

# Local land trust, conservation district unveil Keeler Bay action plan

By MICHAEL FRETT  
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SOUTH HERO – Local organizations working on an action plan for improving water quality in Keeler Bay released their plan last week, revealing the first of several projects championed in the plan during a public unveiling Wednesday evening at the Two Heroes Brewery in South Hero.



*The Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District’s Molly Varner introduces her organization’s finalized plan for addressing water quality issues in Keeler Bay. Photo by Michael Frett.*

The inlet is also stressed with several invasive species, including zebra mussels and a pervasive amount of Eurasian milfoil bemoaned by attendees at Wednesday’s unveiling ceremony.

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cording to the committee’s chair Steve Stata, only one person outside of the committee ever attended any of the ARPA committee’s meetings. Thirty-one people, meanwhile, had responded to survey questions specific to allocating ARPA funding, Stata said.

“If you’re implying there wasn’t enough public outreach, I would like to dispute that notion,” Stata told Isle La Motte’s selectboard last week. “To me, that completely satisfies that requirement.”

While the town’s planning commission had yet to formally publish results from those surveys, which it circulated primarily to inform its own work in drafting Isle La Motte’s first municipal plan, officials said last week the commission was expected to discuss those plans this month. An agenda for the commission’s next meeting showed there were plans to discuss those survey results this week.

The town’s selectboard, meanwhile, said it would likely revisit the ARPA committee’s recommendations when it meets again next month.

“I think this is worth us thinking about it,” Graziano, the selectboard’s chair, said before thanking the ARPA committee for its report. “I think this was a lot of meetings, and I really appreciate you putting in the effort and time on this.”

# Milton agrees to seek funds for master sidewalk plan

By MICHAEL FRETT  
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MILTON – Milton officials are looking for funding to begin their next wave of sidewalk development, agreeing last week to seek the funds needed for a planning project outlining future sidewalk maintenance, extension and connection needs in the Chittenden County town.

Milton’s selectboard agreed last week to request funding from Chittenden County’s regional planning commission to draft its first master sidewalk plan, a document that, once completed, could help guide the town’s next two decades of sidewalk projects and make it easier for Milton to access grant funding for affording new lengths of sidewalk.

“There are a lot of areas that could be tied together with a plan and a thoughtful process about how we’re going to fund it,” Don Turner, Milton’s town manager, told the town’s selectboard last week. “If we’re going to continue growing in Milton, we’ll need to do this kind of stuff.”

According to Turner, the town currently does not have a master plan for sidewalks.

According to the town’s municipal plan, a document regularly updated under Vermont law used by municipal officials to guide policy and development decisions, Milton officials are encouraged to seek sidewalk development to “promote growth and a more walkable community.”

Milton officials said last week the town has entertained requests for extending sidewalks into more residential areas on the periphery of its town core, listing McMullen and Middle roads by name.

Officials have also discussed sidewalks as an equity issue, with Turner specifically citing discussion around extending sidewalks along West Milton Road toward a bridge spanning Interstate 89.

Town officials previously talked about extending sidewalks toward the bridge last year, describing the neighborhoods across the West Milton Road bridge as “underserved” without a safe connection to the more pedestrian-friendly areas within the town’s core. Currently, sidewalks tracing West Milton Road end before approaching the bridge.

“We talk about continuity and equity,” Turner said, “and that corridor does not have a tie to our main sidewalk corridor.”

According to Corey Parent, a consultant working with Milton’s town government, the planning process would likely be a two-year project overseen by the town’s planning commission.

“A consultant would come in and work with your planning commission, look at your current inventory, the condition and where connections could be built,” Parent told the town’s selectboard. “They build a plan and a 20-year concept of where you can invest your sidewalk money.”

If funded, the town’s government would be required to provide a 20% match to whatever the county’s regional planning commission awards for a pending sidewalk study. According to Parent and Turner, funding would likely come from money allocated to the town’s public works department.

Milton’s selectboard unanimously approved applying for funding to support drafting a sidewalk plan with little debate, authorizing town officials to seek up to \$100,000 to support the project.

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## KEELER BAY ACTION PLAN

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According to the Keeler Bay action plan, the majority of phosphorus draining into Keeler Bay flowed from the watershed’s developed landscape, including an “extensive network of private gravel roads, driveways and parking areas,” as well as development and agricultural lands with historic ditches and swales “quickly and efficiently delivering runoff to Keeler Bay.”

The study informing the Keeler Bay action plan did not, however, incorporate septic systems located around Keeler Bay, with engineers instead deferring to an ongoing wastewater study overseen by a local volunteer committee researching whether a community wastewater system was feasible in South Hero.

“These wastewater efforts are focused on the Route 2 corridor and would reduce wastewater phosphorus sources in the upper portions of the watershed,” the report said.



**A prominent Lake Champlain inlet, Keeler Bay is plagued with issues related to sediment and phosphorus runoff from a watershed spanning much of South Hero. File photo by Michael Frett.**

Projects prioritized by the plan included several prominent South Hero locales, something that, according to officials, allowed completed projects to potentially serve as educational installations and visible models for water quality work elsewhere in South Hero and the wider Champlain Islands.

Six projects were prioritized under the action plan and further detailed by consultants working on the plan, potentially setting those projects up for a quicker installation:

- The first project would see improvements to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department’s Keeler Bay boat launch intended to control the noticeable erosion funneling sediment into the bay;
- A second project would focus on funneling water from the Folsom Education and Community Center’s parking lot into a basin helping filter water before flowing to a nearby wetland;
- A third project would see a treatment basin added to the area near the South Hero highway department’s new salt shed to help manage runoff from the town’s garage property;
- A fourth project would focus on the heavily eroded stream running between the Community Lane development and Two Heroes Brewery in South Hero’s village center;
- A fifth project would filter runoff from an agricultural field and roadway near Lombard Lane; and
- A final project prioritized under the Keeler Bay action plan would see three neighboring lakeside properties’ lawns planted with native vegetation to fortify those properties against erosion.

According to Varner, the county’s natural resources conservation district and the South Hero Land Trust would likely start securing funding to enact the plan’s prioritized projects over the coming year, with officials eyeing a tentative installation for the first projects sometime in 2025.



**The South Hero Land Trust’s Guy Maguire discusses the land trust’s role in drafting an action plan for improving water quality in Keeler Bay’s watershed. Photo by Michael Frett.**

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"We'd love to apply for funding over the next couple of months," Varner told attendees at last week's unveiling ceremony in South Hero. "For some of these projects, if we move quickly, we can start constructing something next summer."



**An attendee reviews a map showcasing Keeler Bay's watershed during last week's public reveal of an action plan targeting water quality issues in the South Hero bay.**

**Photo by Michael Frett.**

Another 22 projects not prioritized by the plan were smaller scale projects focused on erosion and runoff that, according to officials, other groups could potentially take up as organizations like the South Hero Land Trust and the county conservation district focused on the larger, more resource-intensive projects championed under the Keeler Bay plan.

Involvement in the plan was entirely voluntary, according to organizers, with projects focused only on properties where land-owners already

signaled interest in working with organizers on water quality.

According to Joseph Bartlett, an engineer from Fitzgerald Environmental Associates who helped draft the Keeler Bay action plan, projects prioritized by the plan had other benefits organizers hoped to emphasize, including habitat improvements for wildlife in the Keeler Bay watershed and maintenance for roads and driveways frequently challenged with erosion.

Those benefits, according to organizers, also allowed the Keeler Bay action plan to address other water quality issues not directly targeted under the plan, providing a refuge for wildlife stressed by invasive species and climate change or helping control runoff laden with other pollutants, like chloride-rich road salts, potentially draining through the Keeler Bay watershed.

"Some of these projects have strong educational components," Bartlett said, "or they address an issue that's become a repeat, annual issue."

"While the focus is on phosphorus and sediment, we did factor in other co-benefits," Varner told *The Islander* in a subsequent interview. "It's all inter-related."

Though the plan does not mention climate change by name, Varner said the plan's recommended projects were engineered with resiliency in mind, recognizing longer-term challenges with the heavier infrequent rains that, according to the University of Vermont's Vermont Climate Assessment, were already threatening waterways in the Green Mountain State with additional runoff pollution and erosion.

"At the foundation of these projects is resilience," she told *The Islander*. "We want these to be long-term projects able to withstand the changes we know are coming."

Work on the Keeler Bay action plan began in the summer of 2022, when organizers first met with local landowners and began coordinating public outreach to highlight issues in the Keeler Bay watershed. The planning project was supported by the Lake Champlain Basin Program, a Grand Isle-based organization funded under federal law to help manage water quality efforts in Northern New York and Vermont.

According to the South Hero Land Trust's Guy Maguire, the Keeler Bay plan was the first major water quality project involving the land trust. While typically focused on land conservation and education, Maguire said a survey of town residents found locals were increasingly concerned with water quality issues affecting Lake Champlain.

"People want us to focus on water quality," Maguire said, before encouraging locals to investigate the smaller steps they could take on their own properties to address water quality in South Hero. "Not every parcel can be conserved... but conservation practices can happen everywhere."

Karen Bates, a watershed coordinator for the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, extended those sentiments to the whole of Lake Champlain when speaking with Wednesday's audience at the Two Heroes Brewery.

"For us to clean up Lake Champlain, it's going to take everything, everywhere," Bates said. "Really."

Vermont remains under federal orders to dramatically reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Champlain by 2036, according to a total maximum daily load established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for phosphorus runoff affecting the lake.

More information about the Keeler Bay action plan, including the plan's final draft, can be found at <https://vacd.org/KeelerBayActionPlan>.

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She was born on Nov. 17, 1930, to Wilbur and Katherine (Tusa) Jarvis.



Velma married the love of her life who now predeceases her, Darwin Cameron Sr. on Sept. 2, 1950. Velma dedicated her life to raising her children, instilling in them the values of family, compassion, and perseverance. In her free time, Velma enjoyed traveling, particularly to the breathtaking Thousand Islands region. She cherished the opportunity to embark on bus trips with fellow seniors, exploring new destinations and creating treasured memories along the way. Velma had a creative side and found solace in working on puzzles and scrapbooking, capturing life's special moments in beautiful and enduring ways, and always preparing a meal for everyone. Beyond her many hobbies, Velma will always be remembered as a dedicated and hardworking woman. In addition to raising her children, she also managed the everyday demands of running a farm, applying her strong work ethic and determination.

Velma is survived by her daughters, Annette Smith and her husband Alan, and Martha Pease and her husband Dennis; daughters-in-law, Karen Cameron and Susan Cameron; grandchildren, Amy Mashtare, Kelly and Skipper Deyo, Kimberly and David Lane, Karyn Marie and Tony, Sally and Bobby Miller, Melissa and LP LeBlanc, Adam Smith and Alex Smith; great-grandchildren, Noah Smith, Eliza Smith, Josie Smith, Anna and Seth Wyman, Cameron Erno, Kerri and Ashleigh Deyo, Alexandria Therrian, Katelyn Juntunen, Katie Trombley, Devin Cameron, Devin LeBlanc, Isaiah LeBlanc, and Lucas LeBlanc; great great-grandchildren, Ledger, Hudson Wyman, Natalie Cameron, and soon to be arriving, Paisley Anna Mae Deyo; and her siblings, William Jarvis, Ken Jarvis and his wife Kathy, and Theresa Hinman.

Velma was predeceased by her parents, her husband Darwin Cameron Sr.; children, Larry Cameron Sr., Barbara Blair, Darwin Cameron Jr.; son-in-law, Vercile Blair; grandsons, Larry Cameron Jr. and Justin "Scott" Mashtare; great grandson, Keith Mashtare; and her siblings, Richard Jarvis, Floren Jarvis, Shirley Jarvis, Connie Jarvis, and Madeline Pearo.

Family and friends are invited to Velma's life celebration events to include a visitation from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, with a memorial service following at 2 p.m. at the Goss Life Celebration Home, 89 Grand Ave., Swanton, VT 05488.

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## RAYMOND ("RAY") BRADLEY JACOBY

SOUTH HERO -  
Raymond ("Ray") Bradley Jacoby of South Hero died at the McClure Miller Hospice Home in Colchester on Winter Solstice, Dec. 21, 2023 with his three surviving children by his side.



Born in Finesville, New Jersey on June 26, 1931, the son of Raymond and Myrtle Jacoby, Ray grew up in Asbury Park NJ, where he became a diehard Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles fan, and in Worcester MA. Following his father, grandfather, and two brothers, Ray attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA graduating in 1957. During school summers Ray worked at YMCA Camp Blanchard where he learned skills that served him for the rest of his life - cooking, sailing, but especially gathering those around him in a common activity or cause. Ray brought camp counselor enthusiasm and a broad inclusive energy to everything he did; from teaching, directing non-profits, and fundraising, to being a dad, granddad, and friend.

Post college, Ray taught at the Abandon Institute of Technology (AIT) in Iran, during which time he married the love of his life, started a family, and coached AIT's basketball team to a country championship. In Bridgeport, Connecticut he returned to the YMCA, in youth programming and directing YMCA Camp Hi-Rock, while earning his master's degree. After teaching overseas again in Tripoli, Libya, Ray became the executive director of the Wilmington YMCA in Delaware.

In 1974 Ray shifted directions becoming the Executive Director of the Chittenden County United Way in Burlington where over the next 10 years he grew the organization's capacity for funding local non-profits fourfold. He finished his United Way career in Atlantic City and in semi-retirement worked in the consulting sector advising successful capital campaigns for nonprofits across the country with the American City Bureau. This final job allowed him to summer in South Hero, where he and his wife Muriel bought a retirement home in 1997.

Ray's success in fundraising for nonprofits was grounded in a faith in humans' capacity to care about one another and two mantras; 'the volunteer is always right' and, 'if you don't ask you are withholding someone's opportunity to give'.

As a volunteer, Ray served on the Board of Local Motion, raised money for YMCA Camp Abnaki, was deeply involved in the International Rotary Club's student exchange and goiter eradication projects, and served in lay leader positions in every church community he became a member of - most recently the South Hero United Church of Christ. He and his wife also served in the retired YMCA Executive's volunteer program teaching English in China for two 6-month commitments and hosted an annual 'cousin's camp' for their grandchildren.

In his family, Ray will be remembered for his relationship with his wife of 52 years, which was marked by deep love, mutual respect, and a degree of equality that was ahead of its time. He will also be remembered for his default of genuinely liking every person he met, groan-worthy puns, and a willingness to be goofy.

Ray is survived by his children and their spouses Peter and Tereza Jacoby, Laura Jacoby and Jack Brooks, and Lynne Jacoby; and his grandchildren Josh Smith, Zachery Bowen, Kayla, Connor, Alexia and Ga-

biella Jacoby and Cyrus and Ethan Brooks. Ray is predeceased by his wife Muriel Keller Jacoby, his son Henry Jacoby, his daughter-in-law Mary Doyle and his siblings Walter, Roger and Sarah Jacoby.

In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to any organization that honors your own relationship with Ray, or to the Jacoby Camp Abnaki Scholarship Fund at <https://campabnaki.org/donate/give/>. A celebration of Ray's life will be held July 5, 2024, 11 a.m. at the United Church of Christ of South Hero, Vermont.



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# While state economists project a rosier picture than expected, caution advised

By MICHAEL FRETT  
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MONTPELIER — A recent report by Vermont’s state economists has painted a rosier picture than expected for Vermont’s economy, though families are likely still feeling a financial pinch as inflation lingers.

In their annual January report to lawmakers, Vermont economists Jeffery Carr and Tom Kavet said signs of receding levels of inflation and a consistently low unemployment rate showed Vermont’s economy fairing far better than economists had predicted the year before.

“You probably all recall that people who practice what we practice were saying we thought the economy would be in a recession,” Carr told lawmakers in a report to Vermont’s emergency board, “and here we are a year later and the economy’s still making forward progress.”

According to the two economists, Vermont’s unemployment rate lingered below 4% throughout the past year, signaling a historically strong jobs market for tentative employees in the Green Mountain State.

General levels of inflation, meanwhile, showed signs of receding in 2024, though the two economists checked their optimism around inflation by noting in their report that a “wide variation... between inflation levels for various goods and services” meant Vermonters were likely still feeling pressure as prices for essentials like food and heating fuels remained high.

“You see a lot of food stuff and you see a lot of energy stuff at the top of the list,” Kavet told lawmakers during last week’s emergency board hearing. “That is what I think people feel at a visceral level every day, because these are the things you’re shopping for frequently and are necessities.”

Another area where Vermonters reportedly struggled with housing, as the state wrestled with a real estate market staggered by the 2008 recession and further skewed by the COVID-19 pandemic, when Vermont saw newcomers move to the Green Mountain State in a housing market where demand had already outpaced the available supply of homes.

Even as a pandemic-spurred housing demand receded, supply shortages – estimated at 1.7 million homes nationally and 6,800 homes in Vermont – would likely keep housing prices high over the coming year, the economists wrote in their report to the legislature.

Vermont also lagged behind much of the U.S. and Northern New England in growing its foreign-born population, cited by Carr and Kavet as the source of “virtually all net employment growth in the U.S.” since a pre-pandemic peak recorded in February 2020.

In Vermont, little more than 4% of the state’s population had been born in another country, far less than the national rate of nearly 14% of the U.S.’s population being born outside of the country. Vermont, according to the two economists, was the only state in New England to see its foreign-born population decline between 2010 and 2021.

In response, Carr and Kavet encouraged lawmakers last week to consider finding ways to welcome more immigrants to Vermont, suggesting it was a way to bolster the state’s workforce as a low unemployment rate continued to challenge employers.

“This could be something where a smaller allocation of money could have more bang for a buck,” Kavet told legislators last week. “In a measured way, we could look at some policies that could affect that.”

Despite lingering issues with the economy, however, consumer spending remained strong in Vermont, and with higher wages reported around much of the state, the two economists reported a stronger revenue forecast for the state’s general fund and education funds than projected a year before as higher wages and more leisurely spending bolstered tax revenues for both state funds.

Only the state’s transportation fund continued to lag, the result, according to Carr and Kavet, of fewer vehicle purchases – and therefore less revenue from taxes on vehicle sales – between tighter vehicle stock and higher interest rates for automobile loans.

The economists’ report to the Vermont Emergency Board, a public board formed by the legislators chairing Montpelier’s four “money committees” and Vermont’s governor, often informs lawmakers as they begin crafting the state’s annual budget.

The rosier picture for Vermont’s general and education funds was likely welcome news, as well, as lawmakers begin budgeting against an 18.5% statewide increase in property taxes projected last year by Vermont’s Dept. of Taxes primarily driven, according to the tax department, by expected increases in education spending related to inflation, building maintenance and the loss of federal pandemic funds.

The two economists also reported that, despite the stronger-than-expected forecast for the coming year and the state largely averting the recession warned the year before, Vermonters should be poised for the economy to begin cooling down in the coming months.

“It’s remarkable that on the employment and jobs fund that things have held up,” Kavet said last week. “I think it’s going to be under a lot of pressure.”

Phil Scott, Vermont’s Republican governor, offered a similar message to lawmakers when delivering his State of the State address earlier this month, warn-

ing that the loss of federal aid awarded during the pandemic, as well as other spending obligations and lingering economic challenges like Vermont’s graying demographics would likely stress the state’s economy moving forward.

While the governor had yet to present his administration’s budget proposal to Vermont’s legislature as of *The Islander’s* press time, he warned in his State of the State address earlier this month that lawmakers should expect a “sobering” presentation.

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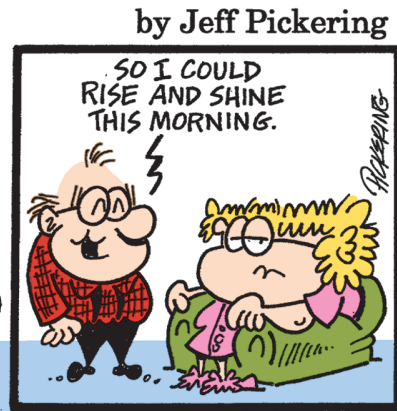
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# Take a Break

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

### top ten

#### HIGHEST-GROSSING MOVIES OF 2023

1. Barbie
2. The Super Mario Bros. Movie
3. Oppenheimer
4. Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3
5. Fast X
6. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse
7. The Little Mermaid
8. Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One
9. Elemental
10. Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania

Source: Comscore

## FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

VEE  
ARNBET  
♥TARSE  
♥GSNI  
GAVEAR  
♥ADG  
♥ENVI  
STOEB  
♥TNU  
SEVEAR  
REGEV  
♥IDAR

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.

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the last name of Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend?
2. TELEVISION: In the sitcom "The Office," the company is in which U.S. city?
3. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is The Matterhorn located?
4. MUSIC: Which 1990s group was the singer Beyonce a part of?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Monument Valley located?
6. LITERATURE: In which children's book do the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear?
7. MATH: In Roman numerals, what is XLVIII divided by XII?
8. MEDICAL: What is a common name for polythelia?
9. CHEMISTRY: How many elements are listed on the Periodic Table?
10. MOVIES: What is the year of the Olympics in the movie "Chariots of Fire"?

Answers

1. His full name is Kenneth Sean Carson.
2. Scranton, Pennsylvania.
3. Switzerland.
4. Destiny's Child.
5. Arizona.
6. "Through the Looking-Glass."
7. IV (Four).
8. Having an extra nipple, which affects about 1%-5% of the population.
9. 118.
10. 1924.

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## GRIN and BEAR IT

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"Oh, WE'RE fine, but our spouses need some counseling."

## King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hot tub
- 4 Pack (down)
- 8 Honeycomb division
- 12 Joke
- 13 Teen fave
- 14 Celestial bear
- 15 Capote nickname
- 16 Difficult problem
- 18 Celery unit
- 20 Pantheon member
- 21 Morays
- 24 Twilight, poetically
- 28 "Bravo!"
- 32 Wry
- 33 Bombeck
- 34 Raw rock
- 36 Begets
- 37 Melody
- 38 Actress Meg
- 39 Maintains
- 41 Wheel connectors
- 43 Bake sale orgs.
- 44 — Victor
- 46 Dugout seating
- 50 Sociable and lively
- 55 "Caught ya!"
- 56 Medicinal plant
- 57 Vogue rival
- 58 Singer Phair
- 59 Reporter's quest

DOWN

- 1 Boot camp
- 2 Section
- 3 Water, in
- 4 Hearts, slangily
- 5 Big fuss
- 6 Calendar abbr.
- 7 Advertise
- 8 Get cozy (with)
- 9 Blunder
- 10 Baton Rouge sch.
- 11 Felon's flight
- 17 Eggy quaff
- 19 Triathlon segment
- 22 Secular
- 23 Razor sharpener
- 25 Algerian port
- 26 During
- 27 Red planet
- 28 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
- 29 African antelope
- 30 "Hud" actress
- 31 Faxed
- 35 Equine homes
- 38 Butterflies
- 40 Language suffix
- 42 High school subj.
- 45 Declare
- 47 "The Lion King" lion
- 48 Intel product
- 49 Visibility hindrance
- 50 Fire
- 51 Flamenco cheer
- 52 At once
- 53 — de-France
- 54 Jungfrau, for one

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## The Garden Bug

### Online gardening classes

The winter months are a good time to take some online gardening classes. Here are a few sources:

- gardentutor.com
- MasterClass.com
- <https://www.udemy.com/topic/gardening>
- <https://www.wildabundance.net/online-classes/online-gardening-school>
- <https://www.skillshare.com/en/browse/gardening>
- <https://www.classcentral.com/subject/gardening>
- <https://organicgardeningacademy.com>
- <https://www.learndirect.com/category/gardening>

— Brenda Weaver

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## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

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Waterfowl blinds must be removed



State Game Warden Dustin Snyder inspects a duck blind on Lake Champlain prior to the February 15 deadline for its removal. VT F&W photo by Carl Wedin.

By Joshua Morse, VT Fish & Wildlife Dept.  
MONTPELIER - Waterfowl hunters who did not remove their hunting blinds from the waters of the state earlier must do so before Feb. 15 on Lake Champlain or May 15 on inland waters according to a reminder from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

State law requires removal of the blinds before these deadlines to protect natural areas and to prevent boating accidents after the ice melts.  
“Removal of the blinds and any posts that may be below the surface of the ice is important because of the danger they present when boaters are on the water in the spring,” said State Game Warden Colonel Justin Stedman.

Stedman says wardens annually record names and addresses of blind owners and will follow up with inspections.



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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Grappler, backwoods-style

8 Skylit courts

13 Astronaut Wally

20 "The Stranger Beside Me" true-crime writer

21 Flowers in the iris family

22 Some sweatshirts

23 Swift warship for law enforcement?

25 Finales

26 Makes mother's milk

27 Comic Radner

29 "How about that!"

30 Lugosi of "The Raven"

33 Hefty books

34 Defectively built flat-bottomed boat?

36 Pumpkin's color

38 Resident of Tehran

40 Makes a choice

41 Light, speedy boat transporting Oreos?

45 Just barely
- 48 Indian state known for silk

49 United

50 In a smoothly elegant way

53 Neon, e.g.

56 French mime master

59 High-sterned ship orbiting Earth?

61 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy

65 Central Canadian tribe members

67 Upscale hotel quarters

68 Small combo

69 Discovering a sharp-bowed rowboat?

74 Safe, at sea

75 Do a tally of

77 "Get what I'm sayin', man?"

78 Zealous

80 Paint a passenger ship?

83 Soapmaking solution

86 Auditing org.

87 Message on a tombstone

89 Kabuki sash

90 Enthusiasm

95 Prison, in London
- 96 Very fast ship decorated with shrubbery?

99 Coll. reunion attendee

102 Father Sarducci of old 3-Down

104 Quick-witted

105 Racing boat with lots of mollusks attached?

109 Fill with joy

113 Lyric verses

114 Billiards stick

115 They make up molecules

116 Abstruse

118 Reproductive organs

120 Sub-sinking ship full of aquariums?

125 Lay aside

126 Bert's pal

127 Introductions

128 In clothes

129 Actors O'Neal and Reynolds

130 Says "OK"
- 6 One voted in

7 Book page opposite a verso

8 Severe

9 Samples something

10 Singer Diana

11 With

13-Down, thick glacial mass along a polar shore

12 BB shooter

13 See 11-Down

14 Magazine publisher Nast

15 Wannabe surfer

16 Exiled Amin

17 Key into a cash register

18 Acting king

19 Good traits

24 He-sheep

28 "— may be so bold ..."

30 — Raton

31 Lovers' deity

32 Neighbor of Thailand

34 Clayey fertilizer

35 Herd of seals

37 "— a break!"

39 Gave a new interior design to

42 Welsh canine

43 Mom's bro

44 Ball supporter
- 45 Org. for cavity fillers

46 Doc's warm treatment

47 "For" votes

51 Like thrift store goods

52 — facto

53 Sly deception

54 Prices to play

55 Variety of trapshooting

57 Spot's noise

58 Etching liquid

60 Husband of Eva Perón

61 Actress Keanan

62 Enthusiasm

63 Gold-fancying king

64 Boxers' event

66 Waffle brand

70 No, to Nikita

71 Torres with 12 Olympic swimming medals

72 Antique item

73 "Hooray!"

76 "Guilty" or "not guilty"

79 Onetime TV host Philbin

81 Debut on Wall St.

82 Zippo

84 Woofing pet

85 Actor Vigoda

88 Olympic skier Mahre
- 91 Meeting building regulations

92 Tater

93 Head, in Metz

94 Mining strikes

95 Big inits. in SUVs

97 Certain deer leather

98 Hamlet's duel opponent

99 Peace treaty

100 Shutter piece

101 Fidgetiness

102 Valuable rock

103 Long, loose outerwear

106 Nitpickers split them

107 Olympic skier Mahre

108 Sprayed, with "down"

110 Mining strikes

111 Downed

112 Electric car producer

116 Sicilian resort city

117 Investments for later yrs.

119 Home: Abbr.

121 Suffix with budget

122 — and yang

123 Doc for head colds

124 Blog feed format inits.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE

Pursuant to 29 V.S.A. § 563(g), notice is hereby given of the abandonment of the following Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease:

1. This notice concerns certain lands and premises located in the Town of Grand Isle, County of Grand Isle, and State of Vermont, and being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jeffrey M. Parizo and Mary Parizo by the following (together, the "Property"):

(1) Warranty Deed of Jeffrey M. Parizo dated February 21, 2021, and recorded in Volume 137 at Page 845 of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records;

(2) Warranty Deed of Allen Botala and Kristina Botala dated August 12, 2021, and recorded in Volume 139 at Page 775 of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records; and

(3) Quit Claim Deed of Thomas E. Parizo and Shirley M. Parizo dated May 30, 2023, and recorded in Volume 143 at Page 499 of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records.

2. The Property, or a portion of the Property, is subject to an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease (the "Lease") conveyed to Cambrian Corporation (the "Lessee") by instrument dated September 5, 1963, and of record in Volume 18 at Page 196 of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records.

3. This notice is given by Jeffrey M. Parizo and Mary Parizo, the current record owners of the Property. Their address is 4 Parizo Lane, Grand Isle, Vermont.

4. The Lessee's interest in the Lease is presumed abandoned. The Lease has been unused for a continuous period of ten (10) years after July 1, 1973, and no statement of interest under 29 V.S.A. § 563(f) has been filed at any time within the preceding five years.

Dated at Grand Isle, Vermont, this 12th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Jeffrey M. Parizo  
/s/ Mary Parizo

PUBLIC NOTICE POLICY WARNING  
MILTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Amy Rex  
Superintendent of Schools

The Milton Town School District Board of School Trustees will conduct a public hearing on February 8, 2024. The hearing will take place during a Regular School Board Meeting at 6:00 PM in the MHS Library/17 Rebecca Lander Drive.

The Board will take action to adopt the following School Policies:

A1: Board Member Conflict of Interest  
A30: Role and Adoption of School Board Policies  
B2: Volunteers & Work Study Students  
B4: Drug and Alcohol Testing for Transportation Employees  
B7: Tobacco Prohibition  
B40: Employee Conduct  
B41: Staffing & Job Descriptions  
C3: Transportation  
C6: Home Study Students  
C41: Student Placement  
D4: Title I Comparability Policy  
D5: Animal Dissection  
D6: Class Size  
F1: Travel Reimbursement  
F3: Options Based Response to Violent Intruder Drills, Fire Drills and Emergency Preparedness  
F20: Fiscal Management & General Financial Accounting  
F23: Capitalization of Assets

The Board will take action to rescind the following School Policies:

D3: Staff & Job Descriptions  
D101: Employee Conduct  
E105: Cash Account Management  
F21: Financial Reports & Statements  
F108: Student Placement

Copies of the above Policies are available on the school website [www.mtsd-vt.org](http://www.mtsd-vt.org)

TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

A public hearing will be held at the North Hero Town Office and via ZOOM on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. to consider the following:

Application: 2024-3DRB  
Request: Variance Review Owner/Applicant:  
Terry Lambert & Debra Royce  
Location: 1284 Savage Point Road

Application: 2024-4DRB  
Request: Boundary Line Adjustment & Waiver of Required Setbacks  
Owner/Applicant: Keyworth Revocable Living Trust, Peter MacDonald, Keyworth Real Estate Holdings LLC  
Location: 98 Heather lane, 8978 US Route 2, 8986 US Route 2, 10 Heather Lane,

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.

PUBLIC WARNING OF  
DEVELOPMENT HEARING(S)

The Milton Development Review Board will conduct a hearing on the following applications at their meeting on **February 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM** in the Community Room at 43 Bombardier Road, Milton or via Zoom:

**Trillium Family Trust LLC c/o Ernie Pomerleau**, applicant/applicant, is requesting **Final Plan Approval** for a **2-lot Minor Conventional Subdivision located at Haydenberry Drive and Route 7 South** described as 227008.000000, SPAN 396-123-12466. This parcel was previously approved for this subdivision, major site plan, conditional use, and variance, but the subdivision has expired. The subject property is recorded as having 3 acres and is located within the Downtown Business (DB1) zoning district, and the Town Core Planning Area.

A meeting link will be included with the meeting Agenda. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearing. Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. To determine if you may qualify as an interested person, please contact the number below. Plans of the proposed project and staff notes are available from the Department of Planning & Economic Development, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, Vermont during regular business hours and posted online at least two days prior to the meeting at <http://www.miltonvt.gov/AgendaCenter/Development-Review-Board>. Please note that these materials will NOT be handed out to the public at the meeting. Please contact (802) 893-1186 if you have any questions or comments.

Important Annual Notice Regarding Herbicide Use in the Maintenance of Electric Utility Rights-of-Way

The Vermont Public Utility Commission has set forth rules under PUC Rule 3.600 pertaining to the use of herbicides in the maintenance of electric utility rights-of-way (ROW). Each spring, herbicide applications may begin on or after April 1st. These rules afford you important rights and duties. Vermont electric utilities maintain electric line rights-of-way with several methods, including the selective use of herbicides on trees and brush. They also encourage low-growing shrubs and trees which will crowd tall-growing species and, thus, minimize the use of herbicides. Methods of herbicide applications may include stump, stem injection, basal, soil, and foliar. **Only electric utility rights-of-way that have tall-growing tree species with the potential of threatening the electric utility system are treated.**

If you reside on or own property in Vermont within 1000' of an electric utility right-of-way:

- Sign up to receive written notification** from your local electric utility of plans to apply herbicide on any ROW within 1000' of your property or the property where you reside. Check nearby poles for tags identifying the utility and/or pole number, complete the form below and submit it to your local electric utility by mail before February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be added to the notification list. If determined to be qualified, you will receive notification from the utility at least 30 days prior to scheduled herbicide application.
- You are responsible to make your local electric utility aware** of the location of any potentially affected water supply, and of any other environmentally sensitive area where herbicide application ought to be avoided.
- Watch and listen for public service announcements** in newspapers and radio ads noting upcoming herbicide applications.
- Check with your local electric utility** regarding the vegetation management cycle near your particular line.
- You have the right** to request, in writing, that the utility refrain from applying herbicides in the process of clearing the right-of-way, and the utility may offer alternatives such as herbicide stump treatment or herbicide stem injections.
- You have the right** to refuse, in writing, the use of herbicides whatsoever at no cost to you if the type of lines in the right-of-way are **distribution lines**, bringing electric service directly to individual customers.
- You have the right** to refuse, in writing, the use of herbicides whatsoever by paying a \$30 administration fee if the type of lines in the right-of-way are **transmission lines** or **sub-transmission lines**, bringing electricity to or between substations.

For more details, or to ask additional questions, please contact your local electric utility, or one of the following:

(leave blank for local electric co. mailing address and phone)	Agency of Agriculture Public Health & Ag. Resource Mgmt 116 State St., Montpelier, VT 05602 1-802-828-2431	Department of Public Service Consumer Affairs & Public Information 112 State St., Montpelier, VT 05620 1-800-622-4496
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Based on the information above, if you believe you qualify to be notified in advance of pending herbicide applications in the rights-of-way, mail the request below to your local electric company before February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Resident/Property Owner Request to be Added to Herbicide Treatment Notification Mailing List			
Name		Town/City of Affected Property	
Street Address		Home Phone Number	
Town		Work Phone Number	
State	Zip Code	O.K. to use work number?	Yes No (circle one)
Electric Utility Account Number		Best time to contact you	
Affected Property: Year-Round Residence Summer Residence Commercial Property Water Supply Organic Farm Land Other (Circle all that apply)			
Line/Pole Identification: Utility Initials Pole Numbers			
Please fill out this request completely to help us determine if you qualify for herbicide treatment notification. <b>MAIL THIS REQUEST TO YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE BEFORE FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024</b>			

REQUEST FOR BIDS  
GRAND ISLE CEMETERY  
FOR CEMETERY LAWN MAINTENANCE  
FOR APRIL 1, 2024 – MARCH 30, 2025

The Grand Isle Cemetery Commission is soliciting bids for maintenance of the three (3) cemeteries in the Town of Grand Isle using your own equipment. Bids shall be submitted providing an hourly rate.

A full job description can be picked up at the Grand Isle Town Office.

Current proof of insurance is required. Proposals are due by 3:00 P.M. on February 9, 2024. The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Notification of award of contract will be made by February 15, 2024 by phone. If more information is needed regarding this request, please contact Sue Lawrence at cemetery@grandislevt.org

The Commission is not responsible for typographical errors.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL DIVISION  
GRAND ISLE UNIT  
DOCKET NO: 21-CV-02021

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING  
PLAINTIFF

VS.

ANDREW H. MONTROLL, ESQ., ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF USIVIO PELE PILU AND OCCUPANTS RESIDING AT 123 ACADEMY STREET, ALBURGH, VT 05440  
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Usivio Pele Pilu, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, dated November 25, 2020, and recorded in Book 185, at Page 253, of the Town of Alburgh Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by Assignment of Mortgage recorded July 17, 2021 in the Town of Alburgh Land Records, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at February 9, 2024 at 04:00 PM at 123 Academy Street, Alburgh, VT 05440 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Usivio P. Pilu by Warranty Deed from Cheryl A. Wells dated November 25, 2020 and recorded December 2, 2020 in Book 185, at Page 251 of the Town of Alburgh Land Records and further described therein.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
/s/ Annie E. Lajoie, 5933  
Annie E. Lajoie, Esq.  
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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL DIVISION  
GRAND ISLE UNIT  
DOCKET NO: 22-CV-00397

LOANCARE, LLC  
PLAINTIFF

VS.

ANNE K. G. BAZILWICH; NEPREO, INC.; WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE; VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND OCCUPANTS RESIDING AT 3 OLD TOWN LN, GRAND ISLE, VT 05458  
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Anne K. G. Bazilwich, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Green Tree Servicing LLC, dated May 28, 2013, and recorded in Book 117, at Page 763, of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by Assignment of Mortgage recorded in Book 140, Page 509, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at February 9, 2024 at 03:00 PM at 3 Old Town Ln, Grand Isle, VT 05458 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Anne Katherine Georgiades Bazilwich by WARRANTY DEED of Todd P. Lefkoe and Karen Lefkoe dated November 19, 1999 and recorded November 30, 1999 in Book 63, at Page 381 of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records, as further affected by a subsequent QUITCLAIM DEED to Anne K. G. Bazilwich from John J. Balkunas, Jr. dated October 2, 2012 and recorded on November 30, 2012 at Book 116, Page 42 of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records and further described therein.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

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/s/ Caryn L. Connolly  
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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).

Regulations for Lead Control.  
Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P001  
AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health  
CONCISE SUMMARY: The rule provides the requirements for work practices, licensing, and training for lead-based paint activities and renovation, repair, painting and maintenance activities to prevent the creation of lead hazards that cause lead poisoning. This rulemaking proposes the following changes: 1) Amends the information required by the Department from the owners of rental target housing to obtain RRPM firm licenses to work on their own properties. Specifically, the requirement for liability insurance has been removed. 2) Amends the activities licensed owners of rental target housing can conduct when doing RRPM activities on their own properties. 3) Amends items to be consistent with federal law, including adding a hands-on component to the training requirement for a lead-safe RRPM refresher training and adding the definition for "Dry disposable cleaning cloth." 4) Amends the training requirements for lead-based paint inspectors to be consistent with other states. 5) Amends provisions for clarity.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Meg McCarthy, Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05401, Tel: 802-951-0174 Fax: 802-951-1275, E-Mail: [ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov](mailto:ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov) URL: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/laws-regulations/laws/public-comment>.  
FOR COPIES: Natalie Weill, Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05401, Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1275, E-Mail: [ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov](mailto:ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov)

Antidegradation Implementation Rule.  
Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P002  
AGENCY: Agency of Natural Resources  
CONCISE SUMMARY: The proposed rule lays out the process for implementing Vermont's antidegradation policy. Vermont's antidegradation policy requires that existing uses of waters and the level of water quality necessary to protect those uses shall be maintained and protected. To implement this policy, the proposed rule requires an analysis of water quality impacts, to be conducted during the review of applications for permits authorizing activities that are required to comply with the Vermont Water Quality Standards. The rule includes a list of permits subject to antidegradation review, the required public process, and the three-tiered analysis of water quality impacts: Protection of Outstanding Resource Waters, protection of High Quality Waters, and protection of Existing Uses. The rule also includes an analysis for determining when a reduction in receiving-water quality is allowable, based on evaluation of the subsequent socioeconomic impact of not allowing the proposed activity.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bethany Sargent, DEC Watershed Management Division, Agency of Natural Resources, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 3, Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3522 Tel: 802-490-6131 Fax: 802-828-1544 E-Mail: [bethany.sargent@vermont.gov](mailto:bethany.sargent@vermont.gov) URL: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/laws>.  
FOR COPIES: Hannah Smith, DEC Office of General Counsel, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2, Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3522 Tel: 802-461-8187 Fax: 802-828-1544 E-Mail: [hannah.smith@vermont.gov](mailto:hannah.smith@vermont.gov)

# FEAR & KNIGHT

## answer

R	A	V	A	G	E					
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# King Crossword

## Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

## Answer

4	6	9	2	5	3	8	1	7
5	3	8	1	4	7	2	9	6
2	1	7	8	9	6	3	4	5
8	5	1	6	3	4	7	2	9
6	4	2	9	7	1	5	8	3
7	9	3	5	2	8	4	6	1
1	2	4	7	6	5	9	3	8
9	7	6	3	8	2	1	5	4
3	8	5	4	1	9	6	7	2

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## 2. Write Your Ad

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

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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## 3. Calculate Your Rate!

Private: \$3 for 1<sup>st</sup> ten words, \$.10/per word after  
Business: \$9 for 1<sup>st</sup> ten words, \$.25/per word after

### To Determine Which Rate Applies:

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Employment Wanted- Business Rate; For Rent- Business Rate;  
Garage Sales—1 per month at private rate; Business rate for more.  
Wanted- Private Rate; Services Offered- Business Rate  
Miscellaneous & Card of Thanks—\$3.00 1<sup>st</sup> 10 words, \$.10 per word;  
Real Estate- Business Rate;  
FREE or Lost & Found- 1<sup>st</sup> ten words Free, \$.10 each additional word.

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

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This is a salaried, part time position to begin as soon as possible. Find the full job description at [www.ChamplainIslandsfoodshelf.org](http://www.ChamplainIslandsfoodshelf.org).

PLEASE send a letter of interest and resume to Laurie Redel, Champlain Islands Food Shelf Secretary at [ljbredel@gmail.com](mailto:ljbredel@gmail.com).

### ASSISTANT PLANNER/ ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is seeking a full-time assistant planner/zoning administrator to work with communities in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. The position includes serving as the appointed zoning administrator/local planner for up to three municipalities and to assist NRPC with regional and local planning projects.

The ideal candidate has knowledge and skills in land use planning and development through professional, educational or volunteer experiences. This position requires effective written and verbal communication skills, the ability to work in a team environment and independently, and a strong customer service ethic. The position will require work in an office setting at local municipal offices and regular night meetings will be expected.

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

R	A	S	S	L	E	R	A	T	R	I	A	S	C	H	I	R	R	A			
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## ACADEMIC

### KUDOS

Fall 2023

#### President's List

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POTSDAM, NY

**Ben Fredette of Rouses Point, NY.**

*To achieve the honor of being on the President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.*

#### Dean's List

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POTSDAM, NY

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**Izzy Prenoveau of Rouses Point, NY.**

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CANTON, NY

**Chase Ross of Mooers, NY.**

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ONEONTA, NY

**Jana Schraders of Chazy, NY.**

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NEW PALTZ, NY

**Andrew Hennebury of Rouses Point, NY.**

**Catherine Langlois of Chazy, NY.**

*To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.*

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY –  
POTSDAM, NY

**Sebastian Alessi and Evan Bokelberg of Colchester.**

**Rylee Bourgeois of Chazy, NY.**

**Hailey Letourneau of Rouses Point, NY.**

**Brandon Pratico of North Hero.**

**Aiden Surprenant of Mooers NY.**

*Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.*

SIENA COLLEGE –  
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**Tristan Boutin and Kaylyn Noel of Milton.**

**Paxton Brigante of Colchester.**

**Natalie Wrye of Rouses Point, NY.**

*To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 to 3.89 grade-point average.*

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY –  
HEMPSTEAD, NY

**Jeremy Hardy of Milton.**

*To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average.*



#### Calendar of Events

**THURSDAY, JAN. 25**

- Labor on Location at North Hero Public Library, 3195 US Route 2, North Hero; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Book Club at North Hero Public Library, 3195 US Route 2, North Hero; 6 p.m.
- Perry's Mills Frog Farm stories and photos at Clinton County Historical Association museum, 98 Ohio Avenue, Plattsburgh, NY; 6:30 p.m. RSVP 518-561-0340

**SATURDAY, JAN. 27**

- Google Docs Class at North Hero Public Library, 3195 US Route 2, North Hero; 10 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14**

- Winter Wednesdays: Nature Apps Basics at Worthen Library, 28 Community Lane, South Hero; 6 p.m.

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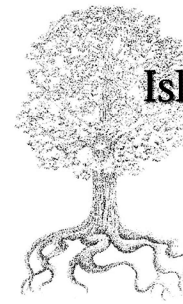
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# A little something to keep you busy!

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals C

GYN ZJT IFEMHDZ FJG RG GYN  
ZTU IFJCQD'G GRMN GYN GHUN  
GF GRCM GF LNFLCN. YN YRQ  
GFF URDT LENKKHDZ XFDXNEDK.

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## GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	÷		+		11		
+		+		-			
	+		÷		3		
÷		÷		×			
	×		-		2		
6		3		4			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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## MAGIC MAZE

## "LET" WORDS

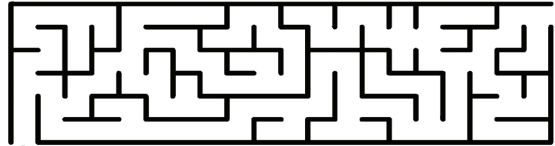
J P M T K I F D B Y W U S Q O  
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C E A T Y W E I H B V T R S A  
A Q L P N L N C V A O L E K C  
I N H W H U F I E A M G T C E  
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S R M L Q C I G R A H T E L E  
P A N M E L N W O D T E L T T  
P E C U T T E L P U T N I U Q

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: Jewelry Worn Around the Wrist

Anklet	Hamlet	Letterbox	Poulet
Booklet	Letdown	Lettuce	Quintuplet
Gauntlet	Lethargic	Owlet	Ultraviolet
Goblet	Leticia	Pamphlet	

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## Kids' Maze



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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Can you match the shape names on the left with their meanings on the right?

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1) hastiform  | a) hook-shaped  |
| 2) cruciform  | b) spear-shaped |
| 3) aliform    | c) wing-shaped  |
| 4) conchiform | d) shell-shaped |
| 5) unciform   | e) cross-shaped |

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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

YJU UCA QVHVDIV JSX ERQVJX  
NBV FQVJNVEN FDLNE CL JOO -  
OCIV JSX RVJHV LCQ NBV ZBCOV  
ZCQOX.

— UCAQ RAMMOV LQDVSXE

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## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                       |         |                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. Center             | — I —   | Interfere             | — E —   |
| 2. Crowd              | — — D — | Seabiscuit or Trigger | — — S — |
| 3. Oil transporter    | — — N — | Verbose one           | — — L — |
| 4. Sink               | — — — N | Pesto ingredient      | — — — L |
| 5. Drop-down lists    | — E —   | Subtraction sign      | — I —   |
| 6. Rocker or recliner | — — — R | Series of links       | — — — N |
| 7. Ice skating season | — — T — | Gold medalist         | — — — N |
| 8. Newborn canine     | — U —   | Perky and frisky      | — E —   |
| 9. Bed of flowers     | G — —   | Prison boss           | W — —   |
| 10. Mailbox item      | — E —   | Brood of kittens      | — I —   |

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Grand  
ELBON  
Theft  
THEIS  
Escort  
SHURE  
Alter  
NAMED

TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_



"Just because he resembles your \_\_\_\_\_, it doesn't mean he's guilty."

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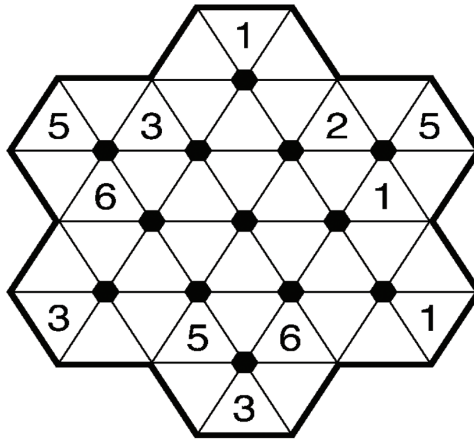


"Just because he resembles your \_\_\_\_\_, it doesn't mean he's guilty."

## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

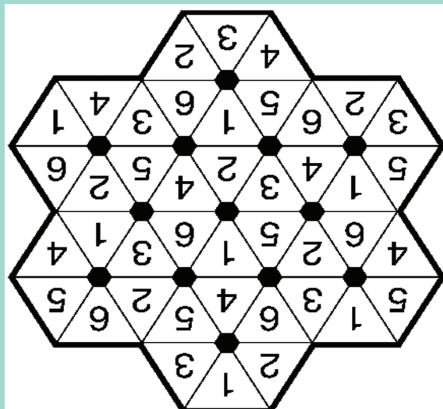
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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solution

SNOWFLAKES

The guy working out at the gym wouldn't take the time to talk to people. He had too many pressing concerns.

CryptoQuip  
answer

Sticklers Answer  
1-b, 2-e, 3-c, 4-d, 5-a

CryptoQuote

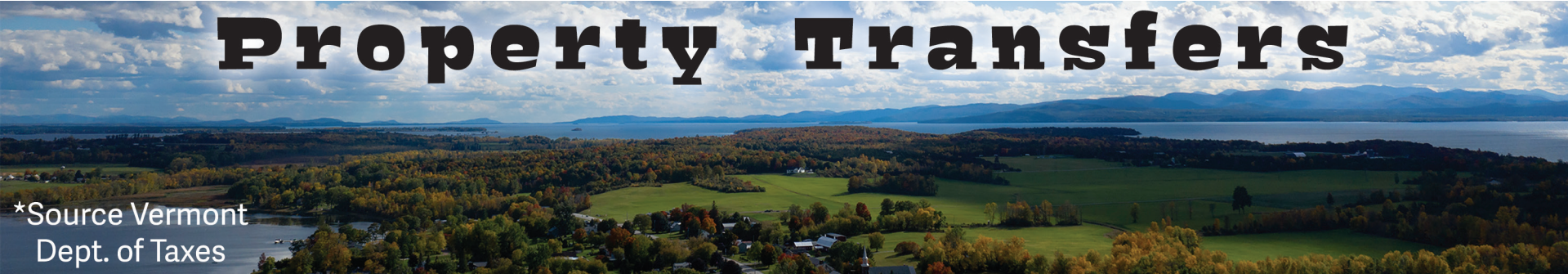
May you receive and spread the greatest gifts of all - love and peace for the whole world.  
— Your Puzzle Friends

Even Exchange

- answers
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| 1. Middle, Meddle  |
| 2. Horse, Amend    |
| 3. Tanker, Talker  |
| 4. Basin, Basil    |
| 5. Menus, Minus    |
| 6. Chair, Chain    |
| 7. Winter, Winner  |
| 8. Puppy, Peppy    |
| 9. Garden, Warden  |
| 10. Letter, Litter |

SCRAMBLERS

solution  
1. Noble 2. Heist; 3. Usher; 4. Amend  
Today's Word  
HUSBAND



# Property Transfers

\*Source Vermont  
Dept. of Taxes

## January 2024

### ALBURGH

- Larry Tatro & Wendy A. Tatro transferred property at 246 South Main, 0.32 ac., to Tatro Family 2023 Revocable Trust, \$N/A.
- Michael Cleland transferred property at vacant lot, Winters Lane Extension, 0.75 ac., to Romeo Blair, \$6,000.
- Joseph & Susan M. D'Alessandro transferred property at 491 Deer Run Rd, 10.01 ac., to Allison Torres, \$N/A.
- 249 Mott Street N LLC & The Denise N. Trombley Revocable Trust transferred property at 249 Mott Street North, 1.64 ac., to The Peter R. Jones Revocable Trust, \$N/A.
- Estate of John Fleury transferred property at 5423 US Route 2 South, 25 ac., to Jenifer Hardy & Rebecca O'Neill, \$N/A.
- Edward & Nancy Fisette transferred property at 3815 West Shore Rd, 16.3 ac., to Danielle & Matthew Fisette, \$N/A.

- Estate of David K. Mohamed II transferred property at 968 Boutah Rd, 10.2 ac., to Dietz-Slotter Trust, \$240,000.
- Stacey Ladd & Sanford R. Ladd II transferred property at 2857 West Shore Rd, 0.78 ac., to Abigail Ladd, \$N/A.

### COLCHESTER

- Katrina & Justin Hawkins transferred property at 105 Casey Ln, 0.47 ac., to Hawkins Family Trust, \$N/A.
- Lawrence & Susan Brown transferred property at 204 Jasper Mine Rd to Lawrence & Susan Brown, \$N/A.
- Bonnie Mainieri transferred property at 130 Belair Drive, 0.64 ac., to Daniel & R.G. Cousino, \$N/A.
- Stacy Martel transferred property at 69 Gregg Ln, 0.42 ac., to Ronald Martel, \$N/A.
- Vermont State Housing Authority transferred property at 0 Johnson Ave. (Windemere Mobile Home Park), 6.57 ac., to The Housing Foundation, Inc., \$1,600,498.

### MILTON

- Penny Butchino transferred property at 74 Meadow Rd, 0.46 ac., to Allyson Russell, \$285,000.
- Donna Bourgeois transferred property at 71 Cherry St., 0.51 ac., to Stacey Rousseau, \$N/A.
- Harjit Dhaliwal transferred property at 222 Middle Rd, 1.75 ac., to Sabrina Dhaliwal & Hannah St. Onge, \$N/A.
- Rocky Ridge Construction LLC transferred property at 320 Rt 7 South Lot 1, 0.22 ac., to Lay Lay & Pleh Moo Hser, \$327,000.
- Rocky Ridge Construction LLC transferred property at 320 US Rt 7, 0.02 ac., to William Labelle, \$1.

### NORTH HERO

- Estate of Robert Foley transferred property at 0 South End Rd, 26.9 ac., to Joan Laundon, \$100,000.
- Ellen Isham transferred property at 81 Log Cabin Ln, 1.8 ac., to Laura & Katherine R. Isham, \$N/A.

- Austin & Tiana Callahan transferred property at 80 Watsons Ridge, 3.21 ac., to David Bird & Nancy Pecor, \$650,000.

### SWANTON

- Jeffrey Hubbard transferred property at 2240 Highgate Rd to Vermont Transco, LLC, \$2,124.
- Stephen & Georgina Andrews transferred property at 83 Canada St., 0.25 ac., to Brian Tierney, \$312,500.
- Steven Ford transferred property at 3 Country Acres to Charles Lowe, \$18,000.
- Amy Eldridge transferred property at 18 Glenridge Ln, 0.4 ac., to Jeffrey & Tamara Roy, \$379,000.

### SOUTH HERO

- Andrew & Mary S. Staley transferred property at 3 Englewood Rd, 1.1 ac. to The Staley Revocable Trust, \$N/A.



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