

# Amid volunteer shortage, island fire departments, rescue services open their doors

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO – Fire stations and rescue services across the Champlain Islands opened their doors this weekend, inviting community members to meet their local emergency service workers with events department heads hope will inspire more volunteers amid a regional and national shortage.

According to Patrick Robinson, the chief of the South Hero Volunteer Fire Department, the open house at the South Hero fire station was intended to court potential volunteers for the local department, which was, like many fire departments across the country, struggling with volunteers.



Vehicles belonging to the South Hero Volunteer Fire Department lined up outside of the town's fire station Saturday as firefighters opened their doors to visitors.

Photo by Michael Frett.

"This was one of our ideas," Robinson said. "Let the little kids see the trucks, let the town see what they've bought for us... and let people talk to us."

Outside of the South Hero Volunteer Fire Department's fire station, fire engines were lined up alongside the town's rescue boat and ambulance, their doors and compartments swung open to introduce residents to the tools of the firefighting trade.

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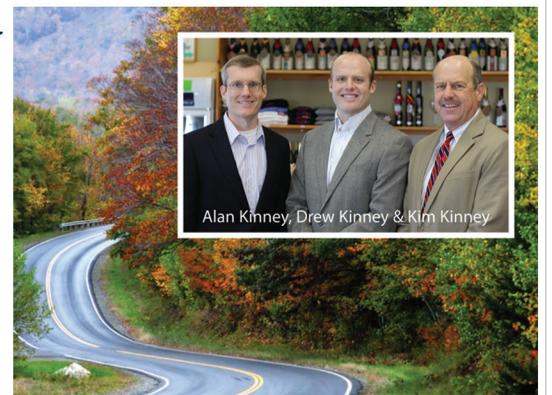
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# 'Up close and personal': Kayak tour details life in Keeler Bay

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO – As a flotilla of empty kayaks were organized on shore, Margaret Murphy, a fish program manager for Vermont Fish and Wildlife, introduced a small audience to life beneath Lake Champlain.



**Margaret Murphy, a fish program manager from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, introduces attendees of a "Kayak the Bay" event to a selection of fish living beneath Lake Champlain. Photo by Michael Frett.**

She cycled through a set of laminated identification cards, listing well-known names like "yellow perch" and "bluegill" to a group composed primarily of South Hero residents looking to better familiarize themselves with the nearby bay spread out behind them.

"They have certain oxygen requirements, certain temperature requirements," Murphy said. "Some like rocky spaces and some prefer vegetation."

The Wednesday gathering was the most recent of several intended to introduce locals to environmental challenges facing Keeler Bay, a Lake Champlain inlet now subject to a water quality study sought by the South Hero Land trust and the Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District.

While previous outreach events related to the plan focused on life along Keeler Bay's shores, Guy Maguire, a program director with the South Hero Land

Trust, said organizers were looking to bring people directly into Keeler Bay with this most recent event by welcoming locals to "kayak the bay."

"We wanted to give people an up close and personal interaction with the bay itself," Maguire said. "They get to know the bay from the water and get an appreciation for what the bay does for us."

A small collection of kayaks gathered near the Keeler Bay Access Area, most coming courtesy of the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association. As people entered their respective kayaks, organizers encouraged them to look for signs of human impacts along Keeler Bay's shores.

"Water flows downhill and into the lake," Murphy said. "How you interact with it can influence it."



**South Hero's Nancy Andrews flashes a grin as she begins guiding a small fleet of kayaks around Keeler Bay during the South Hero Land Trust's "Kayak the Bay" event.**

Photo by Michael Frett.

## Life in Keeler Bay

While there were few signs of the cast of fish introduced by Murphy on shore, life did seem to spring around Keeler Bay as the small collection of kayaks traced the bay's northern and western coasts.



**The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Margaret Murphy speaks with kayakers about wildlife living in Keeler Bay during a "Kayak the Bay" event hosted by the South Hero Land Trust. Photo by Michael Frett.**

Waterbirds like great egrets and great blue herons appeared in distant swamps and buzzed overhead. A school of small fish shimmered as they leapt out of the water close to shore while a double-crested cormorant perched nearby. A blue jay leapt between trees close to shore.

From beneath the water, a small stone pockmarked with razor sharp shells provided the most striking example of life inside Keeler Bay. As kayaks collected off the bay's northern shore, several attendees immediately recognized the shells as zebra mussels, an invasive species in Lake Champlain.

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Zebra mussels, according to the Lake Champlain Basin Program, are native to the Black and Caspian seas and were first identified in Lake Champlain in 1993. The mussels have since “spread throughout nearly all of Lake Champlain,” and officials now monitor for the mussels’ potential spread to inland lakes.

According to the Lake Champlain Basin Program, zebra mussels are considered a nuisance, often found clogging intake pipes and jamming boat engines. The mussels also pose a threat to native aquatic ecosystems and are believed to be partially responsible for a recorded decline in native mussel species.

Murphy said there were few predators in Lake Champlain who prey on zebra mussels, outside of a handful of native fish species like freshwater drum.

At least one other invasive species – Eurasian milfoil – has been listed by officials working with the county’s conservation district and the South Hero Land Trust as being present in Keeler Bay.

**‘Fish grow on trees’**

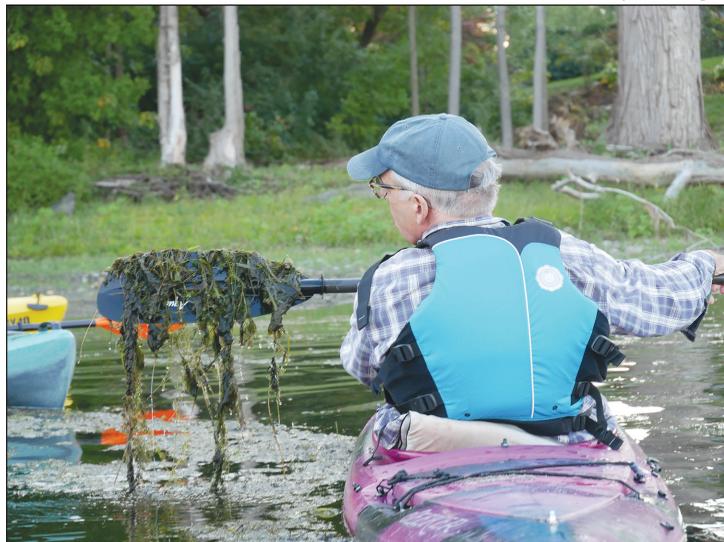
According to the South Hero Land Trust’s Maguire, an important part of Wednesday’s event was to prompt South Hero residents to think about Keeler Bay “in terms of habitat for wildlife” and consider how their activities on land could influence wildlife within the bay.

“We want people to be thinking about what sort of things they could do to help the bay,” Maguire said.

According to Murphy, water quality was directly related to life beneath Keeler Bay, calling it one of the “drivers of fish health” for Lake Champlain. Cleaner waters brought more aquatic plants, for example, which could nurture different communities of fish in an improving water body.



**A small group of invasive zebra mussels cling to a stone pulled from Keeler Bay. Photo by Michael Frett.**



**A paddle laden with aquatic plants is hoisted from a shallow section of Keeler Bay during a “Kayak the Bay” event organized by the South Hero Land Trust to introduce locals to life in Keeler Bay. Photo by Michael Frett.**

“You’ll see that shift in the fish community as water quality improves,” Murphy said.

She also encouraged landowners to think about keeping trees and natural plants on their lakeside properties, a practice protecting shorelines against erosion and helping stymie excessive nutrient runoff helping fuel the occasionally toxic blooms of cyanobacteria choking Lake Champlain every summer.

Keeler Bay has not been immune to the impacts of excessive nutrient pollution and cyanobacteria.

According to the most recent State of the Lake report prepared by the Lake Champlain Basin Program, Lake Champlain’s northeastern arm, a lake segment incorporating Keeler Bay, has seen phosphorus levels and cyanobacteria blooms trend increasingly worse year over year.

At least two severe blooms of cyanobacteria – otherwise known as “blue-green algae” for their greenish-hue – were recorded earlier this month in Keeler Bay, buffeting shorelines near Gifford Lane and Kibbe Point, according to the Vermont Dept. of Health’s cyanobacteria tracker.

Beyond providing a buffer against erosion and runoff, more natural shorelines could also provide habitat, according to Murphy, leading the wildlife official to implore attendees to consider ways their shorelines could affect the aquatic animals calling Keeler Bay home.

“Lakes aren’t the only pretty view,” she said to a smaller group of kayakers who followed the Vermont Fish and Wildlife official toward an outlet along the bay’s western edge. “Trees are pretty views. Forests are pretty views. A little more natural vegetation out here would help.”

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife official summarized things more curtly before the first kayak took to Keeler Bay, telling kayakers “finding a balance” with natural plantings and shoreline access was important for protecting the lake’s wildlife.

“Fish,” Murphy said only somewhat jokingly, “grow on trees.”

According to Maguire, the larger strategic plan for Keeler Bay was still a work in progress.

The South Hero Land Trust and the county’s conservation district were reportedly preparing to meet with landowners in South Hero to discuss possible water quality-oriented improvements, and organizers hoped to publish an online StoryMap detailing the planning process soon, Maguire said.

A final plan featuring a suite of recommended water quality improvements in Keeler Bay’s watershed, as well as some preliminary engineering work, is expected in 2023.

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## Milton officials dip into ARPA for watermain improvements

By MICHAEL FRETT  
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MILTON – Milton officials approved earlier this month using pandemic relief funds to improve water infrastructure in the Catamount Industrial Park, dipping into the remaining \$2.1 million afforded to the town under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

During a meeting scheduled during the first week in September, the selectboard unanimously approved using \$100,000 in ARPA funding alongside another \$75,000 in capital funding to support the project, which would improve a water main in Milton's southern industrial park.

The project was the latest example of Milton officials tapping into onetime federal funding authorized under ARPA. Another \$1 million had already been committed to replacing the town's highway garage, hiring a rescue chief and a coordinator for the Milton on the Move initiative, and other capital projects.

In an interview Tuesday, Milton's town manager Don Turner said around \$1.9 million remained from the town's allocations under ARPA, most of which would likely be doled out as the selectboard weighed applications for ARPA funding it expected from community members and requests from town staff.

While the town had yet to receive any applications, Turner said town officials expected there would likely be requests from organizations like the Milton on the Move initiative and the volunteer committee fundraising for the restoration of local American Civil War hero George J. Stannard's Milton home.

Town staff likewise had a growing list of potential projects to fund through ARPA, ranging from a suite of water infrastructure improvements to a recently detailed proposal to install a drier at Milton's wastewater treatment plant to potentially make organic fertilizers from the town's wastewater.

Recently, town officials have also referenced ARPA funding when discussing trail development in Milton's town forest, as well as the potential purchase of the Milton Grange Hall for use as a community space and the redevelopment of Milton's public works garage near Arrowhead Mountain Lake.

According to Turner, the town manager's office would likely separate itself from the selectboard's review of potential ARPA-related projects, arguing the involvement of town staff could ultimately bias the selectboard's decision making process.

Instead, review and recommendations related to a growing list of potential ARPA-funded projects would likely fall to a pair of selectpersons, keeping decisions related to ARPA funding entirely within the hands of Milton's selectboard, according to a proposal Turner said he floated to the board Monday evening.

"I want this to be as transparent a process as was outlined in the beginning," Turner told *The Islander*.

Milton officials are still entertaining requests for use of ARPA funding through an application process available online. The application process for accessing ARPA funding in Milton is scheduled to remain open until Oct. 3, with awards likely to be announced in late October.



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# Sarah Noble resigns in ILM after 5 years as clerk and treasurer

By MIKE DONOGHUE  
ISLANDER STAFF WRITER

ISLE LA MOTTE -- Sarah Noble, who has served as both the Isle La Motte Town Clerk and Town Treasurer for just over 5 years, has submitted her resignation for each job.

The Selectboard plans to have a special meeting at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the town offices to accept the resignation letter, Chairman Rusty Spaulding said. He said Selectboard will begin discussing how to advertise the two posts in *The Islander* and elsewhere and other interim steps that need to be taken.



Sarah Noble seen on her first day working for the town after the special election in July 2017. Islander Photo by MIKE DONOGHUE.

Spaulding said once applications are received, the board will move quickly to fill interim appointments until Town Meeting Day in March when ILM voters will fill both jobs on a permanent basis.

The deadline for letters of interest will be set at the meeting today, but interested people can reach out to him to learn more.

Spaulding said Noble initially said she would finish Thursday, Sept. 29. However in her letter submitted Tuesday afternoon, Noble said she would like to make her resignation effective Oct. 22 because she has some projects that she hopes to complete.

Multiple attempts by *The Islander* to reach Noble this week have been unsuccessful.

Friends have said Noble has accepted a post with the Champlain Islands Health Center in South Hero that will provide more hours and better benefits.

The town office is open four days a week for 28 hours. The current part-time post of town clerk pays \$18,628. The part-time post of town treasurer pays \$16,516.

Noble captured both posts during a special election called in July 2017 to fill five vacant seats among town positions. She won the posts again the following March and in subsequent elections.

She beat Interim Town Treasurer Cathy Tudhope for the permanent post during the special election. Noble was unopposed for clerk. She was unopposed in subsequent elections.

## Milton eyes Norwich to develop landfill, wastewater plant solar projects

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – Milton officials are moving forward with a proposal to site new solar arrays near its wastewater treatment plant and above its former landfill, agreeing earlier this month to work with a Norwich-based solar developer.

While the details of an agreement between Milton's town government and Norwich Solar still need work, Kirt Mayland, a consultant hired by Milton to work on a longstanding plan to site solar projects near the wastewater plant and landfill, said Norwich had offered more in its proposal to the town.

According to Mayland, Norwich's proposal offered to pay the town more than \$22,000 a year in rent for use of the two properties, with rent payments scheduled to grow by 2% every year. The developer was also offering \$20,000 in upfront payments per project, an offer stemming from financial support offered under the federal Inflation Reduction Act.

The offer was, Mayland said, "healthier than I thought," and surpassed offers made by three other solar companies interested in leasing the two spaces.

Milton officials have long weighed hosting solar projects on the town's landfill and near its wastewater treatment plant, areas with few other permitted uses. According to town officials, leasing out both properties for solar represented a potential source of income for the town's government.

State regulators have also similarly favored placing solar projects on former landfills and on other former industrial sites, declaring those areas "preferred sites" with favorable net metering rates reimbursing operators more for electricity produced by renewable energy projects.

A previous attempt to site solar arrays on both Milton properties fell through several years ago after the contracted vendor declared bankruptcy.

While Milton's selectboard ultimately approved moving forward with Norwich Solar, details of a contract with Norwich to develop both solar farms – as well as an eventual handover to an operator expected to take over both sites following their development – were still subject to negotiation.

"We're not locked in until we say we're locked in," Mayland said.

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Inside, firefighting costumes were available for local children to try on, declaring them the department's "captains" during their visit to the station as they met with the town's volunteer firefighters and toured South Hero's fleet of rescue vehicles.

While the day's events were a chance to introduce locals to their departments more generally, fire chiefs like Robinson said they hoped to inspire volunteers to join their respective fire departments and rescue squads, many of which were struggling as their volunteer ranks thinned.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, around two-thirds of all firefighters in the U.S. are volunteers. In 2017, national firefighters' organizations reported there being a "40-year low" in the total number of volunteer firefighters in the U.S., a trend that, while improving somewhat in the years leading to the COVID-19 pandemic, many expect to have worsened during the pandemic's height.

In South Hero, Robinson said firefighting could be a "huge time commitment" for volunteers with younger families. Much of South Hero's working population commuted off island every day, as well, making it difficult for potential volunteers to be able to respond to emergencies during the week.

"It's really hard to find volunteers nationwide," Robinson said. "That's the case for the entire county."

While South Hero Rescue was able to guarantee staffing between paid workers and volunteers, the service's chief, Mike Wickenden, said the rescue agency was hoping to grow its ranks as it expected call volumes to increase with the completion of the nearby Cathedral Square senior housing project.

"We expect our call volume to increase significantly," Wickenden said. "We're trying to increase our available staff and volunteers to handle changes in South Hero."

To the north, the Grand Isle Fire Department's volunteers manned the grills and visitors trickled between the department's trucks and met with the department's staff. Behind the department, children played with fire hoses, blasting at a mock fire while volunteer firefighters looked on.

Adam White, the department's chief, said the Grand Isle Fire Department, like other departments across the Champlain Islands, struggled with staffing. Mutual aid agreements with nearby towns helped fill in the gaps, but White said there were days where he might get "nervous" about volunteers' availability.

"All of our department members are volunteers... and everyone's not available all of the time," White said.



Equipment lies ready for visitors' perusal in the foreground during an open house hosted Saturday at the fire station in South Hero. Photo by Michael Frett.



South Hero Rescue's Bob Melcher introduces visitors to equipment used by the rescue service during an open house event on Saturday. Photo by Michael Frett.



Tom Racine, the Grand Isle Fire Department's former chief, poses for a photo with the department's current chief, Adam White, after presenting White with his helmet and jacket. Photo by Michael Frett.

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“There’s times where we’re staffed well during the day, and other days you get nervous.”

While Saturday’s open house was planned as a recruiting event, however, White said the event was more important as a means of celebrating the fire department and connecting rescue workers to members of the larger Grand Isle community.

“It’s important for them to see their fire department when it’s not an emergency,” White told *The Islander*. “At the end of the day, it really is the people’s fire department.”

Alongside South Hero and Grand Isle departments, fire departments and rescue services working in Alburgh, Isle La Motte and North Hero also opened their doors. Photos captured by *The Islander’s* Rob Swanson showed grinning faces as children tried on helmets and clamored over fire engines.

In Grand Isle, White welcomed one of his predecessors, former Grand Isle fire chief Tom Racine, who presented the department with his old firefighting helmet and jacket. White, when receiving Racine’s gear, remarked it was “important to see where we’ve come from.”

According to White, the Grand Isle Fire Department would likely open its doors again next year, making its open house an annual event for the island community.



**Kids man the Grand Isle Fire Department’s rescue boat during an open house event at the department on Saturday. Photo by Michael Frett.**



**A Grand Isle Fire Department volunteer staffs the pumps as kids blow down a mock fire during an open house at the Grand Isle Fire Department on Saturday. Photo by Michael Frett.**



**Alburgh Fire and Rescue group. Photo by Rob Swanson, Islander Photojournalist.**



**Wyatt Miller, 5, tries on his dad’s helmet at the ILMVFD. Photo by Rob Swanson, Islander Photojournalist.**

“It’s a recruitment event, but first and foremost, it’s a community event,” White told *The Islander*.

Robinson, the fire chief from South Hero, told *The Islander* he agreed it was important for fire departments to welcome visitors from the community. A second open house was already planned for next month, according to Robinson, coinciding with the larger Weekend in the Islands event.

“Neighbors helping neighbors’ is the motto for a lot of organizations,” Robinson said. “When you call 911, it could be your actual neighbor.”



**Kaysen Joy with dad Cori at North Hero Volunteer Fire Department Open House. Photo by Rob Swanson, Islander Photojournalist.**



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## Milton awarded grant funding for town forest trails

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – Recently announced grant funding will see new trails stretched through Milton’s town forest, an extension long sought after by local officials and the conservation commission overseeing the forest.

According to Milton’s planning and development review director Cymone Haiju, Milton was recently awarded \$30,000 in funding for the next phase of trail development in the Milton Town Forest. This phase would see accessible trails leading toward the Milton Marsh – a long sought goal for the forest.

A final phase for trail work in Milton’s town forest, which would add a viewing platform overlooking the marsh, still remained unfunded, however, and Haiju said there would likely be a request to fund the shortfall – estimated at about \$40,000 – through ARPA.

## Child seat protection awards will be presented Friday

SOUTH BURLINGTON -- Several statewide agencies will celebrate National Child Passenger Safety Week by honoring Vermont Child Passenger Safety Technicians on Friday.

The 2021-22 CPS Awards ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Chittenden County Sheriff’s Department, 70 Ethan Allen Drive in South Burlington. They expect to provide 11 awards.

The ceremony will feature the Chittenden / Franklin County SHARP Program, the Vermont Department of Health, and the Vermont Office of Highway Safety. The week-long celebration began Sunday and ends on Saturday night.

The event is to honor the technicians that work year-round to raise the awareness of parents and caregivers about the dangers children face when they are riding in a vehicle, according to Lt. Allen A. Fortin, Chittenden / Franklin County Highway Safety Coordinator.

The technicians must complete a week-long National Certification training program to become a Child Passenger Safety Technician and remain up to date each subsequent year, said Lt. Fortin, who serves with the Chittenden County Sheriff’s Department.

As part of the celebration, a Safety Seat Check Event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Kid Logic Learning Daycare at 72 Ethan Allen Drive, next door to the Sheriff’s Office.

“Child passenger safety seats are designed to protect our youngest passengers in the event of a crash, but these seats cannot work as designed when they are not installed correctly,” said Sid Bradley, Coordinator of the Vermont Child Passenger Safety Program.

Lt. Fortin said “We want to ensure that all children who are under eight years of age are riding in a correctly-installed safety seat that is appropriate for their age and size.”

For the Car Seat Check event, appointments are not required, but are available by calling Bradley at (802) 734-0510 or the Sheriff’s Office (802) 863-4341.

## Bolton hunter faces charges in shooting Franklin County man

By MIKE DONOGHUE  
Islander Staff Writer

BURLINGTON -- Alex Gaudette, 25, of Bolton is facing a series of criminal charges in connection with the hunting-related shooting of a Franklin County man earlier this month, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department said.

James Cameron, 35, of Fairfax, remains at the University of Vermont Medical Center with a gunshot wound to the abdomen for an incident in Huntington, wardens said.

Gaudette is due in Vermont Superior Court in Burlington on Thursday to face felony charges of aggravated assault and negligent use of a gun, Detective Sgt. Robert Currier of the warden service said. Gaudette also will face a misdemeanor count of reckless endangerment, Currier said.

Gaudette initially reported he mistook Cameron for a bear shortly before 6 a.m. Sept. 10, wardens said. Neither man was wearing blaze orange safety protective gear.

The Vermont legislature has never adopted a law requiring bright clothing for hunters.

If convicted of aggravated assault, Gaudette could face up to 15 years in prison and be fined up to \$10,000, as well as losing his hunting license for five years. Additional convictions could add up to six years of jail time and up to \$2,000 in fines.

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# Colchester man detained in Grand Isle crack cocaine case

By MIKE DONOGHUE  
Islander Staff Writer

GRAND ISLE -- A Colchester man, who was reportedly caught with nearly a half-pound of crack cocaine while coming off the Lake Champlain ferry in Grand Isle this month, has been ordered held pending trial in federal court.

Dominique Troupe, 35, of Bay Road had been under a state court order for about two weeks to remain inside his home 24/7 after he was charged with a brutal bloody assault on a former girlfriend, records show. Troupe was armed with a handgun when he broke into her residence in Williston on April 1, town police said.

Troupe, also known by his street names "Wop" and "Juice," appeared at a detention hearing in U.S. District Court in Burlington last Friday to seek release on conditions. He is held at Northwest State Correctional Facility in St. Albans Town.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Drescher argued in support of Troupe's detention motion that he was a serious danger to the community and that he was a risk to flee. Drescher cited a court affidavit by Williston Officer John Hamlin outlining details of the break-in and aggravated assault charges.

Drescher noted that while Troupe is charged with possession with intent to distribute almost a half-pound of crack cocaine, the Vermont Drug Task Force also has made at least two drug buys off him. Some of the dollar bills seized during the arrest matched the marked cash used during the crack cocaine buys, Drescher reported.

He said Troupe also had lied to the U.S. Pre-trial Services Officer. Drescher said Troupe claimed he had not used cocaine since November 2021, but he tested positive the day of his arraignment, Sept. 9.

Drescher said Troupe also lied about his international travel and mental health issues.

Defense lawyer Mark Kaplan noted the two failures to appear charges were old -- coming in 2015 and 2017 -- and he could not see they resulted in convictions.

Troupe has pleaded not guilty in federal court in Burlington to the single-count indictment pertaining to drugs found in a safe in the trunk of his car, records show.

Magistrate Judge Kevin Doyle agreed Troupe needed to remain in custody as both a danger to the community and as a risk to flee.

# Swanton woman among 2 found dead at motel

By MIKE DONOGHUE  
Islander Staff Writer

KILLINGTON -- A Swanton woman and a Montpelier man were found dead at a Killington inn, the possible victims of accidental overdoses, according to Vermont State Police.

Darlene Parker, 56, of Swanton and Thomas Dodge, 53, of Montpelier were found dead at the Killington Motel at 1946 U.S. 4 shortly before 7 p.m. Saturday, police said.

Detective Trooper Kipp Colburn said a woman and man were found unresponsive in their motel room. Killington Rescue responded to the motel residence and pronounced the two individuals deceased, police said.

Investigators located evidence suggesting the deaths were caused by accidental overdose and did not appear suspicious, Colburn said.

During the investigation it was learned Killington Police had responded to the same motel hours earlier for an overdose in a neighboring room where the person was revived through the use of Narcan and transported to a medical facility for follow-up treatment.

There was no information immediately connecting the two incidents aside from being at the same place, of the same nature, and within a short time, Colburn said.

Killington Police Department and a Medical Death Investigator from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner assisted with the case.

The two victims were transported to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Burlington for autopsies to determine the exact cause and manner of death.



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# A photo history of the Catholic Summer School in Cliff Haven, NY By Roger Black

By Helen Nerska, Clinton County Historical Association

PLATTSBURGH - The Catholic Summer School of America was both a vacation and religious destination for Catholics throughout New England during the early to mid-twentieth century. Establishing a permanent home on the shores of Cliff Haven in 1896, during its hey-day, the school had over 14 cottages and accommodated more than 1,500 people during their busiest summer seasons. Weekly lectures by renowned papal authorities and university instructors drew in an even wider daily audience with up to 7,000 to 10,000 attendees per summer session. When the School was fully developed, it boasted its own railroad and trolley stations, a dock large enough to accommodate steamers, a golf course, a post office, and more, making the School a Town within itself.

Roger Black, who uncovered and documented the Summer School photos in the CCHA collection, will share these photos and present the School's unique history on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Forest Senior Living Community. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Location: 8 Lake Forest Drive, Plattsburgh

## Rabbit hunters be aware

By Joshua Morse, VT Fish & Wildlife Dept.

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus, a highly contagious virus capable of affecting rabbits and snowshoe hare, is appearing in states close to Vermont and may show up here according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

The department does not think this virus is present in Vermont at this time, but it is thought to be spreading eastward from the western United States. The virus does not affect other wildlife, humans or pets, except rabbits. It spreads through direct contact with infected rabbits or indirectly through contact with contaminated surfaces.

Sudden mortality in healthy rabbits occurs with this virus, and infected rabbits may be lethargic, reluctant to move, or have blood coming out of the nostrils or mouth.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife advises hunters not to harvest rabbits that appear sick.

"If you find a wild dead rabbit and it's not obvious what killed it, please contact us," said David Sausville with Fish and Wildlife.

"When hunters are field-dressing rabbits, wear disposable gloves, securely bag entrails and other remains, and dispose of them in the trash. Do not discard remains where other animals may have access to them."

Similar to all wild game preparation, you should wear disposable gloves and refrain from eating, drinking and smoking while handling and cleaning game. Meat should be cooked thoroughly to an internal temperature of 165 degrees and all surfaces in contact with meat should be cleaned and disinfected.

For current information on Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease, visit this website: [tinyurl.com/2tax6ut4](http://tinyurl.com/2tax6ut4)

## 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.

September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 5:15pm - Selectboard 5:30pm - School 6pm - Selectboard 6pm - Selectboard	20 6pm - Planning 6pm - Planning 7pm - Planning 7pm - School Board 7pm - Planning	21 6pm - DRB 6pm - Planning	22 6pm - School Board 6pm - DRB	23 ALBURGH COLCHESTER GRAND ISLE ISLE LA MOTTE MILTON
26 7pm - Selectboard 6pm - Selectboard	27 6:30pm - Selectboard 7pm - Planning 6:30pm - GISU	28 7pm - DRB	29	30 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.

## Vermont hunters can report turkeys and some deer online

By Joshua Morse, VT Fish & Wildlife Dept.

MONTPELIER - Vermont hunters will be able to report turkeys and some deer they harvest this fall online through the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's website [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

Turkeys may be reported online or in-person at a regional big game reporting station.

Deer may be reported online or in-person during the archery and muzzle-loader seasons, but deer must be reported in-person during the youth and novice deer hunting weekend on Oct. 22-23 and during the regular deer season on Nov. 12-27. This in-person reporting requirement allows biologists to collect important information from deer during these seasons.

Bears must be reported in-person at a regional big game reporting station. The hunter must also submit a premolar tooth from the bear at the time the bear is reported or within 30 days. The tooth provides important data on the age structure and size of the bear population. Envelopes for submitting teeth are available at all big game reporting stations.

Hunters are required to report deer, bear and wild turkeys they harvest during the hunting seasons within 48 hours. Deer and bear must be field-dressed prior to reporting, and a hunter must take a warden to the kill site of a deer or bear if requested by a warden.

The online reporting link for deer and turkey as well as a map and list of big game reporting stations is available under "Hunt" on the left side of Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website.

Fish and Wildlife urges hunters to review the 2022 Deer Season Guide also available their website home page.

# Organizers, artists note successful second Art and Stroll

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

MILTON – With a larger troupe of vendors blanketing the Hannaford lawn and blue skies above, the second annual Milton Art and Stroll was a reported success, according to the event’s organizing artists.

“Things are doing really well,” the Milton Artists’ Guild’s president Lisa Rees told *The Islander* on Saturday. “Turnout has been really great, and it seems everybody’s been enjoying themselves.”

Hosted by the Milton Artists’ Guild, the Art and Stroll is an annual outdoor arts and crafts fair spread out over the lawn between Milton’s Hannaford supermarket and Aubuchon Hardware store, featuring creators from as close as Milton and as far away as Newport.

The inaugural show took place a year earlier, when the height of the COVID-19 pandemic staggered major arts events in Vermont and prompted organizations to weigh holding events outside, where, per public health guidelines, COVID-19 was less likely to spread.

At the time, according to organizers, things were kept somewhat modest, with fewer vendors featured and the threat of rain potentially keeping some visitors away.

This year, with more vendors advertised



**Musician Rebecca Padula performs during the Milton Artists’ Guild’s second annual Art and Stroll event.**  
Photo by Michael Frett.



**Christian Poupart, a scroll saw artist from Georgia, carves a small dog puzzle from wood as an audience looks on during the Milton Artists’ Guild’s Art and Stroll event.**  
Photo by Michael Frett.

during *The Islander’s* visit, observing as the Georgia artist carved a small puzzle toy from a block of wood to give to a member of his audience.

“I like to do demos,” Poupart said. “The kids remember it and their parents enjoy it, too.”

Nearby, Sarah Spencer, an artisan and entrepreneur who sold Vermont Chalky Paint, a nontoxic paint made from dairy byproducts and chalk mined near Middlebury, from an Essex storefront, said she had joined the Art and Stroll



**Vermont Chalky Paint’s Sarah Spencer poses with the gnomes and lamps made from leftover jugs during the Milton Artists’ Guild’s annual Art and Stroll.**  
Photo by Michael Frett.

event this year to “get out of Essex Junction and into other communities.”

The Art and Stroll, Spencer said, was a way to introduce newcomers to the folksier hues left by her Vermont-made paints.

“People come in, they look and absorb, and they get ideas,” Spencer told *The*

and clear weather, organizers and attendees alike said turnout for the nascent arts fair had appeared to grow from the prior year.

Christian Poupart, a Georgia artist who works with a skill saw and participated in Milton’s first Art and Stroll event, told *The Islander* there were “a lot more kids” in particular swinging through his tent, where the artist had set up a skill saw to demonstrate his work.

“We have a few more vendors and the weather’s perfect,” Poupart said. “I think it’s better than last year.”

A group of children had stopped to watch Poupart work on his saw

*Islander.*

Spencer, a veteran broadcaster in Vermont, also featured the small gnomes and lamps made from leftover paint jugs during colorfully named painting events, the proceeds from which benefited, among other organizations, Camp Ta-Kum-Ta in South Hero.

Rees, the president of the Milton Artists’ Guild, said the guild planned on the Art and Stroll now being an annual event, celebrating the event as a way to “invite the community” into the guild and “introduce them to a bunch of new artists.”

“We’re committed to making this an annual event,” Rees said, “and we’re going to do our best to promote it and expand it.”

According to Rees, a total of 41 artists and crafters participated in this year’s Art and Stroll, including artists not currently featured within the guild’s Milton gallery.

Funds raised through this year’s event are intended to support a needed replacement for the gallery’s heater, Rees told *The Islander* during Saturday’s event.

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# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Champlain Islands CROP Hunger Walk

By Mark Kennedy

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Each gift simultaneously provides: food to individuals and families through the Champlain Islands Food Shelf; summer books to children and food to children and families through Food for Thought, with additional food, when funding allows, provided during breaks throughout the school year; resources to people nationally and globally who are recovering from floods, wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, rising sea levels, drought, famine, warfare; support for adult and child refugees safely and legally to arrive at their destinations.

Walkers will gather at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, World Food Day, at The Congregational Church of South Hero (CCSH), United Church of Christ, 24 South Street, South Hero. Contact the church office, 802-372-3365, or Mark Kennedy, Walk facilitator, 802-318-0916, with questions or for more information.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of Island individuals and families, supporters near and far, and several local businesses, more than 40 Walkers raised a record \$9,058. Together with Walkers in more than 500 other Walks, Islanders helped raise \$6.8 million.

The need is great and neighbors near and far rely on all of us to give the best and most we can to help one another. Let's see if we can meet or exceed this year's goal of \$9,500.

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Register at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/southherovt> Invite gifts on-line or in person. Keep track of in person gifts, donors, contact information, and collect money to bring to the Walk. Stop at the CCSH office during office hours if you need an official envelope and tracking form, or use your own envelope and form, and bring them to the Walk.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Champlain Islands Food Shelf and gather at the Congregational Church of South Hero at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16 for the half mile (1 mile round trip) walk to Bayview Crossing and the nearby Lakeshore stabilization project. Together, we will walk in solidarity with all who must walk for their survival and as a celebration of the money raised and our strengthened community ties here and globally. Pre-registration required, either on-line or by calling the Church office: 802-372-4962. Wearing a mask is optional and welcome. Refreshments will be served at CCSH following the Walk.

Four guests will join us for this year's Walk:

Kristen Bartle will lead us in warming up and centering for the Walk.

Joe Pobieglo of Essex will return to send us off, from a COVID safe distance, with his Scottish bagpipes.

Jordan Posner, Executive Director of C.I.D.E.R., will lead the Walkers to Bayview Crossing, the new senior housing.

Guy Maguire, Programs Director with the South Hero Land Trust, will lead us to and discuss the nearby Lakeshore planting and stabilization project that many Islanders supported in May 2022.

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See the CROP website ([webwalk@crophungerwalk.org](mailto:webwalk@crophungerwalk.org)) for stories about how you will be helping.

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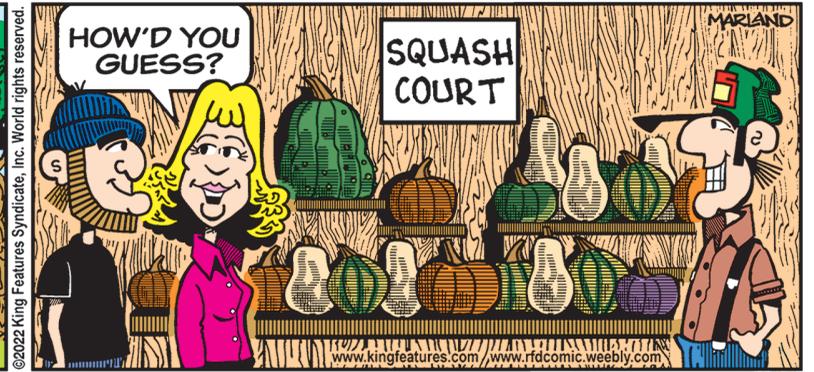
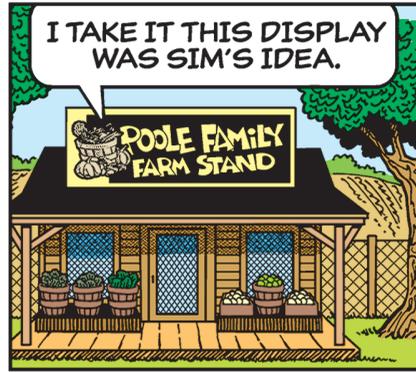
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# Take a Break

by Mike Marland

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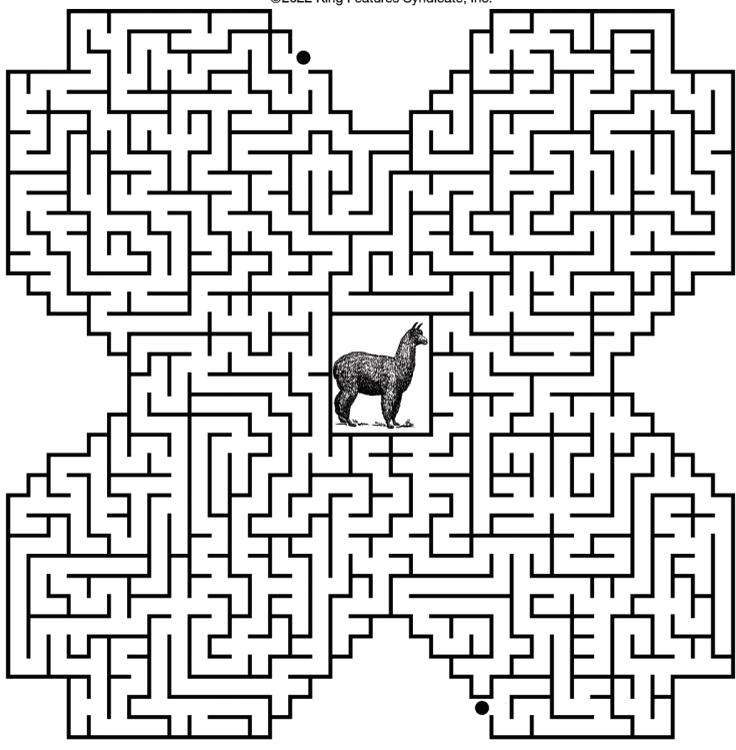
### U.S. States With Highest Life Expectancy\*

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- California
- Hawaii
- New York
- Massachusetts
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- Washington
- Vermont

Source: CDC

## Mega Maze



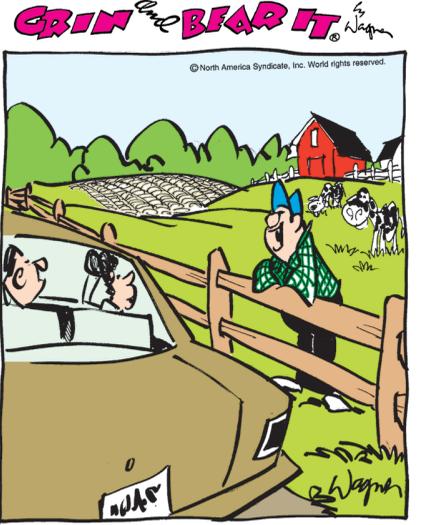
## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby hedgehog called?
- MOVIES: Which 1960s movie features a character named Holly Golightly?
- HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising of 1916 take place?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is bordered by the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada?
- LITERATURE: What do the initials in J.D. Salinger's name stand for?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a heptagon have?
- TELEVISION: Richard Dawson was the original host of which TV game show?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which gymnast was the first to score a perfect 10 in Olympic competition?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is a red fox?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name of a condition called tussis?

### Answers

- Hoglet.
- "Breakfast at Tiffany's."
- Ireland.
- Idaho.
- Jerome David.
- Seven.
- "Family Feud."
- Nadia Comaneci.
- Mississippi.
- Cough.



"Right now I'm between not growing wheat and not growing cotton."

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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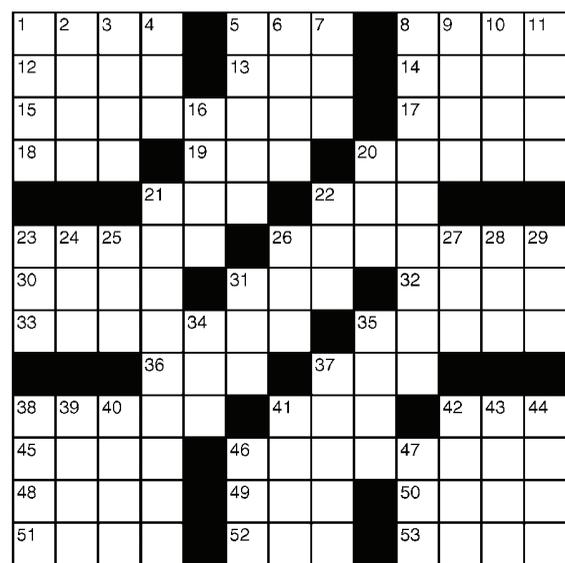
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  - Parisian pal
  - Advertising award
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- Equitable
- Beehive State
- Take out of context?
- "This — recording"
- Incorrect
- Battery fluid
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- Vittles
- Margarita garnish
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- Do sums
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- Bedouin
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- Exemplar of thinness
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- Nuptial vows
- Klutz
- Glacial

### The red-spotted purple

(*Limenitis arthemis astyanax*)

Source: entnemdept.ufl.edu

This butterfly lives from Florida over to eastern Texas, and northward into Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Adults prefer to feed on tree sap, fermenting fruit or dung, but they also take nectar from flowers and frequently feed at mud puddles.

Plant hosts for red-spotted purple larvae are black cherry, deerberry, willows, aspens, poplars, cottonwood, hawthorn, birches and black oak.

— Brenda Weaver

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## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

Answers on Page 18

# Property Transfers

\*Source Vermont  
Dept. of Taxes

## September 2022

### ALBURGH

- Henri P. & Nicole A. Blondeau transferred property at 130 Mud Point South, 0.85 ac., to Bradley & Melissa Hayden, \$20,000.
- Anthony M. & Laurie M. Pelcher transferred property at 70 Orchard Shore Rd, 6 ac., to Anthony M. Pelcher, Trustee & Laurie M. Pelcher, Trustee, \$N/A.
- Nathaniel W. Bowe transferred property at 57 Pretty Rd, 0.44 ac., to Nathaniel W. Bowe & Jeanne M. Nicolai, \$N/A.
- Property at 279 Ethan Allen Ave., 3.34 ac., was transferred to Bird Fort LLC, \$5,625,000.

### COLCHESTER

- Mark A. Young transferred property at 913 Niquette Bay Rd, 3 ac., to Lisa A. Niquette, \$N/A.
- Erica Carlson transferred property at 203 Deer Lane #2 to Lee P. Page, \$330,000.
- Michael W. Billings & Elizabeth A. Luce transferred property at 35 Greenwood Dr., 0.43 ac., to Ethan Hebert, \$312,500.
- Jeana Layne & John Francis O'Connor transferred property at 92 Camp Kiniya Rd, 0.95 ac., to Erik Giard-Chase and Jennifer & Thomas Brayden, \$210,000.
- Alice Thomas transferred property at 101 Jasper Mine Rd, 2 ac., to James Gawyrs, \$N/A.
- Theresa R. & Thomas McGuire transferred property at 50 Blackberry Circle, 0.46 ac., to Macey & Matthew Bouffard, \$519,000.
- Christopher Neff transferred property at 13 Hilltop Court, 0.21 ac., to Katherine Harrington & Per Satterberg, \$405,000.
- Amanda & Willie C. Mitchell transferred property at 192 Depot Rd, 1.32 ac., to Elizabeth A. & Gabriel A. Langbauer, \$553,000.
- Macey E. & Matthew T. Bouffard transferred property at 170 Grey Birch Dr. Unit 172 to Jacob A. Kirchner, \$305,000.
- Carol A. & Gary R. Booska transferred property at 1750 West Lake-

shore Dr., 3.19 ac., to West Lakeshore LLC, \$750,000.

- Sheila M. McCullough & Peter G. Post transferred property at 90 Dunlop Way, 0.7 ac., to Thea Morgan Post, \$N/A.
- Eric J. Audette & Wendy L. Jestings transferred property at 2284 Porters Point Rd, 0.4 ac., to Mary Ellen O. & Paul J. Denoon, \$1,750,000.
- Zhen Lin & Xiao Q. Wu transferred property at 72 Ponderosa Dr., 0.52 ac., to Cory W. Deacon & Katherine S. Wilkinson, \$450,000.

### GRAND ISLE

- Catherine L. & Raymond A. Croteau transferred property at 296 US Route 2, 9.6 ac., to Catherine L. & Raymond A. Croteau, \$N/A.
- Norman & Rose Goldberg transferred property at 17 Point Farm West, 1.8 ac., to James & Roberta Mathieu, \$1,299,900.
- Alan B. & Diantha B. Howard transferred property at 57 East Shore N., 3.26 ac., to Howard Family Trust, \$N/A.
- Property at 4 Island Circle, 19.61 ac., was transferred to Island Excavating Corp., \$850,000.
- Frank & Kathleen U. Bullis transferred property at 53 East Shore N., 1.01 ac., to Frank & Kathleen U. Bullis, \$N/A.
- Property at 16 Folsom Harbor, 0.75 ac., was transferred to Larry Earl Morse, Trustee of the Larry Earl Morse Trust & Maureen Morse, Trustee of the Larry Earl Morse Trust, \$N/A.
- Property at 5 Adams Landing Rd Ext., 1.4 ac., was transferred to Susan N. Boston and Benjamin E. & Peter E. Nostrand, \$N/A.
- Frank E. & Kathleen U. Bullis transferred property at 53 East Shore N., 1.01 ac., to Tracie U. Hultgren, \$315,000.
- Joseph M. Small transferred property at 112 Allen Rd, 22.6 ac., to Julia H. Small, \$N/A.
- Frank E. & Kathleen U. Bullis transferred property at 53 East Shore N., 7.19 ac., to Frank E. & Kathleen U. Bullis, \$N/A.
- Property at 16 Folsom Harbor, 0.75 ac., was transferred to James

E. Edwards & Eve Garlington Spratt, \$855,000.

- Marisa L. & William M. Dallas transferred property at 231 E. Shore N., 12.5 ac., to William Dallas, \$N/A.
- Jonathan & Julie Kirkpatrick transferred property at 10 Star Rd, 0.69 ac., to Kasey Child Rachel Grandon, \$410,000.
- Property at 10 Folsom Harbor, 0.84 ac., was transferred to Larry Earl Morse, Trustee of the Larry Earl Morse Trust & Maureen Morse, Trustee of the Larry Earl Morse Trust, \$N/A.

### MILTON

- Property at 161 Horseshoe Circle, 0.28 ac., was transferred to Catherine E. & Donald W. Schilp, \$533,520.
- Nihad & Sanela Oric transferred property at 27 Country Ln, 0.48 ac., to Phelida Dikala & Gabriel Ngandu, \$510,000.
- Richard A. Bidwell Sr. & Donna J. Lafountain transferred property at 50-52 McMullen Rd, 0.5 ac., to 50-52 McMullen Road LLC, \$430,000.
- Property at 223 Horseshoe Circle was transferred to Champlain Housing Trust Inc., \$230,500.
- Property at 41 Woodcrest Circle, 0.46 ac., was transferred to Tonnie M. Sullivan, Victoria L. Mayette and Tammie J. & Betty A. Carrier, \$N/A.
- Property at 223 Horseshoe Circle, 0.66 ac., was transferred to Bryan E. & Jennifer E. Thompson, \$N/A.
- Vivian Pecor transferred property at 122 Middle Rd, 0.89 ac., to Vivian Pecor, \$N/A.

### NORTH HERO

- Douglas I. Tudhope transferred property at 216 Log Cabin Ln, 1.4 ac., to Douglas I. Tudhope Family Trust, \$N/A.
- David D. & Trudi L. Beauchemin transferred property at 400 Rockledge Dr., 10.8 ac., to Beauchemin Family Revocable Trust, \$N/A.

### SOUTH HERO

- Sherry L. Corbin transferred property at 422 West Shore Rd, 10.1 ac., to Julie H. Goodrich & George L. Goodrich III, \$645,000.
- Property at 24 Island Circle, 0.17 ac., was transferred to AIR Development LLC, \$120,000.

- Stuart J. Morrow transferred property at Sunset Beach Rd, 0.49 ac., to The Stuart J. Morrow Trust, \$N/A.

### SWANTON

- Kristen Messier and Dianne & Michael Begnoche transferred property at 26 Lake St., 1.5 ac., to Kristen Messier, \$N/A.
- Dale P. Taggart transferred property at 193 North River Rd, 12 ac., to Devlyn R. Martin, \$255,000.
- David E. Cross transferred property at 38 Spring St., 0.24 ac., to David E. & Katrina J. Cross, \$N/A.
- Diane Machia and Leon & Richard Berthiaume transferred property at 36 Stearns Court, 1.69 ac., to Alex Burnell, \$249,500.
- Ellis F. & Pauline M. Truax transferred property at 11 Foundry St., 0.25 ac., to Ellis F. Truax, Life Estate, Pauline M. Truax, Life Estate and Michelle L. Truax, Remainder, \$N/A.
- Property at 106 Canada St., 0.75 ac., was transferred to Vincent E. Monty & Bailey M. Trahan, \$325,000.
- Charles A. Chrysler transferred property at 47 Second St., 0.4 ac., to Sabrina Royea, \$240,000.
- Renee St. Cyr transferred property at 39 Howard St. MH on leased lot to Morgan Brothers, \$70,000.
- Sally J. Sheets transferred property at 115 Virginia Ln, 9 ac., to Marc J. Lafontaine, \$9,100.
- Property at 134A Grand Ave., 0.38 ac., was transferred to Eric & Leigh-Ann J. Oliver, \$180,000.



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# Obituary

## MARGARET "CAROLYN" CHEESEMAN

**NORTH HERO**  
- Margaret "Carolyn" Cheeseman, age 85, passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022 at the St. Johnsbury Health and Rehabilitation Center.



She was born in Bedford, Quebec on Sept. 26, 1936 to the late William Roy and Jennie (Haworth) Wightman.

Carolyn was born and raised in Bedford, Quebec, where she met and married the love of her life, Paul Cheeseman on Nov. 10, 1956, and started their family. She attended the Texas College of Arts and Industries earning her bachelor's degree. Carolyn taught in North Hero and eventually at Missisquoi Valley Union High School, where she retired from. She and Paul enjoyed traveling the world together, from Hawaii to Scotland, and lots of countries in between. Carolyn was a strong disciplinarian that loved to share her firm opinions and childhood stories. She enjoyed genealogy, crocheting, knitting, sewing, and bird watching- including chasing chickens in her childhood. She had a special love for animals, especially Siamese cats that she raised, Sheltie dogs, and her daughter's riding horses. She was a talented musician, fluently playing the piano and organ. Carolyn was a proud member of The Eastern Star and of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was extremely proud of her ancestry and heritage.

She is survived by her son, Malcolm Cheeseman and his wife Rose of North Hero; daughters, Susan McDonald and her husband Jonathan of Georgia, Sherry Siebenaler and her husband Roger of North Hero, and Jennie Isaacson of St. Albans; grandchildren, Emily McDonald, Molly McDonald, Justin McDonald, Ian McDonald, Aaron Cheeseman, Dallin Isaacson, Lorna Isaacson, and Langdon Isaacson; her siblings, Jeannie Yach and her husband Mel, Beverly Allen and her husband Donald, and Darryl Wightman; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Carolyn was predeceased by her husband, Paul in 2020; and her brother, George Gary Wightman.

Family and friends are invited to Carolyn's Life Celebration events to include visitation on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Goss Life Celebration Home, 89 Grand Avenue, Swanton, VT.

Interment will immediately follow in the Hazen West View Cemetery, West Shore Road, North Hero.

For those who wish, contributions in Carolyn's memory may be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 22 Bushey Road, St. Albans, Vermont 05478.

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## JOAN E. (BIRNIE) LABONTE

**GRAND ISLE** - Joan passed away in the comfort of her own home on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022 surrounded by her family after a short battle with cancer. Joan was born on July 19, 1945 in Ayer, Massachusetts. She is survived



by her loving husband of 59 years Harvey LaBonte. Harvey and Joan met sophomore year of high school at St. Josephs Catholic School in North Adams, Massachusetts. Just two short years later, on April 15, 1963 Harvey and Joan got married, and before long a family was started. In the mid 70's Harvey and Joan moved their family to Grand Isle, Vermont. After retirement they moved to Beekmantown, New York and lived there for 16 years before moving back to Vermont this year to be closer to family.

Joan is predeceased by her parents Alexander Birnie and Frances (Legier) Birnie, her mother and father-in-law Harvey and Doris LaBonte, her brother Alexander Birnie, grandson Evan LaBonte, and great granddaughter Lydia LaBonte. She is survived by her children Richard LaBonte, Michael LaBonte and spouse Tammy Plankey, Lisa LaBonte and spouse Jesse Sieswerda, Leslie Tudhope and husband James, Jessica LaBonte who Harvey and Joan always considered their third daughter and her husband Alex Smith, sister Margaret and husband Alfred Boyer of North Adams Massachusetts, sister in law Elizabeth Birnie of Irmo South Carolina, and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Joan enjoyed fishing and all kinds of crafts. She loved the outdoors, taking rides in the car, spending time with her cats, watching the birds, star gazing, and watching all her grandchildren grow up. She will truly be missed but will live on in the hearts of all those that knew and loved her. 1-4-3-7.

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## WILLIAM (BILL) HENRY LECLAIR, JR.

**GRAND ISLE**  
- On Sept. 11, 2022, at Burlington Nursing and Rehabilitation in Burlington, VT, William (Bill) Henry LeClair, Jr., crossed over to God's green pastures and still waters.



Born in Attleboro, MA, Oct. 24, 1939, to William H. LeClair and Eva Mary (St. Jean) LeClair, Bill attended public schools in and around Attleboro and graduated from Mansfield High School, Mansfield, MA, in 1957. He moved to Springfield, VT, in 1969.

He married Janice (Fawcett) Brewster and divorced. In May 1975 he married Donna (Mitchell) Webster. They made their home in North Springfield, VT, until 2008 when they moved to Grand Isle, VT.

Bill's early career was automotive repair in Vermont and New Hampshire, and later he worked for Springfield (VT) School System and United Developmental Services (UDS) in Lebanon, NH.

In retirement, he found part-time work in New Hampshire for Community Alliance of Human Services. In The Islands, he worked for Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources (C.I.D.E.R.), providing transportation.

Skilled in many trades, Bill enjoyed woodworking, mowing lawns and reading. He had an interest in firearms. He liked animals and enjoyed many family dogs.

Bill was a Freemason and member of St. John's Lodge #41 in Springfield and Isle of Patmos Lodge #17 in South Hero. He was a member of Springfield Humane Society, Springfield, VT, and the Universalist / Unitarian Church in Chester, VT. He enjoyed square dancing with Precision Valley Squares in Springfield, VT, Sunshine Stompers in Newport, NH, and Northern Lights of Champlain, NY.

Bill is survived by his five children - Donald LeClair, of Weston, VT; Ronald LeClair (Elizabeth Hardy) and Robert LeClair (Melanie Piche) of Charlestown, NH; Kathryn LeClair Fischer (Christopher) of Claremont, NH; Raymond LeClair (Tonina) of Acworth, NH; stepchildren Steven Brewster (Tricia) of North Stonington, CT, and Annie (Brewster) Segrue (Jim) of Pattersonville, NY. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and stepchildren Jessica Webster Calacci (Anthony) of Georgia, VT, and James Webster (Kate) of Hinesburg, VT. There are 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. His sister, Marie LeClair Clanton of Salisbury, NC, survives him and brother-in-law, Dennis Mitchell (Joyce), of North Springfield, VT. He was predeceased by two grandchildren, Steven Brewster, Jr., and Kyle LeClair.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution may choose an animal charity or the Parkinson's Foundation; 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509; New York, NY 10018. A private graveside service will be held at Pleasant View Cemetery, Chester, VT, at a later date.

Arrangements are in the care of the Cremation Society of Chittenden County. To send online condolences, please visit [cremationsocietycc.com](http://cremationsocietycc.com).

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# MILTON POLICE LOG

## SEPT. 9 - SEPT. 15

Between Friday, Sept. 9 and Thursday, Sept. 15, the Milton Police Department arrested 8 people. Officers also issued 3 traffic tickets and 8 warnings.

### Friday, Sept. 9

2:46 p.m. McMullen Rd, DLS

While on patrol, Sgt. Locke initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. Upon identifying the operator, it was learned that their license was criminally suspended. The driver was issued a citation and will appear in court at a later date.

5:02 p.m. River St, DUI-Alcohol

Sgt. Locke was dispatched to the area of River Street with the report of an erratic driver. Upon arrival to the area, Sgt. Locke was able to locate the vehicle and made contact with the driver. The driver immediately showed signs of intoxication. After consenting to Standard Field Sobriety Tests, the driver was taken into custody for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence. The driver was issued a citation and will appear in court at a later date.

### Saturday, Sept. 10

8:05 p.m. US RT 7 / Andrea Ln, DUI-Alcohol

Ofc. Hendry responded to the area of US RT7 with the report of a vehicle operating erratically. Upon searching the area, the vehicle was located in the park-

ing lot of a local business, with the driver slumped over. After rousing the driver, signs of heavy intoxication were noted. The driver was taken into custody for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence and will appear in court at a later date.

2:20 p.m. Taylor St, Threats/Harassment

Ofc. Jones spoke with a resident in regards to an ongoing property dispute issue. The resident was also provided information and resources if further issues arise.

### Sunday, Sept. 11

12:33 p.m. Lake Rd / McCormick Pl, Georgia, DUI-Alcohol

Sgt. Locke responded to the area of Lake Road and McCormick Place where dispatch was informed by a vehicle's in-car security system that the vehicle was involved in an accident. Upon arrival, Sgt. Locke located a vehicle that had collided head on with a telephone pole. Upon checking on the driver, signs of intoxication were noted. After refusing to be evaluated by rescue, the driver was taken into Custody for Suspicion of Driving Under the Influence, and will appear in court at a later date.

5:08 p.m. W Milton Rd, Animal Problem

Milton's Animal Control Officer was dispatched to W. Milton Road where it was reported a skunk was left in a trap on the side of the road. The ACO was able to release the skunk from the trap.

### Monday, Sept. 12

8:26 a.m. Cedarwood Ter, Georgia, Animal Problem

A Georgia resident came to the Milton PD to drop off an unknown dog that was left on their porch. Sgt. Philbrook was able to make contact with Georgia's Animal Control Officer who took custody of the dog and continued to attempt to locate the owner.

9:18 p.m. US Route 7 S, Suspicious Event

While on patrol, Ofc. Palermo made note of a vehicle with lights on at a closed business. After locating the vehicle in question, it was found to be a tow light that was left on. The unit had an external On/Off switch that Ofc. Palermo was able to turn off.

### Tuesday, Sept. 13

5:25 a.m. Aikey Ln, Colchester, Assist - Agency

Ofc. Schiavo and Ofc. Palermo responded into Colchester to assist the Colchester Police Department at their request with a subject they believed may have overdosed. Officers stood by while Colchester investigated and found the subject was not under the influence.

10:05 a.m. US Route 7 N, Traffic Stop

While on patrol, Cpl. Grenier initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. After identifying the operator, it was learned their license was criminally suspended. Additionally, the driver had conditions of release from the Court preventing the subject from operating a vehicle without a valid license. The driver was issued a citation and will appear in court at a later date.

### Wednesday, Sept. 14

11:52 a.m. RT 7 / Milton Diner, Motor Vehicle Complaint

Ofc. Jones responded to US RT 7

where it was reported that a tractor trailer unit was broken down in a bad location. The driver advised they had already contacted their mechanic. Ofc. Jones waited with the unit until it was eventually moved to their shop.

11:41 p.m. Railroad St / Middle Rd, Welfare Check

Ofc. Schiavo and Sgt. Locke were dispatched to the area of Railroad Street and Middle Road where a concerned citizen reported a subject sitting on the side of the road, appearing to be in distress. On arrival, the individual was in need of care, and was ultimately transported by rescue for further evaluation.

### Thursday, Sept. 15

8:26 a.m. Westford Rd, Motor Vehicle Complaint

Sgt. LaFountain responded to the area of Westford Road after receiving the report of a vehicle that was unable to maintain the lane of travel and operating at highly varying speeds. Sgt. LaFountain was able to locate the vehicle in question, and ultimately did not make note of any signs of impairment or anything suspicious.

1:26 p.m. East Rd, Motor Vehicle Complaint

Ofc. Jones responded to East Road for the report of a car left in the middle of a field. Upon arrival, Ofc. Jones met with the owner of the vehicle who also owned the property and was utilizing the vehicle to transport flowers.



## Our Lady of the Lake Parish

Serving the churches of Alburgh, Grand Isle, Isle La Motte & South Hero

### MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph, Grand Isle - Sunday: 8:00 a.m.**

**St. Rose of Lima, South Hero -**

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**

**St. Amadeus Parish, Alburgh -**

**Sunday: 10:30 a.m.**

St. Amadeus Office 796-3481

St. Rose of Lima Office 372-4092

## United Methodist Church

Isle La Motte ~ North Hero ~ Grand Isle

### SEPTEMBER UMC PARISH SCHEDULE



SEPT. 25

10:30 Grand Isle

Reverend Chico Martin

Parish Office 372-6638

## Saint Anne's Shrine

"Center of Life, Light and Love"

In Isle La Motte, Vermont

### Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (through Oct. 9)

For more info call 802.928.3362, visit us at [www.saintannesshrine.org](http://www.saintannesshrine.org) or email [sas@sse.org](mailto:sas@sse.org)

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Sunday School

Pastor: Rev. Cordelia Burpee

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# LEGAL

## Notices

### South Hero Fire District #4 Annual Meeting Warning

The Legal Voters of South Hero Fire District #4 are hereby warned that the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the South Hero Town Office

- 1) To hear and act on reports of the Prudential Committee
- 2) To elect a Prudential Committee member for a three year term
- 3) To elect a treasurer
- 4) To elect a secretary
- 5) To elect a collector of delinquent taxes
- 6) Shall the district, pursuant to section 2485 of Title 20, Vermont Statutes Annotated, authorize the election of up to two additional Prudential Committee members, each to serve for a one year term
- 7) To transact any other business

### GENERAL CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR RENOVATIONS AT MILTON HIGH SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Milton Town School District is soliciting qualification packages from General Contractors interested in providing construction services for the renovation of an existing 2,000sf wood shop into a maker space.

The main components of the Project include the creation of separate clean and dirty design/fabrication spaces including new lighting, HVAC, finishes and openings. The project budget is \$500k to \$750k and will be funded by capital reserves. Construction will commence in May 2023.

Interested General Contractors may obtain information packets containing submission requirements by contacting Matt Grasso at mgrasso@mymtsd-vt.org. Email questions only concerning the RFQ may be directed to Tom Karlhuber at tkarlhuber@truexcullins.com. Proposals are due October 6, 2022. Notification of award will be 1 to 2 weeks after that date.

### STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT - PROBATE DIVISION GRAND ISLE UNIT DOCKET NO. 22-PR-05037

IN RE ESTATE OF KYLE ST. GELAIS LATE OF ALBURGH, VERMONT

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of KYLE ST. GELAIS late of Alburgh, Vermont:

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

Dated: Sept. 14, 2022  
Andrew H. Montroll, Esq.  
PO Box 1045  
Burlington, VT 05402-1045  
802-540-0250  
amontroll@mblawoffice.com

Name of Publication: The Islander  
Publication Date: Sept. 21, 2022

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

## Is Antiques Road Show coming to South Hero?

By John LaBarge

SOUTH HERO - Well not really, but an antique clock roadshow is coming! The Vermont Green Mountain Timekeepers a local chapter of the NAWCC (National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors) will be sponsored by the Worthen Library in South Hero on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and they would love to see you and see your antique clocks or watches.

If your clock doesn't run the professional repair folks will look at it and see if it can be fixed on site and the best part is, it's free! If it can't be fixed on site, they can give you an assessment of what may be wrong with it and if can be repaired.

If you would just like to learn about your time pieces or have questions like who may have made the clock or what year it was made? Is it an American, English, French or German clock etc.? How often should it be wound or serviced? They are here to try and answer any questions you may have.

The Vermont Green Mountain Timekeepers is a group of folks who collect, repair, and sell clocks and watches. They believe every watch or clock has value especially if it is a family piece. They have provided programs like this for several years at the Crown Point Museum, the Calvin Coolidge historic site in Plymouth and in the Town of Fair Haven.

So please join us, even if you don't have an antique watch or clock but are simply interested in them and may have questions you would like answered. Who knows there may be a few clocks on sale there as well.

New members wishing to join the club are always welcomed.

Please Note: Before transporting a clock, you should remove the pendulum or bob so not to damage the movement during transportation.

Location: Worthen Library, Community Ln, South Hero



**Grand Isle Sheriff's Dept. log. Sept. 12 - Sept. 16**

**Mon., Sept. 12**

**GRAND ISLE**  
Agency Assist  
Citizen Assist  
Service of APO  
VIN Inspection  
**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Theft  
**NORTH HERO**  
Suspicious  
**SOUTH HERO**  
Alarm  
Citizen Assist

**Tues., Sept. 13**

**GRAND ISLE**  
Agency Assist  
911 Hang up  
VIN Inspection  
**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Citizen Assist

**Wed., Sept. 14**

**ALBURGH**  
Agency Assist (5)  
Citizen Assist (2)  
VIN Inspection  
Wanted Person  
**GRAND ISLE**  
Citizen Assist (2)  
Theft  
**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Citizen Assist  
**NORTH HERO**  
Citizen Dispute  
**SOUTH HERO**  
Citizen Assist

**Thurs., Sept. 15**

**GRAND ISLE**  
Agency Assist (3)  
**NORTH HERO**  
Service of APO  
**SOUTH HERO**  
Missing Person

**Fri., Sept. 16**

**ALBURGH**  
Citizen Assist (2)  
Social Media  
**GRAND ISLE**  
Agency Assist  
Citizen Assist  
**ISLE LA MOTTE**  
Citizen Dispute

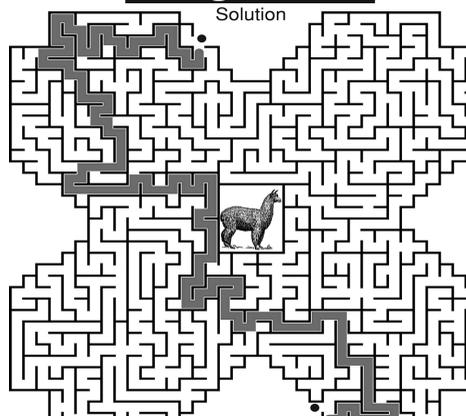
### Wishing Well®

4	2	3	6	3	7	3	4	5	8	2	5	3
A	B	F	A	N	M	P	T	U	E	R	I	
6	5	8	7	5	7	8	2	5	8	5	4	8
R	E	P	E	A	W	H	A	T	O	O	P	L
7	2	4	2	5	2	4	5	4	2	7	5	8
A	L	R	E	T	A	A	H	I	D	C	E	D
6	5	3	6	2	8	4	6	3	4	5	2	5
E	R	L	S	E	T	S	H	Y	E	S	R	K
3	5	6	4	5	7	4	8	4	5	7	3	4
P	I	I	S	N	C	I	H	T	D	L	R	U
3	5	3	4	6	4	3	4	5	8	6	4	8
O	L	S	A	D	T	P	I	Y	E	O	T	
7	4	8	3	8	6	3	8	7	8	7	3	6
A	N	R	E	U	A	R	T	I	H	M	S	S

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



### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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

# 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: Z equals Y

ZHS FKORRZ WYHSRCQ'U  
 CDWFKJOF C UYKWK PDQK LKHLRK  
 PFHN UYK LDQK UFKK WUOUK.  
 NDQC ZHSF NODQKFW!

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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		21
+		+		+	
	+		x		27
x		x		+	
	x		-		26
28		24		22	

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. Edit                | _____ S | Resuscitate       | _____ V |
| 2. Very fussy          | _____ C | Smallest finger   | _____ N |
| 3. Unaccompanied       | _____ L | Compensate        | _____ T |
| 4. Prison keeper       | W _____ | Vegetable plot    | _____ G |
| 5. Tea kettle mist     | _____ M | Rob               | _____ L |
| 6. Shaving cream       | _____ H | Second (of two)   | _____ T |
| 7. Dislodge            | _____ U | Officer's brooch  | _____ A |
| 8. Perforate           | _____ C | Dakota capital    | _____ R |
| 9. Tenet               | _____ N | Birch bark vessel | _____ E |
| 10. High-level meeting | _____ M | Put forward       | _____ B |

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## MAGIC MAZE

FOOTPRINTS AT GRAUMAN'S CHINESE THEATRE SINCE 2010

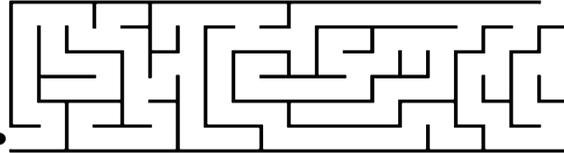
G N K I F C Z W U R P M J H E  
 C Z X U S Q N L J G E C Z X V  
 T O R P N L J H E C R L A Y W  
 V T N S S Y R P N E L L K I G  
 E C B I R E H C N O V A K Z X  
 W U W R T A S I R A P V O M L  
 J E E I G N E R R I M U E D B  
 L P A Y X R A P W U A D N O F  
 T P L U M M E R S S K O O R B  
 S Q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

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

- |         |         |         |           |
|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Aniston | Duvall  | Mirren  | Spears    |
| Brooks  | Fonda   | Novak   | Stiller   |
| Cher    | Goodman | Perry   | Tarantino |
| Coppola | Lewis   | Plummer |           |

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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

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

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

- 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.

KHM WR BAZZRH CZJ ZWJRHKUHR  
 ZWJ NIMA FO KFCH, IOS KHM  
 WR MJT MZ RMJHD MAIM NIMA  
 DFMA CKZDHJR.  
 — HQFKFH SW BAIMHKHM

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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!

- Tust
- LIVEBEE
- Revise
- DIET
- Cheat
- NEWLIDS
- Delicate
- RENTED

TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_

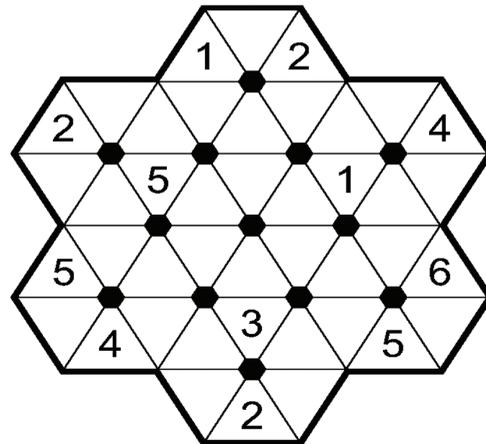


"If we don't go, people will think we weren't \_\_\_\_\_"

## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

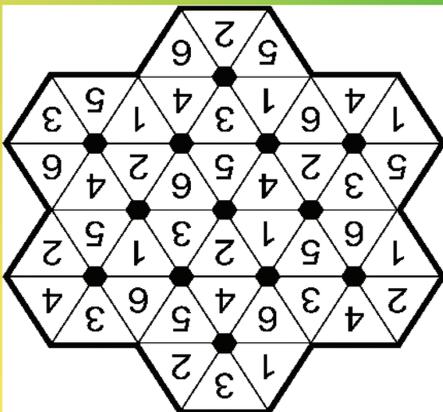
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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solution

## SNOWFLAKES

You really shouldn't disregard these fine people from the Pine Tree State. Mind your Mainer!

CryptoQuip answer

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

Hitori!

28	24		22
4	x	8	-
	x		6
	+		26
		+	
2	+	1	x
		9	27
	+		
5	-	2	x
		7	21

CryptoQuote answer

Let us choose for ourselves our path in life, and let us try to strew that path with flowers. — Emille du Chatelet

Even Exchange answers

- Revise, Revive
- Picky, Pinky
- Alone, Alone
- Warden, Garden
- Steam, Steal
- Lather, Lather
- Budge, Badge
- Pierce, Pierre
- Canon, Canoe
- Summit, Submit

SCRAMBLERS solution

- INVITED Today's Word
- Believe
  - Edit
  - Swindle
  - Tender

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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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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## 3. Calculate Your Rate!

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

### To Determine Which Rate Applies:

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 1<sup>st</sup> 10 words, \$.10 per word;  
Real Estate- Business Rate;  
FREE or Lost & Found- 1<sup>st</sup> ten words Free, \$.10 each additional word.

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



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4 pm every FRIDAY!  
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\*1 free ad per month  
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Garage Sales Thank You's  
Free Lost & Found  
SELL IT LOCAL!

## FOR SALE

RV Cougar, 2008, two pull-outs, needs repairs, asking \$3000, negotiable. margotfivre7@gmail.com. 10/5

Cedar kindling by the barrel. \$25/barrel + barrel deposit of \$20. 802-355-2396. 9/28

Private Sale. Winterized lake frontage cottage house with concrete foundation. Large garage, metal roofing, air conditioner 10,000 BTU, 2 bedrooms, concrete seawall with launching ramp. New windows in house and basement. Large front balcony. Asphalt driveway. \$375,000. 514-365-5852 or 514-974-5853. 9/28

First cut and mulch hay for sale, \$3.50/bale in Isle LaMotte. Delivery available at a modest fee. Call or text 802-309-5500. 9/28

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## SERVICES

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**Blood Drive**

**Grand Isle Community  
Grand Isle Sheriff's Office**

Meeting Room  
10 Island Circle  
Grand Isle, VT 05458

**Friday, September 30, 2022  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

American Red Cross



# -EMPLOYMENT-

The Town of Isle La Motte is seeking to fill the appointed position of animal control officer. Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest to the selectboard at 42 School Street Ext. Isle La Motte, VT 05463 / P.O. Box 250, Isle La Motte, VT 05463 or via email [townofislelamotte@gmail.com](mailto:townofislelamotte@gmail.com)

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To apply, send resume and cover letter to CarePartners Adult Day Center at 640 Franklin Park West, St. Albans or download an application at [www.carepartnersvt.org](http://www.carepartnersvt.org). EOE.

# -AUCTION-

## Artisan Cheese Making Equip.

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# Memorial Service

## PHYLLIS FIRTH

A celebration of life and internment service reception will be held for Phyllis Firth on Saturday, Oct 8. The celebration will begin at 2 p.m. at the Isle La Motte United Methodist Church with reception to follow at 4259 West Shore Road, Isle La Motte.

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### MON

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

### TUE

Champlain Islands Food Shelf -  
DONATIONS ONLY  
Grand Isle Methodist Church  
12 Hyde Rd, Grand Isle  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### WEN

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

Champlain Islands Food Shelf -  
Food Pick Up Open to all Grand Isle  
County Residents  
Grand Isle Methodist Church  
12 Hyde Rd, Grand Isle  
1 p.m. - 4 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.

## LAFF - A - DAY



"Henry has a very radical way of settling intellectual disputes."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor,

Proposition 5 (Article 22) is a proposed constitutional amendment that voters will vote on this Fall.

I'm a former board member of the Family Planning Council of Western Massachusetts (now Tapestry Health). I have always supported and worked for women's access to safe, humane, and affordable abortion. An abortion can be a humane way of sparing a woman and child from difficult, life-long consequences of a "mistake." I celebrate living in a state where it's legal for women to choose abortion. However, I am voting "No" on Prop 5/Article 22 because it is both unnecessary and highly problematic.

Vermont law, Act 47, passed in 2019, already ensures that women have access to abortions. Further, the recent overturning of Roe v Wade has absolutely no impact on this right in Vermont. In other words, a woman's right to an abortion is already protected in Vermont, and amending Vermont's Constitution is entirely unnecessary.

Now I'm not in any way a religious person. However, I stand with the majority of people, women included and not just people of faith and not just people who are pro-life, who feel that abortions carried out in the third trimester of pregnancy are morally and medically wrong, unless there is an unusual complication affecting the life or health of the mother.

There's nothing in Vermont's Constitution that addresses taking a life – not capital punishment and not assisted suicide. These matters are handled through state laws. It's one thing to legalize abortion through legislation, which Vermont has thankfully done. But our Constitution is not the place to confer the right to end the life of anyone, including an unborn child, at any time and for no reason (or any reason). The Constitution is not the place for this, and even though I am adamantly pro-choice, I cannot support it.

There's another reason to vote "No" on Article 22 – The language of Proposition 5 (Article 22) is extremely nebulous. It does not specifically mention abortion, women, or pregnancy, but rather speaks to a brand-new, vague concept of a right to "reproductive autonomy," which would apply equally to men as well as women, and even to children. We don't know what this new right to reproductive autonomy is, or what behavior it would entitle anyone to engage in. Well-funded special interest groups and their attorneys could well use this open-ended opportunity to define "reproductive autonomy" through the courts and thereby impose social experiments onto many if not most unwilling subjects/citizens.

Robert Fireovid, South Hero, VT  
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# ONLY in the Islands

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## RIDING THE NORTH WIND

Winds out of the northwest made for a chilly morning in the Islands Thursday but kite sailors were cranking along the inland sea off Sandbar State Park in Milton.



## ISLAND VINES ROAD RACE ATTRACTS RUNNERS AND WALKER SUNDAY

Hundreds of runners and walkers took part in the 9th annual Island Vines Road Race at Snow Farm Vineyard in South Hero Sunday morning. A portion of the proceeds from the 5k and 10k event will be donated to C.I.D.E.R. and RunVermont Youth Programming.



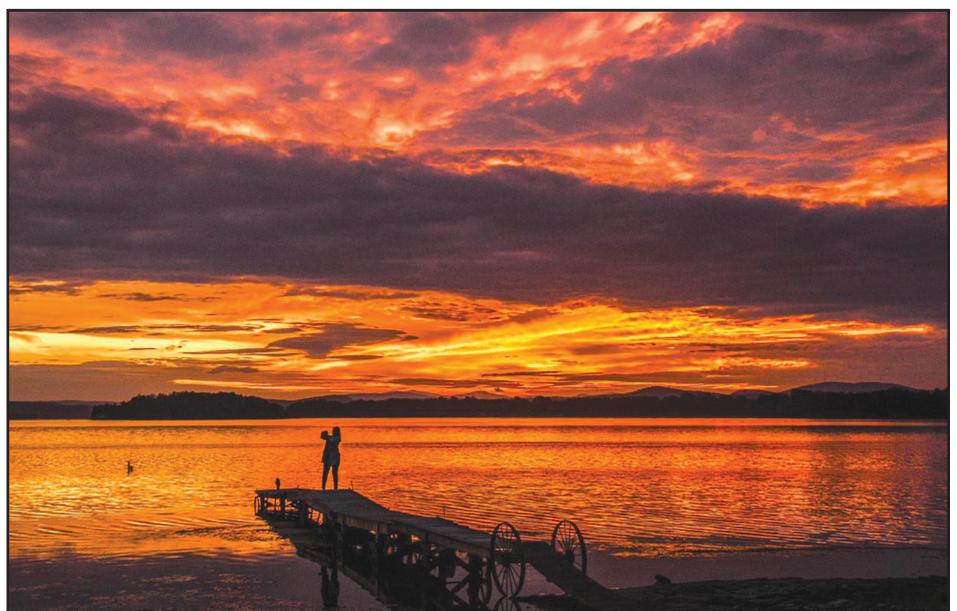
## BLOWUP RUDOLPH

A giant Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer blowup figure was hanging out and looming large at the Alburgh Flea Market at the Barsalow Auction site in Alburgh Saturday.



## GREAT BLUE MORNING

A great blue heron fishes in morning light near the Sandbar Causeway recently.



## GOOD MORNING TUESDAY

Jen Nicholson of Plattsburgh photographs the brilliant sunrise on Keelers Bay Tuesday morning.

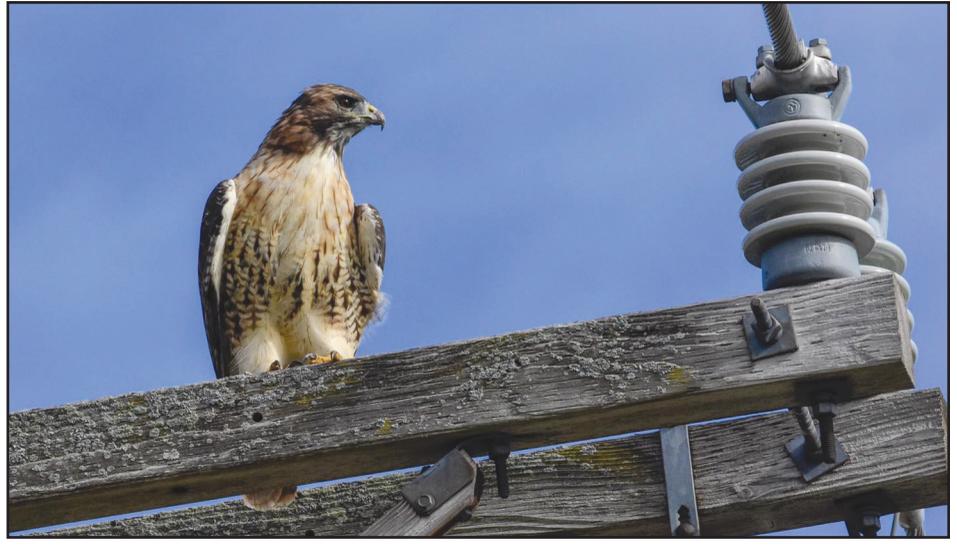


**ALBURGH CUPCAKE QUEEN**

Mary Jane Cota runs MJ's Cupcakes out of a postage stamp sized purple shed on the side of U.S. 2 south of Alburgh village.

Mary Jane said that for most of her life it's been a dream of hers to open a bakery. "I just love baking," she said with a smile and a wave to a customer who was helping herself using the honor system in place at MJ's.

Mary Jane said when she saw farm stands popping up in the Islands she thought it might be time to give baking a try. When MJ's sold 30 dozen cupcakes in two hours on the first day, she knew she might be on to something. MJ's Cupcakes is only open Saturdays so if you have a hankering for cupcakes you better stop by early because they sell out quick.



**HAWK ON THE HUNT**

A red-tailed hawk hunts from a perch on a utility pole in Grand Isle over the weekend.



**SATURDAY SUNRISE**

The skies were colored in different hues as the sunrise evolved at the start of the day Saturday morning. A contrail from an Ethiopian Airlines flight from Dublin to Washington crosses the sky.



**GOOD MORNING THURSDAY**

Canada Geese fly past the Georgia Mountain wind turbines as the sun rises at the start of the day Thursday.



**RACK TIME**

Two young Bucks show off their headgear in South Hero before sunrise Thursday morning.



**SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**

An impressive fireworks display colored the sky over Keelers Bay in South Hero Saturday night.

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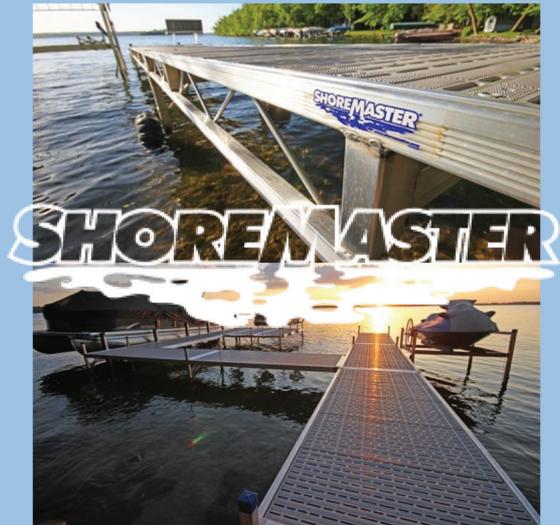
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