

Blow Sentenced to One Year and a Day

By Susan Davis

Theresa Blow, a former resident of South Hero and currently residing in Enosburg Falls, VT will be spending the next year and one day behind bars. Blow was sentenced on Monday in the U.S. District Court in Burlington following her guilty plea to a charge of federal program embezzlement.

The presiding judge in the case, U.S. District Judge William K. Sessions III also ordered that Blow serve three years of supervised release following the completion of her prison term and pay restitution of more than \$117,000. Blow is to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on March 10 to begin serving her sentence.

Last September, Blow pled guilty to embezzling from the Champlain Islands Parent-Child Center in South Hero for which she served as a contract bookkeeper.

According to court records, between 2010 and March of 2014, Blow embezzled more than \$61,000 from the Center by writing without authorization checks that were made payable to herself or to her husband’s business, then forging the signature of the authorized signer on the Center’s checking account. Blow deposited the forged checks into her personal bank account and used the proceeds for her own benefit.

Roughly within the same time frame, Blow also embezzled tens of thousands of dollars from Grand Isle County Court for which she served as the appointed treasurer since 2008. At the time of her sentencing the court determined that the Grand Isle County embezzlement totaled more than \$39,500.

The court also found that Blow had embezzled several thousands of dollars from the local Law Office of David Carter, which she had originally denied.

At the sentencing hearing, Jennifer Lestage, director of the Parent-Child center told Judge Sessions that the non-profit had been on the brink of closing while Blow was stealing from their accounts. Their deficit caused a loss of teachers, no raises for those that were left and a cut in staff benefits. Lestage also noted that their financial problems made it difficult to fundraise because donors were reluctant to contribute.

According to a Burlington Free Press article that appeared following Blow’s sentencing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Waples, the prosecuting attorney, commented on the lack of effort from Blow to make any kind of restitution to those from whom she embezzled which prompted Judge Sessions to impose the 12 month sentence saying, “This is the low point in your life.”

The case was investigated by the Vermont State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Blow was represented by Mark Kaplan.

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Camp Ta-Kum-Ta is pleased to announce the appointment of Hattie Johnson as our new Executive Director and Dennis DePaul, as our new Camp Director. After 33 transformative years, our friend and co-founder Ted Kessler, has retired from both his Executive Director and Camp Director roles at Vermont’s Camp Ta-Kum-Ta.

Hattie Johnson has served as the Director of Development for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta for the last four years, where she worked with individuals, organizations, event organizers and civic groups to successfully raise funds for camp programs and an ambitious capital campaign. She brings ten years of non-profit expertise and experience to the organization. As the Executive Director, Hattie will continue to raise funds for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta in addition to overseeing all aspects of the organization.

Prior to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta Hattie was with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont and the Ronald McDonald House of Burlington, VT. Hattie is a graduate of Saint Michael’s College where she achieved a Bachelor’s Degree in Business & Psychology and later a Masters of Science & Administration Degree. Hattie also holds a Certificate in Non-Profit Management.

Dennis DePaul has served as Camp Ta-Kum-Ta’s Assistant Camp Director for the last four years. In this role he assisted the Camp Director in overseeing all aspects of our year-round programs to include strategic planning, implementation and most importantly, ensuring that campers were able check their cancer at the gate and simply be a kid again while at Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. As the Camp Director, Dennis will oversee all aspects of the camp programs in partnership with the Executive Director.

In addition to his role as the Assistant Camp Director, Dennis has served on Camp Ta-Kum-Ta’s Board of Directors for more than 12 years. For the past 5 years, he has aptly served as the President of the Board where he helped shepherd Camp Ta-Kum-Ta from a one week program renting a facility to a comprehensive year round program on property owned by the camp with fully accessible camp grounds and facilities. Following in Ted Kessler’s footsteps, Dennis also served on the Children’s Oncology Camping Association International’s board of directors as the Region I Representative, the Vice President as well as President. Professionally, Dennis has worked at the University of Vermont for the past 18 years where he has served as the Financial Aid Director and currently as the Assistant Dean for the Division of Student Affairs.



Please join Camp Ta-Kum-Ta in welcoming Hattie and Dennis to their new roles within our organization! Together, with hundreds of volunteers and the continued support of the community, they will continue the founders’ programmatic legacy for years to come. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta provides challenging, extraordinary experiences in a safe and loving environment for children who have or have had cancer and their families. Camp exists for Vermont and Northern New York children. (including other out-of-state children who treated in Vermont), between the ages 7-17, at no cost to their families.)

LCBP’s Love the Lake Speaker Series Begins

Choosing the Right Tool for the Job: Controlling Lake Champlain’s Sea Lamprey in Quebec

The Lake Champlain Basin Program begins a four-part Thursday night lecture series on February 19, 2015. The first program will feature Bradley Young, Fish Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from Essex Junction, Vermont, who will present *Choosing the Right Tool for the Job: Controlling Lake Champlain’s Sea Lamprey in Quebec*. Young, who was instrumental in designing the Morpion Stream sea lamprey barrier, tributary to the Pike River, will discuss the cross-border partnership with Quebec created to complete the barrier dam. Young will also summarize the first year of progress on the lamprey harvest.

The FREE public program begins February19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Champlain Basin Program office, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Vermont, located just north of the Grand Isle ferry entrance.

Homemade desserts and hot beverages will be served. For further

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Correction to the 35th Annual Islands Ice Fishing Derby Results

Congratulations to Albert Santor who is the 2nd place winner of the Northern Pike category with a 15.22lb fish.

The LCBP office is in the Gordon Center House at 54 West Shore Road in Grand Isle, Vermont—just a short walk from the LCT ferry.

For more info contact the LCBP at 800-468-5227 or 802-372-3213 www.lcbp.org

2015 Speaker Series

On **Thursdays** from **6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**, the public is invited to join us for homemade desserts, tea, coffee and lively conversation about Lake Champlain.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

Thursday, February 19
Choosing the Right Tool for the Job: Controlling Lake Champlain's Sea Lamprey in Québec
Brad Young, Fish Biologist, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Thursday, February 26
Long-term Patterns and Impacts of Invasive Species on our Lake Ecosystem
Dr. Tim Mihuc, Lake Champlain Research Institute

Thursday, March 5
45th Parallel Lights: Isle La Motte, Windmill Point & Other Lake Lighthouses
Rob Clark

Thursday, March 12
Cross in the Lake Champlain Basin
Bridget Butler, Bird Diva Consulting

Thursday, March 19*
World Water Day: Celebration of Student Work!
Rachael Miller Co-founder, Rosalia Project

*Please note location change for this date ONLY to Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center

Business Matters in the Islands



Lenders and representatives from various financing organizations are hosting Business Matters in the Islands from 8:30 to 10:30 am on February 19 at Merchants Bank, 301 US Route 2 in South Hero.

Business Matters in the Islands is a public meeting about various financing options available to small business owners and budding entrepreneurs. Representatives include the Small Business Administration, USDA Rural Development, Opportunities Credit Union, Community Capital of Vermont, Vermont Community Loan Fund, Vermont Economic Development Authority and Merchants Bank. Attendees can meet with a representative one-on-one following the meeting.

Business Matters in the Islands is sponsored by the Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation with assistance from the SBA. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. To register, email ruth@champlainislands.com or call 802-372-8400.

Share Your Love of Photography with the Islands Community

The Island Arts organization believes that a major ingredient in a truly meaningful life is creativity. We are looking for a photography instructor for our 2015 Island Arts Academy who is willing to share their talents with others both young and old in our community. If you have experience teaching photography we would love to discuss how you can enhance and deepen the life experiences of those in our community this summer.

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By Ann Dehner, Island Arts Academy Coordinator



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School Collaboration Meeting Tuesday Evening



A Grand Isle Supervisory District Collaboration Study Committee will hold a summary meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at 6 pm at the North Hero Town Office (adjacent to the North Hero School).

The meeting, which is open to the public and to which the public is encouraged to attend, will be facilitated by Michael Deweese, Vermont School Board Association consultant and retired Essex Junction school superintendent.

The Study Committee representing board members and private citizens from the towns of Isle LaMotte, Grand Isle and North Hero have been meeting regularly for the past several months, during which they looked at options where collaboration would benefit the participating schools.

“It became obvious that opportunities exist for collaboration, however identifying common agreement across the board is challenging.” said Robert Phillips, GISU Superintendent.

In 2010 the Vermont Legislature passed Act 153 whose aim was to improve educational opportunities throughout the state while gaining economies of scale from the possible merging of districts as well as shared resource management. The original premise of Act 153 questioned the need for 272 school districts with 63 superintendents in the state of Vermont and could there be a way to increase educational opportunities for Vermont students while reducing costs? It also allowed districts to take advantage of a small grant with which they could begin local conversations.

“It is really important to have community-wide discussions about the possibilities that exist,” said Phillips.

Community and board members alike from all towns are welcomed to attend the final meeting on February 17, however further action would require the approval of each individual board if communities seek to explore larger scale collaboration.

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Pizza With Legislators is co-presented by the Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation (LCIEDC) and the South Hero Community Library. For more information, call LCIEDC at 802-372-8400.

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I do recall the rumblings from people in the area who shared that the Old Farmer’s Almanac held the prediction that it was going to be a colder than usual winter this year. Much to our dismay that prediction was terribly correct. I checked out their website for any insight into the future weather (especially to see if there was a quick end in sight) and it did say that the outlook for the last week of February was “mild” ! I never thought I would appreciate such a mundane weather word before! It also mentions that the summer will be hotter than usual and that, my friends, makes me extremely happy! If you haven’t done so already check out www.almanac.com. It is a great site for so much more than the weather... gardening tips, cooking, natural remedies and more. I am going to try to beat these winter blues by making a new garden plan and polishing off my flip flops! Have a great week!

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT BIG CHANGE ROUNDUP

There will be a Benefit Bake Sale at North Country Federal Credit Union on Friday, February 20 to benefit UVM Children’s Hospital Big Change Roundup in Burlington. Stop by to buy a delicious treat and help this special cause.

FIRST ANNUAL CARDBOARD DUCT TAPE RACE

ABC would like everyone to join us for our first annual Cardboard Duct Tape Sled Race on February 21-- come out and have a fun day! Build a sled out of cardboard and duct tape and race it down the hill. The location has changed-- they are so sorry and are just doing their best to find the perfect place: once again to Blue Rock Road on Route 78, just before RV Park. Registration starts at 11 am, races start at Noon. Food and drinks will be available, and prizes will be awarded. Registration is \$10 per sled. For sled rules, visit www.abcalburgh.com or call 802-238-6937. Everyone is encouraged to bring regular sleds and enjoy sledding and free skating after the race and also, a huge Christmas tree bonfire on the lake at the end of firehouse road at 5:30 pm.



ALBURGH SAL FISHING DERBY

The Alburgh Post #60 SAL will be having their annual fishing derby aka “The Fun Fishing Derby” on Friday, February 27 starting at Midnight and continuing through Saturday, February 28 at 5 pm. Tickets for the Derby are \$10 each and are available at the Alburgh Legion or through any SAL Member. There will be cash prizes for the biggest fish in each category of Northern Pike and Perch. The \$500 first place prize for Northern Pike is donated by Window World and \$250 first place prize is donated by Clean Tech. Other prizes include: Northern Pike second place- \$100 and third- \$50; Perch second- \$100 and third- \$25. All fish weighed in become Derby property, and all fish weighed in must be accompanied by another ticket holder. One doesn’t need to be present to win Fishing Derby placement prizes. There will be raffles as well, but you do need to be present to win those. There will also be a chance to win an auger with your Derby ticket, and you do not need to be present

to win that. The Weigh-In will be on Saturday, February 28 from Noon to 5 pm. There will be a delicious fish fry during that time as well for only \$8. All children are encouraged to join in the Kids’ Fishing Derby during the same time. Kids’ entry tickets are only \$1, and each participant will receive a non-cash prize. For more information or for tickets, please contact the Alburgh Legion at 796-3574, Matt Aldridge at 782-3838, Alburgh Beverage Mart at 796-3515 or Corey Hoague at 752-7254. Don’t miss out on the fun!

POOL TOURNEY TO BENEFIT VCH

Swanton VFW and Victoria Reed’s Big Change Roundup are working together to hold a Pool Tournament, on Saturday, February 21, to benefit Vermont Children’s Hospital (VCH). Come join them for a day of fun! Help support the veterans to which we owe so much to and help the children at VCH! Registration starts at 11 am, games start at Noon. The fee is \$50 a team, double elimination, and there is a limit of twenty teams. For more information, contact Brian Reed at 370-2420 or Mona Reed at 796-4230.



Spaghetti Dinner

Take outs available! Contact Mona Reed at 796-4230 for more information.

ISLANDS IN THE SUN BINGO

It’s time to beat the winter blues and have some bingo fun. Islands in the Sun have started up their Wednesday night Bingos at the Senior Center, and they will be continuing every Wednesday. The doors open at 5 pm and Bingo starts at 6:30. The snack bar, with lots of delicious goodies, will be open as well.

SCHOOL NOTES

Alburgh School will be closed February 23 to 27 for February Break; school will reopen on Monday, March 2.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By: Gina Lewis, Library Director
796-6077, alburgpl@fairpoint.net

FEBRUARY VACATION FAMILY MOVIE: On Wednesday, February 25 at 2 pm the library will be showing the movie *Dolphin Tale 2*. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

FREE TAX HELP: On Wednesday, February 25 from 10 am to 2 pm, Community Action will be here to help folks file their 2014 Vermont State and Federal taxes. If you have any questions, please call the Library at 796-6077.

FEBRUARY VACATION FAMILY MOVIE: On Wednesday, February 25 at 2 pm, the Library will be showing the movie *Dolphin Tale 2*. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

FOR THE KIDS: Story Time is every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am. Bring your child to listen to a story, do crafts and have a snack. This program is recommended for preschool-age children.

Kids art classes are every Thursday at 3:30 pm for grades K to 8.

HANDCRAFTERS MEET: From Knitting to needlework, all handcrafters are welcome to come to the Library, on Thursdays at 6:30 pm, and enjoy a quiet, laidback environment, with a wonderful group of individuals, to work on your latest project.

ART CLASSES: Kids art classes every Thursday at 3:30 pm Grades K-8.

LIBRARY OPEN: The Library is located at 16 South Main Street in Alburgh and is open six days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 6 pm, Tuesday- 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday- 10 am to 1 pm.

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- reopen the Municipal Office on Friday afternoons
- prepare Business Plans and spreadsheets for special projects and day-to-day activities as needed
- publish detailed minutes for all meetings
- assist the Transfer Station Foreman and Select Board with implementing procedures for new Vermont “refuse” laws
- make sure the Town website is up-to-date linking to other Group websites and list pertinent information/news in *The Islander* regularly
- professionally handle any additional duties/projects and make sure your trip to the Municipal Office is a productive one

The Alburgh infrastructure is not large enough to pay for a separate, full time Treasurer so it is essential at this time the Town Clerk and Treasurer positions be filled by the same individual in order to ensure 1) effective communication with Employees, Residents, Select Board Members, Supervisory Union Administrators, Auditors, Vendors and State Officials, 2) accurate timing of all Town and School monetary transactions and 3) project implementation, follow-up and general communication.

Just as it is crucial for the Town Clerk and Treasurer be available simultaneously, it is also necessary the office be open all week, including Friday afternoons. The Municipal Office is the central hub for all Town business, whereby revenue is collected from Attorneys, Realtors, Sub-Contractors and regular individuals benefiting from the use of Town records. When the office is closed during regular hours the Town may lose revenue or future sales of property; on top of that, scheduling flexibility is taken away from individuals trying to conduct business of any kind.

Please vote for me for both Town Clerk and Treasurer...I promise to do my best and adhere to the highest business ethics and standards.

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PAUL HAMELINE BENEFIT CONCERT
There will be a benefit concert for Paul Hameline and family at the Elk’s Club, 56 Cumberland Avenue, Plattsburgh on Saturday, February 21 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm.

Paul, 45, of Saranac Lake and formerly of Champlain, is battling stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He is a self-employed photographer and is not able to work right now so friends and family of Paul, his wife, and children have joined together to help this family with medical expenses during these difficult times.

There will be a battle of the bands, The Frisky Batz, Fade to Blues and the Busco Bandits playing during the afternoon, along with a silent auction with many wonderful items to be auctioned, 50/50, raffles and much more. You will have a chance to make a donation as well. There is no entry charge.

Your support, hugs and laughter will provide comfort and great benefit to Paul and his family. You can go on face book or goggle to make a donation.

Paul is a graduate of Northeastern Clinton Central School and the entire Northern Tier is sending their prayers and thoughts to him and his family. Eric O’Hara and Zip City, and family members are hosting this event.

CHAMPLAIN TELEPHONE TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE

The Champlain Telephone Company will host a blood drive on Friday, February 20, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at 1963 Ridge Road, Champlain. You are invited to join in this important event to help our local community.

CHAMPLAIN WINTER FEST

A Winter Fest is planned in the Village of Champlain for Sunday, February 22, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at the Playground and Ice Rink.

Events are being organized for the whole family to enjoy outdoor winter sports such as ice-skating, snowshoeing, games and hot chocolate. This event is free, so plan to enjoy the afternoon with neighbors and friends.

The festivities are being organized by Rheanna Meir, a senior at Northeastern Clinton Central School. She is working on a National Honor Society service project with the assistance of Village of Champlain Trustee Janet McFetridge.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE?

This is an opportunity for you to join a fun and local Weight Loss Challenge to help you reach your weight-loss goals. The course will be held at the Dodge Memorial Library beginning on Tuesday, February 24, at 5:00 pm.

This program is a 12-week course, which will offer group support to cheer you on, your own personal coach, a free meal plan, and helpful tips and information on good nutrition and long-term health.

You could even win a cash prize if you are one of the top achievers in your challenge.

Class size is limited, so call and reserve your spot to join the Challenge for only \$35. Contact Rebecca Boyea, Personal Wellness Coach at 518-570-2298 or email rboyea120@gmail.com.

STEVE WAGONER WINS SPORTS EMMY

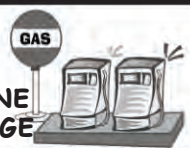
Champlain native, Steve Wagoner, was a recent winner of the 2014 Sports Emmy for his work as an audio engineer. Steve is a 1989 graduate of Northeastern Clinton Central School and has worked as an audio engineer since graduating from Full Sail University in Florida, which specializes in audio and video production.

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Steve is the son of Gary and Estelle Wagoner. It is with great pride that we congratulate one of our North Country natives for being recognized for

such a prestigious award.

STRAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Strand Center for the Arts proudly presents multiple award-winning blues band, Monkey Junk, on Saturday, March 7, at 8:00 pm., Brinkerhoff Street, in Plattsburgh.

Monkey Junk group is from Ottawa, Ontario and is the most decorated Canadian blues band, winning the 2012 Juno Award for blues album of the year for “To Behold”, and taking home 15 Maples Blues Awards between 2008 and 2014.

Tickets are \$25 general admission and \$20 for Strand members, seniors, students and military. Concert contains mature content. Children under 12 are not permitted.

To purchase advance tickets, visit www.plattsburgharts.org, call 518-563-1604 or visit their box office at 23 Brinkerhoff Street. Box-office hours are Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the concert.

The Strand Center for the Arts programming is supported by the New York Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York Legislature and the Cloudsplitter Foundation.

ROUSES POINT-CHAMPLAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rouses Point-Champlain Historical Society will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 18, at the History Welcome Center on Pratt Street, at 6:30 pm. All meetings are open to the public and new members are always welcomed.

HOMETOWN CABLE

Home Town Cable (24) is the viewer-supported, local cable-TV/Internet channel for the communities of Altona, Champlain, Chazy, Ellenburg, Mooers and Rouses Point. Daily 4-hour programming starts play at 11:00, 3:00 and 7:00 (AM and PM), except Wednesday (three hour program), which is shown at 11:00, 2:00, 5:00 and 8:00 (AM and PM). Programming is also available as free video-on-demand at offiwww.hometowncablenetwork.com and www.



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Wednesday, February 18: NCCS vs. Saranac varsity bowling, August 23 racing from Airborne Speedway. Thursday-Friday, February 19-20: NCCS vs. Beekmantown JV girl’s basketball, NCCS vs. LaSalle varsity hockey, Champlain Village board meeting. Saturday-Sunday, February 21-22: Our Little Corner with Gordie Little talking about genealogy research with Julie Dowd, What’s Going on Here with Bob Venne at St. Mary’s Mission Center. Monday-Tuesday, February 23-24: Chazy vs. Willsboro varsity girls basketball, NCCS vs. Beekmantown varsity boys’ basketball, Rouses Point Village Board meeting. Wednesday-February 25: Dance recital in Malone, Airborne Speedway racing from September 7.

NOTES

Sympathy goes out to the family of Rita Marion LaBombard, 90, formerly of Champlain, who passed away at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Plattsburgh on February 9.

Rita was the founder and managed the St. Mary’s Mission Center, at her home on Oak Street in Champlain for many years. This mission center is still in operation for the needs of the North Country and beyond thanks to this lady. She was a person that saw the need to help others and did just that whether it was sorting and giving clothes to the less fortunate or providing a home to someone in need. Truckloads of clothing left her Oak Street home to be distributed to the mid-west and other areas of our country. Thanks to Rita who managed this task with several volunteers over the years. She was kind, considerate and thoughtful to all who crossed her path.

I hope all the skiers and snowboarders are all happy with the snow we have been getting. I am sure there are many families planning for outdoor activities during winter break that are happy with the snow. Happy travels to those who went to warmer climates. Have a great week and stay warm!

South Hero News

Mary Harwood

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ROLLING APPRAISALS

The Listers have started their rolling Reappraisal for the 2019 cycle. They are working first on the Route 2 corridor. If you received a postcard, please call to make the appointment, as the Listers don't have your phone number. Please call the Town Office, at 372-5552, to set up an appointment.

GET READY FOR TOWN MEETING DAY VOTING

The Town Meeting articles to be voted on for the Town, as well as for Folsom School, are available on the South Hero Town Website at <http://www.southherovt.org/town-meeting>. Also on that page is information about requesting absentee ballots and new voter registrations. If you'll be out of town March 3 or can't get to the polls, get your absentee ballot today.

MORE BACKGROUND ON LAND PURCHASE

There will be a final public forum before the vote on Town Meeting Day, on Tuesday Feb 24th at the Folsom Education & Community Center at 7 pm. Bring your questions and concerns to share with the community face-to-face. For more information call: 372-4565 or visit www.SouthHeroVT.org/Lavin.

Here's the article voters will be asked on the ballot: Will the legal voters of the Town of South Hero authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$440,000 plus closing cost for the purpose of purchasing +/- 75 acres of land at 275 Route 2 currently owned by Martin and Patricia Lavin. This amount will be financed over a period of five years.

SELECT BOARD NOTES

At their recent meeting, Terry Delano, co-chairman of the Planning Commission advised the Board that the updated Town Plan will not be finished on the date as hoped, and that the interim zoning may have to be renewed.

A motion was approved to authorize the "vote smart" flyer and to pay for postage to send it to registered voter households in South Hero.

The strategic plan for the South Hero Community Library strategic plan for 2015-2020 was presented. It outlined the strengths and weaknesses of the current library and the challenges of sharing the small place with the school library. Points presented included: the current space is too small, has no natural light or ventilation, and no public restrooms; access is limited during school hours. They also presented goals and options for expansion and improvement of the physical facilities to accommodate the growing collection and to create a space that is welcoming and comfortable for all.

Town Clerk, Sharon Roy, will send a copy of the appeal for the "Pest Pro" decision to the Town Attorney.

The grant for the Park and Ride was discussed. \$7817.50 was awarded in 2010. For 3 years, no suitable spot was found so the grant was extended for 2 years. If it is not extended again, the grant money will have to be paid back. The consensus of the Board is to have Terry Delano, co-chair of the PC and Sharon Roy apply for another 2 year extension.

The National Incident Management Systems was signed.

RECYCLE BATTERIES

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TOWN HEARINGS

The South Hero Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 18, at the Town Office, to act on a final subdivision brought by landowners Martin and Patricia Lavin who seek to create a new lot with remaining land at 275 US Route 2.

On Wednesday, March 4, the Planning Commission will hold a Public to act on a site plan review for a private garage proposed as a principal structure on a lot on Landon Road near US 2. This request is brought by Zlotoff Foundation, LLC for Apple Island Resort Campground, LLC.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

By: Carolyn Brennan, Librarian
372-6209, southherolibrary@gmail.com
HOURS: Sunday and Monday- Closed; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday- 9 am to 4 pm; Wednesday- 11 am to 8 pm; Saturday- 9 am to 2 pm.

TODDLER TUNES: : Friday March 6, at 10:30 am led by Lee English. Stop by to sing, dance, and play!

BOOK DISCUSSION: March 25 at 6:30 pm, *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* will be the featured book. Google Books calls this, "A haunting novel set in a nearly abandoned hospital in war-torn Chechnya that is both intimate and ambitious in scope".

LOCAL AUTHOR: Ron Krupp, author of *The Woodchuck Returns to Gardening*, will be at the Library on Wednesday April 8 at 6:30 pm!

LIBRARY PASS PROGRAM: Don't forget about our passes to ECHO, Shelburne Museum, Billings Farm & Museum and more for the upcoming school break!

TRUSTEES MEETING: The Library Board of Trustees Meeting is held on the second Monday of every month at 4:30 pm, and it is open to the public.

South Hero Community Library is located at 75 South Street inside Folsom Educational and Community Center. Please stop by, email southherolibrary@gmail.com, call 372-6209, or visit us online at www.southherolibrary.org for more information.

Think Your Chili Is Best? Love To Eat Chili?

Get out and support the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department, and enter your chili in their first annual Chili Contest on Saturday, February 21 at the Grand Isle School from Noon to 2:30 pm. If you don't make chili but like to eat it, come and vote on your favorite chili. Once your ballot is submitted, you will receive a bowl of your favorite chili.

To enter your chili, pre-register by calling 802-372-5906 or emailing vtleps@aol.com. There is a contest entry fee of \$10, and it is \$5 to be a taste-tester. Set up for chili chefs is at 11:45. Prizes will be awarded for: People's Choice, Judge's Favorite, Best Presentation and Best Chili Name.

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UMASS AMHERST DEAN'S LIST

Aiden Rose McGrath from Grand Isle was named to the Dean's List. She is a Freshman at UMass Amherst studying Animal Sciences. Students are awarded Dean's List Honors for a semester in which they complete a minimum of 12 graded credits with a grade point average of 3.50 or better.

SUNY ONEONTA

Caitlyn LaPier, of Chazy, NY, was one of 31 SUNY Oneonta student-athletes named to the State University of New York Athletic Conference All-Academic Team and Commissioner's List for the Fall 2014 season.

AREA SUNY POTSDAM STUDENTS COMPLETE FALL 2014 INTERNSHIPS

Nearly 200 SUNY Potsdam students completed internship placements at companies, non-profits or campus departments in Fall 2014. SUNY Potsdam's internship program places students with employers whose interests align with their studies. Each student intern has a faculty sponsor, and earns between 1 and 12 credits toward their degree requirements.

The students included:

Devan Ashline of Rouses Point, NY, who interned with both Hoplite Music and People Making Good Public Relations in Burlington, VT.

Ryleigh Combs of Milton, VT, who interned with the SUNY Potsdam First Year Success Seminar (FYSS) in Potsdam, NY.

North Hero News

Courtney A. Schaetz

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THE SETBACK STORY

By: Bob Ayers

As Zoning Administrator, I get asked more questions about setbacks than any other concern by property owners. The North Hero bylaws state that a building cannot be built or placed within 25 feet of a side or back property line. Someone with a narrow lot who wishes to intrude onto the setback space for an addition or a standalone building is required to go before the Development Review Board to seek a Setback Waiver. This essentially means that you are asking for an exception to the bylaws, and only the DRB can make that decision.

A structure on your property that was built before current zoning bylaws and is located within the current setback is grandfathered. This means that you can rebuild that shed on the exact same footprint. You can even put a concrete slab on the footprint for your new building to rest on. When you are in the planning stages of rebuilding a grandfathered building, you need to contact me so that I can see the old building and its location. You will need to submit a Building Permit as usual.

You can also do this with an existing porch or deck on the lake side of your house if the dimensions are exactly the same as the earlier structure. However, since it is on the lake side and probably less than 100 feet from the mean water mark, you will need to be in contact with the State of Vermont Shoreland office in addition to seeking a permit from me.

If you have questions about this, please call me, Bob Ayers, the Zoning Administrator, at 372-8404. More on setbacks next month.

PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENT DUE

The next installment of North Hero's property taxes are due by Friday, February 20. For more information about payment methods and penalties, call the Town Clerk's Office at 372-6926 or visit www.northherovt.com.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

By: Joe Resteghini

Our basketball team wrapped up its season recently with a game against South Hero. The team had some great moments in during their season. The coaches reflected on the fact that all of the players showed improvement in their games, and some of our sixth graders will likely continue with their hoop dreams in middle school.

The Golden Eagle Cheer Squad won another trophy at another major competition. The squad won the hearts of the crowd, and had there been an award involving spirit and pure joy - our team would have dominated. We take pride in developing character. One student in particular showcased an amazing moment of character with an unprovoked act of kindness and sportsmanship in congratulating another school's participant. Ava Hutchins-- well done-- character is defined as doing great things when nobody is watching. It just so happens that some folks noticed.

The fourth annual Iron Chef Competition was a great event. The competition is part of the larger project that the 5th and 6th grade class is taking part in. They are raising funds in the name of service learning for Camp Ta-Kump-Ta, and all proceeds from this project, as well as the spaghetti dinner will go to the camp.

We welcome a new custodial and maintenance colleague. Richard Bigue has joined our ranks, and has jumped into the role with enthusiasm and an eye for detail and cleanliness. We are very excited to have him aboard the squad.

We also welcome a new cafeteria staff friend. It so happens that everyone who works for North Hero School and the Abbey group is required to be named Tina. Our new Tina is doing an awesome job, and for the first time in known

history North Hero School received a perfect 100 score from the Department of Health. We are looking forward to a long a fruitful partnership with our new Tina.

In having to postpone our ski trip, we have decided to extend the program to March 6. Under normal circumstances we try and wrap the ski program up by February break, but this has not been a normal winter. We appreciate that families have made a financial commitment to the ski program, and the kids have made a commitment in learning, so, March 6 we ski.

Have a lovely week. Bundle up. Smile at people you don't know. Hug the people you do-- in order for a hug to have its full scientific benefits to body and mind it must be at least 6 seconds. Stronger together, #northheroshines.

WHAT'S UP IN NORTH HERO?

Do you have something you would like to share with your North Hero neighbors? I am always looking for your input on what appears in this column; please send your stories, events and ideas to nheronews@yahoo.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

By: Judy Poquette, Librarian
372-5458, nhlibrary@comcast.net

HOURS: Tuesday from 2 to 7 pm Thursday- 10 am to 3 pm and Saturday- 9 am to 1 pm.

Check out our free pass to the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier and the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Berlin. The pass admits up to eight people in one vehicle.

NEW MATERIALS: Adult Books- *The Girl On The Train* by Paula Hawkins, *Tracking and The Art Of Seeing: How To Read Animal Tracks and Signs* by Paul Rezendes, *The Secret Wisdom of the Earth* by Chris Scotton, *One Dog Night* by David Rosenfelt, *Outline* by Rachel Cusk, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannan, *Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler, *The Unquiet Dead* by Ausma Zehanat Khan, *The Secret Wisdom of the Earth* by Christopher Scotton, *Agent 6* by Tom Rob Smith; DVDs- *The Giver*

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GRAND ISLE – WILLIAM (BILL) BARON

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In my professional life, I work as a Forester and have over 35 years of experience in managing budgets, grants, and personnel. I'm a graduate of the Vermont Public Managers Program and will bring extensive leadership and financial management skills to our Selectboard. I want to support and continue our Selectboard's recent efforts in establishing open, transparent and

inclusive local government.

I ask for your support on March 3, 2015. I will listen to all sides and will seek to understand. Please feel free to contact me at 372-8763 or wab448@gmail.com

William Baron

GRAND ISLE – MELISSA A. BOUTIN

Position: Town Clerk and Treasurer, School Clerk and Treasurer

Greetings Grand Isle Voters,

My name is Melissa A. Boutin. For those of you who do not know me, I have been serving the Town of Grand Isle as the Assistant Town and School District Clerk and Treasurer since 2003, working along side our current Town and School District Clerk and Treasurer, Cheryl T. Vantine, since she was elected to these positions. Over the years, many assistants run against the elected officials when their terms expire. I decided a long time ago I would not be that kind of assistant but

would wait until Cheryl was ready to step down. The time has now come.

With 12 years of competence in municipal practices, over 25 years in accounting and business, and an associate degree in accounting, I have the first hand knowledge, qualifications and experience to be elected the next Grand Isle Town and School District Clerk and Treasurer. Although they are on separate ballots, historically, the same person has held those four separate positions.

Today more than ever, it is important to choose an accountable and fiscally responsible professional, which I am. Your support by either early voting or on March 3, 2015, to elect me to these positions would be sincerely appreciated.

Should anyone have questions or wish to contact me, please feel free to email me at ElectMABoutin@gmail.com or phone me (802)578-0472.

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Four New Volunteers Join Island Arts

Irene Clarke moved to North Hero after retiring from education where she taught all levels from grade school to grad school. She was also an administrator in a 7000 student school district, in charge of grants and special programs. Irene now serves as Coordinator for the Island Arts Barn Committee Project. She will work with Bill Champagne who is the Chair of the Barn Committee. The red barn located on Route 2 in North Hero, will eventually house Island Arts events, courses and become a County Arts and Education Center.



Helen Boivin joined us in September after relocating to North Hero from Connecticut. She retired after 23 years as the administrator of a small family owned business. Helen serves now as Island Arts Marketing Coordinator and works with Lyn Jarvis, Island Arts Marketing Director.

Coral Coleman came on board in October after retiring and moving to South Hero. She was the Town of Colchester Finance Officer for almost 35 years. Coral serves as our Events Coordinator. She works with Lyn Jarvis, our Event Chair.

Ann Dehner moved to North Hero after retiring from National Life Group in Montpelier where she was a Vice President in charge of strategic projects. Ann serves now as our Academy Coordinator and works with Tony Pietricola, Island Arts Academy's Dean.

Island Arts is currently looking for two more volunteers who can help Island Arts with its non-profit mission work, a volunteer for website management and one to coordinate our grant writing.

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Island Arts Announces 2015 Concert Series

Island Arts is pleased to announce its 2015 Summer Concert Series. The following concerts will be performed at the Grand Isle Lake House at 6:30 p.m. with gates opening at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking. On Sunday, July 12, the *Vermont Jazz Ensemble*, under the leadership of Bear Irwin opens the season. This iconic group has been together for almost 40 years now. On Wednesday, July 29, the popular *Citizen's Concert Band*, under the direction of Kevin Loomis, performs and provides backup for vocalist Claire Hungerford. The concerts at the Grand Isle Lake House conclude on Sunday, August 9 with a performance by *PossumHaw*, a newcomer for Island Arts, that is considered one of the best blue grass bands in the northeast. Mark your calendar now, as you know how busy things get in the Islands during the summer months. All profits from these concerts go to the Island Arts Youth Scholarship Fund.



Pictured above: The Vermont Jazz Ensemble performs at the Grand Isle Lake House on a beautiful summer night.

Clarification on School Consolidation Article

By Robert Phillips, Superintendent of Schools

Citizens across Vermont are well aware of the passionate discussions regarding educational quality, funding and school governance. The current legislative session is sorting through a vast array of proposals for change.

Last week's edition of The Islander included an article that highlighted the work of citizens and school board members from the towns of Grand Isle, Isle la Motte and North Hero. The Isle La Motte school board, in response to concerns about rising education costs, reached out to the five Island towns. After the initial inquiry, they made the decision to explore collaboration with Grand Isle and North Hero. This work has been supported by a grant to facilitate discussion among these three geographically aligned towns. These exploratory talks are being facilitated by Michael Deweese, former Superintendent from Essex and currently from the Vermont School Boards Association. A public meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday 2/17/15 at the North Hero Town Offices. The purpose of this meeting is to publicly share the options, challenges, and opportunities considered by the committee. The formal study will be available and published on line at GISU.org following the meeting.

I would like to offer one point of clarification to the article that closed with a reference to South Hero. While it appears that I specifically suggested that South Hero participate, that was not an accurate representation. Ms. Davis graciously reached out to me for edits, unfortunately time constraints prevented their inclusion in the printed article. If those edits had made it to publishing, the final sentence would have read, "Community and board members alike from all towns are welcomed to attend the final meeting at that time. Further action would require the approval of each individual board if communities seek to explore larger scale collaboration."

It was never my intention to single out South Hero. Folsom's School Board has been keeping closely apprised of the discussions of the participants in the study, and fully intends to review the report.

Legislative Update

By: Representative Bob Krebs

Most committees are still hunkered down in their small and crowded rooms, taking testimony and reviewing many of the introduced bills. Committee chairs decide the priorities for each committee and that determines which bills are taken up for consideration. This "slow start" is pretty typical of the first year of the biennium. Last week the Executive Branch fee bill (H. 184) was discussed and debated on the floor for several days. Every year the focus is centered around the concept of a fee versus a tax, the impact on business and others, and the amount of increase. These fee bills are on a three year cycle, so there have been no increases since 2012. Fees are typically paid by the users of various state services, and the cost of permits should be covered by these fees. The bill did pass after several reductions were made in the fees paid by restaurants and other food establishments.

Other "news" last week that seemed to get the most media attention was on a sugar sweetened beverage tax, vaccination exemptions and firearm background checks. Those particular issues are just getting to respective committees and may never make it to the floor. Meanwhile hard work is being done by Appropriations trying to balance an ever increasing budget gap, by education struggling to reform the delivery and funding of education in Vermont, and by Fish and Wildlife on statewide water quality issues. Other committees continue to prioritize their bills and take testimony every day.

I expect that in the next several weeks many of these issues will make it to the floor and will be acted on. Please contact Mitzi or I with any issues, questions, or ideas! Rep. Bob Krebs: rkrebs@leg.state.vt.us or 372-4567. Rep. Mitzi Johnson: mjohnson@leg.state.vt.us or 363-4448. During the week, you may also leave a message with the Sergeant-at- Arms at (802) 828-2228.





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Grand Isle News

Julie Dickie

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JULES' SOAPBOX

I have been hiatus for some time, many sticks in the fire. Some fun things and some- not so fun. I'll dabble in that in another week. I have stocked up on Tums, as my not-so-favorite time for the town has come, Town Meeting Day and general elections for town officials. My advice to you, PLEASE don't base your vote on he-said, she-said stuff on the local forums. Be an informed voter, have questions or concerns please go to the source. Ask questions to the candidates, get the answers you are seeking from them directly. Let's make it a fair fight, keep the mud-slinging out of it, Make an informed decision, one that you feel is best for the town. Onward...Upward.. until next time.

HAPPENINGS

Do you have Grand Isle happenings that you would like to share? Be sure to send it in! News needs to be received by 5:00 pm on Fridays for Grand Isle News section.

SCHOOL NEWS

By: Eric Arnzen, Principal

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, otherwise known as SBAC, is replacing the annual standardized NECAP assessments. While the NECAPS were designed to measure students' academic knowledge and skills relative to Vermont's Framework of Standards, the new SBAC tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and education experts, the CCSS were officially adopted by VT in 2010, and implemented over the next four school years.

Now in full implementation, the CCSS establishes clear goals for learning that will prepare children for college and the workforce.

The purpose of the SBAC is to assess the full range of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics for students in grades three through eight and eleven. The SBAC measures current student achievement and growth across time, showing progress toward college and career readiness.

The SBAC is administered online through a secure browser and is comprised of two main sections, the Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) and the Performance Task. There are two tests in the CAT, one for Math and one for Literacy. Each test will take approximately two hours. The test begins with the computer selecting the first question for the student (grade level, moderate difficulty). If the student answers the question correctly, the computer selects a harder question; conversely, if the student answers incorrectly the computer selects an easier question. The variance of degree falls within two grade levels above and below and one grade level below in grade three. The process is repeated until the computer shrinks the band of confidence and hones in on the best possible estimate of the student's achievement score. The computer generated Performance Task also assesses Math and Literacy and includes a short multi-step classroom activity. These tests will take approximately two hours each. The Performance Task's objective is for the student to synthesize a variety of real-world information (e.g. readings, video clips, data, etc.) and demonstrate their knowledge in a constructed response. Representatives from the Agency of Education recommend that students need to know what the test will look like before the official administration of the test. To that end, our grade three to eight students have been taking practice and training tests. The full length practice test is much like the actual test, although not adaptive. The six to nine item modified training test walks students through all response type questions so they are familiar with the features of the test. You can take the practice tests along with your

children at home through the following link <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/>.

The 12 week assessment window opens March 17, so please stay tuned for more updates and information regarding SBAC. Learn more by visiting the Smarter Balanced website: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>.

SHOE BRIGADE!

The Brabazone Advisory are collecting all of your unused shoes to upcycle and send to developing countries around the world for other people to wear and enjoy. In exchange for the shoes the Grand Isle school receives money to use for the school or donate to charity. How can you help? Feb 16-20th and March 2nd -6th we will be collecting shoes in the lobby and the library. The shoes must be clean, without holes and a paired set. We can not accept slippers, rollerskates, roller blades, or ice skates.

TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

By: Kathy Tulissi, Library Director

372-4797, grandislefreelibrary@hotmail.com
LIBRARY CLOSED: THE Library will be closed February 12 to 24 due to floor repairs. No services will be provided during that time. Check the Islander for updates should this change.

NEW BOOKS: Young adult: *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan. *Golden Boy* by Tara Sullivan. Adult: *The Empty Throne: A Novel* by Bernard Cornwell and *It Was Me All Along: A Memoir* by Andie Mitchell.

TRUSTEES MEETING: Trustees meet on the second Monday of even numbered months at 6 pm, and the public is always welcome.

STORY TIME: Story Time is back! Come listen to a great book Wednesday 10 am. This will resume when the Library is open again.

FIBER NIGHT: Fiber Night will be on hiatus during the floor repairs

HOURS: Tuesday- 1 to 8 pm, Wednesday- 9 am to Noon, Thursday- 4 to 8 pm and Saturday- 9 am to 3 pm.

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**OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE**

The legal voters of the Town of Isle La Motte are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Isle La Motte Elementary School on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM to transact the following articles of business:

ARTICLE 1: Will the legal voters of the Town vote to apply any general fund surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

ARTICLE 2: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$45,850.00 to the Isle La Motte Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Town?

ARTICLE 3: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$2,020.00 to the Visiting Nurses Association?

ARTICLE 4: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$1,300.00 to the Northwestern Counseling & Support Services?

ARTICLE 5: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$700.00 to the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging?

ARTICLE 6: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$465.00 to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission?

ARTICLE 7: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$350.00 to the American Red Cross?

ARTICLE 8: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$375.00 to the Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corp.?

ARTICLE 9: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Champlain Islands Food Shelf?

ARTICLE 10: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$50.00 for Green Up Vermont?

ARTICLE 11: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$1,000.00 to Voices Against Violence, Laurie's House?

ARTICLE 12: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$100.00 to Vermont Adult Learning?

ARTICLE 13: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$14,500.00 to the Isle La Motte School for community use of the school building?

ARTICLE 14: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$500.00 to Franklin-Grand Isle United Way?

ARTICLE 15: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$500.00 to Friends of Northern Lake Champlain?

ARTICLE 16: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$250.00 to the Franklin Grand Isle Court Diversion program?

ARTICLE 17: Will the legal voters of the Town approve the sum of \$100.00 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force?

ARTICLE 18: Will the legal voters of the Town approve a sum of \$2,900.00 to the Cemetery Commission for restoration of graves?

ARTICLE 19: Will the legal voters of the Town approve a sum of \$1,000.00 to Island Arts?

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting and to discuss any article to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

The legal voters of the Town of Isle La Motte are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Isle La Motte Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM at which time the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers:

- Town Moderator
- Constable
- Town Clerk
- Town Agent
- Town Treasurer
- Cemetery Commissioner (3 yrs.)
- Selectboard (3 yrs.)
- Grand Juror
- Delinquent Tax Collector
- Trustee of the Public Funds (3 yrs.)
- Lister (3 yrs.)
- Auditor (3 years)

Article 2. Shall the legal voters of the Town approve a budget of \$367,924.00 as approved by the Selectboard to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town for 2015: \$256,881.00 to be raised by taxes, \$23,373.00 to be covered by General fund surplus, and \$87,670.00 by non-tax revenue?

Selectboard
Stephen Stata, Chair
Selby Turner
Rustam Spaulding

Received for record and posting this 21st day of January, 2015 at the Town Clerk's Office.

Attest: Betsy Howland, Town Clerk

**LEGAL NOTICE
GRAND ISLE DEVELOPMENT
REVIEW BOARD**

The Grand Isle Development Review Board will hold the public hearing(s) listed below in the meeting room of the Town Office, 9 Hyde Road. Applications may be inspected at the Town Office. Anyone wishing to have "Interested Party" status must participate at this hearing, either verbally or in writing, according to the criteria in Section 2.11 of the Town Bylaws.

Hearing: #03-15SPR & CU
Date/Time: Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:00 PM
Applicant: William Champagne
Property: 64 West Shore Road
Parcel ID#: 05-02-74.1
Description: Site Plan Review and Conditional Use for Agribusiness

Hearing: #04-15BA
Date/Time: Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:00 PM
Applicant: Thomas and Starr Lee McGregor
Property: 55 Adams School Road
Parcel ID#: 05-02-06.16
Description: Boundary Adjustment

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**Isle La Motte
News**

Anita Bruley

Submit news to:
avbruley14@hotmail.com

SNOW REMOVAL

Please be sure to clean out/around your mailboxes, this helps with snowplowing of the roads and mail delivery.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO VOTERS

The 2014 Annual Report of Town Officers can be viewed on the Town Website www.islelamotte.us or picked up in several locations in town.

Options for voters and other residents:

- Pick up your copy at the Town Hall, the Country Store, or the School. A box of reports is inside the front door of the Town Hall 24/7. Reports will also be available at Town Meeting.
- Call the Town Office at 928-3434 or e-mail islemotte@fairpoint.net to have a copy mailed to you.
- Go green and read the report online at www.islelamotte.us

SCHOOL NOTES

After the snow this past weekend, all the kids have enjoyed sledding, snowshoeing, skiing and all kinds of winter sports. On Tuesday the coach and teachers, and students Pre-K thru 6 grade spent time out on the snow shoeing trail. Everyone came back with rosy cheeks and happy as could be. Each grade went sledding during PE in the afternoon.

Scool vacation is right around the corner February 23 thru 27. Don't miss the Grand Isle County Chorus concert on March 4.

JOKE OF THE WEEK!

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PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <http://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members. To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible. To get a copy of a rule or make suggestions to the agency, call or write the contact person listed below. You may also comment on the proposal by writing the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (828-2231).

Notice of Potential Layoffs Act Rules.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 15P009
AGENCY: Dept. of Labor
CONCISE SUMMARY: The Rule sets out notice requirements for businesses subject to the Notice of Potential Layoffs Act and creates a process for administrative hearings.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Michael Hoyt, Department of Labor PO Box 488 Montpelier VT 05601-0488 Tel: 802-828-4204, Fax: 802-828-4022 Email: michael.hoyt@state.vt.us URL: <http://labor.vermont.gov/>.
FOR COPIES: Dirk Anderson Department of Labor PO Box 488 Montpelier VT 05601-0488 Tel: 802-828-4391 Fax: 802-828-4022 Email: dirk.anderson@state.vt.us.
Vermont Apprenticeship Council Rules.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 15P010
AGENCY: Dept. of Labor
CONCISE SUMMARY: The Rule sets forth labor standards to create standards for acceptable apprenticeship programs, promote apprenticeship opportunities, and safeguard the welfare of apprentices.
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Milton News

Lorinda A. Henry

Submit news to:
lamoillecounty@yahoo.com

TOWN CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 17- Selectboard Meeting to meet at 6 pm; Tuesday, February 24- Conservation Commission to meet at 6:30 pm; Thursday, February 26- Development Review Board from 7 to 9 pm and Monday, March 2- Selectboard Meeting starts at 6 pm.

2014-15 MILTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

Update – Due to the recent snow days of 12/10/2014 and 2/2/2015, the school year will be extended by two days. The last day of school for the Milton Town School District is now scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015. The last day of school, Monday June 15th, will be an early dismissal day. Grades K-5 will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Grades 6-11 will dismiss at 11:00 am.

Any additional changes (revisions, additions, deletions) will be reflected on the Milton Town School District webpage as they take place.

WINTER FESTIVAL

The 2nd Annual Spin-a-Thon for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will be put on in partnership with the UVM Campus Recreation and will be held at Gutterson, Room 217 on February 21, 2015 and will run from 9 am until 3 pm. There will be six (6) one hour sessions and 28 bikes available per session. There is a \$25 non-refundable deposit (per session) to register and reserve your space for this amazing event. For more information you can contact Debra Fraser at 802-881-7725 or at dfraser1@uvm.edu or crazyvtrunner@gmail.com. You can also visit the Campus Rec website at <http://www.uvm.edu/~recspts/?Page=specialevents/spinathon.html> There is a \$25 non-refundable deposit to register and reserve your space for this amazing event. To register go to web page: <http://pages.teamintraining.org/uny/yourway15/dfraser> and make a donation of \$25 - make sure you indicate in the message section that you are registering for the spin-a-thon. We will contact you to find out what session you would like to spin in.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RAFFLE

Milton Middle School's annual February Calendar Raffle is here. There are over \$2000 worth of prizes including ski tickets to Bolton Valley, gift certificates from area restaurants, hair salons, and garages and many other prizes. Purchase your calendar from your favorite Milton Middle School student or you can contact Joe Smith at jsmith3@mtsd-vt.org to purchase your calendar. All proceeds benefit the 8th Grade Boston trip.

MFCC would like to thank the MHS Interact Club for raising \$500 for the MFCC Food Shelf. The efforts of this group of dedicated youth leaders truly are making a difference for our community! Keep up the good work MHS Interact Club, you are an inspiration for many others!

WEEKLY AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TAX FORMS AVAILABLE: Tax forms are now available at the Milton Public Library, both state and federal.

STORY TIMES: All story times begin at 10 am. The story time schedule is: Mondays- Infant Story Time for zero to eighteen months; Tuesdays- Preschool Story Time for ages three to five and Fridays- Toddler Story Time for ages eighteen months to age three. All sessions include stories, songs and craft time with Mrs. Dulac.

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

February 17, 6 pm- One-on-One Computer Classes – sign up.

February 18, 1 pm- Bridge Club

February 18, 6 pm- One-on-One Computer Classes – sign up.

February 19, 1 pm- Daytime Handcrafters' Club

Come meet Cleo the Therapy Dog of Therapy Dogs of Vermont. For ages 3 & up. Cleo loves to have children read to her! February 21 from 10:30 until 11:30 am

March 2 and 6- Lego Club at 3:30 pm.

MOVIE MATINEES: Come and watch a movie with your friends on the big screen, snacks provided! Movie February 21, 2 pm and again during vacation on February 25 and March 2, also at 2 pm.

ADULT BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: This group meets once a month usually the first Thursday. The March book is *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova; the discussion will be March 5 at 7:00 p.m. Call to reserve a copy of the book.

BRIDGE CLUB: The weekly Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, from 1 to 3 pm, for friendly games; all levels are welcome, including beginners.

GROOVY LUNCH BUNCH

Milton's seniors enjoy meals at the Arrowhead Senior Citizens' Center twice a week; there will no longer be meals here at the Center on Mondays as the attendance has been so low. All meals and programs are sponsored by the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging and are held at the Milton Arrowhead Senior Citizens' Center unless otherwise noted. Seniors age 60 and over are welcome. Call Shirley early! at 893-1619 at least 25 hours ahead for reservations. A \$4.00 donation is appreciated. CVAA advocate in Julie Petersen at 865-0360 Or 1-800-642-5119. Mealsite co-ordinator is Karen Fitzgerald.

The menu for Friday, February 20 will feature Macaroni & Cheese, Harvard Beets, Rye Bread, and Pears. Wednesday, February 25 will feature Hearty Chicken Stew, Cole Slaw, Biscuit, and Gingerbread with Topping. Friday, February 27 will be Vegetarian Baked Ziti, Fresh Garden Salad, Italian Bread, and Raspberry Cake with Topping.

2nd Annual North Country Fire Protection Ice Fishing Derby



Don't miss the 2nd Annual North Country Fire Protection Ice Fishing Derby to be held February 28, 2015 and March 1, 2015. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at Dockside Outdoor Supply, 25 Raymond Road in Colchester.

The derby begins at 12:01 Saturday and fish must be weighed in at Dockside by 4 pm on Sunday. Eligible species are Northern Pike and Yellow

Perch. Prizes are \$250 for first place for each species; \$150 for second place and \$100 for third. Prizes will be awarded at 5 pm at Dockside. Also a 50/50 raffle and a drawing for a shanty will be awarded.

Fish must be caught in Lake Champlain. The deadline to enter the derby is February 27.

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St. Joseph, Isle La Motte- Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima, South Hero-

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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St. Amadeus Office 796-3481

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- Staying Strong in Vermont class at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh from 9:30 to 10:30 am.
- Foot Clinic at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh from 9:30 am to Noon.
- Story Time at the Alburgh Public Library starts at 10:30 am.
- Pizza with Grand Isle County Legislators at Mckees Island Pub and Pizza, South Hero starts at 6 pm.
- School Collaboration Study Public Meeting at North Hero School starts at 6 pm.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- Story Time at the Grand Isle Town Library starts at 10 am.
- Bingo at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh with doors open at 5 pm and games starting at 6:30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- Business Matters in the Islands Meeting at the Merchants Bank, South Hero from 8:30 to 10:30 am.
- Staying Strong in Vermont class at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh from 9:30 to 10:30 am.
- Zumba Gold at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh starts at 6:15 pm.
- Handcrafters' Night at the Alburgh Public Library starts at 6:30 pm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- Story Hour at the South Hero Community Library starts at 10 am.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Cardboard Duct Tape Sled Race on Fox Hill, Alburgh Springs with registration starting at 11 am; races start at Noon.
- Pool Tournament to benefit the Vermont Children's Hospital at the Swanton VFW with registration starting at 11 am; games start at Noon.
- Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department Chili Contest

at the Grand Isle School from Noon to 2:30 pm.

- Bridge Street Auction at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh starts at 6 pm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Sunday Afternoon Movie at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh starts at 3 pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Game Night at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh with kids and families from 5 to 7 pm and age fifteen and up from 6 to 9 pm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Staying Strong in Vermont class at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh from 9:30 to 10:30 am.
- Story Time at the Alburgh Public Library starts at 10:30 am.
- Learning Kitchen at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Story Time at the Grand Isle Town Library starts at 10 am.
- Free Tax Help with Community Action at the Alburgh Public Library from 10 am to 2 pm.
- February Vacation Family Movie at the Alburgh Public Library starts at 2 pm.
- Bingo at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh with doors open at 5 pm and games starting at 6:30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Staying Strong in Vermont class at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh from 9:30 to 10:30 am.
- Zumba Gold at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, Alburgh starts at 6:15 pm.
- Handcrafters' Night at the Alburgh Public Library starts at 6:30 pm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 2015 Vermont Flower Show at the Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont from 10 am to 6 pm.

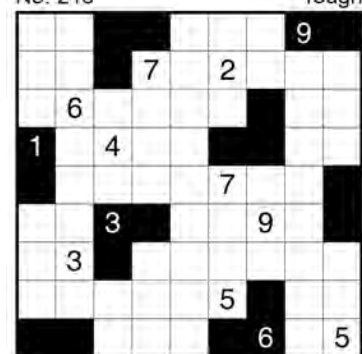
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Story Hour at the South Hero Community Library starts at 10 am.
- 2015 Vermont Flower Show at the Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont from 10 am to 6 pm.

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No. 215

Tough



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Previous solution - Medium



How to beat Str8ts

Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

SUDOKU

No. 215

Easy



The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Very Hard



To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28

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OPINION

Harborside Harvest Market: How Credit Card Fees Are Impacting You and Me

By: Todd Keyworth, of North Hero
Chairman Vermont Retail & Grocers Association.

When I bought my store I was well aware of how competitive retail business is, but I would have never thought that it can be unfair as well. I own and run the Harborside Harvest Market in North Hero. Most of the 600 residents know me and have visited my store. Otherwise, they have to travel 12 miles to shop at the nearest grocery store from our town.

Among the usual challenges of running a small business, outrageously high credit and debit card fees are exceptionally unfair and hurtful. Before you think this is just my problem, let me explain how these fees affect myself as well as my customers.

Every time someone uses their credit or debit card to pay, the bank that issued that card charges the merchant a fee, also known as a swipe fee. Despite advances in technology and a high volume of transactions, the cost of swipe fees has been going up ever since I started my business.

While it costs banks pennies to process a transaction, merchants are charged up to 4 percent of every purchase. That means that when you buy \$100 worth of groceries, banks takes as much as \$4.

The card issuers keep this quiet so many consumers do not know how badly retailers and merchants are mistreated and how it affects the prices of everything. While most businesses absorb the cost of swipe fees, many times they are forced to pass at least some of the cost onto the customers in form of higher prices. In the end, swipe fees cost an average American family over \$400 year!

Card fees have become my fourth-highest operating expense, after labor, rent and utilities and they are always larger than my profits — last year twice as large. Many of our Vermont business owners are in the same boat and for some swipe fees are the second-highest operating expense.

Outrageously unfair and exorbitant swipe fees are a huge burden and it gets harder every year to turn a profit and survive. The high cost of swipe fees takes away my ability to grow my business, hire people and, in my own, small way, boost the economy here in Vermont.

Think about this problem on a larger scale: retailers nationwide are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of swipe fees. Now we're talking about the national economy.

Research shows, for instance, that the Durbin Amendment, which cut debit card swipe fees by half, created 37,500 new jobs across the nation in its first full year and saved consumers almost \$6 billion.

Swipe fees in Europe are eight times lower thanks to measures that have introduced more competition and transparency into the credit card payment industry. Our local and federal lawmakers need to take action and limit swipe fees. Until then U.S. small businesses and consumers in small Vermont towns and across the country will be paying the price.

Maquam Bog Walk



Join volunteer Greg Simard for a walk into the Maquam Bog on Saturday, February 28 from 8 until 11 am. The Maquam Bog is a unique woodland/wetland bog habitat not found anywhere else in Vermont and in few other places in New England.

Winter conditions often provide an opportunity to walk this difficult terrain with relative ease, but will still require some degree of physical exertion and endurance. Snow shoes maybe necessary depending on snow depths in the bog.

The bog is a traditional whitetail deer wintering area and harbors snowshoe hare, short eared owls, mink, and Northern harriers.

The walk is dependent on weather and ground conditions. The walk is free of charge and available to all ages. Young children, however, may find this walk a bit challenging.

Interested participants should meet at the parking lot on Tabor Rd. signed as "Refuge Trails Parking" located on mile south of RT. 78 on Tabor Road in Swanton.

Please call the refuge as the walk date approaches 802-868-4781 to register and receive updates on the status of the walk.



To the Editor,
It's election time again and I happened to notice something that I thought worth passing along to other Grand Isle voters.

Currently we have as selectboard representatives: John

-JOBS-

Voices AGAINST VIOLENCE Laurie's House

Voices Against Violence works towards the elimination of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. The Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity / Voices Against Violence program seeks motivated professionals with a passion for our mission.

Advocate: We're looking for a highly motivated and responsible individual with the ability to relate to a wide variety of people in a non-judgmental, positive and competent manner to be responsible for providing direct support and advocacy services to survivors, coordinating services with other systems and community outreach. To apply to this 24 hr/wk position, please send a cover letter and resume to: vavadvocate@cvoeo.org

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After Hours Hotline Advocate: is responsible for responding to after hour hotline calls providing crisis intervention, support, advocacy and shelter requests; carrying a pager on a weekly basis; providing support and advocacy to those who seek services through the hotline; and responding to requests for shelter if room is available. This includes meeting victims and bringing them to the shelter, conducting intakes and supporting them as they settle in; responding to any after hour shelter emergencies, issues or conflicts as deemed necessary and appropriate. To apply to this on call position, please send a cover letter and resume to: vavhotline@cvoeo.org

Successful applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in a Human Service field (Social Work, Counseling...) or a combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and skills have been acquired is required. Knowledge of domestic and sexual violence; trauma informed; and experience working in a crisis oriented environment preferred. Must possess excellent interpersonal and collaborative skills while promoting the core values of the organization. A valid driver's license and access to a private vehicle is necessary. Willingness to work occasional evenings and weekends at events or meetings required.

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Review of applications begins immediately and will continue until suitable candidates are found.
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Lawrence - closely affiliated with the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department ("GIVFD") through family members; Adam White - current member of GIVFD; and, as lister - Susan Lawrence, closely affiliated with GIVFD through family members

Currently running for office are: Melissa Boutin; wife of current GIVFD Chief, Todd Boutin, running for Town Clerk; Bill Baron, current member and past Chief of GIVFD, running for Selectboard; Ross Pearl, member of GIVFD, running for Selectboard; and Wade Lawrence, member of GIVFD, running for position of lister

Regardless of each individual's qualifications and/or intent, I know that, should these four be successful in their candidacy, I will personally feel that the town office and selectboard are less like autonomous and effective representations of Grand Isle's general population and more like they are simply branches of the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department. Perhaps I am the only one that this would bother. Time, and final election results will tell. But, I did feel that it was an observation that should be shared with the voters of Grand Isle so that everyone can make an informed decision.

Karen Allen
Grand Isle

To the Editor,
EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Grand Isle residents are fortunate to have a highly qualified, experienced, professional willing to assume the position of Town Clerk and Treasurer and School District Clerk and Treasurer (two different positions on the ballot, historically served by the same person). Melissa Boutin has served as Assistant Clerk and Treasurer to the Town and School for the past 12 years. Melissa

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is familiar with the policies, practices, and procedures set forth by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. She certainly knows how these have been implemented and maintained in our Grand Isle Town office.

On a personal note, I have found Melissa Boutin to be a person of great integrity with a very deep concern for and commitment to her community. Professionally, she has a degree in accounting, and 25 years of experience working with small businesses and their accounting needs. She is a compassionate person with a desire and willingness to help all who seek her advice and assistance. Melissa, her husband and two boys have been members of our community for over 20 years. She knows our community's history and has a deep understanding of what steps we need to take as Grand Isle continues to grow.

Please vote for Melissa Boutin...she has earned our trust and respect. With Melissa there are no learning curves, no going backwards... only moving forward.

Every vote really does count, please vote early or vote at the Town office on March 3rd. Our community needs the knowledge, experience

and professionalism
Melissa Boutin will bring to the two positions.

On a final note, I would like to thank Cheryl Vantine, our current Town Clerk for her 12 years of service to our Grand Isle community. You will be missed.

Bev Noyes
Grand Isle



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REMEMBER
when....?

The Islands sure have changed over the years! City Bay in North Hero is pictured, year unknown. Do you have old photos you'd like to share of the days ago? Stop into the office with your hard copies Thursday through Saturday. You can also email your photos anytime to: islander@vermontislander.com

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ALBURGH- Beautiful 3 BR/3 BA year round home on 2+ acres with 250' directly on the lake. Nice bright, open floor plan. Walk out, partially finished & remodeled basement. Balcony, patio & deck overlooking the lake. Nice gradual access to water with seawall. 3 car garage. \$499,000.



SOUTH HERO- Many updates in this 2 BR/1.5 BA home. You'll love the private location with mature trees on 0.68 acre. Attached 1 car & detached 2 car garages. Family room, pellet stove & more. Offered at only \$205,000.



ESSEX- Well maintained duplex w/ many renovations. Village location on quiet dead end street. 2 units with excellent rental history, each with 2 BR's, HW floors and screened in porch. Big private backyard & 2 car garage. Perfect investment! \$299,000.



ST. ALBANS- Put your own modern touch on this charming 2 BR bungalow or keep the charm of yesterday. The metal roof is 10 years old, most windows have been replaced, town water & sewer. Clean, affordable & perfect for home or rental. \$119,600.



ST. ALBANS- Vintage Farm house w/many improvements. Screened porch & deck. Pond & berry established berry bushes & apple trees. Country living with 10 private acres but just minutes to downtown! \$239,900.



NORTH HERO- This 4 BR/2 BA yr-round home is perched on 2.23 acres w/200' of West Shore lake frontage & stunning Lake Champlain & Adirondack Mtn views. Near hiking trail. Only 45 minutes to Burlington & 1 hour to Montreal. \$325,000.



GRAND ISLE- Sunny, 1 level, 3 BR Cottage w/140' of direct lakefront w/panoramic lake & sunset views. Great place for entertaining! 17x15 deck right on the lake. Big 16x24 out-building for boat, kayaks, and water toys. Now \$275,000.



NORTH HERO- 2 direct lakefront, totally renovated, camps w/views of the Green Mountains. Perfect opportunity for family compound or friends to create years of memories together or as an investment property @ \$2,000 a week in the summer months. Large lawn & shale beach with a gradual slope to the water. Town water. \$369,900.



GRAND ISLE- Smartly designed 3 BR/2 BA Hillside Ranch features one level living & open floor plan. It's sited on 11 acres w/Green Mountain & Lake Champlain views and comes with a separate 1 BR Log Cabin. Sub-division potential. \$399,900.



NORTH HERO- Direct lakefront! 3 BR, fully furnished camp that comes with boat lift, dock, shed & extra storage. Neat & clean and in move in condition. One of the best fishing spots in the area. Town water. NOW \$165,000.



GRAND ISLE- Lake Champlain sunsets & Adirondack Mountain views from this "like new" condo for 55+ year olds. Many nice features such as granite countertops, hardwood floors, radiant heat, central air, gas fireplace & more. 2 garages. A must see at \$274,900.



ALBURGH- 3 BR/2 BA year round home on the shores of Lake Champlain. Large living room with gas stove. Nice screened porch. 2 car garage. 1.04 acres and 175' of lake frontage. Natural ramp to the lake. Only \$225,000.



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GRAND ISLE- Great 3 BR/2 BA home on 1.25 acres with 1/5th ownership to 130' of lake frontage. 3 car attached garage. Nice mixture of trees for privacy. Heated swimming pool. Lake views from your deck. \$359,000.



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