

South Hero approves school spending plan in Tuesday election

By MICHAEL FRETT
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SOUTH HERO – The South Hero school district will begin the next year with a voter approved budget after voters backed the district’s revised spending plan during a special election Tuesday.

According to results shared by the town’s clerk Naomi King, 374 South Hero voters backed the district’s proposed \$5.2 million spending plan, and 291 voters opposed it.

Tuesday’s vote means South Hero is the first school district in Grand Isle County to have voters approve a spending plan after a statewide backlash over climbing education taxes prompted voters in nearly 30 Vermont school districts to reject their respective school budgets on Town Meeting Day this year.

In South Hero’s case, voters rejected the district’s original \$5.4 million budget by a nearly two-to-one margin, a rejection school officials attributed to both “protest votes” over larger issues with climbing property taxes, to specific concerns with South Hero’s spending plan and its resulting tax impact.

In response to the decisive Town Meeting Day vote, South Hero school officials thinned around \$150,000 from their first proposal, an amount officials proposed covering through cutting funding for both a new math interventionist and a member of the school’s support staff resigning at the end of the school year.

The district’s proposed \$150,000 budget cut also included a roughly \$25,000 reduction created when the larger Grand Isle Supervisory Union trimmed its own budget after each of the Champlain Islands’ three school districts saw their respective education budgets defeated on Town Meeting Day this year.

Like a number of communities in Vermont, South Hero officials struggled with budgeting around both inflation and the loss of federal funding, as well as complications with reforms to Vermont’s education tax formula that inadvertently spurred greater school spending across the Green Mountain State.

In South Hero’s case, the district was also budgeting against reforms in special education funding requiring the district to spend more for the same level of special education services, as well as South Hero’s common level of appraisal, a ratio comparing property prices to their assessed values used to determine local education taxes in Vermont.

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By Allison Nowark

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By Dave Wales

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CIDER purchases property in South Hero for vehicle fleet, storage

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO – A local nonprofit organization dedicated to working with older islanders and people with disabilities announced earlier this month it had purchased several acres of land in South Hero for storing a growing vehicle fleet and other equipment.

Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources, a nonprofit better known by its acronym “CIDER,” announced last week it had purchased a small portion of property near the future Lavin Lane in South Hero to safely house its transit fleet and a storage facility for its accessibility programming.

According to CIDER’s director, Jordan Posner, the purchase had followed a years’ long process spurred over concerns about whether CIDER could guarantee safe parking for its fleet of around a dozen vehicles used to ferry older islanders and islanders with disabilities in and around Grand Isle County.

With its fleet currently spread between a parking area near South Hero’s Old White Meeting House and CIDER’s offices on Carter Lane, Posner said future plans for developing a park and potentially town offices near the meeting house meant CIDER might not be able to rely on its current parking plans, and other options, like parking near South Hero’s highway garage, risked damaging CIDER’s vehicles.

“We’ve always lived on borrowed spaces, and parking is becoming harder to find in South Hero,” Posner told *The Islander*. “The community has been very generous, but we need to protect our assets.”

The organization was also concerned about safely storing the handicap and accessibility equipment it loans to islanders, according to Posner, as well as housing for its ramps project, a growing volunteer-led program helping build accessibility ramps and other improvements for Grand Isle County homes that CIDER’s volunteers currently base out of a volunteer’s barn.

“We don’t want to overstay our welcome,” Posner said. “It’s not fair for a volunteer to run this program and also house it.”

The nonprofit’s current plans would see a covered parking area and storage facility built atop its corner of the “Lavin property,” a collection of vacant lots pinched between South Street and Route 2 across the street from CIDER’s headquarters on Carter Lane. A canopy sheltering the proposed parking area would be rigged with solar panels, allowing CIDER to generate electricity as its vehicle fleet gradually electrifies.



CIDER has purchased land on the “Lavin property” near South Hero’s village for storing the organization’s growing transit fleet and supplies. File photo by Michael Frett.



Jordan Posner, CIDER’s executive director, said the nonprofit had purchased a parcel on the “Lavin property” to house its vehicle fleet and potentially host other organizations. File photo by Michael Frett.

A rough timeline would see the nonprofit’s parking structure finished by the coming fall. By the end of 2025, CIDER hoped to finish building its planned storage facility.

There were also conversations ongoing about how else the nonprofit could use its property once its storage and parking facilities were finished.

Already, according to Posner, CIDER was communicating with several local nonprofits about what partnering on a community facility or senior center might look like, though Posner was quick to also add that those conversations were still mostly speculative.

“We need to really discuss it with interested parties,” Posner told *The Islander*. “We’d love some space to hold larger events with people, but it’ll fall into place depending on the community’s needs.”

CIDER’s Lavin Lane project comes as the organization continues to see demand for its programming rebound following a pandemic era lull. Some projects, includ-

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ing CIDER's ramp construction, are showing signs of growing even further, a trend the nonprofit's leaders expect to continue as Grand Isle County continues to age and as CIDER expands its presence in the county's more northern towns.

According to the Vermont Dept. of Health, Vermont's population is rapidly aging, with one in every three Vermonters expected to reach 60 years old or older by 2030.

Grand Isle County is also expected to age more quickly than much of the state. As of 2022, the county's median age was 48.6 years old, the second highest for a Vermont county and falling behind only Essex County in Vermont's sparsely populated Northeast Kingdom. Town plans from Alburgh to South Hero each suggest the islands' population will age noticeably over the coming decade.

CIDER's planned purchase of a Lavin property parcel had been at least a year in the making, according to Posner, with a deposit first offered for the property in early 2023. The parcel, a small property tucked a little behind the nearby Island Racing Vermont facility, was one of the smallest properties subdivided out of the Lavin property.

According to Posner, while CIDER was once again entertaining a major development project following its loud – and ultimately successful – advocacy for the Bayview Crossing senior housing project in South Hero, the organization was trying to be sensitive about overexpanding and drifting away from the grassroots origins that made CIDER so popular locally.

"We understand that maintaining who we are is important for the community," Posner said. "We don't want to betray that trust."

State police continue to investigate homicide-suicide at South Hero home

By Mike Donoghue
Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO – Authorities say they are continuing to investigate a reported homicide suicide on Kibbe Farm Road in South Hero last week.

John Lalumiere, 68, of South Hero, fired multiple shots into the head and torso of his nephew, Andrew "Drew" Lalumiere, 35, of South Hero, police said. John Lalumiere then turned the handgun and shot himself once in the head, police said.

The young man's death was ruled a homicide, while his uncle's death was ruled a suicide, police said.

The Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department responded to the dead-end road off U.S. 2 for the double shooting about 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

Uniform troopers from the Vermont State Police also responded. The VSP with its criminal division and extra resources was asked to take over the double death investigation.

Grand Isle County State's Attorney Doug DiSabito also was called to the scene to confer with investigators. He has ordered autopsies for the two bodies, which were found outside a residence.

The men lived in separate homes on the same property where the shooting happened.

The VSP's Major Crime Unit truck had arrived in South Hero by mid-afternoon. The Crime Scene Search Team also responded.

A command post was established at the South Hero Volunteer Fire Station off of U.S. 2.

South Hero Rescue and South Hero Volunteer Fire Department were initially requested at the scene, but were released, officials said.

State police urged anybody with information on the two deaths to call the St. Albans barracks at (802) 524-5993.

Upon completion of the investigation, VSP will submit the case to DiSabito for review.

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- The Golden Age of the Cigar Trade in Downtown Plattsburgh at Lake Forest Retirement Community, 8 Lake Forest Drive, Plattsburgh, NY; 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- The History of Railroads in Clinton County – Part 1 at Clinton County Historical Association Museum, 98 Ohio Ave., Plattsburgh, NY; 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- Pelot's Bird Walk, slow paced 2 mile walk, 1244 Pelots Point Rd., North Hero; 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. RSVP Terry Marron: tgmarron@comcast.net

TUESDAY, MAY 28

- Discovering the Town of Peru at Meadowbrook Healthcare, 154 Prospect Ave., Plattsburgh, NY; 2:30 p.m.

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SOUTH HERO SCHOOL BUDGET

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South Hero, like the rest of Grand Isle County, had seen its common level of appraisal shrink in recent years as a housing shortage and pandemic era real estate boom surged home prices well above their appraised values, resulting in an increase in local education taxes under Vermont's tax formula.

With Tuesday's vote, South Hero is the first district in Grand Isle County to have a revised budget approved by its respective voters.

Earlier this month, voters in Alburgh rejected their school district's updated spending plan, and in late April, voters in Grand Isle, Isle La Motte and North similarly defeated their unified school district's revised education budget for supporting schools in Grand Isle and North Hero.

South Hero's approved \$5.2 million budget supports both the town's elementary and middle school, as well as tuition for South Hero students attending classes in another school district.

Third annual Inclusion Festival draws hundreds to Bombardier Park

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – Milton's third annual Inclusion Festival was, according to local officials, a success this year, drawing hundreds to Bombardier Park this past weekend for free food and music intended to make Milton feel like a more inclusive town.

According to Don Turner, the town's manager and a volunteer at Milton's annual Inclusion Festivals, organizers behind the town-sponsored event hoped it could help Milton residents, particularly those who might have felt historically marginalized in Vermont, feel at home in the Chittenden County town.

"It's something we've been working on for a number of years," Turner told *The Islander*. "We want people to feel included in Milton."

This year likely brought somewhere between 300 and 350 attendees, according to Turner, an amount notably short of the 400 to 450 people who attended Mil-



Sister Speak plays for the crowd at Milton's third annual Inclusion Festival. Photo by Steve Lamonda.



Stuart Paton and his Taiko Drums entertains the crowd. Stuart put on a good show with audience participation. Photo by Steve Lamonda.

ton's inaugural festival two years prior but on par with attendance at the festival's second iteration one year ago.

Milton's annual Inclusion Festival was timed to coincide with the annual Vermont Inclusion Week

first declared by Gov. Phil Scott in 2021, a proclamation that was almost immediately followed by Milton's own declaration of inclusion approved by town officials several weeks later. Scott issued a similar proclamation declaring another Vermont Inclusion Week earlier this month.

While conversations around inclusion have proven difficult in the past for Milton and often



Win and Charlie from the new, Thai Kitchen, in Milton serving up delicious Thai food. Photo by Steve Lamonda.

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draw some level of local contention, Turner said the town was still committed to making Milton a more welcoming place for locals who might otherwise feel isolated or marginalized in the Chittenden County town.

“Making sure people feel welcome and included in Milton is important for all of us in the town’s offices,” Turner told *The Islander*, “but there’s no easy path for getting there.”

Milton officials were already looking to continue expanding the event when the Inclusion Festival returns next year, Turner told *The Islander*.



Members of St. Albans Pride Corp of Franklin Country had a information table set up Kurt Hersey and Scott Bushey.

Photo by Steve Lamonda.

Local child care centers, family orgs awarded funds for expanded programming

By ISLANDER STAFF

SOUTH HERO – According to a recent news release, several child care centers and family-oriented organizations operating in Northwest Vermont have been awarded funding for expanding child care and family programming in the region.

Building Bright Futures, a Williston-based nonprofit organization also serving as Vermont’s state advisory council for early childhood initiatives, announced last week it had awarded nearly \$1.6 million in state grant funding to projects supporting children and families in the Green Mountain State.

Both Turn to Joy, a Grand Isle County-based child care provider, and the Milton Family Community Center were expected to receive funding to expand programming in their respective communities, according to Building Bright Futures’ announcement last week.

“Thanks to these grants,” read the nonprofit’s announcement, “awardees in every region of Vermont will be able to pursue important and innovative projects.”

According to Building Bright Futures, Turn to Joy would use its awarded funds to afford the training, resources and consulting needed to create a Saturday morning playgroup to “encourage community building through accessible events open to all members of the community.”

The Milton Family Community Center, meanwhile, would use its awarded funds to hire a part-time staff member dedicated to family support programming like regular “parent cafes” and monthly workshops.

A partnership between Northwestern Counseling and Support Services, a St. Albans-based mental health agency working in Grand Isle County, and Washington County Mental Health Services also received funding to help organize training for additional doulas in Franklin, Grand Isle and Washington counties.

“It is well established that doula support results in better, safer, less expensive births, improved birth outcomes and increased infant health and maternal well-being,” read a Building Bright Futures summary. “Traditionally, doulas are available only to families who can afford to pay out-of-pocket.”

The partnership’s resulting program, according to Building Bright Futures, would offer a birth and postpartum doula training across the state “in an effort to grow the community doula workforce.”

The grant funding administered by Building Bright Futures came courtesy of the Vermont Early Childhood Fund, a grant initiative originally supported with private donations recently bolstered by federal funding awarded to Vermont to strengthen the state’s early child care system and improve access to early childhood and family services in the Green Mountain State.



The Milton Family Community Center was one of several local child care programs recently awarded funding under a Building Bright Futures program.

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Grand Isle School heralds inaugural 'bike bus'

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

GRAND ISLE – “Where is the bike thing?” asked a small girl from beneath a blue bicycle helmet. The would-be biker, mounted atop a small, red bicycle, was one of less than a dozen waiting near the Grand Isle Fire Station on Friday morning last week for the squad of cyclists expected from the far end of Hyde Road.

Around her, several older students, each of them ultimately bound for the Grand Isle School later that morning, raced around the fire station’s parking lot while a team of parents waited to usher their younger children aboard the school’s inaugural “bike bus.”

Nearby, Ashley Hanlon, the Grand Isle School’s principal, looked on with her cell-phone ready to video the “bike bus’s” pending arrival.

“I think we do a really nice job at finding activities where we can include a lot of kids,” Hanlon said as the first wave of bikes approached. “Doing things where kids can be active that are inclusive is important.”

“And it’s fun!” the principal added. “The kids have been talking about this all week.”

A “bike bus” generally refers to a group of cyclists biking together along a set route according to a set timetable, similar to how a bus might run. For “buses” with children, the group is typically led by an older “bus driver.” In Grand Isle’s case, Friday’s route was led by Daniel Foster, the school’s physical education teacher and one of the “bus’s” organizers.



Bikers queue up outside of the Grand Isle Fire Department as the local school’s inaugural “bike bus” races down Hyde Road. Photo by Michael Frett.



Led by the Grand Isle School’s physical education teacher Dan Foster, Grand Isle’s inaugural “bike bus” rolls past the local fire department on its way to school. Photo by Michael Frett.

Along the way were multiple “stops” where students could join the “bus” on their way to school, with younger students accompanied by their parents for most of the route.

The event was also a culmination for the Grand Isle School’s annual “Bike Week,” an event organized by Foster with support from Local Motion to introduce elementary school students to biking. As a part of that program, Local Motion also provided bikes and helmets for students wanting to participate in Friday’s bus who might not have been able to otherwise.

“It just all came together,” Foster told *The Islander*.

“It exceeded my wildest dreams,” Pearson agreed.

According to the two teachers, there were hopes the Grand Isle School could make its “bike bus” into a regular occurrence. Last Friday’s event was a good chance to “troubleshoot” how to best manage the “bus” moving forward, according to Pearson, and the warm response from students participating last week seemed to suggest students would be interested.

Hanlon, the school’s principal, was similarly excited about the inaugural “bus’s” success last week.

“Parents were so appreciative, and the kids were so excited,” she told *The Islander*. “It was such a fun way to start the day.”



A convoy of biking children and parents roll past the Grand Isle Fire Department during Friday’s inaugural “bike bus.” Photo by Michael Frett.

Vermont's Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 8

*Grand Isle Family Fishing Festival,
Bass Opener both on Free Fishing Day*

By Joshua Morse, VT Fish & Wildlife

MONTPELIER –Vermont's annual, statewide Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 8 this year, and it will be highlighted by a free family fishing festival in Grand Isle as well as opening day of the state's regular bass fishing season.

"Vermont's Free Fishing Day gives resident and nonresident anglers the opportunity to go fishing without a license for the day in Vermont lakes and streams," said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Christopher Herrick. "Free Fishing Day is a great opportunity for an experienced angler to be a mentor to friends who have not gone fishing before. A day on the water could lead to a lifetime of great experiences and healthy local food."

Free Fishing Day in Vermont also will be celebrated at the "Grand Isle Family Fishing Festival," to be held at the Ed Weed Fish Culture Station at 14 Bell Hill Road in Grand Isle. The festival will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Designed for young or novice anglers and families, this exciting event offers basic fishing instruction and the chance for kids to catch big trout in a hatchery pond. No prior fishing experience is needed, and Vermont Fish and Wildlife will be supplying fishing rods, reels and bait for use by participants.

Vermont's regular bass season also opens on June 8, marking the start of some of the hottest bass fishing action in the northeast. The season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November.

To learn more about fishing in Vermont or to purchase a fishing license, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.



Vermont's summer Free Fishing Day and the Grand Isle Family Fishing Festival will be on Saturday, June 8 this year. It's also opening day of Vermont's bass fishing season. VT Fish & Wildlife photo by Dan Lovell.

Turtles on the roadway need your help

*Drivers should be alert,
especially near ponds and wetlands*

By Joshua Morse, VT Fish & Wildlife

Vermont's turtles are on the move, and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking for the public's help in keeping them safe. Female turtles will soon be looking for places to lay their eggs, and they sometimes choose inconvenient or dangerous locations. For example, turtles often lay eggs in gravel parking lots and driveways and along road shoulders, which puts them at risk of being hit by motor vehicles.

"Turtles commonly cross roads as they move to nesting sites and summer foraging habitats," said Luke Groff, biologist for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. "Many turtles killed on roads are mature breeding females, so not only is the female taken from the population but so are her future offspring. Turtles grow slowly and females of some species may not reproduce until 10 or even 15 years old. So, for small, isolated populations, the loss of mature breeding females may have population-level effects."

Turtle nesting activity peaks between late May and mid-June, and drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles on the road – especially when driving near ponds, rivers and wetlands.

"Turtles are usually slow to move, so they have a tough time safely crossing roads. If you spot a turtle on the road, please consider helping it across but be sure you're in a safe spot to pull over and get out of your car. Human safety comes first," said Groff. "If you're going to move a turtle off the road, always move it in the direction it was traveling. They know where they're going."

Most turtles can be picked up and carried across the road. However, snapping turtles have long necks and a powerful bite, so people should be alert and know what the species looks like. If the turtle is large or if it lacks colorful lines, spots, or other markings, then it may be a snapper. Instead of picking up snappers with your hands, try lifting them with a shovel or pulling them across the road on cardboard or a car floor mat.



Fish & Wildlife photo by Dale Cockrell



CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

The following is in support of two candidates running for the new Selectboard positions in Isle La Motte.

I have a little experience in helping to manage Isle La Motte town affairs as I was on the Selectboard for some time (12 years/chair 12 years.) I, along with the folks who also have extensive experience and shared my time on the board (Rusty Spaulding 15 years / chair 4 years, Selby Turner 9 years and Art Larvey 3 years) have somewhere around 39 years of accumulated Selectboard experience. We have a good understanding of how the town affairs should be managed and what role the Selectboard has.

We are asking the voters in Isle La Motte to vote for Pat Treckman for the Selectboard 2 year term) and to write in Peter Brzozowy for the Selectboard 3 year term. We believe they will help bring the necessary conservative financial oversight and overall appropriate Selectboard role to town affairs.

We support them and ask that you vote for them on May 21, 2024.

Thank you for your time.
Steve Stata, Isle La Motte
Rusty Spaulding, Isle La Motte
Selby Turner, Isle La Motte
Art Larvey, Isle La Motte

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Chelsea Wing Sikora Memorial Award Give Wildlife a Voice Art Competition

GREENSBORO - the Vermont Wildlife Coalition (VWC) hosted an award ceremony at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro, Vermont on April 28. At the 3rd annual Give Wildlife a Voice Art Competition, awards were given to Vermont students from grades 7 through 12 to express and share their appreciation for Vermont wildlife through art. This award exists because of donations made to the VWC in Chelsea's name.

Chelsea passed away in a tragic car accident almost 2 years ago. She was 42, too young but old enough to leave behind a life-long trail of her artistic expressions including drawings and doodles of fish, frogs, feathers, fur and forest creatures. For the people who knew and loved Chelsea, this award helps keep her memory and love of art alive as well as encouraging young aspiring artists to pursue their talents.

This year's theme focused on winged wildlife and the exhibit was called "Winged Wonders" to the delight of Chelsea's parents, Kathy and Jeff Sikora, who for the second time were honored to present the Chelsea Wing Sikora Memorial Award to a deserving student. The award was presented to Finn Burgess, grade 10, for her beautiful depiction of a Cedar Waxwing.

Both of Finn's parents are artists, a glass blower and a potter. The full exhibit, including all the award winners, is on display at the Vermont State House in Montpelier. To view the student art submitted for this competition, go to <https://www.vtwildlifeeducationfund.org/>.



The Chelsea Wing Sikora Memorial Award

Fawns are arriving; Leave them alone urges F&W

By Joshua Morse, VT Fish & Wildlife

MONTPELIER - Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says deer fawns are being born this time of year and asks that people avoid disturbing or picking them up.

Most deer fawns are born in late May and the first and second weeks of June, according to Vermont deer biologist Nick Fortin.

Fortin says it is best to keep your distance because the fawn's mother is almost always nearby. When people see a small fawn alone, they often mistakenly assume it is helpless, lost or needing to be rescued.

Fawns do not attempt to evade predators during their first few weeks, instead relying on camouflage and stillness to remain undetected. During these times, fawns learn critical survival skills from their mothers. Bringing a fawn into a human environment

results in separation from its mother, and it usually results in a sad ending for the animal.

Fortin encourages people to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful, and he offered these tips:

- Deer nurse their young at different times during the day and often leave their young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.
- Deer normally will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.
- Deer fawns will imprint on humans and lose their natural fear of people, which can be essential to their survival.
- Keep domestic pets under control at all times. Dogs often will kill fawns and other young animals.



Fawns are being born now and should be left alone. Their mothers are almost always nearby, according to Vermont Fish and Wildlife. Photo courtesy of VT Fish & Wildlife.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont.

"It's in the best interest of Vermonters and the wildlife that live here, for all of us to maintain a respectful distance and help keep wildlife wild," added Fortin.

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Roxanne J. Auger-Thompson of Chazy, NY.

Roxanne J. Auger-Thompson of Chazy, NY achieved the highest GPA for their class year in the SUNY Canton Veterinary Technology program at the 2024 Frederick W. Saburro Honors Convocation.

Honor Societies Inductees

DEAN COLLEGE – FRANKLIN, MA

Julia Banacos of Milton.

Julia Banacos of Milton has been inducted into the following honor societies for their academic achievements: Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

Graduates

SUNY POTSDAM – POTSDAM, NY

Kevin Capito of Rouses Point, NY.

Milton volunteers help tidy up Civil War general's former abode



Volunteers Janet Richards, Terry Richards, Bill Kaigle, Kate Cadreact, and Lou Mossey from the Milton Historical Society's Stannard House Committee and the General Stannard Camp #2 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pose for a photo after helping tidy up Milton's Stannard Park. The park marks the site of the American Civil War general George Stannard's historic Milton home. Photo courtesy of Andrew Whipple.

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Vermont notes first possible decline in reported overdose deaths in years

By ISLANDER STAFF

BURLINGTON – For the first time since 2019, health officials in Vermont are reporting that the annual number of opioid-related overdose deaths in Vermont decreased in 2023.

The state's health department revealed last week that 231 Vermonters had died from an opioid-related overdose during 2023, marking a roughly 5% decline from the record 244 deaths attributed by state health officials to opioid overdoses in 2022.

"While the decrease is not statistically large, it is significant where it matters most," Dr. Mark Levine, Vermont's health commissioner, said in a statement. "Fewer families have lost a loved one to opioids."

Since 2019, when the state noted its first noticeable dip in the number of fatal overdoses reported annually after several of years of an increasingly deadly opioid epidemic, the number of Vermonters dying from fatal overdoses every year has steadily increased.

At least part of that increase had been attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had left many in Vermont isolated and their lives upturned by complications with the disease and its effects on Vermont's economy amid partial lockdowns and other measures intended to control the COVID-19's spread.

Reported opioid-related overdoses have also involved an increasingly toxic blend of drugs, a trend that, while still prominent in 2023, makes last year's decline even more remarkable.

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According to the health department, as many as 95% of the opioid-related deaths recorded in 2023 had involved fentanyl, a potent synthetic opioid often invoked by public health officials when discussing more recent trends around the deadliness of the opioid epidemic. Drug overdoses related to opioid use are also increasingly found involving cocaine, according to the health department's most recent report.

At least a third of the state's reported fatal overdoses also involved xylazine, a strong animal sedative unaffected by naloxone, the widely available nasal spray better known by its brand name "NARCAN" often used to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses.

Health officials attributed at least some of the decline in overdoses to prevention efforts and work to distribute naloxone and test strips for fentanyl around the state, a statement officials also checked last week by adding that the street drugs often responsible for fatal overdoses remained "extremely dangerous" even with the state's work around what health experts called "harm reduction."

"You simply can't know what's in a street drug," Levine said, "but we do know that they are extremely dangerous, and that the risk of a fatal overdose is very high and always present."

The state's health department remained committed to supporting more prevention and public outreach measures, according to Levine, as well as Vermont's "hub and spoke" model arraying several smaller satellite clinics capable of some programming- and medication-based addiction services around a central provider with a more robust suite of treatment programs.

Grand Isle County, one of the state's smallest by population, saw two people die due to an opioid-related overdose in 2023, according to the Vermont Dept. of Health's report.



*Source Vermont Dept. of Taxes

April 2024

ALBURGH

- Town of Alburgh transferred property at 128 Windmill Point Rd, 1.1 ac., to Claire & Mark Ancil, \$75,000.
- Ryan Savage transferred property at 40 Border Rd, 1 ac., to William, Ann & John Lyon, \$225,000.
- Timeline 0804, LLC transferred property at Lot 1 Terrapin Ln, 0.92 ac., to Investissement Libre Inc., \$68,000.
- Paddle Boat Properties, LLC transferred property at 72 Rocheleau Ln, 0.48 ac., to Daniel Mangan, \$305,300.
- Timeline 0804, LLC transferred property at Lot 5 Terrapin Ln, 1.48 ac., to Investissement Libre Inc., \$73,000.
- David Fosgate Jr. & Anne Marie Fosgate transferred property at 1506 Greenwoods Rd, 6.59 ac., to David Fosgate Jr., \$N/A.
- Roxanne Creller transferred property at 225 South Main St., 0.25 ac.,

to Robert Savage & Morgan Elwood, \$106,400.

- David Fosgate Jr. transferred property at 1506 Greenwoods Rd, 6.59 ac., to Caitlin Fosgate, \$N/A.
- David Fosgate Jr. transferred property at 8 Wood Ln, 0.5 ac., to Caitlin Fosgate, \$N/A.
- David Fosgate Jr. transferred property at 7 Wood Ln, 0.5 ac., to Caitlin Fosgate, \$N/A.
- David Fosgate Jr. transferred property at 1084 Vermont Route 78, 11.6 ac., to David Fosgate Jr. & Anne Marie Fosgate, \$N/A.
- Line Bistodeau transferred property at 16 Killdeer Dr., 0.86 ac., to Richard St-Pierre, \$N/A.

COLCHESTER

- Alfred Parrella & Deborah H. Billado transferred property at 95 Ridge Top Way to Billado Parrella Living Trust, \$N/A.
- Benjamin & Julie A. Olson transferred property at 558 West Lakeshore Dr., 0.29 ac., to 558 West Lakeshore Drive LLC, \$699,000.
- Gail Bibens transferred property at 713 West Lakeshore Dr., 1 ac., to The Gail Elizabeth Bibens Revocable Trust, \$N/A.
- James & Priscilla N. Cross transferred prop-

erty at 330 Oak Circle, 0.4 ac., to Damien & Elliott H. Cross, \$N/A.

- Rita Bushey transferred property at 2688 Mallets Bay Ave., 0.14 ac., to Karen Bushey, \$N/A.
- Michael & Jennifer L. Cronan and Leslie D. & Martha M. Ball transferred property at 41 Starboard Way to The Cronan and Ball Vermont Real Estate Trust, \$N/A.

GRAND ISLE

- Frank E. Bullis Irrevocable Trust transferred property at 138 US Route 2, 34 ac., to Dwight Bullis, \$N/A.
- James & Lindsey Berlinghoff transferred property at 19 Champlain Boulevard, 1.67 ac., to Judith Jacobson, \$175,000.
- Guy Southwell transferred property at 21 Star Rd, 0.28 ac., to Jason Manning, \$200,000.
- Frank E. Bullis Irrevocable Trust transferred property at 261 US Route 2, 100.1 ac., to Dwight Bullis, \$N/A.
- Frank E. Bullis Irrevocable Trust transferred property at 20 Lovers Ln, 32.66 ac., to Dwight Bullis, \$N/A.
- Frank E. Bullis Irrevocable Trust transferred property at 7 East Shore Road North, 203.34 ac., to Dwight Bullis, \$N/A.
- George Vinal transferred property at 401 Raewyn Ln, 2.66 ac., to George A. Vinal Revocable Trust, \$N/A.
- Frank E. Bullis Irrevocable Trust trans-

ferred property at 6 East Shore North, 1 ac., to Carolyn Bullis, \$N/A.

SOUTH HERO

- Robert & Ann Buermann transferred property at 21 Richards Rd, 82.86 ac., to Laura & Molly K. Buermann, \$N/A.
- Gardner Construction, Inc. transferred property at 0 Hill Rd, 1 ac., to Orchard Bay at South Hero Homeowners Association, \$N/A.
- Estate of Doris F. Clinton transferred property at 29 Crescent Bay Rd, 0.45 ac., to Jason Siebert, \$580,000.
- Gardner Construction, Inc. transferred property at 0 Hill Rd to Orchard Bay at South Hero Homeowners Association, \$N/A.
- Anthony Kay & Amy W. Kittiver-Kay transferred property at 14 Tourville Dr., 1.41 ac., to Lilliana Kay, \$N/A.
- Gardner Contracting transferred property at 49 Hill Rd, 1.88 ac., to Eric Hallman & Tiffany Machavern, \$727,000.
- Sherry Huffman transferred property at 4 Hill Rd, 0.33 ac., to Hilarie Mitchell, \$12,500.
- AIR Development LLC transferred property at 6 Nautical Circle to Brian & Anita Reak, \$165,000.

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- Decker Rental LLC transferred property at 2336 Highgate Rd, 1.57 ac., to Dolores Decker, \$N/A.



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Obituary

ELIJAH MITCHELL CAMERON

ST. ALBANS – Elijah Mitchell Cameron, a life-long resident of this area moved on to be with his Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ his Savior, following a motor vehicle accident Sunday May 5th, 2024. Elijah was 23 years old.



Elijah's family was blessed with his birth in St. Albans, Vermont on May 15th, 2000, where he fulfilled the hope and prayers of his mother, Elena (Langlois) Cameron, and his father Christopher Cameron.

Elijah was a 2018 graduate of Northeastern Clinton Senior High School. He directly entered the workforce in customer service-related positions, fulfilling his desire to help people. Elijah took his early work experience with the public and applied to Cellular Sales, where he had been working for just over two years. Elijah worked in several area Verizon Stores and most recently worked as a manager at the Verizon Store in St. Albans. Elijah loved to work with people and his Verizon Family.

Elijah grew up on both sides of the lake. He always considered Vermont his home, where he shared a St. Albans apartment with his closest childhood friends, Pat and Kobe. He was inquisitive and adventurous, always willing to try the next new thing. He had an amazing sense of humor and loved spreading laughter, and a little mischief. He grew up cherished and surrounded by his family. He brought purpose and passion to life, enjoying countless hours in the loving care of his Momma, Papa, Mimi, and big sister Chelsey. Elijah looked up to his big brother Ryan and loved spending time with him.

Elijah also shared a very special bond with his Uncle Colby who was like another father to him, serving as mentor, advisor, confident, and so much more. He loved spending time with his Dad, whether it was learning about carpentry, doing projects around their home, or simply roasting marshmallows during one of their many campfires.

The outdoors could almost contain his energy and he could often be found hanging from a tree or racing his beloved boxer Sadie around their land. Elijah learned the basics of hockey and downhill skiing at an early age. He pursued his love of the outdoors and the mountains, quickly mastering skiing and trading his skis for a snowboard as a pre-teen. He spent countless hours at the mountain and found joy riding with his friends.

During his elementary and high school years, he loved playing soccer and looked forward to one day coaching his own children on the field. Elijah loved children and was often the 'biggest kid' in the room. He was a loving big brother, uncle, and cousin to all the 'littles', always encouraging them to have fun, and occasionally teaching them the finer points of silliness. He enjoyed time with his little sister Caitlin, making sure she had a true sibling experience and plenty of teasing and fun, despite the seven years dif-

ference in their age.

During the warmer months he could be found loving life with family and friends on the golf course, and especially enjoyed his time and many life lesson moments with Ricky. Elijah thoroughly enjoyed all this beauty and fun that Lake Champlain has to offer, swimming, boating, fishing, and jet skiing with friends. Elijah spent some of his happiest childhood times with Derek, David, and the rest of his "Lake Family", the Lucas'. Elijah had a brilliant smile and charisma that lit up any room he entered. He adored his family and friends and was passionate about bringing joy and laughter to all those around him. Elijah's larger than life personality was only outsized by his heart.

When not working or having fun, he was likely helping a friend, a family member, a customer, or even the occasional stranger. While short, his life was full, and he never lost the beauty and simplicity of a child's heart. Elijah's family and friends are eternally grateful for the gift of his life, as well as the peace, love and joy that now surround him, they will desperately miss seeing his passion and joy of life here on earth.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving mother; Elena Cameron (Ricky Garrand) of Chazy, NY; his father, Christopher Cameron (Frances) of Grand Isle; his sisters; Caitlin Cameron of Chazy, Chelsey Clinebell (Shayne Clinebell), of Mooers Forks, NY; Bryanna Garrand (Kellen Louis) of Mooers Forks, NY; his brothers; Ryan Cameron of Colorado Springs, CO and Ethan Garrand of Altona, NY, as well as his maternal grandparents; Duane and Diane Langlois of St. Albans, VT, his Grammy Linda Garrand of Mooers, NY; his Aunt; Shari Langlois (Mike Ralbobsky) his Uncle; Colby Langlois (Lisa Langlois).

Elijah is also survived by several great Aunts, Great Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and his brothers by choice; Tristan Babcock, Kobe LaRoche, and Patrick Polniaszek, as well as many friends and associates.

In support of Elijah's love of children and giving to others, his family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-9959.

Elijah's family received family and friends Wednesday, May 15 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Heald Funeral Home in St. Albans.

A celebration of Elijah's life will be held on Thursday, May 16th, at 11:00 AM at the Union Bible Church, 102 South Main Street, Route 2 in Alburgh, VT.

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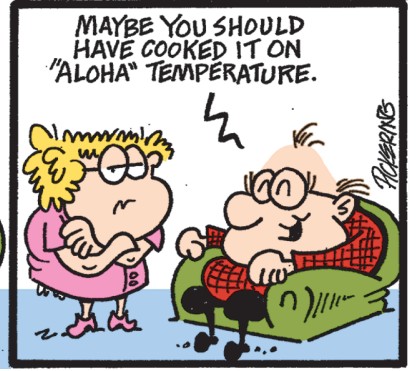
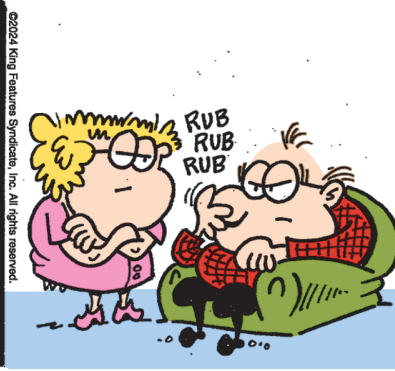
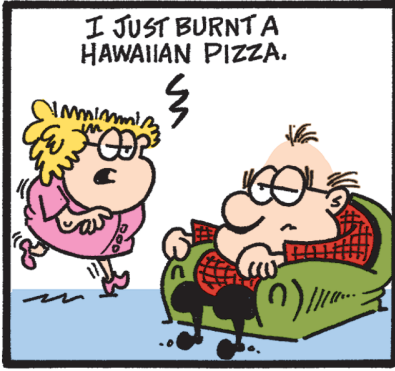
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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

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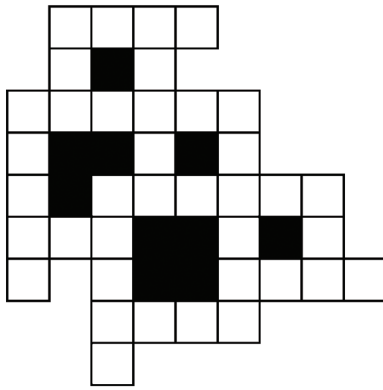
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By: rj johnson

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which European country has the largest population?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Ron Swanson?
- SCIENCE: What are the three layers of the Earth?
- MOVIES: Which 2001 movie has a famous "bend and snap" scene?
- MONEY: What is a modern U.S. penny made of mostly?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a common name for an animal in the Leporidae family?
- LITERATURE: Which children's book contains the line, "Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast"?
- ANATOMY: Where is the pinna located in the human body?
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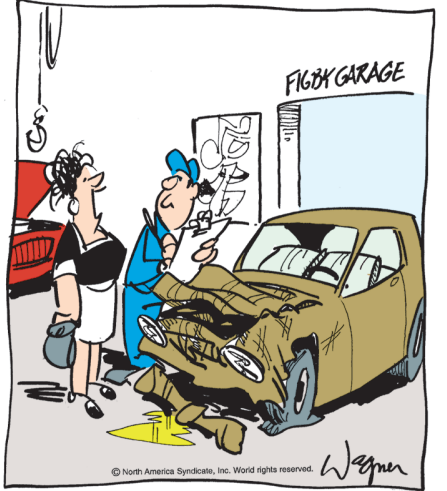
Answers

- Russia.
- "Parks and Recreation."
- Crust, mantle and core.
- "Legally Blonde."
- Zinc.
- Rabbit or hare.
- "Alice in Wonderland."
- Ear.
- James Madison.
- Books.

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by Wagner



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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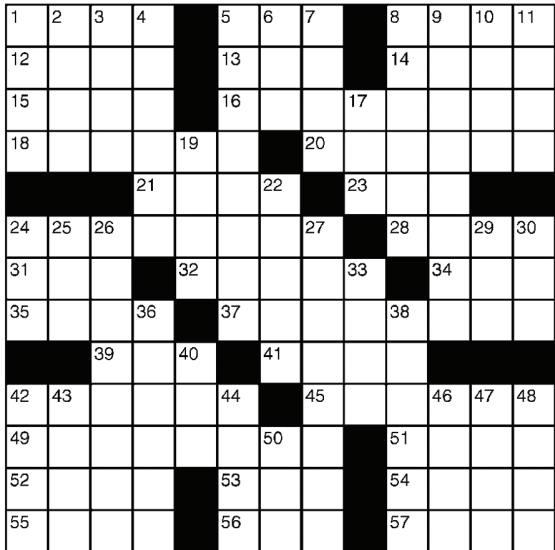
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Reddish brown
- \$ dispenser
- Cries of aversion
- Spiced tea
- Goat's plaint
- Entreaty
- Mystique
- Blue Angels events
- Australian red wine
- Fedora feature
- Medicinal plant
- PC key
- Schubert compositions
- "Monopoly" cubes
- Misery
- Barbs
- "Science Friday" network
- Adjoining
- Sweeten
- Rocker Nugent
- Minnesota —
- Penniless one
- Fearsome fly
- Relaxing time on the slopes
- Equitable
- "Understood"



- Lucy's TV pal
- Forearm bone
- Minus
- Season opener?
- Some July babies
- Painter
- Chagall
- Supported
- Acting smug
- Hacks with an axe
- Postpaid enc.
- Mexican Mrs.
- Sleep like —
- Treble clef lines
- Bristle
- Caviar base
- Fabric features
- Calming drug
- Tax pro
- Mess up
- Bygone jets
- Prairie homes
- Of service
- Moines
- Beach bucket
- Church area
- Invitation notation
- Story
- China (Pref.)
- Historic periods
- White wine cocktail

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Planning your garden size

Estimate your growing space and access to sunlight, and your time, energy and resources. If you have little time to spare and little space to garden, try one large pot set beside a sunny window as a **container garden** for plants. If you have outdoor space but don't want a large garden, choose a sunny area with enough space for one or more **raised garden beds** of plants. A large **in-ground garden** of plants can work if you have the space, the resources to prepare and maintain it and sunlight several hours a day.

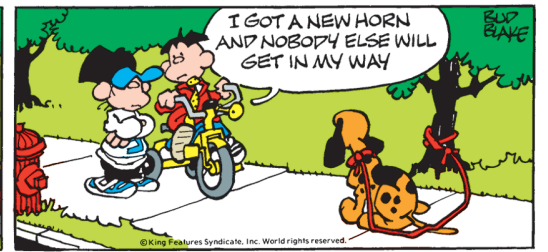
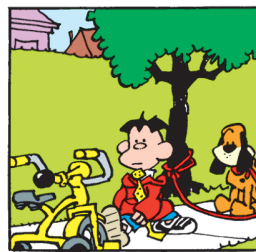
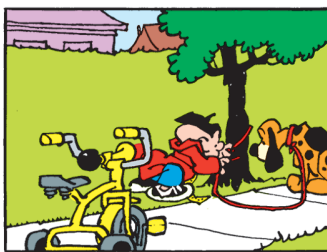
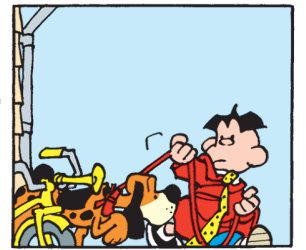
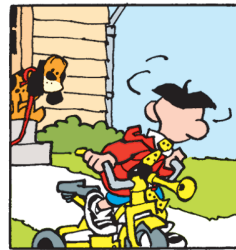
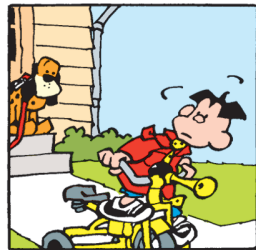
— Brenda Weaver

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by BUD BLAKE



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Notices

TOWN OF ALBURGH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Alburgh is accepting bids to clean the Town Office (1 North Main Street) to begin July 1st, 2024. Bids must be received by Friday, June 7th at 5 PM. To view the full request for bids visit alburghvt.org

TOWN OF GRAND ISLE NOTICE OF LIVESTOCK ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Grand Isle that pursuant to of 24 V.S.A. Section 2291(14) and (15), on May 6, 2024 the Selectboard adopted an Ordinance regulating Livestock Running at Large. The purpose of this ordinance is to abate and remove this public nuisance by prohibiting such conduct, establishing reasonable regulations for incidences of Livestock Running at Large and adopting potential penalties and other enforcement mechanisms to thereby protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and the quiet enjoyment of Grand Isle residents' homes and property.

The Ordinance in its entirety is available for inspection at the Grand Isle Town Office during regular office hours, Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm and Saturday 10am-12pm. The Ordinance is also available on the Town of Grand Isle website: www.grandislevt.org Any questions regarding the Ordinance may be directed to:

Jeff Parizo
9 Hyde Road Grand Isle, VT 05458
802-355-9398
grandisleselectperson5@gmail.com

This Ordinance shall become effective July 5, 2024 unless a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of the Town requesting that the adopted amendment be submitted to the voters of the Town at an annual or special meeting is presented to the Selectboard of the Town Clerk on or before June 19, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2029 INCLUDING IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

The Milton Selectboard shall conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on June 3, 2024, in the Fire Station Training Room at the Milton Fire Department, 47 Bombardier Road and/or by Zoom/teleconference, regarding the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029, which includes the Impact Fee Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2025.

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five-year plan that identifies the Town of Milton's highest priority capital expenditure needs. The CIP provides a recommended financing schedule for those priority needs and identifies possible sources of funds.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Impact Fee Schedule identifies capital improvement needs that can be funded by the assessment of impact fees and calculates the impact fee that should be assessed for new development.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Impact Fee rate for residential dwelling units containing two or more bedrooms is proposed to be \$4,399 per unit. The Fiscal Year 2025 Impact Fee rate for elderly housing units and residential units containing one-bedroom, including accessory apartments, is proposed to be \$3,299 (75% of the full residential impact fee).

Copies of the CIP for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 are available for review at www.miltonvt.gov, or you may request a copy by contacting the Town Manager's office. All comments and questions may be directed to the Finance Director or Town Manager at 802-893-6655.

May 6, 2024

MILTON SELECTBOARD

/s/ Darren Adams, Chair

/s/ Michael Morgan, Vice-Chair

/s/ Brenda Steady, Clerk

/s/ Leland Morgan, Member

/s/ Chris Taylor, Member

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office this 7th day of May, 2024

Attest: Kristen Beers

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.

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT - PROBATE DIVISION GRAND ISLE UNIT DOCKET NO. 24-PR-02204

IN RE ESTATE OF: BRUCE JAMES PERRY
LATE OF GRAND ISLE, VERMONT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of BRUCE JAMES PERRY late of Grand Isle, Vermont:

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: May 6, 2024
/s/ Shauna Perry
83 Hyde Rd., Grand Isle, VT 05458
802-330-6487
smp02200@gmail.com

Name of Publication: The Islander
Publication Date: May 9, 2024

Name and Address of Court:
Grand Isle Probate Court
PO Box 7, North Hero, VT 05474

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO APPLY HERBICIDES Selective Vegetation Control

Vermont Electric Cooperative, 42 Wescom Road, Johnson, Vermont 05656 has been issued a permit from the Vermont Secretary of Agriculture to apply herbicides. All herbicides will be applied by ground-based, hand-held equipment. This notice constitutes a notification to residents along the right-of-way that water supplies and other environmentally sensitive areas near the right-of-way should be protected from spray and that it is the resident's responsibility to inform the contact person of the existence of a private water supply near the right-of-way. The contact person at VEC is Sara Packer, Vegetation & Right-of-way Management Program Manager, (802) 730-1104, or 1-800-832-2667 (ext. 1104). Further information may also be obtained from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, 116 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2901, telephone (802) 828-2431.

Operations will commence on or about June 24, 2024 using one or more of the following herbicides: Escort® XP or Patriot® (metsulfuron methyl), Krenite® S (fosamine ammonium), Arsenal® Powerline™ or Polaris® (imazapyr), AquaNeat or AquaMaster® (glyphosate) and Garlon® 4 Ultra (triclopyr).

Maintenance will be conducted on transmission lines in the following towns:

Lines:	Town(s)
Line C31 Highgate/Enosburg	Highgate, Sheldon, Enosburg
Line C32 Enosburg Tap	Enosburg
Line H15 Irasburg	Irasburg
Line H16 Irasburg VELCO to Burton Hill	Irasburg, Barton
Line 463 Pleasant Valley	Cambridge
Pleasant Valley 463R Breaker	Cambridge
Switch 31M	Barton
Switch 11, 17N & 17S	Jay
418R Recloser	Eden
116R Recloser	Johnson
R343 Recloser	Fairfax

Maintenance will be conducted on select portions of distribution lines in the following towns:

Town(s):
Albany, Barton, Craftsbury, Glover, Greensboro, Irasburg, Sheffield, Lyndon, Wheelock
Berkshire
Brighton, Newark, Westmore, Warren's Gore
Canaan, Lemington
Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston
Fairfield, Fairfax, St. Albans Town, Swanton,
Highgate
Newport City, Coventry
North Hero
Norton
Richmond, Hinesburg, Huntington, Williston
Underhill, Jericho, Essex
Westford, Cambridge, Johnson, Waterville, Belvidere, Eden



Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.
42 Wescom Road
Johnson, VT 05656

TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE INVITATION TO BID

Roadside Mowing - Three-Year Contract

The Town of Isle La Motte will be accepting bids for a 3-year roadside mowing contract for 2024 - 2026 for all Class 2 and Class 3 roadsides. Two full mowings per year, and an additional partial mid-season mowing at the North Shore Rd and Main Street Intersections. The detailed scope of work and the bid submission details are available at <https://islelamotte.us> or by emailing ilmvtselectboardclerk@gmail.com. The deadline for bids is 4:00PM on June 5, 2024.

GRAND ISLE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Grand Isle Development Review Board will hold public hearing via Zoom and in person at the Town Office on the date and at the time listed below. The Zoom link will be posted on the town webpage in the Agenda. Anyone wishing to view an application before the hearing may come to the Town Office. Those wishing to have "Interested Party" status must participate in a hearing, either verbally or in writing, to protect their appeal rights, according to the criteria in Section 2.11 of the Town Bylaws (adopted October 25, 2021)

For an emailed invitation to a hearing, contact Marie Prescott, DRB Clerk, at grandislevtdrbclerk@gmail.com or call 802-372-9243 before 2:30 p.m. on June 5, 2024.

Hearing: #04-24 FP

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 6:10 PM via Zoom and in person at the Town Office

Applicant: Nedde Grand Isle, LLC

Property: 259 U.S. Route 2

Parcel ID#: #03-01-43.1

Description: Final Plat Review for Minor Subdivision

CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL WARNING ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the towns of Grand Isle, Isle La Motte, and North Hero, being the towns of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling places on June 4, 2024 (Grand Isle Residents at the Grand Isle Town office from 7:00am-7:00pm, Isle La Motte Residents of the Isle La Motte Town office from 7:00am-7:00pm and North Hero Residents at the North Hero Town office from 7:00am-7:00pm) to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District approve the school board to appropriate **\$9,998,531.54** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

POLLING PLACES

Grand Isle Grand Isle Town Office 7:00am-7:00pm
Isle La Motte Isle La Motte Town Office 7:00am-7:00pm
North Hero North Hero Town Office 7:00am-7:00pm

Ballots shall be transported and delivered to the Grand Isle Town Office in the Town of Grand Isle and there counted and counted by members of the Boards of Civil Authority of the several Town School Districts under the supervision of the Clerk of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District.

The legal voters of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee/early voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706u of Title 19 and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes annotated.

Adopted and approved at a duly noticed, called and held meeting of the Board of Directors of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District on May 14, 2024.

/s/ Michael Inners, Chair

/s/ Brad Blanchette

/s/ Sylvia Jensen

/s/ Elaine Perry

/s/ Deborah Lang

*The Champlain Island Unified Union School board will hold an informational meeting, in-person at the North Hero School (6441 US Route 2, North Hero, VT) (with a remote option), on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Received for record and recorded in the records of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District on May 15, 2024.

/s/ Melissa Boutin, District Clerk

South Hero resident Rodney Lowe and his multi-media exhibition

By Susan A. Davis

SOUTH HERO - Island Arts Gallery, located in the conference room at the Community Bank, N.A, is proud to host the works of Rodney Lowe.



Courtesy photo.

British-born and educated, Rodney began his artistic career in his retirement from the Information Technology industry. Immigrating to Boston to further pursue his career, Rodney met his American wife Sarah and settled down to raise a family. While in the Boston area, Rodney met from Jason Polins, a classically trained oil painter working in Somerville, MA from whom he took his first formal art classes.

Rodney and Sarah, a native of Brandon, permanently moved to Vermont in 2017. But in 2008 they made their first connection to the Islands by purchasing a rundown camp in South Hero. After years of renovations, some daunting, they made South Hero their permanent home.

Rodney's exhibition covers a multitude of mediums – from oils on board to charcoal and pastels on textured paper. Knee surgery brought another artform into the mix – pencil drawing.



Courtesy photo.

"I wasn't able to stand at an easel for long periods of time and I discovered that I enjoyed working in pencil, especially white pencil on black paper," he said.

He went on to note, "I love the challenge of oils and my palette of colors is derived from those used by many of the old masters."

The Island Arts Gallery is open to the public during normal banking hours.

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Vermonters inducted into sports Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame for the Vermont Principals' Association inducted seven standout student-athletes, three accomplished coaches, an outstanding music advisor, and one top-notch referee during a sold-out banquet at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier last Friday night.



Nini (Wuensch) Anger, who was a three-time all-around gymnastics state champion for Colchester High in the 1970s, is flanked by a pair of basketball standouts: **Brent Kendall** (left), of Milton High School and **Bernie Cieplicki Jr.** of Colchester, who played at Rice Memorial. Cieplicki and Kendall were the first two annual selections as "Mr. Basketball" by the Burlington Free Press. Cieplicki went on to UVM and Kendall to St. Michael's College where both had standout careers. Wuensch, who was named High School Athlete of the Year by the Vermont Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association in 1976-77, went on to a successful coaching career for youths, high schools and the University of Vermont.



Also inducted was **Jay Hartman**, who dedicated 45 years to Missisquoi Valley Union High School as a teacher, coach and school leader. Hartman had 516 wins in softball over 40 years, working with nearly 400 student-athletes, earning two state titles and no losing seasons. He is flanked by **Jay Nichols**, VPA executive director and **Mike McRaith**, associate director.

Nominations are accepted throughout the year from the general public to honor those who have helped with sports and activities at VPA-member schools. More information is available at <https://vpaonline.org/athletics/vpa-hall-of-fame/>

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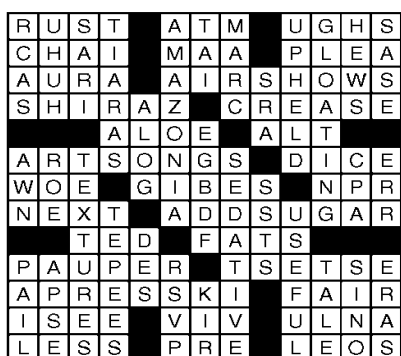
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FEAR & KNIGHT answer



King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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