julie Pidgeon, an English and language arts teacher recently selected to serve as Folsom's next principal, said, "and being responsive with these cuts."

South Hero was one of nearly 30 communities in Vermont to see voters reject their respective school budgets amid an apparent backlash over an expected statewide surge in education taxes officials have attributed to side effects from recent education funding reforms, as well as challenges with inflation, school maintenance and the loss of federal funding awarded during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In South Hero's case, voters rejected the school's budget by a nearly two-to-one margin, with public explanations for those votes ranging from discomfort over climbing taxes to voters looking to "send a message to Montpelier" over recent reforms that shifted funding burdens to local schools and spurred an unintended statewide increase in education spending due to quirks in school funding reforms.

School officials pointed toward those wider margins in South Hero as a reason some spending cuts were needed for the Folsom Education and Community Center, arguing that their initial budget's defeat on



Julie Pidgeon, the incoming principal for the Folsom Education and Community Center, walks through the school's recent comprehensive needs assessment.

Photo by Michael Frett.

Town Meeting Day was too decisive to have resulted from "protest votes" alone.

"Even assuming there were some protest votes out there, and I know that there were, there's more to it than that," Bob Chutter, the school board's vice chair, said. "We have to do some work."

Like a number of school districts in the Champlain Valley, officials drafting a budget in South Hero wrestled with inflation and the loss of federal funding. Reforms in special education funding also required the district to raise more in taxes to afford the same mandated special education services the Folsom Education and Community Center had offered before.

With Folsom only educating children up through eighth grade, South Hero was also required to cover tuition costs for students attending high school outside of the Champlain Islands. Many of those schools receiving South Hero students similarly wrestled with budgeting challenges this year, increasing the amount South Hero needed to budget for tuition.

South Hero officials were also limited in how they could respond to rising school taxes.

Several features within their budget, including a staggering 16% increase statewide for health care premiums and climbing tuition rates charged by other Vermont school districts, were ultimately out of the school administration's hands, according to South Hero school officials. Some services offered through schools, like special education services, were also governed instead by state and federal law.

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Even more significant for South Hero was the common level of appraisal, a ratio comparing real estate sales to assessed property values used to determine local education taxes. For South Hero, a tight housing market had surged property prices well beyond their assessed values, sinking the community's common level of appraisal and, ultimately, spiking its taxes under Vermont's education tax formula.

"It's challenging for you all as a board," Michael Clark, the superintendent for Grand Isle County's schools, said. "We're not going to be in a spot where your taxes are going to be lower next year."

It remains unclear as to how much South Hero's education taxes would still climb following reductions made by the town's school board.

School officials speaking during the South Hero school board's meeting last week suggested the revised budget could see South Hero's expected education tax increase falling by as much as nine cents, but questions remained about what another variable used to determine education taxes in Vermont, the state-set "yield," might look like and how lawmakers might respond to this year's surging school taxes.



Bob Chutter, the vice chair of South Hero's school board, participates in a recent meeting at the Folsom Education and Community Center. Photo by Michael Frett.

an education budget are expected to default to an assumed budget worth 87% of the school district's last voter-approved budget until a new budget is eventually passed. For South Hero, that would amount to a roughly \$600,000 spending cut that, according to Folsom's administration, could be catastrophic for school operations.

"I can't imagine what that would be like," Clark told South Hero's school board last week, "and what decisions you'll have to make."

"If we were a private business with those financials, we would probably just say, 'I'm sorry, but the restaurant's closed,' but the reality of our business is that we don't close," Pidgeon said. "We are not a business that gets to cut back services because the state decides to send us less money."

While the district's proposed \$150,000 spending cut meant losing tentative support staff, officials said it avoided running afoul of any of South Hero's school board policies or state education standards.

The proposed reductions also allowed South Hero to avoid cutting a building-based substitute teacher officials viewed as essential for Folsom given the frequent absences facing Folsom's staff since the COVID-19 pandemic. The position was one school officials had suggested cutting due to the building-based substitute not being required under any explicit state mandates or school board policies.

According to a flyer shared by the Grand Isle Supervisory Union ahead of Town Meeting Day's elections in South Hero this year, there were 134 students currently enrolled in elementary and middle school at the Folsom Education and Community Center, and another 57 high schoolers from South Hero attending school in another community's school district.

Enrollment at the South Hero school was, according to local school officials, expected to remain relatively steady over the coming years.

Polls were scheduled to open at South Hero's town offices at 7 a.m. in the morning on May 14, and close that evening at 7 p.m., according to a warning approved by South Hero's school board. An informational meeting was scheduled for the Monday before the district's special election at the Folsom Education and Community Center.



South Hero school board members Rich Monterosso and Tim Maxham talk over the school's anticipated budget cuts during a recent school board meeting. Photo by Michael Frett.



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Milton voters again reject local school budget in special Tuesday election

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – Voters in the Town of Milton handily rejected their school district's latest funding proposal Tuesday, defeating a budget proposal totaling \$36.6 million to fund the Milton school district's two school campuses and its central offices.

According to preliminary results shared by election officials Tuesday evening, voters rejected the Milton school district's proposed budget by a nearly two-to-one margin, with 1,114 voters opposing the school district's funding proposal and only 635 voters supporting it.

Had it been approved, the district's proposed budget would have raised local education taxes by around 15 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value, an increase school officials attributed largely to the common level of appraisal, a ratio comparing real estate prices to assessed property values used to help determine local education taxes in Vermont.

Beyond complications with Milton's common level of appraisal, school officials also budgeted around challenges with inflation affecting everything from general goods and services to salaries and transportation services, as well as complications with a recent state law reforming how individual students were weighed when determining education taxes.

Voters initially rejected the Milton Town School District's first proposed budget on Town Meeting Day this year, voting 1,744 to 1,121 against local school officials' initial \$37.1 million spending plan. That initial spending plan would have increased Milton's

local education tax rate by around 18 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value, according to school officials.

The budget proposal defeated Tuesday saw that initial spending plan

thinned by around \$500,000, with one-time costs initially covered under Milton's school budget, like equipment purchases and a previously planned principal transition at Milton's high school, covered instead under a local education reserve fund created from a 2020 surplus with Milton voters' approval in 2021.

Milton school officials' proposed spending cuts had also incorporated plans to cut an unfilled nursing position not required under the state's education standards, thin around \$25,000 from the Milton school district's budget for special education services, and a reduction of around

\$140,000 from the school district's administration budget.



Election workers staff the sign-in table during a special election in Milton on Tuesday. Photo by Michael Frett.



Election workers reported a slow-but-steady turnout among Milton voters during Tuesday's special election. Photo by Michael Frett.



Polls for Tuesday's special election in Milton were housed in the town's library after a scheduling conflict meant the community room typically used for local elections was unavailable. Photo by Michael Frett.

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At around noon Tuesday, election officials reported a steady but slower turnout among Milton voters as they ushered locals from the entryway to Milton's municipal building through the town's public library toward a polling place installed in a community space near the library's rear.

By the middle of the day, around 800 voters – a little less than half of those who would ultimately turnout for Tuesday's election – had already cast their ballots.

"It's been a steady trickle," Kristin Beers,



Signs directed voters through Milton's library into a polling place near the library's rear during a special election organized for the town's school district Tuesday. Photo by Michael Frett.

Milton's town clerk, told *The Islander*. "It definitely isn't as flat out busy as Town Meeting Day was."

Milton was one of nearly 30 school communities to see their budget defeated on Town Meeting Day this year after state tax officials projected education taxes would

surge statewide. The town's school district remains one of several in Chittenden County without an approved budget, with voters in both Essex and Westford, and South Burlington similarly rejecting budget proposals earlier this month.

With its second budget proposal defeated, Milton school officials will need to prepare another budget proposal and warn another special school election later this year.

Without an approved budget, the district is allowed under state law to only use up to 87% of its last voter-approved budget to fund the next school year, an amount likely resulting in significant staffing and programming cuts for Milton's schools.



Milton voters handily rejected a revised education budget funding Milton's schools during a special election held Tuesday. Photo by Michael Frett.



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Take steps to prevent tick bites and the diseases they spread

Rate of illnesses from tick bites continues to rise in Vermont

By Ben Truman, VT Department of Health

WATERBURY, VT – As springlike temperatures set in and people enjoy more time outside, it's time to start checking for ticks and taking the simple steps to prevent tick bite illnesses. Ticks can be found throughout Vermont whenever temperatures are above freezing, with populations peaking during spring and fall.

Tick-borne diseases in Vermont are spread by the bite of infected black-legged ticks. Since they are active anytime temperatures are above freezing, health officials say people in Vermont can expect to encounter ticks during more times of the year.

Rates of tick bite illnesses in the state have continued to rise over time, with Lyme disease the most common. Cases of anaplasmosis and babesiosis have increased sharply over the last ten years, and in 2016, the first case in Vermont



of hard tick relapsing fever was reported.

Also of concern is Powassan virus disease, a rare but serious illness spread by ticks that is on the rise in the northeast region of the United States. Since 1999, there have been two confirmed cases of Powassan virus disease in Vermont residents – Windsor County in 2022, and Orange County in 2023. Most people infected do not get sick. But for those who do, the disease can be severe, including confusion, loss of coordination, difficulty speaking and seizures.

“We all love spending time outdoors in Vermont, whether in the garden, in the woods, or on the sports field,” said Dr. Natalie Kwit, the state’s public health veterinarian. “But ticks can be found throughout Vermont, so everyone should know how to prevent tick bites, and recognize symptoms of tick bite illnesses so you can call your health care provider as early as possible,” Dr. Kwit said.

Take these steps to prevent tick bites:

- Avoid where ticks live, such as wooded and brushy areas.
- Wear EPA-registered insect repellent, and protective clothing like pants and long-sleeved shirts. You can treat outdoor clothing, shoes and gear with 0.5% permethrin.
- Check your body, children, pets, clothing and gear for ticks soon after returning inside.
- Take a shower soon after being outdoors to wash away unattached ticks.
- Put clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks carried inside.
- Talk with your veterinarian about tick-prevention products for pets.

Symptoms of a tick bite illness may include fever, chills, rash, headache, joint pain, muscle aches, fatigue, or a rash. Call your doctor if you experience symptoms three to 30 days after a tick bite or spending time in a tick habitat, especially during the spring, summer and fall. Most people with tick bite illnesses fully recover after a short course of antibiotics, however, there are no vaccines to prevent or medicines that treat Powassan virus disease.

Get more information about ticks, the diseases they spread, safe removal, and how to protect yourself, at HealthVermont.gov/BeTickSmart.



Property Transfers

*Source Vermont Dept. of Taxes

March - April 2024

COLCHESTER

- Richard Bird transferred property at 420 Walden Rd to The Lee Langlois and Bonnie Langlois, \$153,000.
- Barbara Johnson transferred property at 296 White Cap Rd to Ryland Johnson & John P. Burke, \$113,333.33.
- Craig Johnson transferred property at 296 White Cap Rd to Ryland Johnson & John P. Burke, \$113,333.33.
- Marilyn Cattieu transferred property at 115 North Harbor Rd, 0.73 ac., to Karen Dorey & Kevin S. Riddell, \$N/A.
- Mary N. Mclane Revocable Trust transferred property at 107 Wall St., 1.01 ac., to Robert Mclane, \$N/A.
- Thomas & Ann G. Doubleday transferred property at 19 Village Commons, 0.42 ac., to Doubleday Family Trust, \$N/A.
- Robert Mclane transferred property at 107 Wall St., 1.01 ac., to Robert C. Mclane Revocable Trust & Robert Mclane, Trustee, \$N/A.

ISLE LA MOTTE

- Alma Patnode transferred property at 30 Nobles Hill Rd, 1.12 ac., to Dale Patnode, Randy A. Patnode, Lisa M. Meunier & Eric T. Patnode, \$N/A.

MILTON

- Scott & Shelley M. Goodwin transferred property at 28 Pep Pl., 6.95 ac., to Goodwin Family Trust, \$N/A.
- Michael & Carol T. Boivin transferred property at 133 Meadow Rd, 0.5 ac., to C & M Boivin Trust, \$N/A.
- Zachary & Deborah J. Schortmann transferred property at 24 Hughes Ct, 2.6 ac., to Sarah & Alexander Janouris, \$515,000.
- Peter Bull transferred property at 764 Lake Rd, 0.6 ac., to Peter Harold Bull Living Trust, \$N/A.
- Estate of June E. Carew transferred property at 30 Rita Way to Larissa Stride & Michael J. Borden, \$56,000.
- Kirk Little transferred property at 77 Bear Trap Rd, 0.46 ac., to Taylor & Kobe T. Mazza, \$364,000.

SWANTON

- John Vincelette Sr. transferred property at 25 Elm St., 0.9 ac., to John P. Vincelette, Sr. Revocable Trust & Vincelette, Sr. Life Estate, \$N/A.
- Jay Cummings transferred property at 79 Comstock Rd to Jennifer J. Cummings & Vermont Transco, LLC, \$800.
- Leo & Crystal Messier transferred property at 76 Ellsworth Dr. to Vermont Transco, LLC, \$1,440.

- Molly Hartman & Joshua Lontin transferred property at 6 Laroe St., 0.25 ac., to Taylor Root & Brittany Merchant, \$305,000.
- Anne Lamphere transferred property at 137 North River St. to State of VT Agency of Transportation, \$N/A.
- Sarah Rainville transferred property at 131 Sugar Maple Dr., 1 ac., to Steven Stryker, \$144,200.
- Amie Lloyd transferred property at 479 Lakewood Dr., 0.85 ac., to Julie L. & Kyle Swartz, \$280,000.
- Kenton & Sonja D. Cox transferred property at 32 Wheeler Round, 0.29 ac., to Tiffanie Bourdeau, Daniel S. Cox & Brent M. Cox, \$N/A.
- Orien Tulp transferred property at 34 Second St., 0.5 ac., to Carla Konyk Tulp, \$N/A.
- Maurice & Susan M. Gagne transferred property at Swanton, 0.57 ac., to Andrew Gagne & Ashley E. Collier, \$N/A.
- Mortgage Assets Management, LLC transferred property at 26 Church St., 0.1 ac., to Gary Gregoire, \$65,000.
- Estate of Brenda Lee Hall transferred property at 93 Hog Island, 0.71 ac., to Devlin Keogh, \$185,000.
- Dawn Thibault transferred property at 7 Broadway St., 0.28 ac., to Kevin Thibault, \$N/A.

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Teen-age suspect in NYC homicide caught in Franklin County; Person of interest in Burlington cases

By Mike Donoghue
Islander Staff Writer

ST. ALBANS – A Vermont judge ruled Tuesday that a teen-age gang-affiliated member will remain in a Vermont prison pending final efforts to have him removed to New York City to face charges of murder and robbery.

Christian A. Concepcion, 16, of the Bronx appeared in Vermont Superior Court in St. Albans on a fugitive from justice charge on both Monday and Tuesday. The U. S. Marshals Service in Vermont said Concepcion had been on the run since the fatal shooting of a smoke shop store clerk in the Bronx during an armed robbery in March 2023.

Concepcion is also a person of interest in two homicide-related investigations in Burlington last year, including a double homicide on Decatur Street near Intervale Avenue on Nov. 12, 2023, authorities said.

The usual chatty Burlington Police Chief Jon Murad was unavailable to media members throughout the weekend and into the business week despite multiple interview requests. It was unknown if BPD has made any progress on the two homicide-related cases from last year.

In the Enosburgh case, Burlington Police did say in court papers they seized a .45-caliber pistol with a loaded magazine at the home in Franklin County. The gun had been stolen during a burglary earlier in Colchester, Burlington Police said.

Colchester Police confirmed two firearms were reported stolen during a daytime burglary at a condominium on Hazelwood Place off Main Street in the village across from SSTA on Feb. 27.

Missing suspect

Authorities also confirmed that Concepcion's companion in Enosburgh when arrested has disappeared after posting \$200 bail for a charge of false information to law enforcement.

Jayden Miller, 19, from the Bronx, N.Y. failed to appear for his court arraignment Monday afternoon. Judge Alison S. Arms was limited to setting bail at \$200 again under the liberal bail laws passed by the Vermont legislature that prohibit setting amounts designed to ensure defendants show up for court for misdemeanor charges.

State police lodged Miller at the Northwest State Correctional Facility in St. Albans about 1 a.m. Saturday and he was released when somebody posted \$200 bail at 7:05 a.m., records show.

Miller, who has not been seen since, had provided Vermont State Police with a false name when initially detained, court records show. Concepcion and Miller had barricaded themselves inside 328 Howard Street, but they soon came out the back door and surrendered once they realized that about 50 to 60 federal, state, county and local police had encircled the home, police said. Miller is wanted in connection with a separate murder investigation in New York, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. Burlington Detective Sgt. Philip Tremblay reported he spoke to three regular residents at the Howard Road home. Matthew Greenan, 40, Christa Gibson, 53, and Lisa Edgerly-Trayah, 57, said the two Bronx teens had been staying there for only a few days.

Tremblay said the stolen firearm was found in the room the two teens had been using at the home, court records show.

Detention hearing

Judge Arms conducted a 25-minute court hearing Tuesday afternoon at the request of the defense on whether Concepcion should remain at the Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility -- an adult prison -- or some juvenile facility. By late Tuesday afternoon, Judge Arms issued three pages of legal findings on why Concepcion should remain at the Rutland prison.

Franklin County Deputy State's Attorney Andy Watts presented two witnesses showing Concepcion, who turns 17 next month, can be held in an adult prison in Vermont.

Tyler Allen of the Department for Children and Families testified the state of Vermont does not have a single secure facility to hold a 16-year-old facing an adult felony charge.

Lani Harrington of the Vermont Department of Corrections said Concepcion could remain housed in the "F Unit" at the Rutland prison where he would be without sight and sound of adult prisoners. She said he would have access to a phone and shower and a separate outside space for recreation. Food and medicine would be delivered to him, she said. Public Defender Mairead C. O'Reilly has said her client would not agree to a voluntary return to New York City. Arms noted Queens County had submitted a court petition demanding his appearance and that she would ask the clerk to schedule more hearings to keep the case moving forward.

The U.S. Marshals Service in Burlington arrested Concepcion in Franklin County on a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. He is wanted in connection with the fatal shooting of a store clerk at a smoke-shop known as "The Plug" in the Richmond Hills section of Queens, N.Y. in March 2023, records

show.

Daryus "Swaggy" Clarke, 20, was shot in the chest as three robbers ran out of the store with \$50 in THC and CBD products and \$100 in cash, officials said.

Clarke died at a local hospital. Six shots could be heard on security video. He was the oldest of four children for a mother who had gone back to college recently, news accounts noted.

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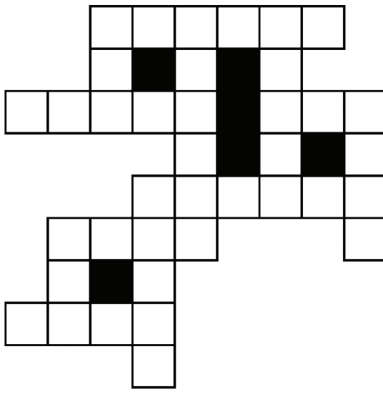
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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which dramatic film features the character "V"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Luzon belongs to which island nation?
- LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase for "before the war"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
- LITERATURE: Which 1950s novel includes the line, "Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road."?
- CHEMISTRY: What kind of gas makes a drink bubbly?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a mom named Debra Barone?
- MUSIC: What was the former name of the English band Muse?
- SCIENCE: What are the gaps between nerve cells called?
- THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Crucible"?

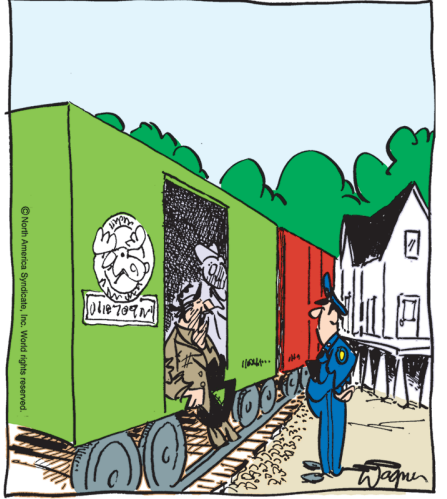
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- "V for Vendetta" (2005).
- The Philippines.
- Antebellum.
- California, with nine.
- "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac.
- Carbon dioxide.
- "Everybody Loves Raymond."
- Rocket Baby Dolls.
- Synapses.
- Arthur Miller.

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by Wagner



"Amtrak was full."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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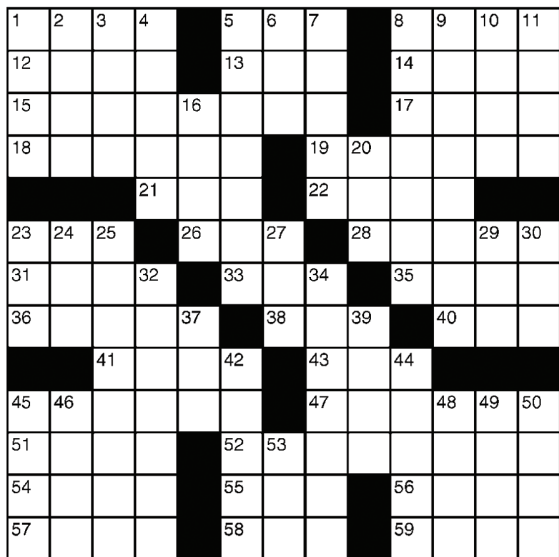
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- Curly strands
- Oklahoma tribe

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- "Right you —!"
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- Skater Lipinski
- Ellipse
- Word of warning
- Author Bagnold
- Bygone fliers
- Punk-rock subgenre

The Garden Bug

Groundcover plants provide dense soil cover, retard weed growth and prevent soil erosion. They can be woody or herbaceous, clumping or running, evergreen or deciduous. With many colors and textures to choose, they can define and unify a landscape, or soften hardscapes such as walks, steps and driveways. - Brenda Weaver

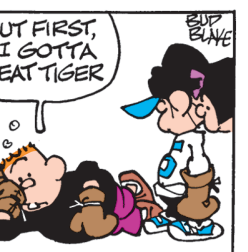
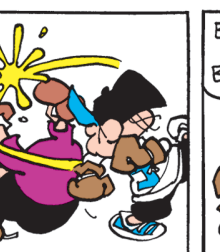
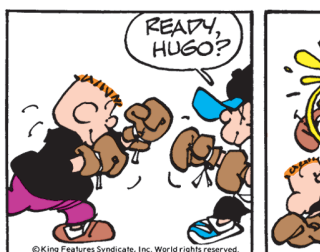
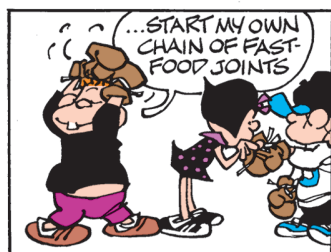
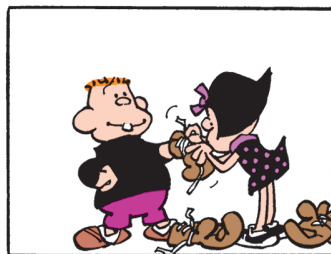
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LEGAL

Notices

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Alburgh is accepting bids for the mowing and basic landscaping of town properties for the 2024 season. Scope of Work: General Mowing of greenspaces; Basic landscaping (cleaning of branches / debris)

Submit proposals in writing to the Town Administrator (agoddard@alburghvt.org) Deadline submission: 04/22/24 at noon. Please include 1-, 2-, and 3-year bids, if desired. For a complete list of properties please contact the Town Administrator

ISLAND ARTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Island Arts is seeking qualified bidders to submit proposals for Roof, Insulation, Construction and Electrical enhancements to the Island Arts Center Homer Knight Barn. Project scope and RFP documents may be found on <https://tinyurl.com/IABid>. Interested bidders should send an email to projects@islandarts.org or phone Barn Committee Chair, Carmine Centrella 860-982-9326 or Island Arts, Katya Wilcox 802-372-8889.

Bid Questions are due no later than 5pm on Monday April 22, 2024. Intent to bid email notice is requested by 5pm on Monday April 25, 2024. Proposals are due no later than 5pm on Monday May 13, 2024. Project Build starts no earlier than September 3, 2024. Submit all proposals to projects@islandarts.org Project Location: 1127 US Rte 2, North Hero, VT 05474 www.islandarts.org

PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Eligibility Criteria for Temporary Housing Assistance.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24-E04

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families

CONCISE SUMMARY: This emergency rule maintains categorical eligibility for families with children under 18 years of age or who are 18 or 19 years of age and attending school as adopted under Secretary of State emergency rule filing number 23-E11. This rule also maintains the language in rule 2650.1 authorizing the Department to withhold payment from motels for lodging licensing violations, along with the updates to the basic needs standard chart in rule 2652.4 and the methodology for calculating the 30 percent income contribution in rule 2652.4.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Heidi Moreau, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families 280 State Drive, NOB 1 North, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-595-9639 Email: heidi.moreau@vermont.gov URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/laws-rules/current>

FOR COPIES: Amanda Beliveau, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families 280 State Drive, HC 1 South, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-241-0641 Email: amanda.beliveau@vermont.gov

Emergency Housing Transition Benefit.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24-E05

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families

CONCISE SUMMARY: Households eligible for the Emergency Housing Transition Benefit; the Department for Children and Families; motels/hotels serving General Assistance clients; and shelters and organizations serving unhoused populations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Heidi Moreau, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families 280 State Drive, NOB 1 North, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-595-9639 Email: heidi.moreau@vermont.gov URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/laws-rules/current>

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SOUTH HERO

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The South Hero Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing at their 7:00 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the Town Office, to act on the following:

Applicant & Landowner: Mark Frier
Hearing Type: Request for Setback Waiver
App. No.: 24-63-PI013

Proposed: Request for additional height within the lake setback.

Location: 13 Providence Island

Date of Notice: 4/18/24

This will be the first hearing of the evening.

*This hearing will be held in-person at the Town Office. There is a Zoom option: this is the sign-in: 833 3992 8027 – Use Passcode 838373

Participation by an interested person in this hearing, either through oral or written testimony, evidence, or a statement of concern related to the subject, is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal.

SOUTH HERO

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The South Hero Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing at their 7:00 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the Town Office, to act on the following:

Applicant & Landowner: Zeberiah Snow, Applicant; Alan Kinney Trust, Landowner
Hearing Type: Conditional Use/Site Plan Review for an Added Use

App. No.: 24-66-SS189

Proposed: Relocate Hero Haulers

Location: 189 South St.

Date of Notice: 4/18/24

This will be the second hearing of the evening.

*This hearing will be held in-person at the Town Office. There is a Zoom option: this is the sign-in: 833 3992 8027 – Use Passcode 838373

Participation by an interested person in this hearing, either through oral or written testimony, evidence, or a statement of concern related to the subject, is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal.

VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE HERBICIDE SPRAYING

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) has requested from the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, a permit to apply the following herbicides: Garlon 4 ULTRA, Garlon 3A, Oust Extra, Escort, Krenite S, Polaris, and Roundup Custom to control unwanted vegetation along all State highways. Operations are authorized to start approximately May 15th, 2024, but will not begin until the appropriate notification requirements are completed. The application will be made by certified pesticide applicators using mechanically controlled equipment and hand-controlled methods. The methods employed are intended to avoid or eliminate drift. Residents along the rights-of-way (ROW) are encouraged to protect sensitive environments or water supplies within 100 feet of the ROW limits, and to avoid entering the ROW as spray trucks pass and until products dry. Residents should notify VTrans of the existence of any water supplies within 100 feet of the State's ROW. Citizens wishing to inform VTrans are urged to contact the nearest District Transportation Administrator as follows: District 1 - Bennington - (802) 447-2790, District 2 - Dummerston - (802) 254-5011, District 3 - Mendon - (802) 786-5826. District 4 - White River Junction - (802) 295-8888, District 5 - Colchester - (802) 655-1580, District 6 - Berlin - (802)-917-2879, District 7 - St. Johnsbury - (802) 748-6670, District 8 - St. Albans - (802) 524-5926, District 9 - Derby - (802) 334-7934. The contact person at the State Highway Department Headquarters is Brandon Garretto, Vegetation Management Admin, 2178 Airport Rd, Dill Bldg Unit A, Barre, VT 05641 or brandon.garretto@vermont.gov. Contact can also be made using the VTrans Internet Web page at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/operations>.

The appropriate place to contact with comments other than VTrans is the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Agriculture Resource Management and Environmental Stewardship, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-2431. The link to their web page that would describe the VTrans herbicide application permit request can be found at www.VermontAgriculture.com.

NOTICE

REPUBLICAN TOWN CAUCUS

All Republican voters of the town/city of Milton, County of Chittenden, are hereby notified, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2303, to meet in caucus on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 at the Milton Library at 5 pm.

The Agenda for this Caucus is as follows:

- I. Election of Delegates to the State Presidential Convention to be held on May 18th
 - II. Regular Meeting of Milton GOP
- /s/ Wendy Wilton
Milton Party Town Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE

From April 22 – May 24

The Town of North Hero water distribution flushing.

The North Hero Water Department conducts a comprehensive water line flushing program throughout the Town. This process rapidly moves water through the Town's water piping system to scour the inside of the water lines. Flushing is a common practice to improve water quality and maintain the water distribution system. Minerals and other materials that accumulate in the lines are removed by flushing. This material is not harmful but can cause discolored water.

Customers may notice discolored water or a change in water pressure when flushing is conducted in their area. When flushing is taking place, we recommend that customers check to ensure their tap water is running clear before using it for drinking, cooking, or clothes washing. Customers who experience some coloring or sediment in their water should run the cold water faucet for a short time. This should clear up any discolored water.

If you have any questions, call the water plant at 372-6258 or email at watersystem@northherovt.com.

TOWN OF NORTH HERO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

A public hearing will be held at the North Hero Town Office and via ZOOM on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. to consider the following:

Application: 2024-18DRB
Request: Conditional Use Review
Owner/Applicant: Kimberly A Roberts
Location: 580 Bridge Road

Application: 2024-20DRB
Request: Setback Waiver
Owner/Applicant: Brian & Catherine McKenzie
Location: 26 Briarcliff Drive

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87050912315>
Passcode 201037

The above notices may not contain previously recessed or preliminary hearings and may be subject to change. For further information, any interested party may contact the North Hero town office. Any person wishing "party status" or wish to appeal a decision must attend and participate in the hearing.

SOUTH HERO TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL WARNING ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the South Hero Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the South Hero Town Office, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Polls open between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot of the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,221,316 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

Dated at South Hero, Vermont this 11th day of April, 2024.

- /s/ Whitney Doremus, Chair
- /s/ Tim Maxham
- /s/ Robert Chutter
- /s/ Richard Monterosso
- /s/ Kaight Althoff

*The South Hero School board will hold an informational meeting in-person (with a virtual option to be provided) on Monday, May 13 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded and Posted at South Hero, VT this 15th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST: /s/ Naomi King, Clerk

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2. Write Your Ad

(Instructions: 1 word per line. Towns and phone #'s are one word. Please Use Pen)

Total: _____ x _____ (# of weeks) = \$ _____

To Determine Which Rate Applies:
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Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- "Masonry in Early Vermont" at Ethan Allen Homestead Museum, 1 Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington; 2 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- SHLT's Earth Day Volunteer Work Party at South Hero Rec Park, 75 South Street South Hero; 3 p.m. Sign up at SHLT.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- Grand Isle County Food Systems Thank You Dinner at Snowfarm Vineyard & Winery, 190 W. Shore Road, South Hero; 5:30. p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- Park Spruce Up Day at Bombardier Park West, 15 Park Pl, Milton; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Information: miltonvt.gov/recregister

- Racing in Milton at Milton Public Library, 39 Bombardier Rd, Milton; 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Information: https://miltonlibraryvt.org/ or https://www.miltonvthistory.org/

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- Bingo at Alburgh Volunteer Fire Dept and Auxiliary, 60 Firehouse Road, Alburgh; Doors /kitchen open 5 p.m. Games begin 6 p.m.

View the Milton Police Log and
Grand Isle County Crime Watch at
www.TheIslanderNewspaper.com/features

Please email islander@vermontislander.com for information on listing events in the calendar section.

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Public risk 'low' as state health officials investigate measles exposure

By ISLANDER STAFF

WATERBURY – More than two dozen individuals participating in an international program are now quarantining in Vermont following a recent exposure to measles, health officials announced last week.

Health officials did not say where in Vermont those individuals had quarantined after arriving in the state, but affirmed in a news release that “the risk of transmission to members of the public [was] low” and that, at the time of their notice, none of those exposed had developed a confirmed case of measles.

Those individuals, including 18 kids and eight adults, were reportedly exposed to an unvaccinated individual with a confirmed case of measles during travel to the U.S. as a part of an international program. The health department said last week it was working with those exposed to obtain vaccination records and test for the measles virus and immunity.

“To protect patient confidentiality, the health department will not release individual personal health information,” the health department wrote in a statement. “The department will continue to provide important updates, as well as public health recommendations and guidance.”

A highly contagious respiratory disease capable of causing serious illness, measles can be identified by symptoms like a cough, runny nose and high fever, as well as a rash of red spots breaking out on the head and face before gradually spreading to the rest of the body. While there is no treatment for measles, the disease is almost entirely preventable through vaccination.

The number of confirmed measles cases identified in the U.S. has steadily increased in recent years after being virtually eliminated in the U.S., a trend public health officials have attributed to both increased exposure to measles outbreaks outside of the U.S. and an increased number of unvaccinated people living in the U.S. impacting community immunity.

Outbreaks of measles have also increased globally in recent years, according to public health officials.

The last confirmed case of measles in Vermont was reported in 2018.

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NORTH HERO NEWS

NEWS FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

By Corinn Julow, North Hero Town Clerk

WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT

The North Hero Water Department applied for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) in 2023. Notification was received just this week that North Hero will be receiving \$500,000 through Becca Balint's office for the water storage tank project. This is great news! This funding will be combined with grant awards from the State of Vermont and with another federal grant called Northern Borders Catalyst Program. In total, North Hero has been awarded \$2.3 million dollars for the water infrastructure improvements.

NORTH HERO WELCOMES NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Danielle Turin of Grand Isle is North Hero's new zoning administrator. North Hero contracts with Northwest Regional Planning Commission for zoning administration, development review board and planning commission clerk services. The contract is for approximately 17 hours a week of services and this time is allocated between meetings, site visits, and office hours.

Danielle will be holding zoning office hours on Wednesday and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. She may be reached at 802-372-6926 ext. 6 or dturin@northherovt.com. We encourage you to stop in and stay hi.

NORTH HERO SCHOOL BUDGET REVOTE

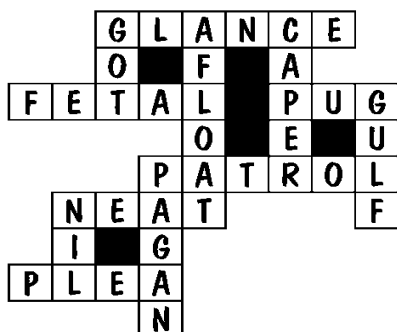
The Champlain Islands Unified Union School District (CIUUSD) has scheduled a revote for the school budget on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Voting for North Hero will be held at the Community Hall located at 3541 US Route 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ballots are required to be sent automatically to all voters that requested an absentee ballot, by mail or in person, in the March 5 local election. These absentee ballots were mailed on April 12, 2024. Ballots are available for absentee voting up until April 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Please contact the town office at info@northherovt.com or 802-372-6926 with questions about issued ballots or absentee voting.

The CIUUSD will hold an informational hearing on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the North Hero School at 6441 US Route 2. This meeting will also be accessible remotely and the information to join may be found at www.northherovt.com; click on the "Calendar of Board Meetings".

FEAR KNIGHT answer



King Crossword Answers

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