

Bikers brave wind, overcast skies in annual 'Bike for the Lake'

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

NORTH HERO – Amid blasting gusts of wind and overcast skies, hundreds of bikers took to the Champlain Islands on Saturday in support of Lake Champlain.

According to the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC), more than 200 bikers still signed in for the organization's annual "Bike for the Lake" fundraiser, a biking event leading riders along Lake Champlain's shores in Grand Isle County and New York's North Country.

While most would limit their ride to South Hero and Grand Isle, more ambitious riders might opt for longer 100-mile loops involving a ferry ride, a North Country route and stops in both Alburgh and Isle La Motte before returning to the Bike for the Lake's finish line at Knight Point State Park in North Hero.



Bikers leave from Knight Point State Park in North Hero during this weekend's Bike for the Lake event, an annual fundraiser supporting the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain. Photo by Michael Frett.

The event is a major fundraising event for FNLC, a regional water quality group currently managing clean water planning and outreach projects in Franklin County and the Champlain Islands.

"It's critical for our organization," FNLC's longtime president, Kent Henderson, told *The Islander*.

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The organization's footprint in the Champlain Islands includes an education program previously detailed by *The Islander* involving schools in Alburgh and North Hero, as well as stormwater management planning in Alburgh and the planting of a rain garden near Alburgh's school.



A group of bikers smile for a candid photo on West Shore Road in South Hero during this past weekend's Bike for the Lake fundraiser supporting the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain. Photo by Michael Frett.

More generally, the organization is managing somewhere around \$750,000 in grant funding for planning projects and construction within the Lake Champlain watershed, including a larger urban runoff project in Georgia FNLC officials said they hoped would serve as a model for similar projects in Vermont.

"We're administering \$750,000 in state and federal projects with a part time staff fundraised by this fundraiser," Henderson said.



A group of bikers head south on West Shore Road toward the rechristened Snow Farm Inn during this weekend's Bike for the Lake event. Photo by Michael Frett.

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Several islanders have more recently joined FNLC's board of directors, and the group has started working toward funding a shoreline assessment plan in North Hero that may help with controlling for runoff and erosion along the island town's shores.

For those organizing the event, the Bike for the Lake also functioned as a chance to reach out to a new audience with information about Lake Champlain, which currently struggles with both water quality issues related to excessive phosphorus runoff and a host of different invasive species.

Vermont is currently under federal orders to dramatically reduce the amount of phosphorus bleeding into Lake Champlain. While a necessary nutrient for plant growth, phosphorus can, in excess, feed sometimes toxic blooms of cyanobacteria otherwise known as "blue-green algae."

"We do our best to talk to people and bring attention to it," Henderson said. "These are bikers, not lake advocates. We've actually gained membership with this event."

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Kent Henderson, the longtime head of the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, speaks with bikers as the organization's annual Bike for the Lake event wound down Saturday afternoon. Photo by Michael Frett.

Colleen Hickey, the education and outreach coordinator for the federally created Lake Champlain Basin Program, said the program was a good way to connect new people issues affecting Lake Champlain.

"I think it's really important to get people of all walks of life to get together for the lake's health," Hickey told *The Islander*. "They're biking around this great resource... and if even a third takes action on the lake this year, that's a win."

Milton previews process for administering ARPA funds

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – Milton officials are looking to a “thoughtful” and “transparent” application process for doling out the town’s allocations under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Detailed during a Monday hearing, the application process devised by town officials will allocate funding according to a ranking system considering questions like a project’s local and regional impact, and its timeline, as federal rules require ARPA funding to be committed by the end of 2024.

Specifically, town officials will weigh applications according to their ability to meet certain goals related to economic development, public safety, historic preservation and conservation, as well as their impacts on certain demographic groups and whether the project is self-sustaining.

Those applications will ultimately be reviewed by the selectboard, which has the final say over Milton’s share of the federal pandemic bill, and any allocations approved by Milton’s selectboard would likely require regular check-ins with town staff as supported projects move forward.

According to Milton’s town manager, Don Turner, the town’s process for distributing ARPA funding was modeled after a Vermont Agency of Transportation grant program.

“I’m not sure of any other communities that are doing it like this,” Turner said, “but I truly believe this is the most transparent way to do it and the fairest.”

Monday’s hearing was a chance for locals to hear from the town’s plans regarding ARPA funding and to respond with thoughts about how the town would best use its one-time federal funds.

While conversations on Monday leaned more toward process, several projects were referenced throughout the hearing, foreshadowing potential allocations Milton’s selectboard will ultimately have to weigh as it begins entertaining applications for ARPA funds.

Cathy LaClair, the town’s coordinator for the Milton on the Move initiative, asserted the town’s selectboard would likely hear from Milton on the Move for several funding requests, including at least some money wanted for a recreation and community center the initiative had prioritized.

“You’re going to see an application from Milton on the Move,” LaClair told the selectboard. “It’s going to have the rec center piece on it and it’s going to have other pieces.”

Bill Kaigle, a local artisan involved in both the Milton Historical Society and the restoration of the General Stannard House, similarly asked about the town’s hesitance with awarding funding involving Act 250 permitting, referencing Milton’s historical preservation goals outlined under the application.

Members of Milton’s selectboard, meanwhile, said board members had yet to rule out any specific projects that may come before the board once the town’s applications go live.

“I don’t think anybody here on the board has ruled out any projects,” selectperson Chris Taylor said. “I think we’ll be considering anything that comes in front of us.”

ARPA was a sweeping \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill signed by President Joe Biden in early 2021 in response to economic shocks spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among other allocations, the bill earmarked billions of dollars for counties and municipalities to potentially use for development.

Under ARPA, Milton was awarded more than \$3.2 million in pandemic relief funding, around \$1 million of which had already been committed to improving town facilities, hiring new staff like Milton’s new emergency medical services director and for extending waterlines to a new public works garage.

Turner, when presenting the town’s plans for administering ARPA funding in Milton, listed several other infrastructure projects the town could potentially fund with federal pandemic relief should some money remain leftover as the window for applications eventually comes to a close.

Among those projects were multiple expansions and improvements to Milton’s water system, including a needed expansion in capacity at the Catamount Industrial Park in Milton’s south, as well as the next phase of trail development within Milton’s town forest.

Many of those projects could be permitted and effectively “shovel ready” by the time applications close and Milton officials would need to weigh appropriating leftover ARPA funds, according to Turner.

Milton’s selectboard plans to review a final draft of their application for administering ARPA funding at their next regular meeting scheduled for early July, after which the town is expected to begin accepting applications from residents and town organizations for use of its remaining \$2 million in ARPA funding.

ALBURGH NEWS

PARADE PLANS FOR ALBURGH

By Martha Goodsell

ALBURGH – Celebrate Independence Day and join in the annual Independence Day parade beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 4. Deck out your cars, tractors, floats bicycles, motorized vehicles and horses.

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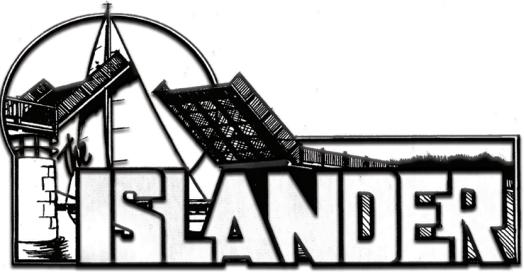


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'Cheers and cheese' promised in upcoming celebration, planning event

By ISLANDER STAFF

SOUTH HERO – Grilled goods, local brews and fresh heaps of planning news will come together next week for some celebratory “cheers and cheese” in Grand Isle County’s southernmost town.

Town officials have, alongside several local businesses and organizations, scheduled a “Community Cheers and Cheese” event for the historic South Hero Meeting House on Monday with the hopes the new event will bring new perspectives to several planning initiatives in town.

According to a message from the planning commission’s chair Sandy Gregg, beyond promises of music and local spirits, “Cheers and Cheese” will feature chances for residents to sound off a vision for a restored South Hero Meeting House and on work to update South Hero’s town plan.

For the recreation-inclined, South Hero’s recreation commission and the South Hero Land Trust are also expected to be on hand to present information about South Hero’s trail network and the potential for extending those trails, according to Gregg.

Planning projects aside, however, Monday’s event has also been billed as a “community celebration.”

A local chapter of the Masons have reportedly pledged “grilled good stuff” as they fundraise during the event, and both the Two Heroes Brewery and the Snow Farm Vineyard and Winery will be offering tastings for visitors during the meeting at the South Hero Meeting House.

Musician Mike Chapman will perform as locals tour exhibits dedicated to on-going town initiatives and, as promised, there will also be cheese courtesy of the Cabot Creamery.

building’s future use following its renovation.

Most recently, South Hero’s voters approved allocating up to \$150,000 on Town Meeting Day this year to “stabilize” the meeting house and rebuild its aging foundation, a project also supported through a \$100,000 federal Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant awarded to the town.

Built in 1816, the South Hero Meeting House – or “Old White Meeting House” – has at different times in South Hero’s history functioned as a church, a town hall and fire station, and as a school.

Monday’s event is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and run for two hours, according to Gregg.

Those looking for more information can reach Gregg at frogrock37@gmail.com and 802-372-4565.

Grand Isle Selectboard to meet with independent auditors

By MIKE DONOGHUE
Islander Staff Writer

GRAND ISLE -- Representatives of the independent accounting firm hired to audit three years of financial records for the town of Grand Isle are expected to meet with the Selectboard next month.

Batchelder Associates of Barre and Keene, N.H. began working on the Grand Isle audits in January, but has been slowed by both COVID protocols and delay in some responses by the town.

The board hopes to have the discussion at its July 18th meeting. The board at its Monday night meeting, agreed to cancel its July 4th session due to the holiday.

Selectboard member Jeff Parizo did explain at the Selectboard meeting there has been some confusion within the town about the scope of the work by Batchelder. He said some mistakenly believe Batchelder was hired to review earlier audits by R.H.R. Smith of Buxton, Maine.

He said Bonnie Batchelder is not auditing Smith’s work, or the work of Town Treasurer Melissa Boutin, but rather the municipal books for fiscal year 2018, 2019 and 2020.

“What Bonnie is doing is from scratch, literally from scratch. She is not taking Ron’s audit and going through and checking his numbers,” he said.

Parizo said he was attempting to clear the air because of misunderstandings or misstatements by some in the community at recent board meetings.

Local residents, town officials and even Ron Smith, the managing partner, have used different terms to describe the 3 years of audits.

The whole case began in April 2021 when more than 150 taxpayers signed a document seeking more transparency for town finances, including requesting a “forensic audit.” The taxpayers said they were also concerned the Selectboard had not received for several years the state-mandated quarterly financial reports from the town treasurer.

Smith later said “forensic” often gives the impression of criminal conduct and urged the Selectboard not to use the term.

Nobody has made any claim of misconduct and Boutin has said the town books are open for anybody to review.

During subsequent meetings, other terms began to slip into the conversation, including “a full audit” and a “best practices audit.”

Parizo said Batchelder was starting from scratch just like any other auditor hired to check the town books.

“I just want to make sure we are using the right terminology. Because we are not auditing the auditor,” Parizo said.

Smith was retained also to do the books for 2021, but the Selectboard has voted unanimously to move to a new independent auditor, Sullivan Powers and Co. of Montpelier for at least 2022.

The board approved the \$26,000 bid from Sullivan Powers after hearing considerable criticism about the only other bidder -- R.H.R. Smith.

Smith, who has audited the town books for five years, had offered a bid of \$16,500. His bid was more than double his current charge to the town.

In other business, the Selectboard heard a report that the towns of Grand Isle, South Hero and North Hero might be interested in joining forces to hire an assessor to work with the town listers.

Lister Sue Lawrence, who has served the town for 18 years, said some of the listers in the towns are getting older and looking to slow down. She said the discussion was just getting started, but she wanted the board to be aware.

Selectboard Chair Adam White said there are plenty of questions, including how the work hours would be split and whether the hired assessor would be eligible for municipal benefits as an employee.

The board agreed that more study was needed and the conversation should continue.

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The star of the event, the South Hero Meeting House itself, will also be open for self-guided tours and shopping at Granny’s Attic, the popular non-profit store that has for decades spent summers operating out of the former church and meeting house.

For some time now, officials have discussed restoring the South Hero Meeting House to serve as both a community space and the continued home of Granny’s Attic, though the town has yet to draft any formal plans for the

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Island Arts to court music, celebrate islands with summer season

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

NORTH HERO – With a summer season already well underway, Island Arts are looking to capture artistic scenes more familiar to cities to the islands while celebrating what makes the Champlain Islands unique.

In an interview with *The Islander*, the organization's Katya Wilcox and Natalie Churchill said Island Arts hoped to help islanders "experience something outside of their everyday life," whether through performances or events championing the islands themselves.

Island Arts' schedule, while prominently featuring musical performances, looks to everything from stars above to backyard birds in order to celebrate "the paradise we live in," Wilcox told *The Islander*.

As with previous years, the organization is scheduling a "spontaneous evening under the stars" with Joe Comeau, an amateur astronomer with an observatory in Alburgh, and birding classes now taught remotely through Zoom to introduce islanders to their feathered neighbors.

"It opens up people's minds," Wilcox said. "You've got to be curious about where you live, to be aware of the paradise we live in."

As with previous seasons, however, music and performance features heavily within Island Arts' seasonal schedule. The organization is already advertising a full concert schedule featuring everything from classical musicians and jazz artists to Americana and pop.



An audience watches a performance inside Island Arts' Homer Knight Barn in North Hero.
Photo courtesy of Katya Wilcox.

According to Churchill, Island Arts had planned to bring a "variety" of musical styles into the islands, with the hopes of introducing islanders to musical styles they might not be familiar with or may not be able to hear otherwise because of the islands' more rural setting.

At least several concerts were scheduled to take advantage of a "gorgeous Yamaha C7 grand piano" presented to the arts organization, including an upcoming concert by local pianist Claire Black and another performance featuring the Paris-based soloist Jorge Garcia Herranz.

Even then, Churchill said Island Arts hoped to provide some diversity in the kinds of music featuring its prized piano, providing a shortlist of classical and jazz performers whose backgrounds tap into different styles of their respective musical genres of choice.

"We want different kinds of music," she said. "We're trying to have a mix even in that small grouping."

Island Arts is expecting to again host the Full Circle Theater Collaborative, as well. A youth theater group formed in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Full Circle is returning this year with a performance of *Into the Woods JR.*, a family friendly take on a popular musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine.

More generally, Wilcox and Churchill said the organization hoped to reach more of the county's younger residents, many of whom tend to be underrepresented at Island Arts events.

When speaking with *The Islander*, Wilcox announced residents beneath the age of 18 years old would be able to access Island Arts concerts for free, and both Wilcox and Churchill made a point of plugging an inaugural art show organized with Grand Isle County's schools.

Named for the late watercolorist Sylvia Barry, the Sylvia Barry Art Contest for Youth will allow local students to submit work through their art teachers for a countywide contest. Winning entries, according to Island Arts, will be displayed alongside Barry's work at the Island Arts Center in North Hero.

"This is going to bubble into something bigger," Churchill promised. "It's a small start."

The organization is also advertising an "Island Arts Jazz Combo," which allows for younger musicians to study jazz improvisation with local musician Tony

Pietricola, and Island Arts' scholarship programs and Island Arts-sponsored instrument rentals supporting local students interested in the arts.

Beyond donations and fundraising, Island Arts is an arts organization supported financially by each of Grand Isle County's five towns.

A full schedule for Island Arts' summer season can be found online at <https://www.islandarts.org/> and in 2022 programs distributed around the Champlain Islands.

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Volunteers, *Seussical* and kazoos to help ring in South Hero Independence Day

By MICHAEL FRETT
 Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO – In only a few weeks, South Street in South Hero will come alive with an “arsenal” of emergency service vehicles and an orchestra of kazoos in honor of the Fourth of July.

According to Anne Zolotas, a South Hero selectperson and the head of South Hero’s one-person parade committee, this year’s parade will celebrate “volunteerism,” a theme Zolotas said could be interpreted as loosely as participants may like.

“Of course, [volunteerism] means fire and rescue departments, libraries, CIDER and Granny’s Attic – volunteers are the core of their existence,” Zolotas told *The Islander* last week, “but if people are participating, they’re volunteering!”

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In accordance with its theme, the parade will again see emergency service vehicles from across the islands roll through South Street on the morning of the Fourth of July. Joining the convoy of emergency vehicles will be other volunteer organizations serving South Hero and the Champlain Islands.

At their head will be the parade’s marshal Robin Way, the former director of Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources – or CIDER – who retired earlier this year after heading the human services organization for nearly two decades.

According to Zolotas, designating Way the parade’s marshal was “a way to thank him and give him a good sendoff.”

As with most years, however, this year’s parade will be open to anyone interested in joining the annual celebratory march from the corner of Landon Road and South Street to Route 2. Zolotas emphasized “anyone” when she told *The Islander* the parade was open to all participants.

“We want people to be in the parade,” Zolotas said. “If you show up ten minutes before 11 and want to be in the parade, you will be.”

Overseas deployment means the Vermont Air National Guard’s flyover sometimes wrangled for the South Hero parade will not be able to happen this year, but a host of other organizations will provide the parade with plenty of bombast to ring in Independence Day.

Alongside the usual participants in the South parade, highlights this year include the cast of the Folsom Community Education Center’s performance of *Seussical, JR.* and a marching band of Camp Hochelaga campers with a town-funded cavalcade of kazoos in hand.

Zolotas, when speaking with *The Islander*, said the open-ended nature of the South Hero parade was a part of its charm as a celebration for the community. In general, the parade was a colorful tradition for South Hero people would likely miss if they went an Independence Day without it, Zolotas said.

“It’s a town tradition and people like it,” Zolotas told *The Islander*.

Anyone interested in participating in this year’s parade can connect with Zolotas at 802-363-6686.

Woman injured in Colchester hotel fire

By ISLANDER STAFF

COLCHESTER -- An unnamed woman was treated for minor smoke inhalation following a fire at the Quality Inn on South Park Drive on Sunday, Colchester Police said.

Colchester Rescue took the woman, who was located on the third floor, to the UVM Medical Center. Police said the investigating officer did not get the name of the woman.

Both the Colchester and Winooski Fire Departments responded to the structure fire about 1:45 p.m.

Smoking materials were believed to be the cause of the fire, police said. The fire was not considered suspicious.

The fire began in cedar hedges located on the south side of the building, police said. There was smoke damage reported on both the second and third floors of the hotel.

Registration open for first South Hero scholastic chess tournament

By ISLANDER STAFF

SOUTH HERO – A South Hero student’s “passion project” will see a new scholastic chess tournament held next month at the Worthen Library in South Hero.

Divided into two sections – one for students between fifth and eighth grades, and another for high-schoolers – the South Hero chess tournament will pair students against one another according to the Swiss Pairing System typically used for larger tournaments.

According to a previous story by library director Keagan Calkins, the July chess tournament was devised by incoming eighth grader Sam Hayward as a part of the library’s inaugural Passion Project program.

The South Hero Library Foundation-sponsored program, Calkins wrote, was “designed to engage teenagers with their local island library and the community at large.”

Hayward’s chess tournament was one of three teenager-designed projects to be awarded a \$500 prize through the project, according to Calkins’s story.

The South Hero Scholastic Chess Tournament is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at the Worthen Library on July 23. A \$10 entry fee, used to afford supplies, is required, though Hayward said to “let [him] know if [the event’s entry fee] is a hardship.”

Summer visitors are welcome, according to a calendar listing provided by Hayward.

For more information or to register, people can contact Hayward at southerochess@gmail.com. Those interested in competing will need to register in advance.

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Claire Black to Give Solo Piano Concert

By Natalie Churchill, Island Arts

NORTH HERO - Burlington-based Claire Black gives a solo piano concert on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Island Arts Center. This is a rich and lovingly curated program of works by Clara and Robert Schumann, and Ludwig van Beethoven. Recent audience comments: "Pure joy! Uplifting. Intimate. Masterful. Engaging." The concert is over an hour long, with no intermission.

Black has virtuoso technique and performs with deep passion. In the airy high ceiling space of the Island Arts Center barn, hearing and watching her is an awesome, intimate experience. She will play a 7'6" Yamaha C7 concert grand, filling the barn with glorious sound. For those who haven't attended a live piano concert recently—or never, it will be especially memorable.

This is the first concert in Island Arts' 2022 Classical Series which brings accomplished local and international performers to Vermont's Champlain Islands. Upcoming musicians are Sohyun Ahn (NYC) with Eun Hee Park, Jorge Garcia Herranz (Paris), and duos "8 Cuerdas" (soprano Sarah Cullins and guitarist Daniel Gaviro) and "Duo Dolce" (Vermont Symphony cellist John Dunlop and violinist Laura Markowitz).

Tickets online at \$60 for the 4-concert Classical Series, or \$25 individually. Individual tickets at \$20 are available from local outlets: Alburgh Library, The Back Chamber, Ember's Garden, Emmon's Supermarket, Hackett's Orchard. Youth 18 and under attend all concerts free of charge.

More at <https://www.islandarts.org/events-classes/event-series/>. Visit www.islandarts.org, email info@islandarts.org, or call Katya at 802.233-1725. Masks required inside the barn.

Location: 1127 US Rt 2



Claire Black will be performing a solo piano concert at Island Arts.

Walk the Watershed

By Molly Varner, Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District

SOUTH HERO - Join us on July 7 at 5:30 p.m. to explore how water moves through and interacts with our different landscapes through a tour of Islandacres Farm - from the field to the bay!

We'll be joined by Steve Robinson, farmer and owner of Islandacres and Karen Bates, Master Naturalist and Basin Planner for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

Steve will share a bit about the history and future of farming on the Islands and how he's implemented efficient and effective practices in efforts to improve water quality. And as an expert in all things water, Karen will be on hand to lift the curtain on the unique ecosystems of South Hero, while teaching us how to conserve our treasured natural resources. Throughout our walk, we'll explore the small steps we can take on our individual landscapes to protect Keeler Bay and greater lake. The first step to protecting the health of our lake, lands, and communities is knowing more about our watershed, and where we fit into the bigger picture!



Learn about our watershed at the Walk the Watershed event. Photo by Molly Varner.

Bring mud-friendly shoes, water, and bug spray. This event is hosted by Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District and South Hero Land Trust.

Please note that for all in-person events, if you are experiencing symptoms of illness, or are a close contact/exposed to COVID-19, as defined by the CDC, please do not attend.

This event is free and open to all. RSVP at [WalkTheWatershed.eventbrite.com](https://www.WalkTheWatershed.eventbrite.com).

Location: 354 U.S. Route 2

Green Frog reopen and hoppin’

Islander staff report

SOUTH HERO - It was a longtime coming, but appropriate that the new Green Frog in South Hero got its new life on Father’s Day weekend.

The new owner, Tonya Poutry, said she and her father had frequently talked about them owning a “Trading Post” in Vermont. Poutry’s dream lived on, even after Ron Papineau, who operated Fiberglass Plus in Malletts Bay for 30 years, died 5 years ago.

They had lots of ideas for the store and for offering special merchandise. After Poutry’s father died, she did not give up the dream. The perfect place was found last spring and in December, Poutry inked the sales agreement with Nancy and Stanley Wood for the well-known landmark business on Ferry Road just west of U.S. 2 in South Hero village.

The soft opening was planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, but some shoppers arrived early. A couple of anglers from Rhode Island will go down as the first customers that day. They showed up about 9:15 a.m. and were headed home that morning after some bass fishing in the Champlain Islands. A souvenir t-shirt was part of the first purchase.

During the day potential customers, spotting the large star-shaped helium balloons -- green, gold or silver -- on the store sign realized the shop was finally open and pulled into the parking lot. It was a mix of Vermonters and out-of-staters -- some apparently heading to or from the Lake Champlain Ferry. An infrequent spot check in the parking lot showed an Arizona-registered car coming the farthest.

Among the first customers was State Sen. Dick Mazza, D-Grand Isle/Colchester. Mazza, the longtime owner of a successful general store in Colchester, took time to discuss with Poutry about promoting Vermont food products and merchandise. He talked with other customers before sampling and buying some Topsy Pickles made in Winooski and along with a few other items.

Most of the products are all new and are primarily from Vermont or the rest of New England.

Many other local residents stopped in to offer well wishes and/or buy some items. They included Ellen Paradee, who brought a couple of large colorful flower arrangements from her business Fleur D’Ellie in Grand Isle to make the opening more festive. The fresh garden flowers also added a nice fragrance in the clean air.

Bruin, Poutry’s 3-year-old gold retriever, spent his time greeting shoppers or stretching out on the new floor.

Poutry said the biggest hurdle getting the doors open has been the national delay in shipping items, including the delivery of construction materials and waiting for some products for the shelves. She had wanted to open in mid-to-late May.

“It was a six month wait for the windows,” Poutry explained about the new large windows for the gift, craft, food and souvenir shop.

Once the windows arrived, contractor Mitchel Richardson and his crew could finish putting many of the other final steps in place. There was less of a wait for the new high-level security system for the building and the lighting, both inside and out.

The building, which was constructed in 1978 and had two additions in 1980 and 1982, was gutted down to the studs during the winter. The old carpet was torn out and replaced with luxury vinyl tile.

“Tap, insert, or swipe,” became a common phrase as the credit card carrying customers had items rung up at the cash register.

Paying customers were offered a free copy of the “Only in The Islands” calendars produced by *The Islander* newspaper in conjunction with Staff Photographer Rob Swanson.

Poutry said the store is still awaiting some overdue products.

“Can’t wait to get the rest of the items in,” she told a husband and wife as she waited on them. “We will have more fun stuff.”

Among the items still in transit on Saturday: Father’s Day cards. Guess when they arrive those will be stored until next year.

The store still has plenty of things to wear for locals, tourists or campers: t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, socks, baby-clothes, Vermont keepsakes and more.



New owner, Tonya Poutry, celebrates the soft Grand Opening of The Green Frog in South Hero Saturday. Photo by Rob Swanson, Islander Photojournalist.



New owner, Tonya Poutry, celebrates the soft Grand Opening of The Green Frog in South Hero Saturday. Photo by Rob Swanson, Islander Photojournalist.

It also has food products, with various Vermont-made products, including Cabot products, with four kinds of macaroni and cheese, beer and wine, honey, jelly, caramels and a variety of maple products.

Swanson posted multiple pictures on social media by late Saturday morning and that sparked at least one customer to show up about an hour later. “I got to get a gift for my dad. I just saw what I want in one of the posted pictures,” he explained.

A small attached section of the single-story building also will become the new home of Poutry’s other business, *The Islander*. The staff for the weekly newspaper has been working remotely since the COVID-19 Pandemic and the close of the office in North Hero in 2020.

Several members of *The Islander* staff were on hand on Saturday to help with the launch and to meet customers. They included Office Manager and Copy Editor Kristina Botala, Staff Writers Mike Donoghue and Michael Frett and Photographer Rob Swanson.

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A 'life in the islands': North Hero library to launch new history project

By MICHAEL FRETT
Islander Staff Writer

NORTH HERO – A new public history project steered by North Hero's public library is looking to give a voice to the stories defining life in the small Grand Isle County community.

The North Hero Public Library's "Life in the Islands" project will launch at the end of the month, pairing stories recorded by several longtime residents with photos of life in North Hero.

According to the library's director Caroline Korejko, the idea came from a similar project coordinated by a library in New York's North Country and another storytelling project managed by a pair of photographers who toured North Hero last year.

For "Life in the Islands," residents in North Hero were given five minutes for a chance to tell a story mapping loosely to certain themes set by the library and the "Life in the Islands" governing committee. Those stories will be wrapped into a multimedia presentation featuring photos available online.

When brought together, the project, according to Korejko, should provide a new way to engage with a storied island history touching on everything from agriculture and recreation to natural disasters, deep familial roots and local folklore.

"People in North Hero really want people to know about what life is like and what life was like on North Hero," Korejko told *The Islander* last week. "With technology taking people away from history, I think it's nice to pair this with technology."

Scheduled to go live on the North Hero Public Library's website following a June 30 reception, "Life in the Islands" will start modestly.

Three stories so far have been recorded, all from longtime residents, featuring stories about Hero's Welcome, the catastrophic ice storm blasting North Hero in 1997 and one family's long history with a hundred-year-old home looming near North Hero's historic village.

Korejko said she hopes for the project to expand from there, telling *The Islander* "Life in the Islands" would welcome stories from anyone with an experience on North Hero they would be open to sharing.

"You don't have to be a fourth-generation resident," the library director told *The Islander*. "You could be, you know, someone who came here for one summer, someone who visited family here."

In its current form, "Life in the Islands" is tailored specifically to North Hero, though, according to Korejko, there was room for the program to evolve to work with other libraries in the Champlain Islands and incorporate stories of experiences outside of North Hero.

As it stands, however, "Life in the Islands" is very much a North Hero project.

Its governing board includes volunteers from North Hero's historical society and the library's board of trustees, as well as Diane Gayer from the GreenTARA Space in North Hero's village. The software and hardware needed for "Life in the Islands" were a gift from the Friends of the North Hero Public Library.

"Life in the Islands" also dovetails with the North Hero library's strategic plan, a recently finalized document imagining the North Hero Public Library as an active community partner and important public space within the wider North Hero community.

"One of the goals that we had was to use the library as a place where history can be shared," Korejko said. "If people want to share their story, contact me."

A reception featuring a presentation and snippets of "Life in the Islands" first stories is scheduled for the North Hero Community Hall on June 30 at 5 p.m. Once the reception wraps up, the first stories will be available online at <https://northherolibrary.org/life-in-the-islands/>.



The North Hero Public Library's Caroline Korejko describes the library's "Life in the Islands" history project during a recent interview with *The Islander*. Photo by Michael Frett.



In this photo shared by the North Hero Public Library's "Life in the Islands" project, construction workers stop for a rest outside of a North Hero home built in the early 1900s. Courtesy photo.



A family photo from the early 1900s helps illustrate a story featured in the "Life in the Islands" project about one family's ties to a 100-year-old home in North Hero. Courtesy photo.

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•Dorothea J. & Matthew W. Alter, Trustees transferred property at 155 Braeloch Rd, 1 ac., to Dorothea J. Alter, \$N/A.

•Colette & Timothy Kaiser transferred property at 259 Arbor Ln, 2.42 ac., to David & Jaime Neely, \$800,000.

•Anita Dayvie & Louise Hammond transferred property at 1681 Colchester Point Rd, 0.36 ac., to Kim Paul and Barry, Jeffory & Lynn J. Hammond, \$458,666.68.

•Simone Gratton transferred property at 1939 Malletts Bay Ave., 0.86 ac., to Jack Samuel & Lynne Y. Gratton, \$175,000.

•Allison D. & Andrew R. Mascola transferred property at 54 West Lakeshore Dr., 0.54 ac., to Neil Gardner, \$775,000.

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

MON Indoor Flea Market & Clothes Closet
St. Amadeus Parish Center
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WEN Indoor Flea Market & Clothes Closet
St. Amadeus Parish Center
98 N. Main St., Alburgh
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

THU Indoor Flea Market & Clothes Closet
St. Amadeus Parish Center
98 N. Main St., Alburgh
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Congratulations CLASS of 2022

6th Grade Class of 2022 Grand Isle School

Samuel Angus Zuanich
Amelia Rose DeMars
Madison Collette Neill
Tristan David Remmey
Maxwell David Hansen
Logan Reid Johnson
Sarah Amelia Kimball
Cohen Arthur Martin
Cameron Pezzimenti
Gabrielle Elizabeth McHugh
Shane Matthew Lawrence
Alexander Grant Low
Benjamin A Thompson
Eleanor Grace Wallace Brodeur

Izabella Godin
Riahanna Fitzgerald
Tailor G Miller
Ryland D Cannon
Louis Patterson
Isabel Pentenrieder
Ronin Hoppe
Isla Tarin Stowell
Ezra Marsano
Arielle Lynn Vincent
Riley White
Asha Rose Many
Daniel Jarvis

North Hero School

Ayden Elizabeth Mashtare
Matthew Gordon Richard
Arghana Tremblay
Justin George Young
Harper A Lockerby

Kolten Ferrin
Gavin Bennett
Jesse Cale Bennett
Danika Spaulding
Lacey White

8th Grade Class of 2022 Alburgh Community Ed. Center

Grace Boucher
Randilynn Chagnon
Jesse Daku
Ethan Gotshall
Gretchen Hull
Jackson Latimer
Olivia Newhall
Vincent Pearson (ILM)
Kylee Sevene
Asher St Pierre
Ivy Warden
Erikka Wright

Gracie Brown
Amya Coburn
Joel English (ILM)
Lila Hanfield
Logan Kerwin
Caleb Mills
Vernon Ouellette
Otis Reed
Sevanna Stetson
Azeda Todd
Kyla Whalon

Folsom School

Daniel Cochran

Landon Couture

Eli Ellingwood
Michael Francis
Noah Hill
Daniel Jackson
Logan Mitchell
Tate Smith
Hazel Valin
Cornelia Wiltshire

Jennifer Fenton
Asher Goldwater
Michaela Hunt
Leila McMillian
Ava Savoy
Jack Tremble
Aurelia Wickenden

Missisquoi Valley Union

ALBURGH

Kassidy Benjamin
Savanah Mott
Dakota Santor
Andrew Whalon

Zachary Lambert
Mason Noble
Kaci Webb
Alexis Wilson

NORTH HERO

Brandon Tyson Wells

12th Grade Class of 2022

Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans)

ALBURGH

Adam Ballard
Noah Brown
Calli Bushey
Kyla Cooke
Jayden Derosia

Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)

Grand Isle

Lyle Broe

Colchester High School

GRAND ISLE

Charlize Haglund
Wyatt Lampman
Connor Sweeney

Gabrielle Joachim
Joey Partlow

SOUTH HERO

Connor Sweeney

Essex High School

ISLE LA MOTTE

Raelyn Poulin

GRAND ISLE

Aiden Hill
Kristian Richardson
Dodavah Nifla'ah Smart

Jacob Lynch
Logan Sahagun
Liam Trombley

SOUTH HERO

Andrew Goodrich

Dominic Lussier

NORTH HERO

Marlee Douglas

Northeast Clinton Central School

ALBURGH

Kye-Lee Devost
Molly Hilliker
Angelica Miller
Victoria Reed
Timothy Sweeney

Pyper Hazen Astleford
Lexi Lewis
Elisabeth Prairie
Conner Steele
Jayden Theoret

NORTH HERO

Isabella Herring

South Burlington High School

ALBURGH

Kiarra Bessette

Morgan Sicard

GRAND ISLE

Sarah Bartlett
Tristen Gingras
Lucy LeDuc
Kiara Smith

Sullivan Beers
Brianna Jarvis
Colby Martin
Natali van Ryswyk

SOUTH HERO

Morgan Brownell
Tylan Emch

Samuel Button
Madison King-Thurber

NORTH HERO

Nicole Caneco
Kathryn O'Hara
Lily McKitty
Garett Ward

Benjamin Cunningham
Trevor Reagan
Olivia Sauve

ISLE LA MOTTE

Owen Crate

Rice High School

SOUTH HERO

Grace Kline

All of us in The Islands
are so very proud of you!

Congrats Grads!!!



Dakota Santor of Alburgh, Missisquoi Valley Union Class of 2022!



Sarah Bartlett (Magna Cum Laude) of Grand Isle, South Burlington High School Class of 2022!



Gabby Joachim of Grand Isle, Colchester High School Class of 2022!

Village Harmony to Perform at South Hero Congregational Church

SOUTH HERO - The Village Harmony Teen World Music Ensemble will return to the Champlain Islands on Sunday, July 10 for a 2 p.m. concert at the South Hero Congregational Church UCC. Admission is by freewill donation. A pot-luck supper picnic will follow.

Fourteen teen singers from nine states and Canada and their three adult leaders will perform songs from Caucasus Georgia, the Balkans, South Africa, and the American Shape-Note tradition, as well as works from the Renaissance. This year's group leaders include: Bongani Magatyana, Sinead O'Mahoney, and Scott Sexton.

Bongani Magatyana, from Cape Town, South Africa, brings music from South Africa's vibrant choral singing tradition. His folk-inspired choral compositions—popular pieces for South Africa's major choral competitions are sung by choirs around South Africa and internationally.

VH alumna Sinead O' Mahoney, originally from Montpelier, now from Cambridge, MA, has been singing and traveling with Village Harmony for 14 years. She has been praised for her sure command of rhythm and efficient teaching style and will lead American shape-note songs as well as songs from the Balkans and Caucasus Georgia.

Scott Sexton is a dynamic music educator and choral director based in Troy, Alabama. He has traveled the world performing and collecting music and is best known for his immersive music experiences in Ghana, Bosnia, and the American

South.

A pot-luck picnic supper will follow. If you plan to stay, please bring something easy to serve and eat at a picnic, including green and main dish salads. We encourage you to bring a cooler for your food. Some space also will be available in the Church refrigerator to place food ahead of the concert. Reusable, washable dishes and service will be provided.

Weather permitting, the concert will be on the south side of the church building, followed by an outdoor picnic. Folding seats will be available. We also encourage audience members to bring whatever is comfortable for you to sit on outside.

In case of inclement or excessively hot weather, the concert will be inside the air-conditioned Sanctuary and the supper will be in Fellowship Hall.

COVID GUIDELINES: Please bring a mask, test negative for COVID, and be free of symptoms of COVID and other illnesses. If the concert is outside, audience members may mask by choice. If the concert is inside the Sanctuary, all audience members will be required to wear masks and the first two rows of pews will be left empty to provide distance between the audience and singers. All audience members are encouraged to have a current vaccine and boost. Singers will be unmasked, vaccinated, and test negative for COVID.

If you have questions about the South Hero concert, you may contact the church office, Monday through Friday, at 802-372-4962; Mark Kennedy,

802-318-0916, or e-mail: ccshvt@gmail.com or maylskenn@yahoo.com. You also may contact Village Harmony directly at: villageharmony@gmail.com or visit the website at www.villageharmony.org

Location: 24 South St.



The Village Harmony Teen World Music Ensemble is returning to the Champlain Islands for a performance at the South Hero Congregational Church.

Take a Break

TOP TEN

Highest Life Expectancy*

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| 4. Massachusetts | 9. Washington |
| 5. Minnesota | 10. Vermont |



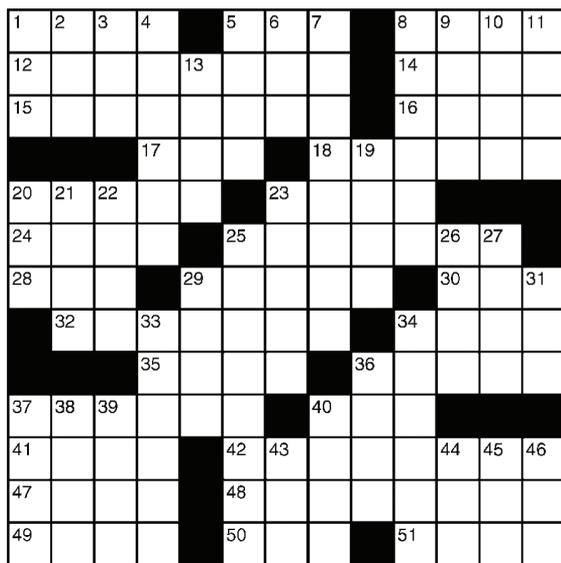
*pre-COVID Source: CDC

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Dream on!"
- 5 Clothing protector
- 8 Greet
- 12 Well-read folks
- 14 Celestial bear
- 15 Beatles drummer before Ringo Starr
- 16 Algeria's neighbor
- 17 Occupation, for short
- 18 Straw hat
- 20 Young horses
- 23 Printer's blue
- 24 New York canal
- 25 Talkers' marathon
- 28 Bankroll
- 29 North African capital
- 30 Josh
- 32 Doctor's order
- 34 Trellis climber
- 35 Missing
- 36 Mature, as fruit
- 37 Small porches
- 40 Spelldown
- 41 Ms. Brockovich
- 42 Oater setting
- 47 "— Lang Syne"
- 48 Pokey

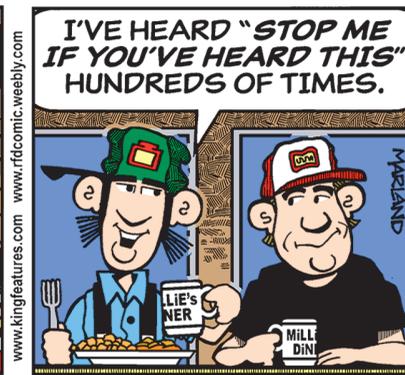


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- 1 Swiss peak
- 2 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
- 3 Addams cousin
- 4 Weak
- 5 Folk singer Joan
- 6 TGIF part
- 7 Gradually
- 8 Compassionate
- 9 "I smell —!"
- 10 Cruise stop
- 11 Hideaway
- 13 Baseball stats
- 19 Lummoxes
- 20 Hardly any
- 21 Verbal
- 22 Opera set in Egypt
- 23 Is able to, old-style
- 25 "Recognize my voice?"
- 26 Omit
- 27 Fork prong
- 29 Sporty car roof
- 31 Lion's home
- 33 Light-headed folks?
- 34 TV audience member
- 36 Some wines
- 37 Line of fashion?
- 38 Verifiable
- 39 Monet's supply
- 40 Inky stain
- 43 Charged bit
- 44 Id counterpart
- 45 "Mayday!"
- 46 Former Delta rival

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R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV show is set at UC-Sunnydale?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is an affogato?
- MOVIES: Which famous movie features a character named Almira Gulch?
- HISTORY: Which U.S. state was the first to legalize marijuana for medicinal use?
- ENTERTAINERS: What rapper/songwriter's real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr.?
- SCIENCE: What part of the brain controls hunger?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Gulf of Cadiz lies off the coasts of which two countries?
- LITERATURE: Who are the best friends of Nancy Drew in the mystery series?
- LANGUAGE: The archaic term "grippe" was used to describe what common ailment?
- ASTRONOMY: What kind of star is the sun in our solar system?

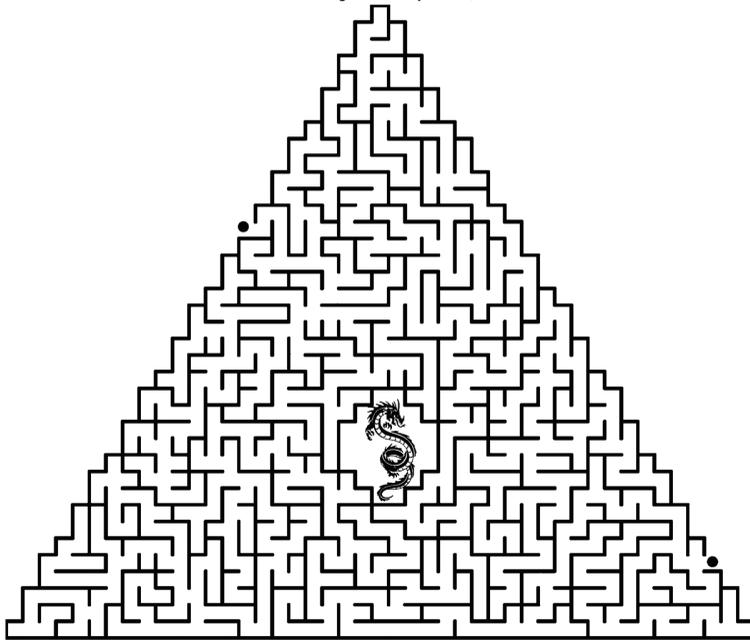
Answers

- "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
- Italian dessert of coffee and ice cream
- "The Wizard of Oz"
- California, 1996
- Snoop Dogg
- Hypothalamus
- Portugal and Spain
- Bess and George
- Influenza
- Yellow dwarf

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Mega Maze

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"Fortunately, it was only money."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Summer solstice

In the Northern Hemisphere, summer solstice is too late to plant many vegetables; harvest is just around the corner for tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and melons. Spring-planted annuals are blooming and perennials are coming into their own. However, some vegetables are at their best when harvested in fall. Depending on your climate, you may still be able to plant swiss chard, turnips, collards, radishes, arugula and spinach where they get morning sunlight but are protected from intense afternoon sun. — Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.almanac.com, www.gardeningknowhow.com

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LEGAL

Notices

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION

Grand Isle Unit

Docket No.: 10-2-19 GICV

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

v.
PAUL CHEESEMAN, MARGARET CHEESEMAN
AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
OCCUPANTS OF: 62 Morgan Hill Road, North Hero
VT

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER 12 V.S.A. sec 4952 et seq.

In accordance with the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure entered April 29, 2022, in the above captioned action brought to foreclose that certain mortgage given by the late Paul Cheeseman and Margaret Cheeseman to MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A., dated February 3, 2012 and recorded in Book 91 Page 665 of the land records of the Town of North Hero, of which mortgage the Plaintiff is the present holder, by virtue of the following Assignments of Mortgage: (1) Assignment of Mortgage from MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage, d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated August 24, 2012 and recorded in Book 93 Page 98; (2) Corrective Assignment of Mortgage from MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated December 14, 2012 and recorded in Book 93 Page 557; (3) Assignment of Mortgage from Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage Company to Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage dated June 17, 2021 and recorded in Book 109 Page 471; and (4) Assignment of Mortgage from Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated September 27, 2021 and recorded in Book 110 Page 266, all of the land records of the Town of North Hero for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **62 Morgan Hill Road, North Hero, Vermont on July 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM** all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

A certain piece of land in North Hero, in the County of Grand Isle and State of Vermont, described as follows, viz:

Parcel No. 2: Being land and premises located easterly of the Bridge Road, so-called in the Town of North Hero and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point, which said point marks the north-easterly corner of lands now or formerly of Edward and Linda Norris and which said point is located 25 feet southerly of lands now or formerly of George and Cecile Aram; thence proceeding in a southerly direction in and along the easterly boundary of lands of the said Norris and lands now or formerly of Greg and Elaine Moreau a total distance of 330 feet, more or less, to a point thence turning and proceeding in an easterly direction a distance of 290.10 feet, more or less to a point in the westerly boundary of other lands of the Grantees; thence turning and proceeding in a northerly extraction, in and along other lands of the grantees a distance of 330 feet, more or less, to a point in the southerly sideline of a right of way which leads in an easterly direction from the Bridge Road, and which said point is located 25 feet southerly from the southeasterly corner of Parcel 1 above; thence turning and proceeding in a westerly direction in and along the southerly sideline of the said right of way a distance of 284.8 feet, more or less, to the point or place of beginning.

Also included in this conveyance is a right of way 25 feet in width in common with the Grantor and others, for pedestrian and vehicular use from the easterly side of the Bridge Road, so-called, to the above-described lot over the existing right of way.

The above-described parcel of land is subject to the terms and conditions of State of Vermont, Deferral of Permit No. D-6-1362. In order to comply with the State of Vermont Health Regulations on the subdivision of lands and disposal of waste including sewage, the Grantees shall

not construct or erect a structure or building on the parcel of land conveyed herein, the useful occupancy of which will require the installation of plumbing and sewage treatment facilities, without first complying with said State Regulations.

Being and intended to be the same premises as deed by Richard Dubuque Jr and Evelyn Dubuque to Paul Cheeseman and Margaret Cheeseman by deed dated 1/29/1992 and filed 6/29/1992, in Book 45, page 75-77, excepting there from a conveyance from Paul Cheeseman and Margaret Cheeseman to Roger A Siebenaler and Sherry C Siebenaler dated 1/13/2012 and recorded 1/13/2012 at Book 91, Pages 535-536.

Reference is hereby made to the above instruments and to the records and references contained therein in further aid of this description.

Terms of sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a bank wire, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date the Confirmation Order is entered by the Court. All checks should be made payable to "Bendett & McHugh, PC, as Trustee".

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

DATED: May 31, 2022

By: /s/ Rachel K. Ljunggren

Rachel K. Ljunggren, Esq.

Bendett and McHugh, PC

270 Farmington Ave., Ste. 151

Farmington, CT 06032

Official Warning Of Annual Meeting Of Alburg Fire District #1

The legal voters of the Alburg Fire District #1, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Alburg Fire District #1 Pump House at 250 Christopher Road, Alburgh Springs, Vt. on Tuesday July 5, 2022 at 7 P.M. for a public informational meeting on the following business:

Annual review to address updates such as cost and future challenges of maintaining the freshwater drinking supply.

VILLAGE OF ALBURGH ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Village of Alburgh are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Alburgh Municipal Building, in said Village of Alburgh, on Tuesday evening July 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a clerk and treasurer.

Article 2: To elect the remaining officer, namely a trustee to serve a term of five years, an auditor to serve the term of two years, an auditor to serve a term of three years and a delinquent tax collector for one year.

Article 3: To receive and act upon the reports of the various village officers.

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Village of Alburgh will vote to raise the sum of \$23,299.86 by taxation, to be used for general village purposes to include street lights.

Article 5: To see if the voters of the Village of Alburgh will vote to authorize the trustees to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses of the Village of Alburgh.

Article 6: To see if the voters of the Village of Alburgh will vote to pay taxes to the village treasurer heretofore.

Article 7: To see if the voters of the Village of Alburgh will vote to donate the sum of \$700.00 towards the support of the Alburgh Public Library.

Article 8: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Dated at Alburgh, Vermont this 7th day of June A.D. 2022

/s/ Cheryl Dunn (Chairperson)

/s/ Herbert Durham

/s/ Skip Lewis

/s/ Travis Arnold



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- Vermont's Remarkable Sharpshooters and Gettysburg, presented by Howard Coffin at the grand Isle Methodist Church, 12 Hyde Road, Grand Isle; 6:30 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- Lady Beetle BioBlitz at Round Pond State Park, 27 East Shore Dr, South Hero; 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- North Hero Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary Flea Market, 185 Station Rd.; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Isle La Motte Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maps available at island entrance.

- Treasures For You Day at God's Little Brown Church, 1 Route 129, Alburgh; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- North Hero Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary Flea Market, 185 Station Rd; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 4

- 40th Annual Clarence DeMar 5k race beginning on South Street at 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

- "Book Works, the Art of the Book" artist reception at Grand Isle Art Works, 259 U.S. 2, Grand Isle; 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

- Walk the Watershed at Islandacres Farm, 354 U.S. Route 2, South Hero; 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

- Village Harmony Concert and pot-luck supper picnic at South Hero Congregational Church, 24 South St.; 2 p.m. Admission by freewill donation

FRIDAY, JULY 15

- Blood Drive at the Grand Isle Sheriff's Department, 10 Island Circle, Grand Isle; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- ILM Town Celebration at Veterans Park, entertainment for the entire family; 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Obituary

NATHALIE CAMERON (EWING) BALLARD

N O R T H HERO - Nathalie Cameron (Ewing) Ballard, age 86, and long-time summer resident of North Hero, VT, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 16, 2022.



Nathalie was born on May 5, 1936, in Ipswich, MA, the daughter of the late Earl Morton Ewing and Katherine (Cameron) Ewing. Nathalie excelled in school, earning all A's every year from the first grade through high school.

Nathalie was reading the newspaper at age 3 to her Gramps Cameron and commenced first grade at 5 1/2. When black-marketers came into Ipswich because of the war, her Dad closed the Ewing Market and moved the family to Weymouth. Nathalie graduated from Weymouth High School taking the honors college program. While also taking 10 years of classical piano, she completed her high school honors program in 3 years, taking 4 years of Latin, 3 years of French, and 2 years of Spanish; along with her regular honors curriculum. She remained treasurer of her high school class despite fulfilling all requirements and graduating in 3 years. Nathalie is a proud member of the "nifty fifties" of Weymouth High School.

Upon graduating high school, she declared that her life's ambition was to be a housewife. In this search, she spotted her future husband, Duel Ryon Ballard Jr. at the First National store in South Weymouth. It was love at first sight!

Duel was working part time while finishing his 4th year of engineering and prior to graduation. Duel worked for the National Bureau of Standards, Harry Diamond Labs, the War Department, and Bureau of Aeronautics (Navy) in Washington, DC and Virginia for over 34 years, where they raised their family of 4 children.

Nathalie commenced college courses in Virginia, however, her growing family was of paramount importance. Nathalie was an active member of the Order of Odd Fellows Rebecca. She completed all chairs, including being installed Grandmaster of the D.C. Chapter Friendship Lodge IOOF-12. She and Duel enjoyed being members of 3 square dance clubs in the area.

Nathalie was an avid reader and had an expertise in antiques and antique collection of all forms, glass, china, toys, furniture, and paintings.

What she most enjoyed in her later years, however, was spending time with her family, including her children, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Nathalie cherished each as the finest rose in the garden. She loved competitively playing card and board games with her grandchildren.

Nathalie is survived by her loving husband of almost 70 years, Duel Ryon Ballard Jr. She is also survived by her son, Cameron and his wife Jill Ballard of Bryans Road, MD, daughter-in-law Lori Ballard of Seaford, DE; son-in-law Peter Livesey of Moores-

ville, NC; and numerous relatives from states around the country including: grandchildren and spouses, Amanda (George), Ryon (Tiffany), Cameron Jr, Taylor (Kristen), Nathalie, Heather (Matt), Mike (Dawn), Samuel (Kristen), Joshua (Patricia), and Justin; and great grandchildren (Vaden, Walker, Kayla, Cameron, Quinn, Autumn, Chris, Heaven, Sawyer, Michelle, and Camryn, sister-in-law Sandee Ewing. Nieces and nephews and spouses Godson James (Gweneth), Linda (Ian), George (Connie), Steven (Lauren), Joan (Kevin), Gail (David), Glen (Jerilyn), Jeffrey (Maria), Donald (Kim), and Robert (Dollene); cousins Timothy (Kay), James (Linda), Jo Boccigrosso, and many grand-nieces and nephews and friends. She will be greatly missed by them all. She was predeceased by her brother Earl Morton Ewing, Jr., her children Duel Ryon III, Kathy Doris, and Cynthia Jean Livesey.

A visitation for her family and friends will held Sunday, June 26 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home, 6 High Street, Ipswich, MA. Her funeral Service, with the Reverend Samuel Alberty officiating and contributing deacon James Ballard of Milton VT, will be held in the funeral home on Monday, June 27 at 11 a.m.

Nathalie will then be laid to rest with the ashes of her daughter Cynthia Jean beside her beloved grandparents in the Highland Cemetery, Ipswich.

Memorial flowers will be appreciated as well as memorial contributions in her name to Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp at www.holeinthewallgang.org/contact/holeinthewallgang.org. For directions or to leave a condolence please visit www.whittier-porter.com

To place an obituary contact The Islander at 802-372-5600 or email islander@vermontislander.com

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Health Council Grant Requests Due July 15

By Judy Ayers, Grand Isle Health Council

GRAND ISLE – Don't miss the July 15 deadline for Grand Isle Health Council grants.

The Council seeks to help non-profit organizations with specific programs or purchases that make a positive impact on health throughout Grand Isle County. As an example, in previous years the Council has awarded grants to emergency response agencies in Grand Isle County, to volunteer agencies that provide resources and talents to the residents of Grand Isle County, to agencies whose programs provide services to children and families, and to programs that seek to provide guidance and education in healthy lifestyles.

A request for a Grant should describe in detail the program or purchase and its purpose. It should include recognition that awarded grants are subject to review and report in order to determine that awards are used for the purpose requested. A request should also include a copy of your 501[c][3] designation and a promise to return the award if is not used or if it is not able to be used for the purchase intended.

Requests should be submitted to Grand Isle Health Council, c/o Leslie Ward, 121 East Shore Road North, Grand Isle, VT 05458.

The Council is comprised of directors from each county town.

Information: Leslie Ward 802-372-5753 or Judy Ayers at 802-372-8404.

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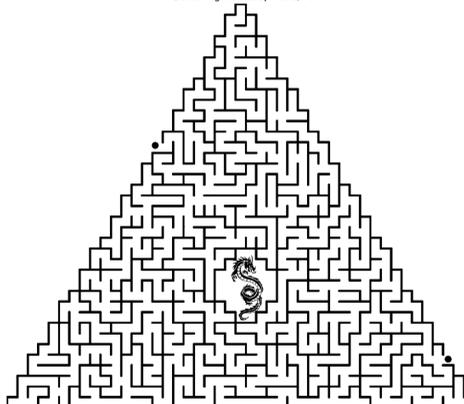
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Mega Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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MILTON POLICE LOG

JUNE 10 - JUNE 16

Between Friday, June 3 and Thursday, June 9, the Milton Police Department arrested 3 people. Officers also issued 9 traffic tickets and 8 warnings.

Friday, June 10

8:41 a.m. Fox Run Ln, Medical

Officer Schiavo responded to a residence on Fox Run Lane for the report of a resident needing medical care. Officer Schiavo assisted Milton Rescue with readying the subject for transport.

5:50 p.m. East Rd / Farnsworth Rd, Motor Vehicle Complaint

Officer Schiavo was dispatched to the area of East Road for the report of an erratic driver. Upon arrival to the area, the vehicle had already departed. However, heading back towards the Police department, the vehicle was located and contact was made with the driver. The operator did not show signs of impairment and was warned in regards to operating a vehicle erratically.

Saturday, June 11

12:49 a.m. US Route 2/Sand Bar, Excessive Speed

While on Patrol, Sgt. LaFountain observed a vehicle traveling 81MPH in a posted 50MPH area on US RT 2. The driver was issued a citation for excessive speed and will appear in court at a later date.

11:02 p.m. Middle Rd, Alarm

Cpl. Grenier and Officer Bosworth responded to a business on Middle Road with the report of an active alarm. The building was ultimately found to be locked and secure.

8:13 p.m. Partridge Ln, Noise

Officer Bosworth

was dispatched to the area of Partridge Lane with the complaint of loud music at a residence. A patrol was conducted through the area, though no loud music or disturbances could be heard.

Sunday, June 12

7:27 p.m. Crest Dr, Suspicious Event

Cpl. Grenier and Officer Bosworth responded to a residence on Crest Drive where the resident was concerned about hearing gunshots in the area. Upon arrival, gunshots could be heard to the west of the residence, near the power lines. Cpl. Grenier and Officer Bosworth safely approached the subjects who were target shooting with an earthen embankment as the backstop. Though they had selected the area to shoot for the safety of the backstop, the target was tacked to a utility pole, and a walking trail bisected the area, making the line of sight a safety issue. The subjects agreed with this assessment and advised they would seek a safer spot next time.

Monday, June 13

2:23 p.m. Shannon Way, Assist - Public

Cpl. Coulombe spoke with a resident on Shannon Way who reported receiving a call of an individual who claimed they were a Border Patrol Agent, demanding they comply with certain directions or they would lose their assets. The resident identified this as a scam, and ultimately reported

the incident to the Attorney General's Fraud Hotline. If you have a fraudulent incident to report, the hotline for the Attorney General is (800) 649-2424.

2:34 p.m. Taylor St, DLS

While on Patrol, Cpl. Coulombe initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. Upon making contact with the operator, it was learned that their license requires an ignition interlock device to drive. As this was not present, the operator was issued a citation and will appear in court at a later date.

Tuesday, June 14

4:33 a.m. Wiley Rd, Colchester, Assist - Agency

Officer Noel responded to the town of Colchester to assist the Colchester Police Department with the search of a residence.

8:40 p.m. Andrea Ln, 911 Hang-up

Cpl. Scalise responded to a residence on Andrea Lane for a 911 hang-up call, with no voice contact when dispatch attempted to call back. Shortly before arriving to the house, Dispatch was able to speak to the resident who had fallen and possibly sustained minor injuries. Cpl. Scalise was able to meet with the resident who had sustained minor injuries. Ultimately, Milton Rescue arrived and the subject was assisted to rescue for further medical care.

Wednesday, June 15

12:50 a.m. Bombardier Rd, Motor Vehicle Complaint

Cpl. Porter was dispatched to a housing complex on Bombardier Road for the report of a vehicle that hit a metal fence, causing damage. Upon arrival, Cpl. Porter observed the fence in question, which was damaged, and located the license plate of the vehicle

that had struck the fence. The owner of the vehicle arrived, and advised that in attempting to reposition their car, they put the car in drive instead of reverse and jumped the curb to hit the fencing. The owner also advised they had already alerted the owner of the complex and their insurance company.

2:48 p.m. Highbridge Rd / Arrow Head Lake Rd, Georgia, Animal Problem

Officer Schiavo was dispatched to the area of Highbridge and Arrowhead Lake Road with the report of a loose dog wondering in and out of the roadway. The dog was brought back to the Police Department, though no tracking/identifying chip was found. Social Media posts were done for the dog, however the owner was not identified. The dog was brought to Cross Kennels until the owner is identified.

Thursday, June 16

9:46 a.m. Centre Dr, Alarm

Cpl. Porter and Det. Hendry responded to a business on Centre Drive with the report of an active alarm. Upon arrival, an employee confirmed the alarm was accidental and nothing further was required.

6:37 p.m. East Rd, Assist - Agency

Sgt. Philbrook responded to the area of East Road where it was reported that lightning struck a power pole causing a small fire. Upon arrival, the fire had mostly burned itself out. Sgt. Philbrook removed debris from the road, and a crew ultimately responded to repair the damage to the pole.

Northwestern Counseling & Support Services, Inc.
Behavior Health Crisis Services
 • 524-6554 or 1-800-834-7793 •

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

THIS DINER IS GREAT! I THOUGHT THESE BIG NUMBERS WERE THE PRICES, BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY THE CALORIES.

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-EMPLOYMENT-

North Hero House is hiring for Servers for our 2022 Season. Please call (802)372-4732 for more information or email resume to Info@NorthHeroHouse.com 6/22

Hero Haulers is looking to hire two hard charging motivated individuals for a high paying and easy job. Enjoy your independence on the road while taking in the beautiful island scenery. Everything you need to stay safe and complete your daily tasks is provided. Part time or full time positions available. Tons of room for advancement and success. Ethics, presentability, and safe courteous driving are the only requirements. All are welcome to call and have an immediate interview. 802-373-4341 ask for Zeb 6/22

The Isle La Motte Town Clerk is seeking a detail oriented individual to fill the position of part-time Clerk Assistant. Candidate shall be able to work well with the public, fluent with computers, self-motivated and be able to multi-task. Familiarity with municipal government is helpful but not required. Minimum requirements are a high school diploma and prior experience with the public. Interested, qualified individuals should fill out an Employment Application and submit that with a Resume to Town Clerk P.O. Box 250, Isle La Motte, VT 05463. They can also request this by email at townofislelamotte@gmail.com. Deadline for applying for Town Clerk Assistant is open until position is filled. \$17.00 an hour/ up to 28 hours a week. 6/29

-SALES-

YARD SALE - 470 Border Road, Alburgh. July 3rd, 9am - 3pm: Two Smart TVs, two guitars, portable A/C, table with 5 chairs, assorted household items, books and sundries. 6/29

Garage sale - June 25, 8am: Something for everyone, 836 Savage Point, North Hero.

Garage Sale: Saturday 6-24 and Sunday 6-25 at 3815 West Shore Rd., Alburgh VT from 9 to 3 daily. Many items including 3 desks, 100's of books, garden equipment, furniture, golf, sporting, Adirondack chairs, tools, storage boxes.

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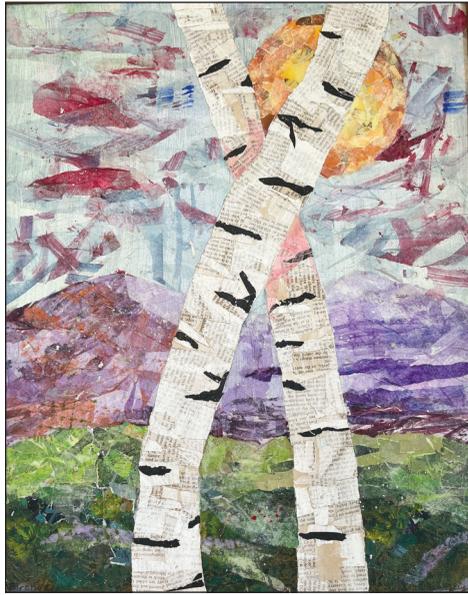


“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children”
— Sitting Bull

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Chamberlain's multi-media on display at Island Arts Gallery

By Susan Davis



SOUTH HERO - Island Arts Gallery, located in the conference room at the Community Bank, N.A. in South Hero, is proud to host the works of local Islander Heidi Chamberlain.

Heidi is a multi-dimensional artist creating her own designed monoprints and cross stitch has entitled her exhibit “Leaves, Trees and Grass”. This many faceted artist also works in watercolor and linoleum prints and has written and illustrated a number of children's books.

Heidi can generally be found with a sketchpad in her hand allowing her to draw from life or just doodle. These simple sketches are often the inspiration for her work.

The Island Arts Gallery at the Community Bank is open to the public during normal banking hours, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Vermont Turkey Brood Survey Starts July 1

By John Hall, VT Fish & Wildlife Dept.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is seeking the public's help with monitoring wild turkeys.

Since 2007, the department has run an annual online survey for reporting turkey broods in August. Beginning in 2021, the survey was expanded to include the month of July. The use of “citizen scientists” in this way facilitates the department's ability to collect important turkey population and productivity data from all corners of the state.

If you see a flock of turkeys in Vermont during July and August, the department asks you to go to the turkey brood survey on its website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and report your observations including where and when you observed the turkeys along with the number of adult and young turkeys, or poults you observed. The value of the data collected from this survey is wholly dependent on the number of people who participate.

“Information gathered from this survey helps us monitor long-term trends in the productivity of Vermont's wild turkey population,” said Vermont Fish and Wildlife's turkey biologist Chris Bernier. “It also helps us assess the impacts of spring weather on the survival of poults and adult turkeys which is an important consideration in the management of turkeys.”

“We monitor and manage wild turkey numbers annually in order to maintain a healthy, abundant and sustainable population of these iconic and ecologically significant birds throughout the state,” added Bernier.



VT Fish & Wildlife photo by John Hall.

“Beyond providing Vermonters with a local source of protein and an enduring connection to their environment, turkey hunting is the principal mechanism for managing Vermont's turkey population. Please help us scientifically manage the turkey population by reporting your Vermont turkey sightings during July and August.”

“We moved from an August-only survey to a July and August survey last year in order to bring our survey protocol into compliance with the regional protocol. One of the biggest benefits of this survey is being able to compare productivity trends across turkey range and the only way we can do this effectively is if all the Northeast states collect these data in the same way.”

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
20 5:15pm - Selectboard 5:00pm - School Board 6pm - Selectboard 6:30pm - Selectboard	21 6pm - Planning 6pm - Planning 7pm - Planning 7pm - School Board 7pm - Planning	22 7pm - DRB	23 6pm - School Board 6pm - DRB 6:30pm - GISU	24 ALBURGH COLCHESTER GRAND ISLE ISLE LA MOTTE MILTON
27 7pm - Selectboard 6pm - Selectboard	28 6:30pm - Selectboard 7pm - Planning	29	30	1 NORTH HERO SOUTH HERO GISU

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.

ONLY in the Islands

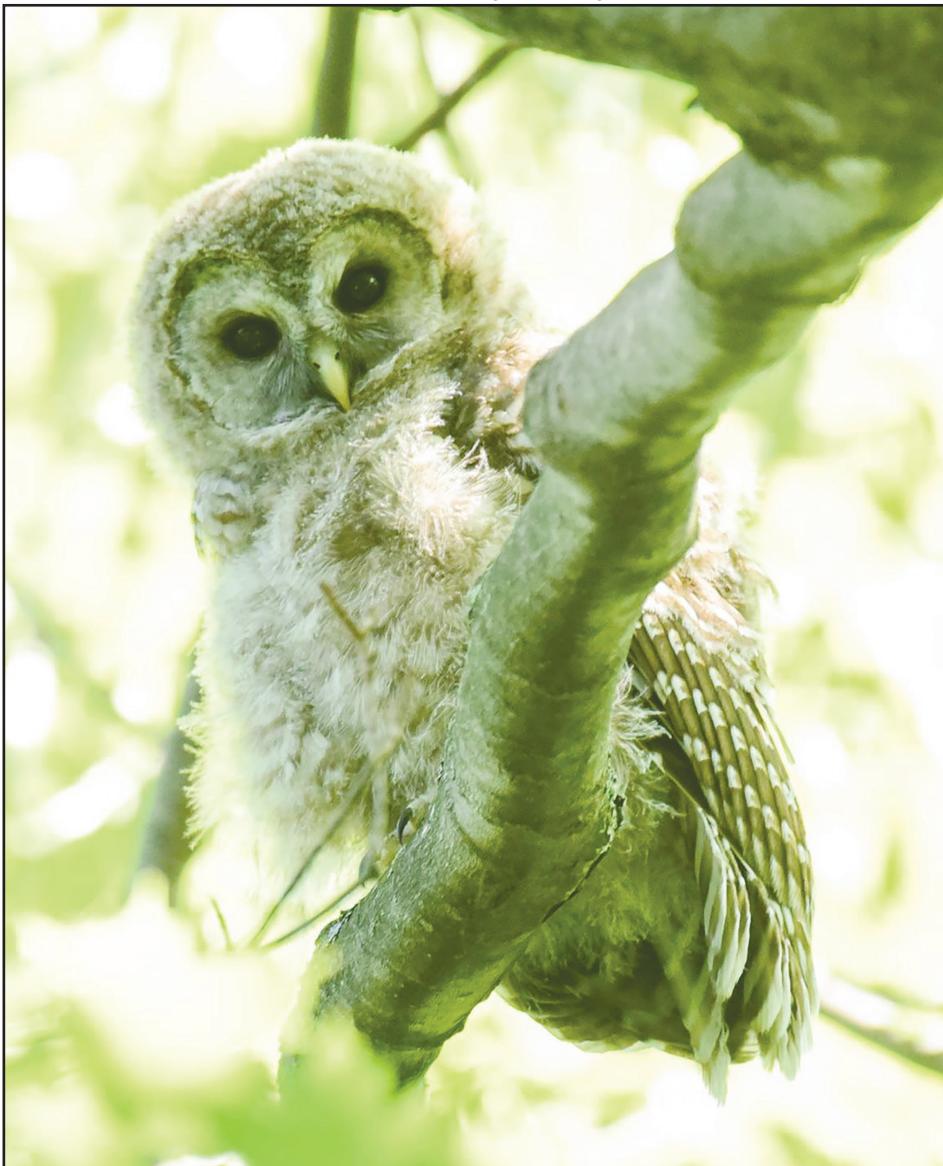
A daily look at life in the Champlain Islands featuring exclusive photos by Swanson and available on The Islander's facebook page, www.facebook.com/lakechamplainislander, BY **ROB SWANSON**
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The sunset colored the clouds a strawberry hue above the western horizon at the end of the day Monday.



Karson Beaudry, 11, of Grand Isle showed off the 4.21 lb smallmouth bass which was swimming in the live tank after he caught it while boating on the lake with his uncle and family Saturday morning during the annual Lake Champlain International Father's Day Derby.



YOUNG OWL FLYING THROUGH THE TREETOPS

A young barred owl hangs out and flies through sunlit green foliage in South Hero Monday morning.



GOOD MORNING TUESDAY

The sun rises bright and early over the Islands last Tuesday morning.



Legendary Vt journalist and Islander reporter Mike Donoghue and Green Frog mascot Bruin.



Bill Levins of Stowe wing foiling at Whites Beach on Thursday. Bill said the conditions were “incredible” but there was too much wind for the sail he was carrying, so after tumbling into the water he came to shore and did some tuning to his rig before heading out again.



GI GBHs

Unofficially the great blue heron is the official bird of the Islands. Here are some GBHs having some family time in Grand Isle County recently.



RIDING FROM THE ISLANDS TO BURLINGTON

The South Hero Recreation Committee held their first bike ride of the year to Burlington Friday morning. Carol Tremble and Susan Ryan of South Hero led a gang of 14 young riders who rode the bike path from South Hero, crossed the Cut on the Lake Champlain Causeway on the Local Motion Island Line Bike Ferry then pedaled their way to Burlington for lunch. The Island Line event is 28 miles round trip.



SOLAR HALO

A solar halo appeared above the Islands at midday on Wednesday. The optical event is caused by the sun’s rays refracting off high altitude cirrus clouds creating a circle around the sun.



BARNYARD SCENE

A tire swing that’s been converted to a flower planter frames a barnyard scene at Breakaway Farm in Grand Isle Saturday.



STRAWBERRY SKY

The Monday night sky had a strawberry full moon rising on the southeastern side of the sky.

