

# Blood shortage now a 'crisis,' hospital supplies short

By **MICHAEL FRETT**  
Islander Staff Writer

GRAND ISLE – According to officials with the American Red Cross, hospitals in Vermont are experiencing a blood shortage akin to a “crisis.”

In an interview with *The Islander*, Bradley Howort from an American Red Cross branch in Burlington said the region’s blood shortage had left hospitals with less than a day’s worth of blood for surgeries, as opposed to the five-day supply preferred by most hospitals.

“What that means is that elective surgeries might be postponed,” Howort said. “If someone needs a transfusion, they might have to wait on it.”

The shortage, seen in much of the U.S. as well as in Vermont, was deemed a “national crisis” by the American Red Cross, the first time the nonprofit organization had ever declared a crisis over a shortage in blood donations.

In a statement, the American Red Cross said the current shortage was “its worst blood shortage in over a decade” and posed a “concerning risk to patient care.” Nationally, donations have fallen by as much as 10% since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Howort, the shortage was at least partially a side effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, prompting both a lower turnout among blood donors and the loss of typical hosts for blood drives, like high schools and colleges, due to access limitations.

The Red Cross had also, like much of the health care industry and businesses more generally, was experiencing a worker shortage that made staffing blood drives a challenge, creating what Howort described to *The Islander* as “a perfect storm.”

Blood collected by the American Red Cross is typically distributed to hospitals near where it was collected, a reflection of blood’s relatively short shelf-life. Because blood cannot be synthesized or stockpiled, hospitals largely rely on donations for the blood needed for surgeries and treatments.

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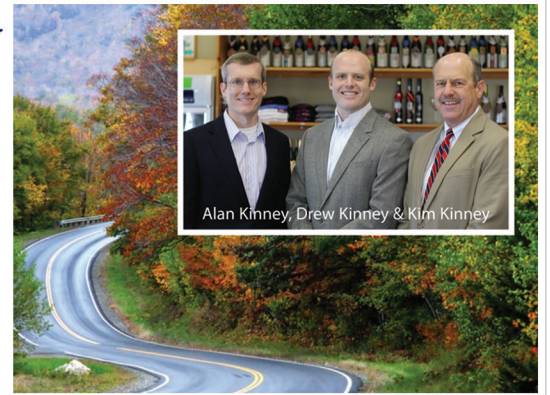


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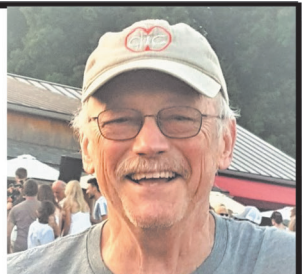
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## BLOOD SHORTAGE

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According to Howort, declining blood donations within Vermont translates to impacts on local hospital supplies and potentially affects hospitals' ability to provide certain services, a fact the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Services (VAHHS) confirmed in a recent email to *The Islander*.

In a message to *The Islander*, VAHHS's president Jeff Tieman said his organization had heard from hospitals delaying procedures because of the shortage in blood and from blood drive organizers who have had to cancel drives due to a lack of available volunteers.

"Many of our hospital leaders have raised concerns about dwindling on-hand blood supply and decreases in supply replenishment," he wrote. "We have heard from hospitals about delaying certain treatments or procedures that require more blood supply than other procedures or treatments."

Tieman added addressing the need for blood in hospitals would be "especially" critical "as people who have delayed care (or been asked to delay care) return to hospitals."

According to a news release, the American Red Cross provides approximately 40% of the blood used by American hospitals. The organization said the current shortage affected "all types of blood," but added that types O positive and O negative were particularly needed at the moment.

Both Howort and Tieman asked *The Islander* to encourage Vermonters to regularly donate blood this year as hospitals struggle with a particularly acute blood shortage.

"Just coming out now is helpful, but we need people to come back two months from now," Howort said. "That's going to pull us out of this."

While an upcoming blood drive at the Grand Isle Sheriff's Office was already booked full, Howort told *The Islander* he encouraged readers to look to upcoming drives scheduled in St. Albans and Milton, nearby communities regularly hosting blood drives.

Readers can look for upcoming blood drives and platelet donations through the Red Cross Blood Donor App, over the phone at 1-800-733-2767 and online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

## Only one contest in South Hero as Town Meeting plans are finalized

By MIKE DONOGHUE  
Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO -- There will be only one contested race for officer during town meeting this year in South Hero.

Selectboard member Ross Brown of U.S. 2 will be challenged for re-election by Bob Firevoid of Station Road for a two-year seat.

All other municipal seats have only one person running and in some cases nobody expressed interest, according to Assistant Town Clerk Naomi King.

King is the lone candidate for the two-year term for town clerk.

Erin Morse was elected to a 3-year term as town clerk last March, but later resigned. Town Treasurer Kim Julow, who also had been an assistant town clerk, agreed to take the top job and do double duty until Town Meeting Day this March.

Voting is planned from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 1 at the South Hero Town Offices on U.S. 2.

The Selectboard will have an informational meeting for all the ballot items at 6 p.m. Feb. 28. It will be conducted over Zoom.

The Selectboard approved the Town Meeting Day warning, 5-0, during its meeting on Monday evening.

Among the ballot items is the proposed \$1,215,924 general fund budget to operate the town. The Selectboard said \$992,049 needs to be generated by taxes, while \$223,875 will be paid through non-taxes.

The board approved a highway budget of \$862,683 with \$805,683 generated through taxes. The remaining \$57,000 will be paid through non-taxes.

The town also plans to allocate \$149,614 for the Worthen Library with \$110,000 generated by taxes.

The Selectboard also is asking for \$15,000 for the town cemetery account.

Also on the warning are several special ballot items, including a proposed 1 percent sales tax on meals and alcoholic beverages and the \$538,634 purchase of a new fire truck.

Selectboard Chairman David Carter stressed the 1 percent special tax is not on hotel or rented rooms.

The sales tax would apply for restaurants, food trucks and vendors that serve the public. The town expects for every \$1 million in food and drink sales, the town would get \$7,000 in taxes. The state would keep \$3,000.

The money would be targeted for municipal recreation and park facilities

in South Hero and for any kind of town structures. Carter said it could be used to also hire somebody to further develop recreation programs in the community.

The South Hero Volunteer Fire Department had reported last September that it needed to replace Engine 2, which is over 30 years old.

The Selectboard has proposed putting \$144,317 on the Town Meeting ballot this March for the fire truck and an equal amount in March 2023.

The remainder will be covered by the department's equipment fund.

The Masonic Lodge also is asking to have its property at 40 South Street exempted from local taxes for up to 10 years as provided by state law. The law allows for waivers for fraternal and charitable organizations.

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# Officials, landowner detail early creamery plans

By **MICHAEL FRETT**  
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – Milton's support for the possible redevelopment of its derelict creamery remains limited to environmental work at the moment, officials said during a recent selectboard meeting.

Prompted by a resident's complaint, officials discussed the creamery during the Milton selectboard's most recent meeting, describing an environmental assessment coordinated with the building's owner as the town's current focus.

"We had talked about a public-private partnership, where the town becomes a part of this project in getting it cleaned up, and the reason for that is the town would have greater access to grants to help clean this project," town manager Don Turner told the selectboard.

According to Turner, he was still working with the town's legal counsel on defining the town's involvement in a way that would allow the town to take on legal liability while still supporting the former creamery's development.

The Milton creamery on Railroad Street, once one of the largest creameries in New England, closed in the 1970s due to financial difficulties, according to a social media post from Milton's historical society.

Since then, the building has largely fallen into disrepair, often being described as both an "eyesore" and a safety concern by Milton officials.

Trespassing and safety issues have, in the past, prompted calls to Milton's emergency service providers, though, according to the building's current owner, a trespassing call to the Milton Police Department made last year had been the first since 2012.

Krista Washburn, a Milton resident and the creamery's current owner, told Milton's selectboard last week she hoped to preserve a historic brick section of the creamery and convert it into both an "antique-type" destination capable of courting tourists and a workspace for local artisans.

While she said she could confidently manage the brick section of the creamery, Washburn told the selectboard more modern segments of the creamery were outside of her area of expertise and that she would need some support with an environmental assessment.

"It needs to be taken care of... but I can't do it on my own," Washburn told the selectboard. "I have an amazing vision. I have an amazing relationship with the town. I feel like I have a ton of community support, but I don't have the capital."

Turner, speaking with the selectboard, said funding for an initial environmental assessment would likely be available through the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, who Turner and Washburn had previously communicated with regarding the creamery.

While subsequent assessments would likely require some greater level of financial support, Turner said the town might be able to better access grant funding for the project as a municipal body than Washburn might as a private developer.

He restated, however, that the town's involvement remained limited.

"We haven't committed the town to anything other than we're going to continue to explore because we know it's going to take some money to get you on the environmental studies," Turner said.

The initial complaint prompting the town's discussion last week had stemmed from a nearby landowner concerned with trespassing and safety issues related to the building's relatively open nature.

While Washburn said she had posted no trespassing signs around the former creamery and stressed she felt the building needed to be boarded up, she had been hesitant to fully board up the creamery without knowing what kind of access specialists involved in an environmental assessment would need.

"I truly believe I need to board it up – no 'ifs,' 'ands' or 'buts' about it," she said. "I still feel strongly that's something that needs to happen."

The nearby landowner filing the complaint, also present via Zoom, told town officials he had been "trying to understand what was going on with the property" and was ultimately supportive of Washburn's plan for the retired creamery.

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In a Jan. 19 article titled "Restaurant, duplex proposal for Sand Bar Inn comes before DRB," *The Islander* erroneously reported the proposed redevelopment for the Sand Bar Inn property would include parking for the nearby Apple Island Marina.

While the proposed redevelopment does set account for parking for a nearby marina, those spaces are reserved for a smaller marina located across Route 2 from the Sand Bar Inn, not the larger Apple Island Marina found nearby.



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# “Color and Light”: GreenTARA seeks vibrancy in January show

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

NORTH HERO – January’s winter doldrums could use some more color and light, especially in 2022.

Those were the thoughts guiding Diane Gayer as she brought together two artists – woodworker and painter Scott Brown and artist Kristian Brevik – for an on-going show now brightening the former church just south of North Hero’s village.

Gayer, the owner, architect and curator behind North Hero’s GreenTARA space, said her hopes with presenting “Color and Light,” her name for pairing Brown and Brevik’s work, was to add a sense of “vibrancy” to the winter months.

“Let’s have something vibrant,” Gayer told *The Islander* during a Sunday reception, comparing “Color and Light” to previous GreenTARA shows focusing on snow and ice. “We need way more life than ice.”

In the case of this current show, Brown, a painter and woodworker pairing primary colors and simple shapes, provided the show’s requisite “color,” arranging sets of simple panels into increasingly complicated works the Grand Isle artist loosely described to *The Islander* as “paintings.”

“Light,” meanwhile, came courtesy of the Burlington-based Brevik, a better-known Vermont artist whose work cast endangered whales as ghostly lanterns with the hopes, he said, of better connecting people with conservation issues usually described through data and studies.



**Kristian Brevik, a Burlington-based artist, discusses his illuminated sculptures during a reception in North Hero’s GreenTARA gallery space. Behind him is a work by Grand Isle’s Scott Brown, a carpenter and artist whose work is best identified by its simple geometry and colors.**

Photo by Michael Frett.

Gayer, GreenTARA’s curator and owner, said her hopes for pairing the two works were to enliven Vermont’s early winter months for locals, particularly as another surge in COVID-19 cases guaranteed more anxiety for the immediate future.

“I’ve played with ice and snow in the past,” Gayer told *The Islander*, “but we need that jumpstart to know there’s life out there.”

## Color

Brown, maybe better known among islanders as the zoning administrator in Grand Isle’s town offices, said his colorful work could be prompted by any number of inspirations, from migrating birds to elementary school dances organized decades in the past.



**Scott Brown, an artist from Grand Isle, speaks with visitors during a Sunday reception in North Hero about his work. Photo by Michael Frett.**

As he spoke with *The Islander*, Brown pointed toward one piece in particular, titled “Waiting,” roughly recalling the basic outline and details of an aquarium fish. Brown chuckled as he cited the work.

“I was in a waiting room at the dentist’s office,” Brown said, “and he had a tank with tropical fish.”

Most of his works on display in GreenTARA, however, seemed far less direct with what their titles and inspirations invoked. Virtually every piece were collections of half circles and squares orchestrated into increasingly complex sequences of simple reds, blues and yellows.

One piece, a massive work arranged into a cyclone, was titled “Migration,” emphasizing what Brown described as “avian features” seen in the individual panels composing the image. Others captured half-moon crescents or grew into crystalline shapes, all while still embracing some basic geometric form.

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Comparing his work to that of a sculptor carving away at stone, Scott said he typically started his work with those basic forms, building from squares and circles before gradually chipping his initial sketches into the more dynamic patterns now lining GreenTARA's walls.

"It's not unlike sculpting," he said. "As you take stuff away, a concept starts to emerge."



A ghostly pair of whales created by Burlington-based sculpture artist Kristian Brevik hang in the foreground, contrasting against a work by Grand Isle's Scott Brown. Photo by Michael Frett.

Those concepts, while increasingly complex as one wandered through GreenTARA's gallery space, never really lost a sense of basic shapes and lines, reflecting a design philosophy that, according to Brown, emphasized there really being only two fundamental shapes.

"There's basically two shapes – circles and squares," Brown said. "Everything else is a manifestation of that."

Brown, a "carpenter by trade and architect by profession," cited his backgrounds in woodworking and design among the "great many influences" shaping the geometric core to his work, though, Brown promised *The Islander*, his work was "definitely" continuing to evolve.

#### Light

A possible irony of "Colors and Lights," however, is that, despite Gayer's intents to inspire a brighter January, half of its equation functions as a warning of sorts.



According to GreenTARA's Diane Gayer, "Color and Light" was intended to contrast the simple colors found in Grand Isle artist Scott Brown's panels with illuminated animal sculptures made by Burlington's Kristian Brevik. Photo by Michael Frett.

At times presented as "Ghosts of Extinctions Yet to Come," Brevik's illuminated whales with anatomically correct skeletons at their core capture ghostlier forms of their real-life counterparts.

Brevik, speaking with *The Islander* during Sunday's reception, said his sculp-

tures hoped to communicate the environmental concerns data and studies sometimes could not, providing an undead image of animal species often at the center of global conservation efforts.

"As much as data and understanding science provides us with, it doesn't really connect with people," Brevik, an academic with a background in ecological science, said. "Art can be a better way of connecting with people."

Whales, many among the largest animals on the planet with important ecological roles in ocean environments, continue to feature prominently in conservation efforts, as human activity and waste continues to press many species closer to extinction.

At least six of the 13 great whale species are considered endangered or threatened by conservation groups and, according to the World Wildlife Fund, as many as 300,000 whales and dolphins die a year after being accidentally captured by fisheries.

There was, in at least one particular case, a noted irony in Brevik's work.

During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, sperm whales had been at the core of the whaling industry, hunted for oil that would later be used lubricants, as well as candles and lamps. Oil collected from sperm whales, as Brevik noted, had been a source of light for many years.

"We hunted sperm whales for oil," Brevik said, pointing toward a lantern resembling the historically hunted whale. "For light."

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# Milton to assess Allen Brook

By MICHAEL FRETT  
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MILTON – Town officials are looking for funding to support water quality sampling in Allen Brook, a small waterway stretched between Milton and Colchester affected by stormwater runoff.

During a recent meeting, Milton’s selectboard approved an application to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission for financial support to assess the small waterway.

Allen Brook, a thin waterway running parallel to Route 7 between Milton and Colchester, is challenged by stormwater runoff, according to Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) planning documents.

In its tactical basin plan for the northernmost segments of Lake Champlain, DEC listed the brook among several waterways potentially impaired by stormwater runoff within a larger watershed affecting Malletts Bay and, ultimately, Lake Champlain.

Stormwater runoff from hard surfaces like roads and parking lots can, according to a DEC writeup, ultimately affect waterways downstream, creating infrequent rushes of water during intense rainfall that can erode streambanks and wash pollutants downstream.

Streambank erosion is targeted within the larger total maximum daily load agreement for Lake Champlain requiring Vermont to significantly reduce the amount of phosphorus pollution washed through its share of the lake’s watershed by the 2030s.

Phosphorus, a necessary chemical for plant growth often found within the sediment lining streambanks, can, when rushed into waterways, nurture colonies of sometimes toxic cyanobacteria maybe better known by Vermonters as “blue green algae.”

According to Kirsten Jensen, an engineer working with Milton’s public works department, the desired water quality assessment was intended to “better inform our stormwater projects in the future.”

“Allen Brook has been deemed endangered of becoming an impaired stream,” Jensen told the selectboard, “and if it does get to this designation of becoming an impaired stream, it really increases the time and effort we have to put into monitoring it and mitigating stormwater and everything.”

“So,” she concluded, “it’s very important we keep a close eye on this.”

While the details on a water quality assessment related to Allen Brook still needed to be worked out, town officials said Milton intended to work with state

officials as the assessment program developed.

“We’re going to keep them involved in this whole thing,” Dave Allerton, Milton’s public works director, said, “because what we don’t want is for this stream to become categorized as an impaired stream.”



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# Isle La Motte considers transparency

By MIKE DONOGHUE  
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ISLE LA MOTTE – Two government transparency issues, petitioned by Isle La Motte voters, are expected to be on the Town Meeting Day ballot.

The Isle La Motte Selectboard was planning to approve the annual warning on Monday night, but postponed it to make some final tweaks to the annual budget, Town Clerk Sarah Noble said Tuesday.

She said another ILM Selectboard meeting is planned for 2:30 p.m. Thursday to give final approval to the town budget and sign the legal warning for Town Meeting.

The town also will have at least four contested races for officers: selectboard, school board, lister and trustee of public funds.

Isle La Motte voters will be asked a non-binding ballot question on Town Meeting Day on whether the Selectboard and other town boards should approve the use of technology that would permit taxpayers to attend or access municipal government meetings during the year through electronic means.

The petition was signed by more than two dozen local taxpayers having an interest in being able to access Selectboard meetings without going out into public during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Sylvia Jensen, who was among the organizers for the petition drive.

The increased community access also would allow residents that are snowbirds and other vacationers to monitor what is going on in their hometown while they are away.

Selectboard members have been cool toward the idea of having government meetings available through Zoom even when one resident recently offered at a meeting to write a check to cover the cost of any new equipment.

Selectboard members have said people are free to attend the meetings at the Town Offices.

The idea is to have the town invest in some basic equipment to help ensure the board and general public can be heard and seen. South Hero and Grand Isle are among the towns in the county that recently invested in audio visual equipment designed to improve government transparency at public meetings.

In a second petition, which would be binding, residents are asking to see if the Selectboard should mail the annual printed town report to the voters 10 days before the annual meeting.

Isle La Motte did away with automatically mailing town reports more than 10 years ago. The petitioners see the mailing of the town report as a way to increase civic engagement in the community, Jensen said.

Noble said the following municipal posts have two people running for one seat on Town Meeting day:

Selectboard (3 years): Peter Brzozowy, who was appointed this month to fill a vacant seat and Mary Catherine Graziano.

School Board (3 years): Sylvia Jensen and Selby Turner to replace Chet Bromley who is retiring.

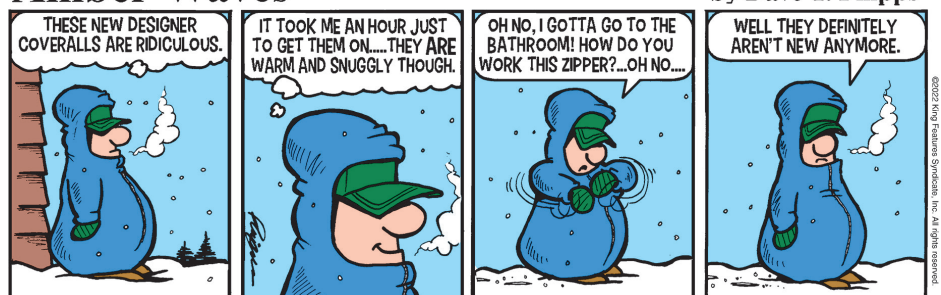
Lister (3 years): Sylvia Jensen and Mary LaBrecque, the incumbent.

Trustee of Public Funds (3 years): Carol Goodwin Bohannon and Barbara Callahan, the incumbent.

All other offices, including town clerk, town treasurer, moderator and delinquent tax collector are uncontested and being sought by the respective incumbents.

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# Facilitators to locals: Milton on the Move now in residents' hands

By **MICHAEL FRETT**  
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – With forums for the Milton on the Move initiative coming to a close, the plans and priorities set by Milton residents are now comfortably in local hands, according to program facilitators.

“At this point, Milton residents really take the lead,” Jenna Koloski, a facilitator from the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), told *The Islander* recently.



**Milton's town manager Don Turner introduces a December forum for Milton on the Move, a Vermont Council on Rural Development-assisted initiative exploring community development priorities in Milton.**

*Photo by Michael Frett.*

As of the initiative's final VCRD-steered forums held earlier this month, local task forces had formed around Milton on the Move's three prioritized projects and have since begun organizing their next steps.

Those steps would now be steered predominantly by the individual committees and their eventual work with town officials, according to Koloski, though limited VCRD support would continue to be available.

Milton on the Move stemmed from VCRD's Community Visit Program, a development initiative built around grassroots-style organizing facilitated by VCRD staff and supported through VCRD's ties to state agencies and other nonprofit organizations.

Through a series of Milton on the Move forums organized by VCRD staff last year, locals whittled a list of possible development proposals down to three specific priorities: building a community and recreation center, developing a downtown, and supporting and courting local businesses.

While Koloski said these projects could take Milton a significant amount of time to develop, a combination of local support from Milton residents and resources offered through a number of COVID-19 relief programs left her optimistic for Milton on the Move's future.

“These are really challenging times, but it's also a well-resourced time,” Koloski said. “All three of these are ambitious projects, but they're projects we've seen communities manage before.”

In a recent interview, Milton's town manager Don Turner echoed Koloski's optimism, telling *The Islander* town officials were “pleased” with VCRD's work in Milton and were “excited” about Milton on the Move's particular focus on economic development issues.

“I'm excited these three projects came to the forefront,” Turner said, adding the forums' focus on development aligned strongly with town officials' interests in economic issues.

Many of the priorities tagged by Milton on the Move were questions previously raised by Milton officials, according to Turner, including the initiative's community center proposal that was once the subject of local committee research.

The rush of “new blood” brought through Milton on the Move's grassroots organizing, Turner said, might help push those projects forward, a dynamic that had prompted the town manager's original support for invit-

ing VCRD to work with Milton.

“I was hoping to try and engage people in community development and grow the conversation with the selectboard and the community,” Turner told *The Islander*. “This brought people in who originally wouldn't have been involved.”

While task forces initially stood up through Milton on the Move would provide organizing and research work related to their respective priorities, authority for development programming requiring town funding ultimately falls to town officials and Milton's selectboard.

VCRD officials are in the final stages of penning an action plan Milton on the Move's three task forces could refer to for guidance moving forward.

According to Koloski, VCRD anticipated those plans being publicly available in the first week of February.

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# Officials stress caution as omicron surge shows signs of waning

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

MONTPELIER – State officials shared measured optimism Tuesday as an ongoing COVID-19 surge related to the more infectious omicron variant showed signs of beginning to subside.

Speaking during a news conference Tuesday, Gov. Phil Scott attributed the relative decline to a high level of vaccinations among Vermonters, a trend the governor said was “making a real difference.”

Still, despite what was treated as “encouraging” news as COVID-19’s current surge started to show signs of waning, Scott and members of his cabinet stressed caution, as cases remained high.

“Trends in our region are encouraging,” Scott said, “but just like everything else with this virus, there are no guarantees.”

According to health department data shared by officials Tuesday, the seven-day average for new COVID-19 cases had fallen by 27% in the last week and by 37% from two weeks ago, echoing trends seen in other northeastern American states experiencing an omicron-related surge.

Modeling, officials added, appeared to show COVID-19’s spread continuing to fall into February and March, though presenters like Vermont’s financial regulations commissioner Michael Pieciak, stressed cases were still far higher than they had been before the current omicron variant-spurred surge.

“Our cases continue to be averaging over 1,000 a day,” Pieciak said. “We want to continue to see those trends to go down and want to see some much-continued improvement before we are comfortable that things are significantly different than they are at the moment.”

Hospitalizations related to COVID-19 similarly remained high, though severe complications from COVID-19 seemed to continue disproportionately affecting unvaccinated Vermonters relative to Vermonters who had received both vaccinations and booster shots against COVID-19.

For well over a week, hospitals in Vermont have reported more than 100 people had been admitted with complications related to COVID-19, a trend particularly impacting older Vermonters among vaccinated and unvaccinated demographic groups.

High levels of hospitalizations related to COVID-19, according to Pieciak, only now appeared to show signs of potentially slowing down in the coming weeks. As of Tuesday, there were still 101 Vermonters hospitalized with COVID-19, according to the health department.

According to the Vermont Dept. of Health, around 91% of eligible Vermonters in Grand Isle County had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, giving the county one of the state’s highest per capita vaccination rates.

Only Chittenden and Lamoille counties, where 92% of residents had received at least one vaccination dose, reported a higher per capita vaccination rate, according to health department data.

Within the past two weeks, 117 cases of COVID-19 had been reported in Grand Isle County, according to the Vermont Dept. of Health.

## Empty Bowls to light up the night at Great Ice

By Ellen Dorsch

NORTH HERO - Island neighbors, local businesses, and school kids and staff have organized the Empty Bowls Dinner for the past 7 winters. Child created bowls made of pottery. Artisans and cooks donated gifts for a raffle table. The Grand Isle School gym was decorated for the occasions and some of the islands best cooks donated a variety of soups.

Last year, due to COVID, the annual Empty Bowls event was not held, but thanks to generous local businesses and community sponsors, over \$10,000 was raised to provide meals and food to Islanders in need.

This year, the annual meal will not be held, but you can still support this important cause. Donations are welcomed from individuals or business. Empty Bowls will kick off fundraising at Great Ice on Feb. 18 on City Bay in North Hero. Glow in the dark accessories will be available for sale to raise money to support the organizations Empty Bowls contributes to -- Food for Thought, C.I.D.E.R., and the Grand Isle Food Shelf.

Although you will not be able to take home a bowl, you’ll know you have help to make it possible for others to have a good meal.

According to a study at UVM, nearly 30% of Vermonters have experienced food insecurity – nearly triple 2018 levels – highlighting the increased hardship experienced across the state during the pandemic. An article in Vermont Business Magazine, reported food insecurity in Vermont reached record levels during the Covid-19 pandemic with nearly one in three Vermonters experiencing food insecurity at some point since March 2020.

As part of this year’s fund raising, a committed local supporter has offered to match all donations up to \$5,000.

Be an Empty Bowls supporter. Send your tax deductible contribution with a check made out to the Congregational Church of South Hero, PO Box 99, South Hero, VT 05486; write Empty Bowls in the memo line.

Questions: Judy Steacy judysteacy@comcast.net or Laurie Redel lredel@ewsd.org

## Americanisms



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— Audre Lorde

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# Woman confronts home intruder in Grand Isle County

By **MIKE DONOGHUE**  
Islander Staff Writer

ISLE LA MOTTE -- An Isle La Motte woman says she confronted a masked man who unlawfully entered her private home on Saturday and that he later fled the scene in an out-of-state registered motor vehicle, according to the Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department.

The description of the suspect also matches the man that reportedly had asked a couple of other Grand Isle County residents for directions over the weekend and had driven slow by at least one driveway at another residence, Sheriff Ray Allen said.

The Isle La Motte victim told *The Islander* on Monday that she remained in shock by the brazen intruder.

He might be operating a white two-tone Buick Enclave with a trailer hitch. The victim said she thought it had Massachusetts license plates, but the Sheriff said it might be from another state that has white plates with red letters/digits like Tennessee.

The victim estimated the white man appeared to be about 40 to 50 years old and was between 5-feet-4 inches and 5-feet-6 inches. Allen said another witness thought the suspect might be up to 5 feet 8 inches.

He was wearing a fur hooded ski coat black/grey with polka dots and lines with a snap hook on the back hood. The suspect also had a navy-blue fleece over his face with only his eyes showing, she said.

Another witness from a different incident indicated the man did not have any facial hair when he was spotted without his mask, Allen said.

"I am aware of the situation," said Grand Isle County State's Attorney Doug DiSabito when reached in Washington, D.C. He was representing Grand Isle County and Vermont at the annual Capital Conference sponsored by the National District Attorneys Association.

He said he had been in touch with both the victim and Cpl. Brandon Allen, the lead investigator from the sheriff's office. Cpl. Allen was following up on some possible leads, DiSabito said.

The woman said she was home about 1:15 p.m. Saturday when she heard repeated knocks at the door, but she did not answer. The suspect later walked around to her front yard and came back a second time to knock, but she did not recognize the masked man and decided not to answer the door, she said.

It was at that point the intruder entered the unlocked front door without permission, she said. He came to the top of the stairs and headed toward the bedrooms, the woman reported.

The victim asked what he was doing in her house and asked him to identify himself. He claimed he was looking for a certain family and was there to buy a tractor. She told *The Islander* that he claimed he had been told to knock and walk into the residence.

The man, who claimed his name was "John Jones" was told he had the wrong house, she said. The victim said she told

him to get out and that she was calling law enforcement.

He ran out the door and he was driving a White Buick Enclave, she said.

Sheriff Allen said two property owners in North Hero and one other in Isle La Motte filed concerns about a suspicious man seeking directions. They filed the reports after learning about the about the intruder incident in ILM on social media.

## South Hero not offering business awards

By Islander Staff

SOUTH HERO -- The town of South Hero is not giving out awards for top businesses, according to Selectboard Chairman David Carter.

Carter made the comment at the Selectboard meeting this week in the wake of a series of emails that included a Grand Isle company reportedly winning one of the "Best of South Hero Awards."

Cota Propane in Grand Isle had reached out to the town of South Hero to learn more after it was notified that it was a winner. Cota was told the entire list of winners will be posted on a website once all the recipients had been contacted. The announcement came from a company with an out-of-state address.

Carter said he did not know how many local businesses have been approached.

Selectboard member Skip Brown said he found it odd that a business in Grand Isle town had received word that it was the best in South Hero.

Brown said he had shared information with the Vermont Attorney General's Office to see if it could learn more about the emails that were sent.



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## Gov. Scott appoints Matthew Walker to House

By Jason Maulucci, Press Secretary Office of the Governor

MONTPELIER - Governor Phil Scott today announced his appointment of Matthew E. Walker, of Swanton, to the Vermont House of Representatives, representing House District Franklin-4. Walker replaces former Representative Brian Savage (R-Swanton) who resigned last month.

"As a small business owner and someone who has spent a lot of time volunteering in his community, Matt will bring valuable experience to this new role," said Governor Scott. "When interviewing him, I was impressed by his enthusiasm for service, his pragmatism and commonsense approach, and I'm confident he will be an impactful legislator."

Walker and his wife PattiJo own and operate Vermont Clothing Company & JC Image, a screenprinting, embroidery and graphic design business of nine employees. Prior to that, he was director of international transportation for A.N. Deringer, Inc.

"Brian Savage served the people of Swanton, Sheldon and Vermont for many years in Montpelier," said Walker. "I am humbled and proud to accept the Governor's appointment to represent my neighbors in the Vermont tradition of a citizen legislator."

Walker was born in Rutland and raised in Brandon, Vermont and graduated from the University of Vermont. An active member of his community, Walker has been a youth baseball and basketball coach for over a decade and is in his third year as the head coach of the boys varsity basketball team at Missisquoi Valley Union High School. He and PattiJo have three children, Richard, Patrick and Emily.

Keeping with tradition, because former Representative Savage served as a Republican, Governor Scott made the appointment from a list of candidates submitted by the local Republican committee.



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## 3 New Tobacco Cessation Providers Trained in Franklin Grand Isle

By Amy Brewer, Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition

ST. ALBANS – Quitting Tobacco Use or Vaping always tops people's lists for ways to be healthier in the new year. It makes sense, as it is still a #1 cause of preventable disease among Vermonters. Quitting isn't easy, but the chances of quitting for good increase when an individual uses all the tools available. One of those very useful tools is talking with a trained professional who can share all the tips, techniques, and support needed to keep a quit attempt on track.

The Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition is pleased to announce that there are 3 new Tobacco Treatment Specialists trained and ready to support people in their quit attempts, in this case, right within their primary care office or setting. Teresa Robert of St. Albans Primary Care and Alicia Panko, RN and Bethany Johnson, MS of Cold Hollow Family Practice of Enosburg were recently certified as Tobacco Treatment Specialists. For their clinic patients, they are prepared and ready to support their quit attempts.

Johnson, Panko, & Robert join 3 others in our community who provide evidence-based support to individuals ready to try quitting. Chasidy Benjamin of Northwestern Medical Center, offers regular, virtual quit tobacco groups. Groups are free of charge and anyone 18 and older can register at [www.myhealthyvt.org](http://www.myhealthyvt.org). Rounding out the team of cessation support professionals is Northwestern Counseling & Support Services' Catherine Marrin, LICSW, who is the regional Manager for Blueprint Self-Management Workshops and coordinates cessation services for the Franklin Grand Isle our region.

People who use tobacco may try quitting any number of times before they quit for good, and they may try a variety of tools to help them. That's all an important part of the quit process. Research tells us that combining the tools, like coaching from a trained professional and using quit medications like nicotine patches, gum, and lozenges increases the chances of quitting for good.

If you are thinking of quitting, now is always a great time to try. Visit [www.802Quits.org](http://www.802Quits.org) or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Sign up for a virtual quit group at [MyHealthyVT.org](http://MyHealthyVT.org). Questions about how to access regional services can be directed to Catherine Marrin by calling 802-393-5423. You can do it. There's help.

## Waterfowl Blinds Must Be Removed

By John Hall, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Waterfowl hunters who did not remove their hunting blinds from the waters of the state earlier must do so before February 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 Jason Batchelder.

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



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

# Champlain Islands Food Shelf: Helping Islanders Every Week

By Bob Ayers, Islands Food Shelf

GRAND ISLE - Despite the limitations and difficulties of Grand Isle County residents' lives over the last couple of years, a steady group of volunteers has worked week after week to keep the Islands Food Shelf open. The Food Shelf is stocked and safe for residents who need help keeping themselves and family members with a good, safe, healthy supply of food, personal items and pet food.

Every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Champlain Islands Food Shelf, located at the Grand Isle Methodist Church is open to anyone who needs some help to keep food in their cabinet, with clients from all of the island towns. Employed people as well as those currently out of work and those who live on Social Security are supported. The Islands Food Shelf is here to help anyone who needs it.

The Islands Food Shelf thanks the many donors from across the county - some who send a donation check once or twice a year. Of those, some leave their names and others donate anonymously. For those persons, the Islands Food Shelf has a new address, PO Box 24, North Hero.

During the growing season, donations were received from many Islanders who grow more zucchini, squash, tomatoes, green beans and other healthy foods than they can use. Fresh food disappears quickly. In November funds for turkeys and the fixings arrive. In all, many Islanders help in many ways, and every donation is appreciated.

Islanders of all types and locations are generous in many different ways. The Islands Food Shelf is able to help needy neighbors because of your willingness to help the organization.

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## Property Transfers

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- Property at Lot 3 Blakely and Malletts Bay Ave., 0.92 ac., was transferred to John & Robin Luter, \$255,000.
- Alexandra Nickerson transferred property at 93 Griffin Ct, 0.57 ac., to Natalie Mazzuca & Matthew Spinner, \$720,000.
- Elizabeth P. & Jonathan W. Miles transferred property at 1637 Colchester Point Rd, 0.34 ac., to Hannah E. Miles, \$N/A.
- Jonathan W. Miles transferred property at 1637 Colchester Point Rd, 0.34 ac., to Elizabeth P. & Jonathan W. Miles, \$N/A.
- David W. Bird transferred property at 262 White Cap Rd to Douglas & Sharon Dennett, \$475,000.
- Allison Eaton & Evan Eckstein transferred property at 46 Thayer Bay Drive to Daniel K. Tajbl, \$368,000.
- Property at 110 Heineberg Drive, 1.53 ac., was transferred to Heineberg Properties LLC, \$20,000.
- Dennis R. & Kathleen M. Demers transferred property at 1949 Main Street, 22.95 ac., to Shelburne Limestone Corporation, \$3,425,000.
- Christopher P. Ryan transferred property at Lot 3 Moonlight Ridge, 4.2 ac., to Katrina Ducis & Stewart Hall, \$430,000.
- Michael J. Straub transferred property at 129 Ridge Top Way, 1 ac., to Michael J. & Rachael B. Straub, \$N/A.
- Benjamin & Krissa Parmenter transferred property at 80 Birchwood Drive, 0.58 ac., to Nazmul Habib & Negar Sultana, \$371,250.
- Stephen F. Alderman transferred property at 916 Williams Rd, Apt 3, to Suzanne & William Spicer, \$230,000.
- Elizabeth & Travis Fitzgerald transferred property at 10 Thayer Beach

Rd, 18.59 ac., to T1D Foundation of Burlington Inc., \$N/A.

- Elizabeth P. & Jonathan W. Miles transferred property at 309-311 Holy Cross Rd, 0.47 ac., to Hannah E. Miles, \$N/A.
- Dawn & Steven Terrill transferred property at 52 Kylies Way, 1.78 ac., to The Amy and David Treat Family Living Trust, \$700,000.

### GRAND ISLE

- Leslie E. Black & Douglas L. Molde transferred property at 11 Dinghy Rd, 0.39 ac., to Christopher & Michelle Thibault, \$21,000.
- Brandy & Roger A. Borja transferred property at 28 Moccasin Ave., 1 ac., to Anthony & Millisa Rivait, \$380,000.
- Craig R. & Lisa M. Emmons transferred property at 110 Pearl St., 1.13 ac., to Stephanie Struble & Robert L. Struble Jr., \$395,000.
- Kenneth W. Mirvis transferred property at 10 Ketch Rd, 0.41 ac., to Kenneth R Mirvis Family Trust, \$N/A.
- Brittany L. & Christian N. Nieves transferred property at 120 Pearl St., 1.42 ac., to Erin L. Moriarty & Justin B. Pepe, \$355,000.
- Sarah J. Metzger transferred property at 24 Moccasin Ave., 1.02 ac., to Lauren P. Sanders, \$96,850.

### MILTON

- Property at 120 Horseshoe Circle, 0.32 ac., was transferred to Andrew M. & Sandra M. Lesage, \$483,210.
- Anna R. Delorme transferred property at 425 Taylor St. to Roberta M. & Steven P. Murray, \$110,000.
- Jami B. & Michael D. Daigle transferred property at 370 Bear Trap Rd, 10.1 ac., to Caroline Aubry, Emily Barbour, Shane Rogers & Julia Sisson, \$435,000.
- Property at Lot A at 660 Beebe Hill Rd, 16 ac., was transferred to Machia

Wilderness Camp Inc., \$275,000.

- Karen Dufresne transferred property at 27 Chrisemily Lane, 0.38 ac., to Admir Cacak & Rachael Hayes, \$359,000.
- Property at Lot 13 Checkerberry Square, 2.8 ac., was transferred to Funkadelic LLC, \$250,000.

### NORTH HERO

- Paul Rose & Randal Vallee transferred property at 68 Four Winds Lane, 3.6 ac., to Benjamin M. Hayes & Alan Jackson, \$255,000.
- John Trifilette transferred property at 1340 Blockhouse Point, 0.72 ac., to John Trifilette & Angelita Velez, \$N/A.
- John Trifilette & Angelita Velez transferred property at 1340 Blockhouse Point, 0.72 ac., to Ena & Mark Anthony, \$479,000.
- David William K. Peacock transferred property at 880 Lakeview Dr., 1.8 ac., to Bevins Property Management LLC, \$355,000.
- Lawrence R. Chase transferred property at 1458 US Route 2, 10.8 ac., to Michael D. Chase, \$N/A.
- Cynthia J. & Daniel V. Viens transferred property at 3829 US Route 2, 1.6 ac., to Michael J. Clasen & Paul M. Habersang, \$420,000.

### SOUTH HERO

- Sarah & Todd Minor transferred property at 9 Pike Circle, 0.19 ac., to Janet Minor, \$N/A.
- Karen Eisenbrei transferred property at 31 Carter Lane, 0.53 ac., to Kim Loll, \$50,973.
- Kimberly Gooding & Tawnia M. Pearo transferred property at 9 Pike Circle, 0.19 ac., to Janet Minor, \$N/A.
- Kelly Loll Mayorga transferred property at 31 Carter Lane, 0.53 ac., to Kim Loll, \$149,329.

### SWANTON

- Douglas Mackenzie transferred prop-

erty at 284 Maquam Shore Rd, 0.46 ac., to Douglas & Rachel Mackenzie, \$N/A.

- Molly A. Hartman transferred property at 6 Laroe St., 0.25 ac., to Molly A. Hartman & Joshua J. R. Lontine, \$N/A.
- Courtney L. & Trevor E. Sheltra transferred property at 23 Glen Ridge Lane, 0.32 ac., to Kyle R. George & Drew Neal, \$270,000.
- Property at 12 Church St., 1.5 ac., was transferred to Sugar Ledge LLC, \$300,000.
- Ernestine M. & John E. Hakey transferred property at 75 Grand Ave., 0.04 ac., to Brian Hatin & Chad Hubbard, \$N/A.
- Chad Hubbard transferred property at 75 Grand Ave., 0.29 ac., to Christina Hubbard, \$N/A.
- Carla D. & Danny A. L'Esperance transferred property at 16 Ferris St., 0.57 ac., to Franziska Ball & Kien L'Esperance, \$N/A.
- Brian Hatin & Christina Hubbard transferred property at 75 Grand Ave., 0.29 ac., to Ethan & Oriana K. Favreau, \$255,000.
- Property at 9 Ally Dr. was transferred to Kristine A. Stell, \$200,000.



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# Milton officials forward election warning with garage project, cannabis sales

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – Milton officials have approved forwarding a Town Meeting Day warning with both a funding proposal for a new public works facility and an article related to cannabis sales to voters this March.

Approved last week by Milton's selectboard, the warning also includes an almost \$9.3 million municipal budget, approximately \$7.2 million of which would be supported through taxes.

The proposal for a new public works facility has been a longtime project for Milton officials, who have cited concerns with space and safety conditions in the town's existing facility on Ice House Road.

According to a resolution approved by Milton's selectboard, the new facility, planned for a plot of donated property near Bombardier Road, would be budgeted at \$6.5 million, up to \$5.5 million of which would be supported through a bond vote warned for Town Meeting Day.

The remaining \$1 million will be covered through several funding sources, Don Turner told *The Islander* during an interview Monday afternoon, including both pandemic relief funding for infrastructure and the anticipated sale of town land.

Like many towns in Vermont, Milton is also asking voters to consider an article allowing for retail sale of cannabis within town. Under Vermont's retail cannabis law, permission for retail marijuana is decided at the municipal level.

Vermont lawmakers passed Act 164 in 2020, setting the stage for the launch of a regulated marijuana market the state's Cannabis Control Board has estimated could be worth more than \$225 million by 2025, according to an October

report.

Overwhelmingly passed by Vermont's legislature, Act 164 had been ushered into law without Gov. Phil Scott's signature, a move the governor said stemmed from personal concerns the bill did not fully support prevention measures and the communities most affected by marijuana's prior criminalization.

South Hero voters approved a similar measure allowing for retail cannabis sales in the Grand Isle County town last March.

The selectboard approved the warning and an accompanying resolution related to its public works facility, required due to Milton's plans on bonding for the project, unanimously with little debate.

## "The stars aligned"

When he spoke with *The Islander* on Monday, Turner noted that, while material costs and supply chain issues offered some level of uncertainty around construction costs and schedules, the town was uniquely resourced this year to pursue building a new town garage.

Interest rates for municipal bonding were now at a historic low, according to Turner, and with Milton wrapping up on debt payments for a bond funding the construction of its fire station near Bombardier Road, Turner said the town now had room to take on debt for another large infrastructure project.

Milton also had access to federal funding this year through the American Rescue Plan Act, a pandemic relief bill passed in 2021 that allocated federal funds to municipalities for certain infrastructure projects related to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Turner, an estimated \$350,000 of Milton's allocation from the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act could be used to extend waterlines and sewer infrastructure to the property in accordance with federal rules.

"It's like the stars aligned," Turner said. "We may never see that again in the future."

The remaining costs for the project, according to Turner, would be covered through the expected sale of Milton's retired fire station on Kienle Road and a Vermont Agency of Transportation grant Turner was confident Milton would be awarded for the construction of the facility's new salt shed.

The Kienle Road fire station, retired in the early 2000s when Milton completed its current fire station on Bombardier Road, was expected to be valued between \$300,000 and \$350,000, according to Turner.

The station currently serves as a satellite garage for Milton's public works department, providing storage for equipment town officials have been unable to store in their cramped facility on Ice House Road.



A vehicle belonging to Milton's public works department sits quietly within the department's aging garage on Ice House Road. Town officials have officially warned a Town Meeting Day vote that, if approved, would fund a replacement facility planned for a property near Bombardier Road. Photo by Michael Frett.



## YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ACTION -

Below are upcoming local government meetings based on reports from area towns and schools. Meeting schedules are subject to change. Please check the town or school website for postponements and cancellations.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 7pm - Selectboard <b>X</b>	25 <b>X</b>	26 7pm - Selectboard 7pm - DRB	27 6pm - School Board 6pm - DRB 6:30pm - GISU	28 ALBURGH COLCHESTER GRAND ISLE ISLE LA MOTTE MILTON NORTH HERO SOUTH HERO GISU
31	1 6pm - Planning 6pm - Planning 6:30pm - VII Trustees 6:30pm - CIUUSD 7pm - School Board 7pm - Lib. Trustees	2 6pm - DRB 6pm - Planning 7pm - Historical Soc.	3	4

Government boards also are allowed to have special meetings, but must provide public notice at least 48 hours in advance. Emergency meetings, which are rare in Vermont, are allowed with less than 24 hours notice, but must be a crisis situation, like a major flood or a town bridge being wiped out.

Vermont's Open Meeting Law mandates that all boards distribute their agendas ahead of all regular and special meetings to those people that file requests for them each calendar year with the clerk.



**Representative Michael Morgan**

Jan. 18 – Jan. 21:  
 This last week was the first full week that legislators were invited back to the Statehouse to work in almost two years! We were afforded a hybrid situation so that if anyone was health compromised or had COVID symptoms or a COVID diagnosis that they could remain home and work with the full House and their respective committee via Zoom. I was glad to see that we could get back in person as, to me, this is the most effective way for us to legislate. I can already sense a difference being able to talk with members on issues that we are tackling and having a dialogue in person. You can better understand differing opinions and work on consensus when you can have that personal interface.

This past Tuesday, Jan. 18, we heard the Governor's budget address for adjustments to the current, FY 22 budget and his recommended budget for FY 23. Consequently, House Appropriations and Ways and Means was able to fast track a budget adjustment that updates the current budget. The budget adjustment bill was passed on Friday, Jan. 21 (designated House Bill H.679). Another bill of note that passed was H.157, relating to registration of residential contractors. I was not in favor of this bill as it was not supported by those affected by it. If this becomes law, compliance with this will drive up the cost of housing in Vermont.

In my Committee, House Corrections and Institutions, we took a good amount of testimony on adjustments to the Capital Bill. The Capital Bill emanates from my committee in the first year of each biennium. The Capital Bill funds numerous efforts to include: state building construction and maintenance, corrections and mental health facility construction and maintenance, state college financial support, various miscellaneous Agency of Natural Resources projects, clean water initiatives, state military building upkeep, public safety construction and maintenance and fire protection programs. There is more but these are some of the major areas in this \$141 million dollar budget. We will take testimony on all aspects of this bill for the next 30-45 calendar days before bringing a finished product to the entire House for approval.

As always, you can reach us by phone or email listed below. We will always strive to get you the best answer we can possibly get. We can't always guarantee the outcome that you may be looking for, but will run it to ground to the best of our abilities so that your concerns are addressed.

Stay Safe – Stay Well

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 Please reach out to us with your questions or concerns: Rep. Lee Morgan at 802-318-0227 or [lmorgan@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:lmorgan@leg.state.vt.us) or Representative Michael Morgan at 802-881-7835 or [mmorgan@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:mmorgan@leg.state.vt.us)

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are accepted by mail to: 2355 U.S. Route 2, North Hero, VT 05474, by Email - [islander@vermontislander.com](mailto:islander@vermontislander.com), Fax - 802-372-3025

Please include your name, town of residence and a phone number for verification purposes.

To the Editor,  
 Voters of Vermont, what does this sentence mean to you?

That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

This is directly from the Proposition 5 text. Shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling state interest.

Are you willing to give the state authority over your body? Isn't that Pro-Choice greatest fear?

Do you want those who sit in Montpelier to tell you what to do with your body? This is about our individual right to the "liberty and dignity to determine" our "own life's course". It is in everyone's best interest to vote no on Prop 5.

Rose Cheeseman  
 North Hero

To the Editor,  
 Many towns are preparing and finalizing their Annual Town Meeting warnings. This is my yearly reminder to request absentee ballots for all voting opportunities in 2022. Discussing this option with several of my friends has made me aware very few people know this is possible. Hence this letter to the Editor.

You can access the *Request for Early Absentee Voter Ballot* form on the Secretary of State's website: <https://outside.vermont.gov/dept/sos/Elections%20Division/voters/vtabsteerequestgeneric.pdf> or email/call your local Town Clerk for a copy. Complete the form, placing Jan. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022 in the Date Range Request area, and you will receive absentee ballots in your mailbox automatically for the entire year. What could be easier than that? Safe, at your convenience, and not having to remember if there was a missed opportunity to vote.

Happy voting everyone,  
 Sylvia Jensen  
 Isle LaMotte

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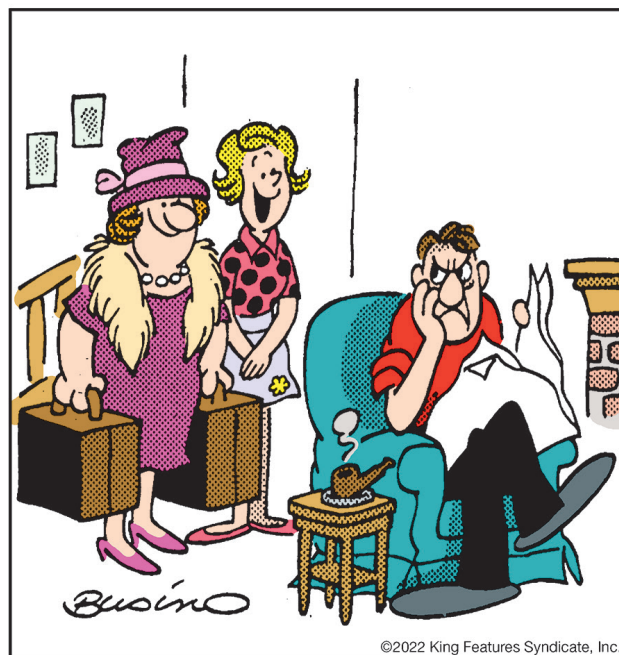


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## LAFF - A - DAY



"You won't even know Mother's in the house—you're staying in the garage."

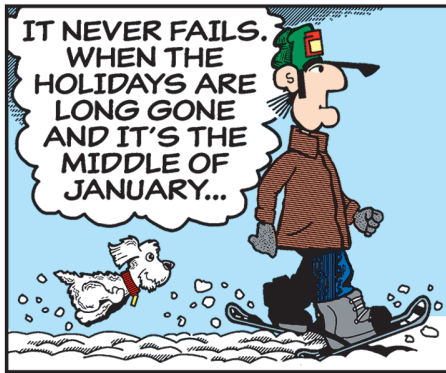
# Take a Break

## TOP TEN COLLEGE FOOTBALL STADIUMS BY TEAM

1. Michigan Wolverines
2. Penn State Nittany Lions
3. Ohio State Buckeyes
4. Texas A&M Aggies
5. Tennessee Volunteers
6. LSU Tigers
7. Texas Longhorns
8. Alabama Crimson Tide
9. Georgia Bulldogs
10. UCLA Bruins

Source: Wikipedia

### R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many ribs are in the human body?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is a flying fox?
3. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water does the island of Malta lie?
4. U.S. STATES: What animal is featured on the state flag of Louisiana?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the fictional airline whose jet crashed on an island in "Lost"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ran on the slogan "Vote Yourself a Farm and Horses"?
7. MOVIES: What is the name of Thor's hammer in the earlier "Avengers" movies?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The "Iron Chef" TV cooking show originated in which country?
9. HISTORY: In what year did the Cold War end?
10. SCIENCE: What weather condition is measured in millibars?

### Answers

1. 24
2. A type of bat
3. Mediterranean Sea
4. A pelican
5. Oceanic Airlines
6. Abraham Lincoln
7. Mjolnir
8. Japan
9. 1989
10. Atmospheric pressure

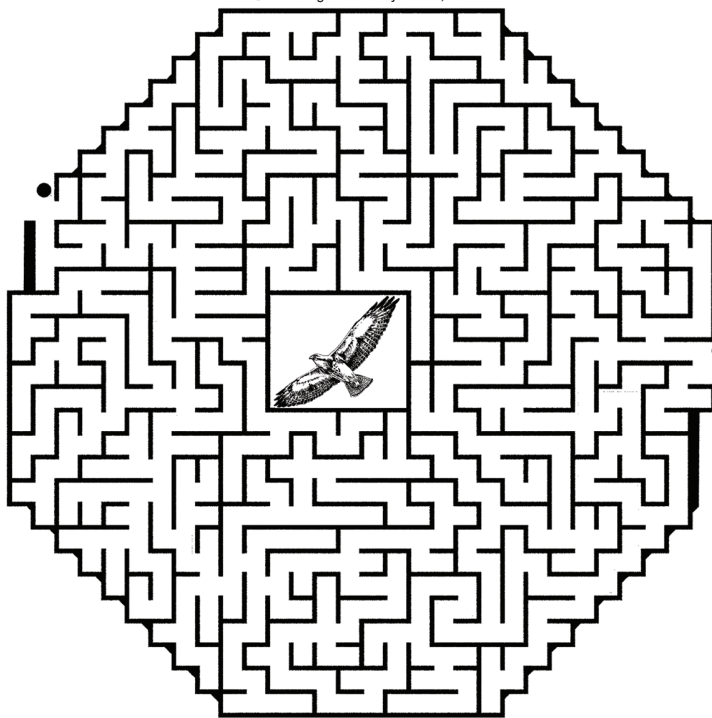
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"What's the big idea of forecasting rain for the day of the bureau picnic?"

## Mega Maze

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Shade
- 4 Frontiersman Crockett
- 8 Pocket bread
- 12 100 percent
- 13 Dutch cheese
- 14 Pedestal occupant
- 15 Cowboy's sweetie
- 16 Do math
- 18 Slowpoke
- 20 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 21 Cushions
- 24 Persian Gulf emirate
- 28 Nutritional label info
- 32 Flamingo's color

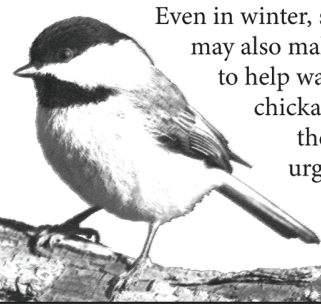
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- 57 Cowboy's neckwear
- 58 Luau bowlful
- 59 Quick swims
- 60 Winter blanket
- 61 Novelist Rand
- 8 Accumulate
- 9 Hollywood's Lupino
- 10 Nanny's charge
- 11 Hearty quaff
- 17 German conjunction
- 19 Wall St. debut
- 22 Platter
- 23 Attack
- 25 Coffin stand
- 26 Con
- 27 Furniture brand
- 28 2006 Pixar film
- 29 Help a hood
- 30 Tax
- 31 Actress Ward
- 35 "Calm down!"
- 38 Drinks noisily
- 40 Spell-off
- 42 Brit. record label
- 45 LAPD alerts
- 47 Wine valley
- 48 Helen's home
- 49 Related
- 50 Scoundrel
- 51 "— was saying ..."
- 52 Napkin's place
- 53 "— -Tiki"
- 54 "Evil Woman" band

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### Winter warnings



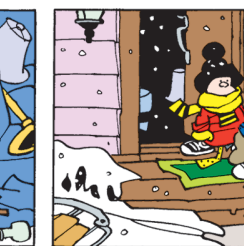
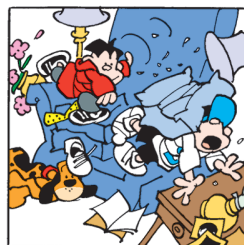
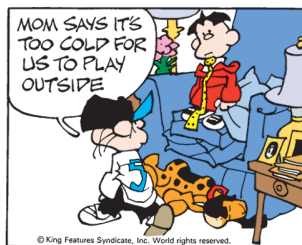
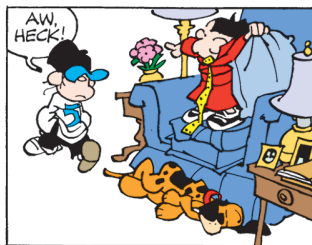
If you make soft, repeated "psh-psh-psh" sounds while standing near trees, this is bird-speak for "a predator is coming near."

Even in winter, some birds may investigate, and may also make a few short calls of their own to help warn of danger. The black-capped chickadee is often the first to respond; they are known to vary the rate or urgency of their calls to convey the distance of the threatening predator. — Brenda Weaver

Source: northernwoodlands.org

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## TIGER



Answers on Page 18

# ACADEMIC KUDOS Graduates

## THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA – TUSCALOOSA, AL

Brynn Murray of Grand Isle.

## CASTLETON UNIVERSITY – CASTLETON, VT

Ethan Bonnette of Swanton.

## President's List

### PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY – PLYMOUTH, NH

Cameron Nielsen of Swanton.

*To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2021 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.*

### SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY – MANCHESTER, NH

Mark Meyer of Rouses Point, NY.

Brittany Pernicka of Milton.

Rachel Elgert and Rachael Noel of Colchester.

Sara Gratz of Grand Isle.

Peyton Curtis and Samantha Thompson of Alburgh.

*Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List.*

### COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY – CONWAY, SC

Zachary Perry of Swanton.

*Students who have earned a GPA of 4.0 on a minimum of 12 grade hours at the time of official grade production are included on the President's List.*

### SUNY CANTON – CANTON, NY

Roxanne J. Auger-Thompson of Chazy, NY.

*President's List recognizes full-time students who achieve a 3.75 or greater GPA.*

### CLARKSON UNIVERSITY – POTSDAM, NY

Aengus Matthew Andrew of Chazy, NY.

Thomas Colgrove and Evan Paul Bokelberg of Colchester.

Evan Ryan Desautels and Hannah Letourneau of Milton.

Emma Faith Sabourin and Jack Duffy Talbot of Grand Isle.

Sammi Freeman and Griffin Knapp of Swanton.

*Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.*

### SIENA COLLEGE – LOUDONVILLE, NY

Madison Savage of Alburgh.

*The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.*

### CASTLETON UNIVERSITY –

### CASTLETON, VT

Maizy Mooney and William Moreno of Milton.

*To qualify for this highest academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 4.0.*

## Dean's List

### LASELL UNIVERSITY – NEWTON, MA

Aiyana Chastenay of South Hero.

*To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.*

### DEPAUW UNIVERSITY – GREENCASTLE, IN

Riley Magoon of Colchester.

*The Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.*

### BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY – LEWISBURG, PA

Patrick O'Hara of South Hero.

*A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.*

### GROVE CITY COLLEGE – GROVE CITY, PA

Naomi Walters of Milton, High Distinction.

*Students eligible for the Dean's List with High Distinction have a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.*

### SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY – MANCHESTER, NH

Alexis Smyrski and Foster Viau of Colchester.

*Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List.*

### ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY – BRISTOL, RI

Allison Hannah of Milton.

*Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.*

### CASTLETON UNIVERSITY – CASTLETON, VT

Emily Bissonette and Madison Cirillo of Colchester.

Taylor Cohen and Cody Lawrence of Grand Isle.

Elizabeth Goodrich of South Hero.

Madison James, Spencer Lane, Stacey Meunier, Connor Murphy, Hadley Swainbank and Kaitlyn Tice of Milton.

Ethan Kelleher and Bella Thayer of Swanton.

*To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.*

### EMERSON COLLEGE – BOSTON, MA

Ian Bishop of Colchester.

*The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.*

### SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE – SPRINGFIELD, MA

Hannah Miller from Colchester.

Kaylee Shaw from Milton.

*To qualify for this academic honor, the student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.*

### UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE – NEWARK, DE

Carley Goedken of Colchester.

Manolis Anemikos of Milton.

*To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.*

### CLARKSON UNIVERSITY – POTSDAM, NY

Sebastian Christman Alessi and Zachary Gunnar Goad of Colchester.

Nathan Briselden of North Hero.

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

### SUNY MORRISVILLE – MORRISVILLE, NY

Samuel Bell of Chazy, NY.

*To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.0 to 3.99 grade-point average for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.*

### ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY – CANTON, NY

Sophia Brigante of Colchester.

Hannah Lumbrá of Milton.

Elizabeth Wagar of Alburgh.

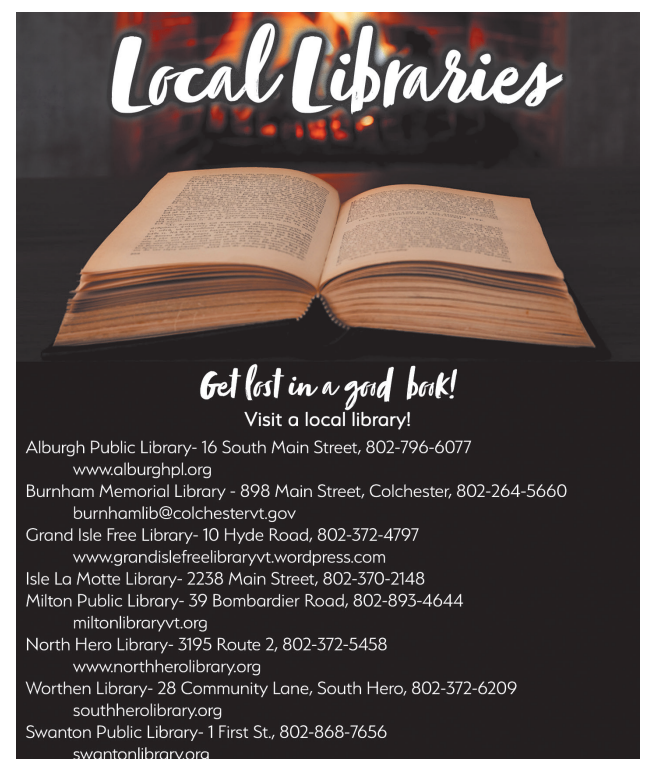
*To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3.6*

## Part Time Academic Honors

### SUNY CANTON – CANTON, NY

Robert Dietsche of Rouses Point, NY.

*The college created this award to recognize students who earned at least a 3.25 GPA in 6 to 11 credits of course work.*





# LEGAL

## Notices

### Request for Bids Food Service Program Grand Isle Supervisory Union

The Grand Isle Supervisory Union on behalf of the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District (CIUUSD) requests proposals for the operation and management of the School Food Service program for the school district. Proposals are due at the GISU office by 5pm on March 11, 2022 at 224 U.S Route 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458. Proposals will be accepted from food service management companies "FSMC". The proposal will be for a period of one year with the option for four additional one-year renewals. For bid specifications or more information please contact Robert Gess, Business Manager at 802-372-6921 X2003, email: rgess@gisu.org. or Kristal Gomez, Food Service Administrator at 802-372-6921 X 2005, email: kgomez@gisu.org. The CIUUSD board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received.

### NORTH HERO LISTERS TO BEGIN INSPECTIONS

As required by law, V.S.A Title 32 S3431(a) Listers shall reassess all properties with open building permits.

All outside work will be inspected, weather permitting, without an appointment beginning in February 2022. A resident may request an appointment, if they prefer, by calling or emailing the Listers Office.

All interior inspections will be done by appointment only.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Lister's office at 802-372-8503 and leaving a voicemail message or by emailing the Listers Office at listers@northherovt.com.

If you have questions, please contact us.

North Hero Listers:

- Dave Davis
- Kathy Finck
- Mary Dattilio

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### 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>, 2022 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:

<b>Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO)</b> 366 Pinnacle Ridge Rd. Rutland, VT 05701 Attn: Scott Carlson (802) 353 3584	<b>Agency of Agriculture Public Health &amp; Ag. Resource Mgmt</b> 116 State St., Montpelier, VT 05602 1-802-828-2431	<b>Department of Public Service Consumer Affairs &amp; Public Information</b> 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>, 2022.

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>, 2022</b>	

### 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).

#### Reportable and Communicable Diseases Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P001

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rulemaking does the following: 1) Adds COVID-19 and multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children to the list of reportable diseases; 2) Adds SARS-CoV-2 to the list of reportable laboratory findings and requires that all results be reported including positive, negative, and indeterminate. 3) Adds race and ethnicity data as required reporting content; 4) Adds the definition of electronic reporting to clarify approved methods of reporting and establishes a basis to share data between the Department and Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL); 5) Adds standardization procedures for administrative specimen collection; 6) Clarifies the timeframe for reporting laboratory findings to the Department; 7) Removes certain animal diseases from the list of reportable diseases; 8) Reorganizes sections for clarity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Natalie Weill, Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05401 Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1275 Email: ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov URL: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/about-us/laws-regulations/public-comment>.

FOR COPIES: David Englander, Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05401 Tel: 802-826-7280 Fax: 802-951-1275 Email: ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov.

Note: The two rules below have been promulgated by Vermont's Cannabis Control Board who has requested the notices be combined to facilitate a savings for the agency. When contacting the agency about these rules please note the title and rule number of the rule(s) you are interested in.

- Rule 3: Medical Cannabis. – 22P002
- Rule 4: Compliance and Enforcement. – 22P003

AGENCY: Cannabis Control Board

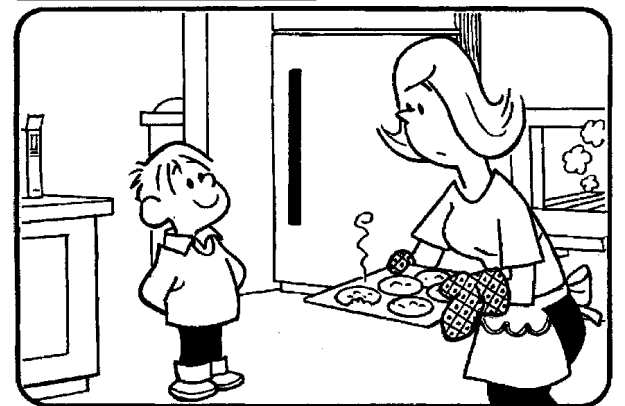
CONCISE SUMMARY: Rule 3 regulates the use of therapeutic cannabis in Vermont. The rule will regulate patient access to cannabis and cannabis products and will regulate the dispensaries that provide cannabis and cannabis products to patients. These activities are currently regulated by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). They will come under the purview of the Cannabis Control Board in accordance with Act 164(2020) and Act 62(2021). Rule 4 regulates the enforcement mechanisms, procedures, and penalties for the Cannabis Control Board's Rules 1 through 3, which govern the licensing and regulation of commercial cannabis businesses and patient access to therapeutic cannabis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: David Scherr, Cannabis Control Board, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-7001 Tel: 802-558-6022 Email: david.scherr@vermont.gov URL: <https://ccb.vermont.gov>.

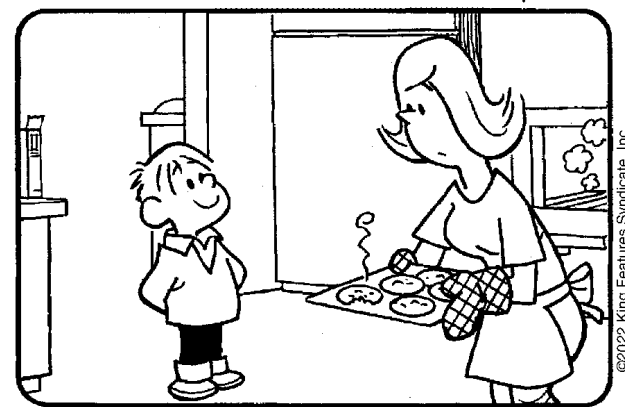
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cabinet is moved. 2. Neckline differs. 3. Handle is missing. 4. Gloves are different. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pants are different.



# MILTON POLICE LOG

## JAN. 14 - JAN. 20

Between Friday, Jan. 14 and Thursday, Jan. 20, the Milton Police Department arrested 2 people. Officers also issued 7 traffic tickets and 31 warnings.

## Friday, Jan. 14

4:24 p.m. Tuckaway Pond Ln, Alarm  
Sgt. LaFountain responded to a residence on Tuckaway Pond for the report of an alarm activation. Upon arrival, the homeowner advised starting their vehicle in their garage had set off the alarm, and further assistance was not needed.

8:14 p.m. Dewey Dr, Medical  
Cpl. Coulombe was dispatched to a residence on Dewey Drive to assist Milton Rescue. Cpl. Coulombe stood by with the patient and upon Rescue's arrival, provided assistance readying the patient for transport.

## Saturday, Jan. 15

11:55 a.m. Cornelia Ct / US Route 7, Violation of Conditions of Release

While on patrol, Cpl. Scalise initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. The driver was identified and it was determined that their license was criminally suspended, and also had active court conditions not to drive. The operator was issued a citation and will appear

in court at a later date.

10:56 a.m. Southerberry Dr, Found/Lost Property  
Cpl. Scalise took a call from a local business where a wallet had been left behind. After identifying the owner and making contact, Cpl. Scalise was able to assist in the retrieval of the wallet back to the owner.

## Sunday, Jan. 16

12:03 a.m. US Route 2 / Flag Pole, Motor Vehicle Complaint

Cpl. Coulombe responded to the area of US RT2 and the Sandbar where it was reported a driver was operating erratically and under the speed limit. The vehicle was located and the driver advised they worked nights, and tend to drive slowly after their shift. No signs of intoxication or impairment were noted.

2:15 a.m. North Rd, Alarm

Sgt. LaFountain and Cpl. Coulombe responded to a business on North Road for the report of an active alarm. Upon searching the property, it appeared the weather may have been a factor in a door being ajar. The building door was re-secured

and nothing further was required.

## Monday, Jan. 17

2:29 p.m. Railroad St, Assist - Public

Per request of a resident on Railroad street, Officer Noel spoke with the complainant who wanted landlord issues documented for potential civil proceedings.

6:43 p.m. US Route 2 / Causeway, Motor Vehicle Complaint

Officer Jones responded to US RT 2 for the report of a vehicle that had slid off the road into a ditch. The driver was subsequently seen by Milton Rescue as a precaution.

## Tuesday, Jan. 18

1:33 a.m. US RT 7, Assist - Fire Department

Cpl. Grenier and Milton Fire were dispatched to the area of US RT 7 where it was reported that a utility pole was actively sparking. Upon arrival it was determined that the 'sparks' were snowflakes blowing off of the yellow street light.

## Wednesday, Jan. 19

10:28 a.m. Shirley Ave, Animal Problem

Sgt. LaFountain responded to Shirley Avenue for the report of a Dog at large. Sgt. LaFountain met with a neighbor

who advised where the dog belonged. It appeared the back door of the residence had blown open, allowing the dog to get out. Sgt. LaFountain was able to safely return the door inside and secure the door.

3:29 p.m. Railroad St, Suspicious Event

Officer Noel was notified a fuel delivery person had just been at a residence and smelled of Alcohol. Officer Noel was able to locate the driver, who did admit to having two beers at lunch. After performing Standard Field Sobriety Tests, the driver did not show indications of impairment. The driver then met with their employer.

## Thursday, Jan. 20

12:29 a.m. US Route 7 / Catamount Dr, Violation of Conditions of Release

While on patrol, Officer Jones initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for an observed motor vehicle violation. Upon identifying the operator, it was discovered that their license was suspended, with active Court Conditions not to drive. The operator was issued a citation and will appear in court at a later date.

3:34 p.m. Bear Trap Rd / US Route 2, Traffic Hazard

Officer Noel responded to the intersection of Bear Trap Road and US RT 2 for the report of a downed stop sign. Upon arrival it was noted that the sign was indeed knocked down, though it was unclear how the sign was downed. The sign will be put back up by the town.



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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

**I KNOW YOU SAID YOU'D JOIN MOTHER AND I WHEN YOU FINISH SHOVELING, BUT YOU'RE OUT HERE WAITING FOR IT TO SNOW?**



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 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**  
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 St. Amadeus Office 796-3481  
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# Obituary

## EUGENIA RIORDAN MULÉ



PACIFIC PALISADES, CA - Born on Christmas Eve 1931, Eugenia ("Genie") Riordan Mulé was the light and love of her family and friends for her 90 plus years. Genie died on Jan. 6, 2022, on the Feast of the Epiphany. She followed the Star and was truly a light in this world. Genie literally grew up in the Catholic Church. Her father Rev. Michael B. Warady (1897 - 1987) was ordained in the Byzantine Rite Catholic Church in June, 1924, shortly after marrying Hungarian-born, Elizabeth Zombory (1903 - 1975). They had their second daughter, Genie, when Rev. Warady was pastor of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Weirton, West Virginia.

Genie adored her two sisters, Andrea Volpicelli (1927 - 2002) and Sylvia Palmer (Joseph) of Annapolis, Maryland. Genie and her sisters enjoyed making their mother's traditional recipes, such as chicken paprikash, pecan cookies, nut rolls, and sweet Easter bread. This tradition has been passed on through the generations.

After graduating from St. John's High School in Pittston, Pennsylvania, Genie earned her degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Marywood College in 1953. She put her degree to work as a professional dietician at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York.

In 1955, Genie married her first husband Richard Riordan, and moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where

their eldest and only son, William O'Brien Riordan (1956 - 1978), was born. Soon after, Genie and Dick relocated to South Pasadena, California where their four girls were born: Mary Elizabeth Riordan of Santa Barbara, California, Kathleen Ann Riordan of Ojai, California, Patricia Riordan Torrey (Dana) of Manhattan Beach, California, and Carol Ann Riordan (1963 - 1982). A full-time mom of five, Genie and family moved to their home on Edgewood Drive where she lived for almost 30 years. Genie loved her garden and the many creatures who visited daily. She cherished sharing her joy of musical theater, dancing, and singing with her family.

From personal medical challenges to the untimely deaths of her children, Billy and Carol, Genie's faith and close relationships helped guide her to the next chapter of her life. In 1985, Genie married her second husband, John Salvatore Mulé (1932 - 2009). They lived in Pasadena, California. Their family grew to include John's three children, John Mulé (Betsy) of Gilford, New Hampshire, Judi Hills (Kevin) of Valencia, California, and Jill Hart (Bruce) of Hampton, New Hampshire.

One of Genie's biggest joys was spending time with her grandchildren: Luca Ferrel, Jessica Torrey, Elizabeth Torrey, Olivia Mulé, Stephanie Krist (Nate), Megan Hart, and one great-grandson Julien Krist. In addition, she leaves behind a myriad of loving nieces and nephews.

Genie was actively involved in many charitable causes such as, Mayfield School in Pasadena, California, Huntington Hospital in Pasadena, California, City of Hope in Duarte, California, Resurrection Catholic Missions in Montgomery, Alabama, Marywood College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte, to name a few.

Genie's smile and spirit will continue to shine brightly as we imagine her dancing and singing in Heaven.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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



1. **Spider-Man: No Way Home** ..... (PG-13)  
Tom Holland, Zendaya
  2. **Sing 2** ..... (PG) animated
  3. **The 355** ..... (PG-13)  
Jessica Chastain, Fan Bingbing
  4. **The King's Man** ..... (R)  
Ralph Fiennes, Gemma Arterton
  5. **American Underdog** ..... (PG)  
Zachary Levi, Anna Paquin
  6. **The Matrix Resurrections** .... (R)  
Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss
  7. **West Side Story** ..... (PG-13)  
Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
  8. **Ghostbusters: Afterlife** . (PG-13)  
Carrie Coon, Paul Rudd
  9. **Licorice Pizza** ..... (R)  
Alana Haim, Cooper Hoffman
  10. **House of Gucci** ..... (R)  
Lady Gaga, Adam Driver
- Source: Box Office Mojo

**Mega Maze**  
 Solution

**King Crossword**  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 24 mins.

H	U	E	D	A	V	V	P	I	T	A
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D	I	P	S	S	N	O	W	A	Y	N

# 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: **K** equals **G**

KXW TCVOFWTJ IF GFDI FXI IQT  
 SFBYXGHBK HBYF KPIQTD TJ FB  
 DTSFB CHGGHFBG:  
 PB HBITO VDFSTGGFD.

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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.

	x		-		19
-		+		÷	
	x		+		21
x		+		x	
	-		x		24
25		14			18

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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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. Ponder	---	N	---	Dense	---	C	---
2. Dog shelter	---	N	---	Corn segment	---	R	---
3. Carpet location	---	R	---	Deluge	---	D	---
4. Hub	---	E	---	Trot	---	A	---
5. Take a wife	---	R	---	Host Povich	---	U	---
6. January's birthstone	---	N	---	Attic	---	R	---
7. Baby finger	---	N	---	Hard to please	---	C	---
8. Stay behind	---	M	---	Hire a lawyer	---	T	---
9. Anticipate	---	C	---	Specialist	---	R	---
10. Inflate one's ego	---	O	---	Brag	---	A	---

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## MAGIC MAZE ● GERMAN COMPOSERS

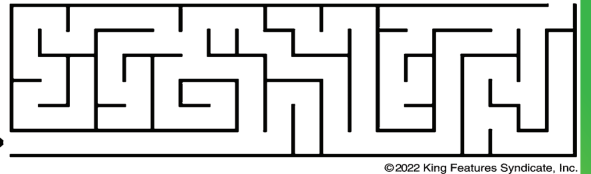
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 X W U T S R H H Q O P H R N T  
 L J I G S F C U T D C O A T Z  
 A Y X W Y S A T R E B U H C S  
 V T S R P O B Z N L E K M C I  
 J I G F E C N E G N I B S B L

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: JOHANN SEBASTIAN —

Beethoven Debussy Mendelssohn Strauss  
 Bingen Handel Schubert Wagner  
 Brahms Haydn Schumann Weill  
 Chopin Liszt Schutz

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## Kids' Maze



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## Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

1	5	3	1	2
5	4	1	3	4
3	4	3	1	5
4	4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4	4

2	4	6	5	5	5	1
5	5	5	2	1	4	3
1	6	3	4	3	5	2
4	7	2	5	3	7	7
6	7	3	3	3	1	5
7	7	4	5	2	3	6
1	3	5	7	6	6	6

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

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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.

NENX SV JNLJFN GLX'K  
 RXGNTQKQXG KIN FOXMROMN  
 KIOK WLR'TN QSXMSXM SX,  
 KINW QKSFF AXLC MLLG DRQSP  
 CINX KINW INOT SK.  
 — FLR TOCFQ

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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!

Swap  
**DATER**

Warrior  
**PARANTS**

Unrelated  
**TALENT**

Static  
**AIRDO**

TODAY'S WORD



"Off-hand, I'd say he's

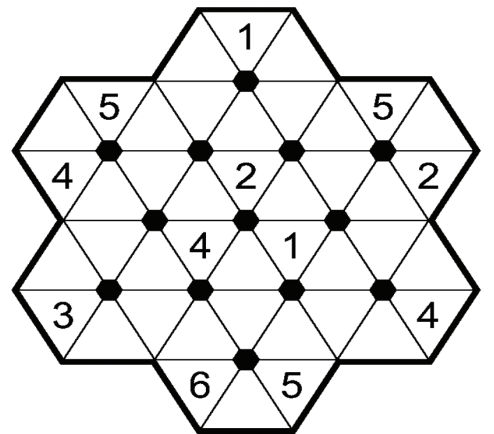
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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

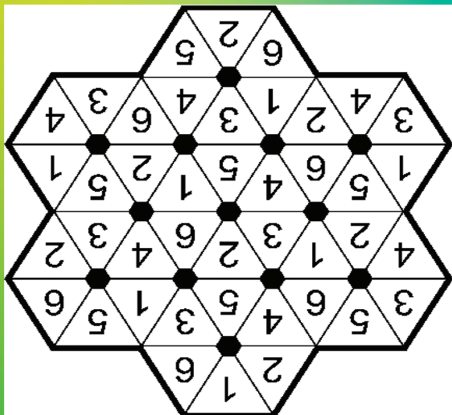
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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solution

SNOWFLAKES

6	6	6	6	6	6
6	3	2	5	7	3
6	7	4	5	7	1
6	3	1	3	3	6
5	7	7	2	5	4
2	3	4	3	5	1
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3	1	2	5	5	2
5	1	5	5	6	4
1	5	5	5	5	2

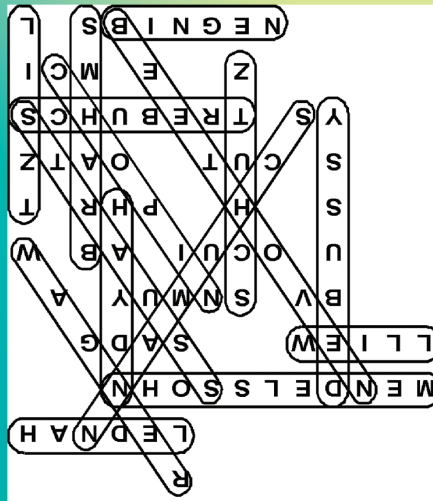
answer

Hitori!

25		14		18
5	-	1	x	6
2	x	9	+	3
		+		21
		÷		
7	x	4	-	9
19				

answers

Go Figure!



GERMAN COMPOSERS

**CryptoQuote**  
 Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it.  
 — Lou Rawls

**Even Exchange**  
 answers

1. Think, Thick
2. Kennel, Kernel
3. Floor, Flood
4. Center, Center
5. Mary, Maury
6. Garnet, Garret
7. Pinky, Picky
8. Remain, Retain
9. Expect, Expert
10. Boost, Boast

**SCRAMBLERS**  
 solution  
 1. Trade 2. Spartan;  
 3. Latent; 4. Radio  
 Today's Word  
 SPOILED



Kids' Maze Solution

**CryptoQuip**  
 answer  
 Guy employed to sort out the confusing info gathered on recon missions: an intel processor.

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## 1. Circle Category

For Sale Wanted Garage Sales For Rent Employment Free  
Real Estate Services Offered Thanks Misc. Lost & Found

## 2. Write Your Ad

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

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To Determine Which Rate Applies:  
For Sale-Personal Items/Private Rate; All others/Business Rate;  
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 first 10 words, \$.10 per word;  
Real Estate- Business Rate;  
FREE or Lost & Found- 1st ten words Free, \$.10 each additional word.

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



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## -EMPLOYMENT-

The Town of North Hero has an immediate part-time opening for clerk of the Development Review Board. Responsibilities include generating public notices, gathering supporting documentation, attending the monthly public hearings, disseminating and filing post-hearing documents as necessary. Please visit www.northherovt.com for a more detailed description and application. Submit application to the North Hero Town Office, PO Box 38, North Hero, VT 05474 by February 9, 2022. EOE 2/2

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The Grand Isle Supervisory Union (GISU) is seeking a Full Time (1.0) School Psychologist to join our team who work with students in Pre-K through 12th grade. We are seeking an individual with the following skills and experience: The following qualifications are required: Masters Degree in Educational/School Psychology. An applicant who is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) shall be considered to have fulfilled all of the knowledge and Performance Standards and all Additional Requirements for licensure as a School Psychologist in Vermont. Must hold or be eligible for a Vermont Agency of Education License as a School Psychologist Job Responsibilities: Complete comprehensive psycho-educational assessments in accordance with federal and state special education regulations, Facilitate and lead evaluation planning team meetings and eligibility determination meetings, Provide consultation to both regular classroom teachers and special education teachers, Have a thorough understanding of the disability categories and evaluation procedures, Meet with parents/guardians to increase their understanding of their child, elicit parental cooperation and suggest procedures parents can utilize at home to assist their children, Participate in a variety of school-based teams to assist in intervention planning and programming, Provide social and emotional support to students in the form of individual and/or small group counseling, Collaborate with BCBA to conduct Functional Behavior Assessments and implement Behavior Intervention Plans, Provide social-emotional and behavioral crisis intervention, Consult and help lead the EST and RTI process across the SU, Collaborate regularly with SU-wide leadership team, Lead professional development opportunities for staff and participate in su-wide in-service activities. Located in the beautiful Lake Champlain Islands, the Grand Isle Supervisory Union is comprised of five communities supporting over 950 students. Included are Alburgh Community Education Center, Champlain Islands Unified Union School District and Folsom Education Center in South Hero. The GISU Schools specialize in educating grades K-6/K-8, while students in grades 9-12 have the choice of attending High Schools in neighboring counties. We are an easy commute from Burlington and are located about 1.5 hours from Montreal or under 4 hours from Boston. Our region is known for breathtaking views and access to Lake Champlain, boating, skiing, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, canoeing and other outdoor opportunities. The Burlington and Saint Albans regions offer amenities such as fine dining, shopping, theater, a vibrant music and art scene with seasonally relevant festivals, as well as access to higher education opportunities available through UVM and Champlain College. Our communities attract wholesome families, faculty and staff. Our schools maintain impassioned faculty, personalized beliefs about success, and a caring, safe school culture. 1/26

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Jan. 14 - Jan. 22

**Fri., Jan. 14**

**ALBURGH**  
Citizen Dispute  
Trespassing

**GRAND ISLE**  
Agency Assist

**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Citizen Assist  
Trespassing

**NORTH HERO**  
VIN Inspection

**Sat., Jan. 15**

**ALBURGH**  
Citizen Assist (2)

**NORTH HERO**  
Citizen Assist

**SOUTH HERO**  
Citizen Assist

**Mon., Jan. 17**

**ALBURGH**  
Crash – Property

**GRAND ISLE**  
Animal Problem

**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Threatening

**NORTH HERO**  
Vehicle Complaint

**SOUTH HERO**  
Citizen Assist (2)

**Tues., Jan. 18**

**ALBURGH**  
Agency Assist  
Trespassing

**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Citizen Assist (2)  
Phone Problem

**SOUTH HERO**  
Citizen Assist  
Citizen Dispute  
Vehicle Complaint

**Wed., Jan. 19**

**ALBURGH**  
VIN Inspection

**GRAND ISLE**  
Family Fight  
Lockout

**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Agency Assist

**SOUTH HERO**  
Citizen Assist  
Crash – Property

**Thurs., Jan. 20**

**ALBURGH**  
Citizen Assist  
Property Damage  
Suspicious

**GRAND ISLE**  
Agency Assist  
Crash

**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Citizen Assist

**SOUTH HERO**  
Citizen Assist

**Fri., Jan. 21**

**ALBURGH**  
Citizen Assist  
Welfare Check

**NORTH HERO**  
Stalking

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Saturday morning found a frozen Keelers Bay access reflected in the sunglasses of ice fisherman Shawn Riley of Essex before he made his way out on the ice.

When Shawn was asked how he liked the arctic conditions, he grinned and shrugged and said, "Hey, it's Vermont."



### JUMPER CABLE WEATHER

Brian Meltzer of Grand Isle connects jumper cables to his Subaru battery while jumping the car in his Grand Isle driveway Thursday. Brian said his buddy Kevin Gardiner was the hero of the day for jump starting the Subaru with his Jeep.



### IT'S GOOD TO BE KING

A hungry kingfisher checks out the scene before diving into Lake Champlain before it started to freeze recently.



### RUNS LIKE A DEER

Once you've been spotted deer usually take off running. Here are some Island whitetails hoofing it around Grand Isle County this winter.



### COLORFUL BLACK-CAPPED

A black-capped chickadee hangs out with Christmas lights last Tuesday evening at dusk in South Hero.



**G G G G GOOD MORNING CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS**

Minus 14 degree temps and light north winds produced arctic cold and wind chills Friday morning as the steaming lake fog/sea smoke framed Whiteface Mountain.



Friday morning found the Gibbous moon setting behind a windmill in Grand Isle.



Overcast skies colored up on the horizon for just a couple minutes then faded back to gray Sunday morning.



**RADIO CONTROLLED CRUISER**

One automobile that had no trouble getting going during this cold snap was Trever Boutin's radio controlled car that was cruising through the ice and snow and jumping snowbanks at Whites Beach Thursday evening. Trever, of Grand Isle, expertly guided the vehicle over drifts and through the parking lot in the bitter cold.



**GOODBYE WOLF MOON**

The January Wolf moon was about 12 hours past full when it settled behind branches rattling in brisk northerly winds before dawn last Tuesday morning.



**FINCHES FROLIC IN FLURRIES**

Finches pirouette through snowflakes in South Hero last week.

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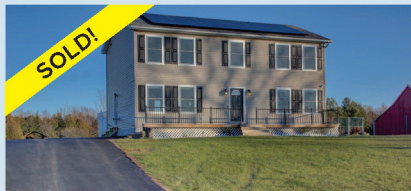


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Homes For Sale = **13**  
Homes Under Contract = **17**  
As of January 21, 2022

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ALBURGH | \$229,000



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SOUTH HERO | \$525,000



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ISLE LA MOTTE | \$585,000



NORTH HERO | \$649,900



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