FEBRUARY INSPECTIONS DUE

Call Mitchel or Chris 379-6139 Route 3 & 314 South Hero

Essex United Soccer Club has openings in the following age groups for both girls and boys: U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16, U-19

Essex United teams participate in the Vermont Soccer League that begins play in April 2017. If interested, please contact Jill Lampron at registrar@essexunitedsoccer.org
Gov.-Elect Phil Scott Selects Flynn and Maksym for jobs

BY MIKE DONOGHUE

MONTPELIER – Republican Gov.-elect Phil Scott has called on two Grand Isle County residents to fill key positions in his new administration.

Joe Flynn of South Hero will be the Secretary for the Agency of Transportation. He will oversee those responsible for planning, development, implementation and maintenance of Vermont’s transportation infrastructure. Flynn is a former South Hero Volunteer Fire Chief and also a Selectboard member for five years. He also served with the Grand Isle County Sheriffs Department.

Martha Maksym of Grand Isle will serve as deputy secretary for the Agency of Human Services, which is considered the state’s largest agency. Human Services includes about a half dozen departments that often find themselves on the front pages of newspapers: the Department for Children and Families, Corrections, Health, Mental Health, Health Access, and Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living.

Maksym most recently has been the executive director of the newly merged United Way campaigns for Chittenden and Franklin/Grand Isle counties. She has worked for UW since 1994.

“My goal with each appointment is to identify strong leaders who will work tirelessly on behalf of all Vermonters and who understand the urgent need to grow our workforce and economy and make Vermont more affordable,” Scott said in making the announcement about Flynn and three others last week. Scott said his priorities are shared by Flynn and he brings “unique experience and perspectives” that will be a great asset.

In announcing Maksym and several other appointments last Friday Scott noted he was proud of the team he was building.

“We’ve brought in small business owners, nonprofit executives and community leaders, and we’ve retained or re-recruited public servants that have previously worked under both Republican and Democratic governors in Vermont, and in other states,” Scott said.

Salaries for Flynn and Maksym were not immediately disclosed.

Flynn, a 1977 graduate of St. Michael’s College, has held leadership positions in the Department of Public Safety since 2012, first as Director of Emergency Management and now as Deputy Commissioner. DPS involves state police, fire safety, criminal justice services, and emergency management and homeland security.

Flynn, 61, moved to DPS after serving two years in the Agency of Transportation as a director, and was part of the Agency’s Tropical Storm Irene response and recovery effort across 56 towns in southern Vermont. Flynn also worked in the Irene Recovery Office under the Agency of Administration from November 2011 to February 2012.

“As terrible as Irene was, it was one of the greatest times to be working there,” Flynn said. He said there were plenty of hard-working people trying to restore Vermont.

Flynn served as a deputy sheriff in Grand Isle County, initially in 2003 as a part-timer for Sheriff Connie Allen and starting in 2008 as a full-time officer for about 18 months. Flynn said he was sworn in again when Sheriff Ray Allen took over, but later left for state government work.

He was the town’s volunteer fire chief for about two years and was a member and chaired the North Country Fire School for many years.

Flynn and his wife, Karen McCloud have three-adult children: a daughter and two sons. He sits on the District 6 Environmental Commission, the Public Safety Broadband Network Commission, and is a trustee of Lyndon Institute.

Maksym said she did not apply for the deputy’s post, but had indicated that she was willing to serve in some capacity if needed. She said it came together quickly when incoming Commissioner Al Gobeille called her Dec. 14 and they met two days later.

They chatted a couple more times and Maksym had a meeting with Gov-elect Scott on Dec. 21. Two days later her appointment was announced.

Maksym, 56, helped oversee the merger of the two United Way campaigns into a single unit known as United Way of Northwest Vermont effective April 2016. Before her 22 years at UW, she was executive director of Green Mountain Prevention Projects.

Maksym said she hopes to be able to take some of the things she has learned about social issues facing clients of United Way members to a statewide level.

“It was a very bitter sweet opportunity for me. The work at United Way has been incredible,” said Maksym, who lives with her husband Bill and their son, who is in college.

Maksym has both an undergraduate degree and master’s degree from the University of Vermont. She also is a graduate of the Snelling Center’s Vermont Leadership Institute and also completed the Creating Healthy Communities national fellowship sponsored by the American Hospitals Association.

She serves on the Board of Directors at the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, Vermont Health Foundation and Vermont Commons School.
PUBLISHER SAYS GOODBYE

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Now our summer days are filled with exciting events from Island Arts, the Fisk Farm, Knight Point State Park, Snow Farm Winery and many more fine groups and sites. Organizations like C.I.O.E.R. provide vital services in the area.

I never wrote many editorials while Publisher because I generally believed my opinion should not carry a lot more weight than my neighbors. However, I am gravely concerned, especially with the incoming Trump Presidential Administration, about First Amendment rights, particularly Freedom of the Press.

Who will be the “Watchdog of Government” if we do not have newspapers?

Some of the finest journalistic work through the last few decades have been through newspapers. Now they are being squeezed by the Internet which spews stories of dubious content with no fact-checking; sometimes stooping to actual falsehoods from fake websites and bogus sources. Other visual media are being consolidated into a few corporations. Radio news died decades ago and TV news is following suit.

The country has an incoming administration which disdains journalists, particularly for their fact checking and investigating issues for accountability. We have a President-elect who would rather Tweet and hide his background from a press. The press has always held Presidents accountable for their actions.

We as citizens must address this deteriorating situation and make sure a Free Press at no time disappears from this country. The flow of information should never be censored.

Again, I thank everyone. See you at the Post Office.

Editor’s Note: As noted in The Islander earlier this month, longtime Publisher George Fowler is retiring and is selling the weekly newspaper to longtime employee Tonya L. Poutry effective after this issue on Dec. 28, 2016.

Local Mentor Finalist for Mentor of the Year Award

David Graham of Grand Isle County Mentoring Program is 1 of 9 finalists for the 2017 Vermont Mentor of the Year award.

Voting for the statewide award is done by the general public through Jan. 8. Anybody can submit a vote by checking www.mobius-mentors.org/comcastmentoroftheyear. Full nominations for each candidate are on the website and the ballot is at the bottom.

Comcast will present the award to the winning mentor at Mobius’ annual Mentoring Celebration at the Statehouse later in the month, organizers said. The award is a part of Mobius’ annual celebration of Vermont Mentoring Month each January.

Graham was nominated for his service as a mentor for the past two years with his mentee Jacob.

“They have a wonderful relationship,” said Karen Brown, director of the Grand Isle County Mentoring Program.

“Jacob is a budding naturalist and David has nurtured that interest. Last summer they felt they wanted to continue to meet so they decided to add community-based mentoring to their relationship. David and Jacob meet during the week in school as part of Grand Isle County Mentoring and then on weekends under Spectrum Mentoring,” she wrote.

They have had an opportunity to do community service together at the local town park. Jacob says, “I like talking with David and hanging out with him.” Graham said he likes having someone to share his interests and that he is learning from Jacob.

Grand Isle County Mentoring describes itself as a school-based mentoring program, which matches community children with adults who have similar interests. They meet once a week for 1 hour in the school at a mutually convenient time and develop a relationship. During their time together they participate in many activities - they have had an opportunity to do community service together at the local town park. They have had an opportunity to do community service together at the local town park. They have had an opportunity to do community service together at the local town park.

Type of mentoring relationships: Adult-to-Child, 1:1, Long-term, School-Based

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pages/Grand-Isle-County-Mentoring-Program/512263955562782

Snowbird Food Drop

The South Hero Congregational Church announced this week a food drive to collect nonperishable food and household goods from campers, summer residents and tenants who might otherwise throw out items rather than take them back home. All nonperishable food items and household goods will be placed at Grand Isle Food Shelves for distribution.

The food drive is throughout Grand Isle County with collection bins at sites at all five town clerk offices and at campgrounds including Grand Isle State Park, Skyland Campground and Apple Tree Bay in South Hero and Lakehurst in Isle LaMotte. Collection bins have bright green lids with “Snowbird Food Drop” and a snowbird character depicted on the lid. For collection pick-up please call 802-372-6550.

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**ALBURGH**

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Deadline Noon every Saturday

**TOWN CLERK TID-BITS**

By Donna Bohannon

PICTURES WANTED: Town reports will be going out in a mid-February and we are looking for pictures for the cover. If you have a photo or some artwork that you would like to see on the cover, please send it to Town of Alburgh, 1 North Main St Suite #1, Alburgh, VT 05440, email it to townofalburgh@fairpoint.net or drop it off at the office.

All submissions will be viewed and considered. One lucky entrant will see their submission on the cover of the Town report.

ALBURGH ICE RINK: Thanks to the fantastic team of volunteers, including the ABC group, Alburgh Rec Committee, Islands in the Sun Senior Center, the Town of Alburgh, the Alburgh Volunteer Fire Department and all of the individuals that helped out in any capacity, the ice skating rink is up, flooded and ready to be skated on. Mother Nature has been much more cooperative this year and that has made getting it ready before Christmas a doable task. If you don’t have your own skates, there are quite a few pairs in various sizes available to be loaned out. They can be signed out at the Senior Center when someone is there. The project for this year, once permission is granted from the Selectboard, is a warming shack next to the rink. If this happens, the skates will be housed there for anytime access. The rink is a fantastic addition to our wonderful little Town. It is a place to go for fun, exercise and socialization. If you haven’t been there yet, grab your skates and head over to the Senior Center. The rink is waiting for you.

**VILLAGE CLERK NOTES**

By Aimee Gotshall

WATER EMERGENCIES: When the Village has water emergencies, notifications will be placed on the radio & television stations, Facebook, the Town/ Village website, VT alert and The Islander’s facebook page.

VT ALERT- The Village will be utilizing VT Alert to get emergency notifications out to consumers. Such notifications will include water main breaks, boil water notices, road closures, emergency shelters, etc. These notifications can be received by email, cell phones and landlines. If you would like to receive these alerts, please fill out a form by stopping by the library, the Village Office or by visiting www.alburghvt.org under the Village Office tab. Completed forms can be dropped off to the Village Office, faxed or emailed to villageofalburgh@fairpoint.net. If you are outside of the Village, you can enroll to receive these alerts at www.vtalert.gov.

Mark Your Calendar: 1/2- Village Office is closed for the observance of New Year’s Day. 1/3- Village Trustee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Office Conference Room.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - January 1 is “The first blank page of a 365 page book, write a good one” - Brad Paisley.

**South Hero**

Send your South Hero News, tips, story ideas to islander@vermontislander.com

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**SOUTH HERO REAPPRAISAL 2019**

There are property owners on Sweeney Farm Road, Ferry Road, Whipple Road, Sunset View Road all interested in what we have not seen for the 2019 re-appraisal. We have sent cards with no response, we are unable to find phone numbers so PLEASE call the Town Office at 802-372-5552 to make an appointment.

**Isle La Motte**

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

By Tom Tregan, Principal

Our students, parents and community gathered on Dec. 15 for the annual Holiday Concert. Amazing and Awesome are a couple of words that describe the concert under the direction of seasoned music educator Frank Langr. Our students sang enthusiastically as well as led the community in several holiday season favorites, demonstrating their vocal and instrumental talents. The students are to be congratulated for their efforts and their success. Mr. Langr certainly set a high bar, prepared them well and the students met the challenge. Also appreciated were the efforts of Ms. Blain and her art students who decorated the multi-purpose room for the event. The evening was capped off by great and much appreciated desserts as provided by our PTO.

We are also thankful for several grants and donations that have been offered our school. In particular, substantial contributions were received by ILMCO ($750 dollars), our PTO ($500) and the Isle La Motte Recreation Department ($250) covering the transportation costs for our grade 3 through 6 students ski trips. These trips to Titus Mountain will occur on Friday afternoon’s in partnership with North Hero School. This activity would not be possible without these generous contributions.

Other significant grants received include a $500 grant from the Crossroads Travel Center in Alburgh through the efforts of owner Paula Whitcomb. These funds will be spent on activities designed to promote math and science for students. Kris Luce is also recognized for procuring the Allstate Community Grant of $500 dollars which will provide for a worthy activity that could not otherwise occur.

Our students continue to enjoy the meals as provided by Ms. Sam of the Abbey. Her kitchen has most recently been upgraded due to a donation from St. Anne’s Shrine of a stove and griddle. This donation of some slightly used equipment allowed us to replace a stove which had seen its better days. This will also expand her ability to provide some additional home cooked style meals. Most recently the Abbey has also received a fresh fruits and vegetable grant which will add additional choices for our student meals.

Our School Board has been working diligently to prepare a budget supportive of education and reflective of the needs of the tax payer. Please consider attending a Board meeting in the future to share your opinion.

Each day we continue to offer an “intervention block” of 30 minutes where students work at specific skills not yet mastered or enrichment. This has proven to be a useful time well spent and students are meeting with success. The philosophy for this block of time is “all hands-on deck” with all staff participating in some fashion. In addition to ILM employees we have Mrs. King, GISU Title One Instructor and Ms. Grube, GISU Curriculum and Technology Director providing talent and expertise.

When we return in January our Art Club will be expanded to include all students from Kindergarten through grade 6. That said, it is still required that a permission slip is completed and returned. If you have not done so and would like your child to attend on Friday’s please contact Mrs. Larvey to obtain the form.

I wish all a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year and appreciate your concern, attention to your children and their regular attendance in school. These elements are critical to the success of children.

Upcoming Events: Jan. 16, District In-service day, No School for Students; Feb. 25 through March 5, Winer Recess; March 8, NAEP testing, Grade 4.

The annual Holiday Concert directed by Frank Langr was a big success for the students of the Isle La Motte School. Great job!
**Isle La Motte Historical Society Stone Schoolhouse Museum Capital Campaign**

By Barbara Callahan

The Historical Society Campus is buttoned up for the winter. The officers and board members of the Society want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all members and friends that contributed cash and time to the Stone Schoolhouse restoration work. It is complete; with a new roof, new track lighting to enhance our exhibits, new windows, freshly painted interior walls and ceiling and refinished floor, exposing its historical patina. In addition, capital campaign funds were used to purchase new electrical and track lighting to illuminate our exhibits in the Frances Ford Slab-Log Cabin and to install motion sensor exterior lighting on the Yohe Conservation Barn. We also want to extend a grateful thanks to the foresight of our past Society members that voted to purchase the Stone Schoolhouse and its campus in 1932. I think you will find the following excerpt of their meeting of interest.

“A special meeting of the Isle LaMotte Historical Society was held at the home of Mrs. Skeels on Thursday evening Sept. 1, 1932. Eighteen members were present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Skeels. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and decide upon the possible purchase of the Stone Schoolhouse at the South end of the island by the Historical Society. Mr. William A. Hill reported that the purchase of the schoolhouse had been suggested two years ago, that now the residents want it if the price is reasonable. The town has already authorized the Selectmen to sell the schoolhouse. Mr. Hill had discussed the purchase with the Selectmen and found them favorably inclined. Mr. Hill suggests offering them $200-part payment down and the remainder later. He considers the building historically good, and the location, well not as central as might be desired, fairly satisfactory. Mrs. Skeels reported that the majority of the Selectmen approved the plan. The property was described as approximately an acre bounded by the two Roads, an iron marker and the schoolhouse. Land was originally set aside for school purposed. In the town records, it is not recorded as authorized. Mrs. Montgomery does not know how the land was obtained. Boundaries indicate that it was part of the Gilbear property. Mr. Trombley, Mrs. Doolin, Miss Ritchie and Mrs. Hill all spoke in favor as giving the society something for which to work. Miss Richie reminded them that the library has been started with twenty-five cents. Mr. Start offered his aid with architecture and work. He favored removing the (wood) shed as main part would then show better. Plans for a fireplace for the east end.”

The residents (past, present and seasonal) of Isle La Motte have entrusted the Historical Society with the care of, and protection of our common legacy and with the opportunity to educate visitors to the campus about the island’s history. Please plan to visit the campus in the summer of 2017 and enjoy renovated Stone Schoolhouse.

We also want to once again extend our appreciation to all those who contributed to the Society’s Capital Campaign. A total of $13,098 of the 45,000 total budget was raised. In this Holiday Season and as the end of 2016 draws near, so too our Capital Campaign for the Stone Schoolhouse Restoration Project. If possible, please support our continuing effort to maintain and enhance the Campus with a 100% tax deductible donation to the Isle La Motte Historical Society, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 18, Isle La Motte, VT 05463. If further information is needed, please contact Barbara Callahan at 802-928-3248.

*Historical information taken from: Sept. 1, 1932 Special Meeting of Isle La Motte Historical Society.
Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy 2017.

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**Police: Grand Isle Man Faces Charge of Assault on Deputy**

By MIKE DONOGHUE

GRAND ISLE – A Grand Isle County deputy sheriff was attacked by a local man after the officer responded to an emergency call seeking help for a possible drug overdose complaint, authorities said.

Stephen E. Corron, 37, of Grand Isle is facing criminal charges of assaulting a deputy sheriff and resisting arrest for the incident at 24 Lakeview Road in Grand Isle about 9:34 p.m. Friday, state police said.

Sgt. Brandon Allen of the Grand Isle County Sheriffs Department and Grand Isle Rescue initially responded to the residence for the emergency services request, Sheriff Ray Allen said.

Trooper Nathaniel Quealy said state police were alerted about an assault in progress and determined Sgt. Allen had been attacked by Corron. He then proceeded to resist arrest, but eventually subdued, police said.

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**They Were Blind and Now Can See**

It is getting so that the medical community is surprising us with new cures at an increasingly fast pace these days, per the Association of Mature American Citizens.

The most recent “medical miracle” was reported recently in the journal, Ophthalmology. A group of researchers were able, not only to restore the sight of the blind victims of trauma, the patients wound up with 20/20 vision to boot.

Researchers at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, the Kresge Eye Institute at Wayne State University in Detroit, and the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute in India said the procedure involved the removal of tissue behind the lenses of the patients’ eyes and replacing it with a saline solution.

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**Martin and Parker Fill North Hero Selectboard**

By MIKE DONOGHUE

NORTH HERO- Jim Martin and Harry Parker have been appointed to fill two vacancies on the North Hero Selectboard.

The Selectboard named Parker to fulfill the seat of Evan Potvin, who resigned for family and business reasons. Martin replaces Chairman Andre Quinn, who resigned for personal reasons. The Selectboard voted to appoint Eileen Mitchell as the new chairman and Todd Keyworth as the new vice chairman.

Martin and Parker will serve until the annual Town Meeting on March 7, according to Keyworth.

Four seats will be up for grabs in March. Parker and Martin have indicated they would like to continue on the board and both expect to seek election in March.

Keyworth, who is serving a 3-year term, and Mitchell, who is serving a 2-year term, are both expected to seek re-election in March.

The fifth board member in the town of 810 residents, Ben Joseph, won a 3-year term last March.

Joseph, who was elected in November as one of two state representatives for the Grand Isle County-West Milton legislative district, has said he wants to continue to serve on the Selectboard if time permits. He begins his legislative duties in Montpelier in January.

The Selectboard thanked the other candidates that expressed interest in filling the two seats: Joe Poquette, Larry Dupont, Joseph Light and former Selectboard members Robert Rousseau and Marie Kilbride.
Several trained volunteers will be on hand to prepare 2016 tax year beginning Jan. 23 to April 14, 2017. Gram for low and middle-income taxpayers for the older and their spouse regardless of age. Payment that are homebound. The suggested contribution is Main Street. Meals may be ordered a day in advance operate Monday through Friday. Locally there is one -nior fitness, knitting, bingo, pinochle and poker, crib- Wii Bowling, Zumba Gold, Stained glass making, se- and connected forests and waters to weather win- the secret world of wild animals that can otherwise-"You do not have to be an expert to start look- As we charge towards 2017 we take pause to think about hopes for the future. It is easy to think about what is to come, but just as we instruct our students when the topic of history is the charge of the day, if we do not look back at the past and learn from its lessons we are doomed to repeat its mistakes. At this moment though, I want to take a minute to look back at recent past in a way that is reflective of a community that is truly small, but mighty. During this month of December our community came together for events, raised each other’s spirits, and gave from the heart in ways that was selfless and important. I am inspired by the quiet acts that will never reach the headline news. It is these acts that will have given the gift of hope on Christmas morn- ing. It was the kind gesture of the local shop owner, the first responder, the community leader and many, many more. We are thankful for the acts of the others. We can admire the giving. We admire the selfless acts. We can strive to keep this spirit all year long.

North Hero is a small community, filled with per- sonality. The most admirable trait, that may be the easiest to overlook, is the spirit of giving and hope that Golden Eagle is a true champion of. I am hon- ored to have been a witness to this awesome Decem- ber. Joy to the world!

Fresh Snow Provides Wildlife Tracking Opportunities

The bountiful snowfall in Vermont’s woods provides ample opportunities to head outdoors looking for signs of wildlife. Snowshoers, skiers and other winter adventurers are encouraged to keep an eye on the snow for tracks this time of year.

While most wild animals are elusive and difficult to spot, fresh snow can be a rare opportunity to wit- ness the abundant nature. A recent survey conducted by a national polling firm, 98 percent of Vermonters expressed the importance of knowing that Vermont’s native wildlife populations are healthy, even in communities that they never visit.

“Winter provides a unique chance to glimpse into the secret world of wild animals that can otherwise remain hidden,” said Alison Thomas, education coordi- nator for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. “I have taken novices out tracking in the snow and I am always amazed at how excited they are to re- alize that wildlife is all around us. It makes the other- wise quiet and seemingly empty forest come alive for them.”

Thomas says that tracking wildlife can also be a great way for people to understand the importance of habitat conservation. “Seeing tracks in the snow confirms that wildlife really is out there using the landscape, even if we do not always see it, and illus- trates that it is our responsibility to protect that habitat,” she said.

Thomas encourages Vermonters to submit track- ing photos on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Depart- ment Facebook page for help identifying difficult tracks, or if they find something interesting or un- usual.

“Do you not have to be an expert to start look- ing for tracks,” added Thomas. “Even deer or turkey are easy to spot and identify in fresh snow. And a moose’s tail dragging through the soft snow always gives it away.”

Several resources are available for Vermonters interested in learning more about wildlife tracks. A DVD titled “Wildlife Tracks in Snow: A Vermont Workshop” is available throughout the winter that are geared towards fami- lies and for adults. And Keeping Track is a nonprof- it that runs trainings and workshops, in addition to having books and other wildlife tracking resources for sale on their website.
Former Grand Isle County Treasurer Slow Making Embezzlement Restitution

By MIKE DONOGHUE

NORTH HERO — Former Grand Isle County Treasurer Theresa “Terri” Blow, who was convicted of embezzling more than $100,000, has started to make her court-ordered restitution, but the money is coming back very slowly.

Blow, 66, has paid $20,060 in restitution to the county, according to figures included in financial statements shared during the recent annual Grand Isle County preliminary budget hearing.

A federal judge ordered Blow in February 2015 to serve 32 months and one day in prison for her part in stealing from three entities: Grand Isle County Court-house, the Champlain Islands Parent-Child Center in South Hero and from the office of David Carter, a local lawyer. Blow also was told she could not open any credit card or new accounts without notice to the federal probation office.

Blow began her prison sentence in March 2015 at the Federal Correctional Institution for Women in Danbury, Connecticut. She was released from prison Jan. 22, 2016.

Federal Judge William K. Sessions ordered $47,077 of the $117,338 restitution order to go to Grand Isle County to repay taxpayers. About 10 days before Blow’s February 2015 sentencing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Waples wrote in a court memo that Blow “has not paid a single dime toward restitution.”

The $67,861 owed the parent-child center almost forced the non-profit to close, officials said. Carter is owed $2,400, the judge said.

Blow told the judge at her sentencing she “will do everything to repay.” Blow never said during any court hearings what she did with the stolen money only that it was “taken out of desperation.”

Court records show most of the embezzled money came from checks Blow issued without authorization to herself or to the financially ailing construction business, Prowood Inc., operated by her husband. He was never charged.

The county has received two small checks as of the county budget hearing, County Clerk Chris Miller told The Islander that night.

Judge Sessions told Blow she would be required to pay 10 percent of any earnings she makes into the restitution fund ordered by the court.

Blow is believed living back in Grand Isle County since her release from prison a year ago. Attempts by The Islander to reach Blow were unsuccessful.

Grand Isle County is mandated for an audit again this year and it is adding about $5,000 to the proposed 2017-18 budget to cover it.

Assistant Judge Joanne Batchelder noted the past audits mandated by the state failed to uncover the embezzlement.

Batchelder and Assistant Judge Sherri Potvin uncovered the deception on their own in late March 2014 while going over some budget figures. Potvin told the Burlington Free Press in 2014 that the judges ran some budget reports that showed the county had plenty of money, but the bank statements did not match.

The judges ordered a forensic audit of county finances and investigation showed a potential $40,000 loss for county taxpayers, Potvin said.

Blow was then placed on unpaid administrative pay, had served as the part-time county treasurer from about 2009 until March 2014. She also had both full-time and part-time stints for Carter between about 1999 and March 2014.

Blow never resigned her post and eventually her appointment ran out Feb. 1, 2015.

Grand Isle County taxpayers and the child center spent $14,000 in legal and accounting fees to get to the bottom of the Blow case, a prosecutor said at the time.

Last week U.S. Attorney Eric Miller told The Islander Blow appears to have made some minimal payment from her prison job while at Danbury.

He said it is up to the U.S. Probation Office during her 3 years of supervised release to pursue collections. Court records show she paid the clerk’s office $200 in November.

Eric Miller said it was unclear to him how any restitution might be split up among the three victims.

The chief federal prosecutor said once Blow is discharged from supervised release, the U.S. Attorney’s Office will have a civil judgment against her to make further collections.

“Bells Merrily a’ Ringing”
Northern Bronze January Concerts

Get the new year off to a great start by acquainting yourself with a musical genre you may have overlooked: Handbells! “Bells Merrily a’ Ringing” is the theme of Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble’s exciting January concert tour. This group of fourteen talented musicians offers handbell music of the season to warm hearts during the cold winter month of January. Familiar tunes such as Carol of the Bells, Feliz Navidad, Deck the Halls and Parade of the Tin Soldiers will delight young and old alike. Ringers from the Islands include Bobbie Rambach from North Hero, Diantha Howard from Grand Isle and Dolf and Mary Jane Wirsing from South Hero. Tickets are available at the door. $12 adults; $8 children under 12.

Performances will be Friday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church and Sunday, Jan. 8 at 3 p.m. Location: Ascension Lutheran Church, 95 Allen Road, South Burlington and St. James Episcopal Church, 4 St. James Place, Essex Junction.

Videotaping Meetings Begins in South Hero

By MIKE DONOGHUE

SOUTH HERO — It appears the South Hero Selectboard meetings will be videotaped by Lake Champlain Access TV.

LCATV was on hand to videotape the special board meeting last Monday and will post the video on its website so resident who are unable to attend will be able to watch either at specific times on the access channel or on the channel’s website: www.lcav.org.

The plan is for Selectboard meetings in the New Year to be captured as LCATV expands its reach in Grand Isle County.

Some Selectboard members had balked about having the meetings -- which can be testy at times -- recorded in any format. Selectboard member George Rice has been the most vocal this year about having an accurate record of board meetings.

The issue appears to have come to a head Nov. 28 when the Selectboard was unable to agree on minutes for a Nov. 14 meeting. In the end the board failed to approve a proposed draft of minutes for the meeting.

A version of unapproved minutes remain on the town website.

The videos are designed to provide an accurate and historic capture of town business. Most other Vermont towns and school districts have some kind of audio or video recording. They either record their own meetings, which become public records under Vermont law, or seek it through a local cable TV access channel.

In other action, the Selectboard approved the new Development Review Board and appointed residents to fill the seats.

Seven people will serve as regular DRB members. Two others will serve as alternates to help the board ensure a quorum at meetings when some regular members are out of town or unavailable.

Seven selections are current zoning board or planning commission members.

Candidates were interviewed in open session and explained why they wanted to be on the board. Follow ing a 19-minute closed-door session the Selectboard returned to open session to appoint the following: Doug Patterson, planning commission, Tim Maxham, zoning, chair, Ross Brown and Sherry Corbin, both zoning members; Paula Delano, zoning board clerk; and Nate Hayward and Gareth Hunt, local residents.

The alternates are James Baker, a zoning member, and Robert Krebs, who is retiring from the state legislature.

Rice moved for the Selectboard to adopt a Town of South Hero Resolution forming the DRB and naming the individuals with staggered terms (1, 2 or 3 years) for members, effective Jan. 1.

The new DRB will assume the site plan and subdivision review responsibilities previously reviewed by the Planning Commission. The planning commission will focus on long-range planning for development in the town.

Patterson will serve on both boards in an effort to provide continuity.

The DRB reviews are not expected to start until February at the earliest.

A mandatory training session for the new DRB members will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 11. DRB members from other towns in the county have been invited to attend.

The Selectboard continued to hear budget requests from town departments, committees and groups. No final decisions were made.

Chief Kim Julow of South Hero Volunteer Fire Department was among those making requests at the meeting.

Julow said the $82,800 budget is down from the current year because a bond on a fire truck has been paid off.

Jan Marinelli of the Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation requested $1,600, which is up $100 from the current budget. LCIDC tries to support Grand Isle County businesses.

The South Hero Recreation Commission is seeking $11,000 – the same as last year, according to its chairman David Hobbs.
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Holiday Meal Feeds Community and Stocks Food Shelf Shelves

SOUTH HERO- It is wonderful to see cars overfilling the parking lot at the Isle of Patmos Lodge #17 for breakfasts and dinners. Vehicles lining South Street to enjoy meals with neighbors, meeting new people and see the hard work of a group that has been supporting the islands community since 1891.

The latest community offering, a free holiday dinner, was held Friday, Dec. 16. As many as seventy people enjoyed the home-cooked meal celebrating the season.

The Mason’s began offering community meals in mid-2016 after a hiatus. Besides helping to raise funds to support the organization, the meals have allowed the Mason’s to request donations of food for the Grand Isle Food Shelf collecting non-perishables at each meal.

The generosity of the community enabled representatives of the Mason’s to make a donation of 400 pounds of food along with a monetary donation of $500.

"This will help those in need, especially during the holidays and this harsh time of year. We thank everyone that has supported the meals and our campaign to assist the Grand Isle Food Shelf," member Mike Santor told The Islander.

"With the weather rather crisp, it was warming to see so many people able to enjoy the evening out with good company and good food," he said of the latest event.

If you have not had a chance to enjoy a meal at the Masonic Lodge yet, mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 7. Carrot cake pancakes will be featured. It will also be the last time until December of 2017 to try gingerbread pancakes. Serving begins at 7:30 a.m.

On Friday, Jan. 20, beat the cabin fever blues by heading to the Lodge for a Pulled Pork BBQ Dinner, between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts Spread Holiday Cheer at the Round Barn

GRAND ISLE- Cub Scout Pack 528, brought extra holiday cheer to residents of the Round Barn Monday, Dec. 19. Ten Cub Scouts and parents brought a Christmas tree to brighten up the community room.

They decorated it with lights, reindeer and star ornaments they made just for the special occasion. Christmas carols were sung and holiday treats were shared at the joyous event.

Featured Program
MINDFULNESS TOOLS FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS

Thursday, January 19 to March 2
5:30 to 6:00 pm
Open to the public.

Lodgings: PMC Center, Stimson Library Center
Pre-Registration Required: Contact Faith DeLeo at 802-527-1791
Fee: $20

Living Healthier

Maternity

BREASTFEEDING AND YOU

Tuesday, December 5
12:00 to 1:30 pm

Attend a free breastfeeding class where you learn about breastfeeding and any questions you may have. It is strongly recommended that you attend both classes.

Location: PMC Family Birth Center Conference Room

PRENATAL FITNESS

Every Wednesday 6:30 to 7:15 pm

Provided by: Northwest Health Network

Featuring: Keela Filmov, PAFA

Location: PMC Wellness A & Fitness Room

Pre-Registration Required: Call 802-687-3141

Breastfeeding Moms Group

1st Wednesday of Each Month
10:30 am to 12 pm

Meet once a month for exercise, cooking activities, maternal baby care, and get information from the experts.

Location: NCDH Family Center

Pre-Registration Required: Call 802-453-0511

Breastfeeding and Infant Massage Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
9:30 to 11:30 am

Join other moms and babies to learn more about breastfeeding and pumping. Register for the workshop.

Location: Stimson Library

Lactation Connection Group

3rd Saturday of Each Month
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Learn about breastfeeding and share your stories. Enjoy light refreshments and support from other families.

Location: NCDH Family Center

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A Christmas Story

The story of the three kings who followed a star to find the baby Jesus when He was born in Bethlehem may not be accurate, suggests the Association of Mature American Citizens. The folks at AMAC spotted a report that it may have been an exceptionally rare celestial phenomenon that the wise men saw.

Professor Grant Matthews of Notre Dame University says he researched numerous biblical and historical texts focused on astronomy and concluded that it was a planetary alignment that happened in the year 6 B.C. and that may never be seen again.

“The Magi would have seen this in the east and recognized that it symbolized a regal birth in Judea,” Mathews says in a report published on the Web site phys.org.

Auxiliary Raises $5000 to Support Grand Isle Fire Department

GRAND ISLE - Co-chairs of the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Diane Cota at left and Rachael Griggs on right, were pleased to present a check in the amount of $5,000 to Chief Todd Boutin at the Monday, Dec. 19 Selectboard meeting to support fire department operations.
MILTON TOWN CALENDAR
Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 4 to 5 p.m., Economic Development Commission; Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m., Recreation Commission; Thursday, Jan. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m., Development Review Board.

MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
The library will be closed at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31 and closed on Monday, Jan. 2.

The Milton Public Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 to 4 p.m. Phone 802-893-4644 to sign up for events or for more information. Website at http://www.miltonlibraryvt.org/

GROOVY LUNCH BUNCH
Milton’s seniors meet each Wednesday for fun, friendship and food. 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 802-893-1619 and cancel by Monday afternoon if possible. A $4 donation is appreciated. CVAA advocate is Julie Petersen at 802-865-0360 or 1-800-642-5119.

MILTON RECREATION RECEIVES GRANT
Milton Recreation was proud to attend the Building Communities Grants Ceremony at the Vermont State House on December 13 and honored to receive an $11,000 grant to help revitalize the Ice Rink/Basketball Court in Bombardier Park West. The grant is much appreciated by the town.

The Recreation Committee spends a lot of time scurrying around finding and sponsoring programs that enrich life in Milton. It is pleased to remind you that the Winter & Spring 2017 Program Guide will be released on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

ON TAP IN RECREATION
There are a lot of great recreation events coming up in the new year. Check them out online or when you get your new Program Guide. Something for everyone. As always, some scholarship funds are available.

Story Walk, Drawing with Young Rembrandts, STEM Exploration, Zumba, Quilting, Pick-Up Basketball, Tai Chi for preventing falls, Sign Language for Little Ones are just some of the offerings in January.

Local Musicians to Perform Ode to Joy: Beethoven’s 5th Symphony
The Green Mountain Mahler Festival presents its seventh annual performance of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony on Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe and on New Year’s Day at 3 p.m. at the Elley-Long Music Center in Colchester. The pair of concerts will feature vocal soloists Stefanie Weigand, Linda Radtke, Kevin Ginter and Erik Kroonke, along with more than 120 members of the Green Mountain Mahler Festival Orches-
tra and Chorus, all under the direction of conductor Daniel Bruce with chorusmaster Matthew LaRocca.

As part of the New Year celebration, these performances have continued to be a memorable experience for local performers and audience members alike. Island resident musicians Ben Joseph, Jan Little and Ruby Brezinski are performing in the orchestra this year.

Proceeds from the Jan. 1 concert in Colchester will again benefit the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program. Last year’s ticket sales brought in $7,000 for this project outreach.

Past beneficiaries have included the Vermont Family Network and the Visiting Nurse Association. Please join us New Year’s Day to hear Beethoven’s timeless Symphony #9 and its message of community and brotherhood. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the Festival website www.vtmahler.org. The Green Mountain Mahler Festival is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization.

Location: Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Drive, Stowe and Elley-Long Music Center, 223 Ethan Allen Avenue, Colchester.

Grand Isle County Mentoring Offering New Year Training
The Grand Isle County Mentoring Program would like to thank the Grand Isle County community for making the mentoring program such a wonderful success.

The mentoring program is in its eighth year. Over 100 adults have volunteered to be mentors in the Grand Isle Schools. Currently 43 students are matched with community mentors. GIC Mentoring is a school-based mentoring program, which matches community children with adults who have similar interests. They meet once a week for a hour in the school at a mutually convenient time. Children from all five island schools are involved in the program and range from grades K to 8.

There will be training in the new year if you would like to be a mentor. Now is the time to think about young people in our community who could benefit from an additional relationship with a caring adult. Every child who wants a mentor should have one!

Mentoring has proven results for both the children and adults who care enough to make the commitment of just one hour a week. Young people who have a mentor are more likely to stay in school and go on to college, raise their life aspirations, stay away from drugs, seek teachers’ trust, help others and avoid fights and other violent behavior. A mentor is more likely to increase his or her appreciation for diversity, feel more productive at work, and develop core leadership and communication skills, and feel good for having positively influenced another life.

Mentoring does not require an expert; it only requires your time. “Make a difference in a youth’s life; be a mentor.”

If you would like more information, please contact Leslie Ward, coordinator at 802-372-5239 or email gicmentoring@gmail.com.

MILTON RECREATION'S FIFTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR TRAINING
The program is offered to both the community and the adults involved in the mentoring program. The session offers training to current mentors and those interested in becoming mentors. Please join us New Year’s Day to hear Beethoven’s timeless Symphony #9. There will be training in the new year if you would like to become a mentor.

To submit your weekly event, contact Tonya at 802-372-5600 or islander@vermontislander.com. Some restrictions and fees may apply.
Take a Break

King Crossword

ACROSS
1. "Girl, girl!" (4)
2. Blue hue (5, 6)
3. Doorbell entry (6)
4. Part of TGIF (3, 3)
5. "Starts' rendition" (9)
6. Fair tale preposition (7)
7. What old soldiers do (8)
8. Actress Gilpin (6)
9. Seaflock (3, 7)
10. Missouri river (5)
11. One-on-one fight (7, 8)
12. Moistles in the mor (9)
13. Clingy crustacean (6)
14. Dore’s org. (7)
15. Sightless (8)
16. Melody (9)
17. Small telescope (6)
18. On the briny (7)
19. Bright stone (7)
20. Get wear (8)
21. Pisces (February 19 to March 20)
22. Staying put (7)
23. It takes 22" "loves me (rotty)" flower (12)
24. Flex (3)
25. On the neck (8)
26. Deviates off course (12)
27. Dwarf warms (12)
28. Time of your life (8)
29. Pinnacle (7)
30. Oklahoma (6)
31. Stare stupidly (6)
32. Thirter (6)
33. Work units (6)
34. Flex (3)
35. Probability (6)
36. Spell the (6)
37. Scheme (6)
38. Geometry calculation (7)
39. In a Bartholomew (7)
40. White (6)
41. Honey (7)
42. "The Dada Honeycomb" (7)
43. Longing (12)

DOWN
1. Vacationing (12)
2. Man-mouse (7)
3. "Loves me, loves me not" flower (10)
4. Fly (3)
5. Stretch, as the neck (7)
6. Sails (7)
7. "I'm just a little cow" (6)
8. Khan title (4)
9. Yea cancer (7)
10. Stead (7)
11. Historic periods (11)
12. Sad (6)
13. Rut (5)
14. Emancipation (7)
15. Giggle sound (6)
16. Barbershop quartet (6)
17. 2016 (6)
18. Arithmetic (7)
19. "Halid" (7)
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by Gary Kopervas

On a Limb

Mean things said in the old west...

"... he ain't no sheriff, and I ain't no ..."

by Gary Kopervas

Trivia Test

1. TELEVISION: What TV producer, who co-created "This Is Your Life," or "Truth or Consequences?"
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: "What Revolution War figure wrote the line: "There are the times that try men's souls."
3. MOVIES: In which movie did a killer duck named Charlie make his debut?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where was the now-defunct SEATU (South East Asia Treaty Organization) headquartered?
5. HISTORY: What was the beginning point of the Oregon Trail, followed westward by 19th century settlers?
6. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented by acrophobia?
7. U.S. MUSEUM: The Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is focused on what?
8. ANATOMY: What is the name of the facial muscles that allows you to raise your eyebrows simultaneously?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What species does the zebra that is seen in the Gibratal in southern Spain?
10. FIGURES OF SPEECH: Which U.S. astronaut was the last person to stand on the moon?

Answers
1. Ralph Edwards
2. Thomas Paine
3. "Child's Play"
4. Bangkok, Thailand
5. St. Louis
6. Fear of being alone
7. Skeletons
8. The bronziest
9. Barbarian monkey
10. Gene Cernan

Source: Oxford Dictionary

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Sports Quiz

by Dale Richards

1. Who was the first San Diego Padres player to hit for the cycle?
2. How many no-hitters did Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver toss during his career?
3. When was the last time before 2015 that the Padres held the top spot in the National League West? (Note: The Padres did not finish in the NL West in 2015 because they were part of the NL West.)
4. Name the only expansion team in NBA history to make the playoffs in its first season.
5. Between the NHL and the World Hockey Association, how many goals did Gordie Howe tally during his career?
6. In 2016, Okanawa Chushingura, a limited team of sumo wrestlers, competed in the Olympic Games. Who had been tied with other teams in total wins?
7. In 1983, Open championships through 2016, how many times had golfer Phil Mickelson failed to make the cut?

Answers
1. Matt Kemp, in 2015
2. One, for the Cincinnati Reds in 1975
3. It was the final poll of the 1981 season
4. The 1966-67 Chicago Bulls
5. He tallied 977 goals.
6. Budapest's Ventura Tournaments
7. Three times.
COMMUNITY NEWS

ALBURGH
By: Gina Lewis, Library Director
802-796-6077, alburglpl@gmail.com
CLOSED: The library will be closed Saturday, January 7, Monday, January 9. CAMERA CLUB: The library camera club will meet Friday, Jan. 6 at 10 am. The group will be viewing a segment of the DVD Fundamentals of Photography. Anyone interested in photography is welcome to attend.

WRITER’S GROUP “Open Mike”: The librarian’s group will meet Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. If you enjoy writing and would like to come share your work we would love to have you join us.

FILM NIGHT: Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m., the library will be showing the movie “Sully” (2016).

STORYTIME: Storytime for preschoolers is held Tuesday mornings at 10:30 offering stories, songs, crafts, and snacks.

ADULT COLORING: Every Thursday at 4 p.m. stop by the library and unwind! Ages 15 up. Coloring supplies are provided.


PASSES: Stop in for discounted and free admissions passes to area attractions.

16 South Main Street, Alburgh – www.alburglpl.org - Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri: 1-6 pm, Tues: 9-3, Sat: 10-1

SOUTH HERO
By: Keagan Calkins, Director 802-372-6209, southherolibrary@gmail.com
WINTER CITY: Wednesday, Dec. 28 10 a.m. Are you going to have some extra boxes lying around the house? Bring them in and we’ll be making a winter city. We’ll brew some hot cocoa and create an entire city.

NOON YEARS EVE: Saturday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m. Ring in the new year with us at noon! Games, crafts, prizes, refreshments and of course a special countdown at noon.


HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31.

Route 2, North Hero. - www.northherolibrary.org - We’re on Facebook. Free Wi-Fi
Tues: 2-7 , Thurs: 10-3, Sat: 9-1

SOUTH HERO

GRAND ISLE
By: Kathy Tulissi, Librarian 802-372-4797, grandislefreelibrary@hotmail.com
NEW BOOKS: Check out some of our books that we have in the library that were on the New York Times 100 Notable Books of 2016, “Barkins” by Annie Proulx, “Another Brooklyn” by Jacqueline Woodson and “Commonwealth” by Anne Patchett and “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi.


MOVIES: Movie nights return in January.

TRUSTEES INFO: Trustees meet on the second Monday of even numbered months at 6 pm; and is open to the public. Th next meeting will be Dec. 14.

FIBER NIGHT: There will not be a Fiber Night from Dec. 22 through 29, it will restart Jan. 5, 2017.

FREE PASSES: The library has passes for attractions around the State.
- 10 Hyde Road, Grand Isle – grandislefreelibraryvt.wordpress.com
- We’re on Facebook– Free Wi-Fi
Tues: 1-8 pm, Weds: 9-noon, Thurs: 4-8 pm, Sat: 9-3 pm

ISLE LA MOTTE
By: Joyce Tuck, Librarian
Closed until Spring!
2238 Main St, Isle La Motte, VT 05463.


BOOK SALE: Browse our on-going book sale. Book prices are by donation. We have so many choices of books, audio books, cds, etc. Come find a great deal and support your library in the process. Now heated!

LIBRARY PASS: Stop in for our discounted and free admissions passes to area attractions.

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME: Come read some fun and exciting books and do crafts associated with the stories we read. We look forward to seeing you here on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

SNOWSHOES: We have snowshoes to check out once the snow starts to fly. These were graciously donated by RiseVT.

TRUSTEES MEETING: The Library Board of Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. It is open to the public. There will not be a January meeting.

FILM: The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31.

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Congregational Church of South Hero, U.C.C.
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. YEAR-ROUND
SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY CARE AGES 5 AND UNDER
We Invite and Welcome Everyone.
Pastor: Rev. Cordelia Barpas
24 South St., South Hero, VT 05486
Tel. 802-372-4942 • Email: scastle@gmail.com
www.vtcace.org/South_Hero • www.facebook.com/CCCHVT
Open Houses: Monthly. Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Free Community Supper 2nd Friday each month 5:30-7pm

Champlain Islands Parish
Services
Rev. Bobbie Rambach
- www.unionbiblechurch.org

UNION BIBLE CHURCH
Main St., Route 2, Alburgh, VT
Dr. John C. Kehoe, Pastor
796-3055
Independent-Bible Believing—Gospel Preaching
SUNDAY SCHOOL & Bible Study ___ 9:30AM
SUNDAY Worship _______ 10:30AM
WEDNESDAY Prayer Mtg. & Bible Study 7:00PM
WEDNESDAY Children's Bible Club ____ 7:00PM
“A Friendly and Joyful Welcome Awaits You”
Nursery Provided at all Services
website: www.unionbiblechurch.org

THE BORDERS REGIONAL MINISTRY
Anglican - Episcopal
WINTER SCHEDULE
2nd & 4th Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Thomas’, Noyan
Other Sundays: call for location
The Rev. Thora L. Chadwick 802-863-8036
www.diovermont.org - www.montreal.anglican.ca

CRIME WATCH
12-22-16
Raped / Grand Isle
Alarm / Grand Isle
Fraud / Grand Isle
Vehicle Crash / South Hero
VIN Inspection / Alburgh
Service of APO / Grand Isle
Service of APO / Grand Isle
Welfare Check / Grand Isle

12-21-16
Theft / Alburgh
Vehicle Complaint / South Hero (2)
Assist Fire / Grand Isle

12-20-16
Vehicle Complaint / South Hero

SUSPICIOUS / Isle La Motte

Suspicious / Alburgh
License Suspended Criminal / Grand Isle
Citizen Assist / South Hero (3)
Alarm / Grand Isle
Animal Problem / Grand Isle
Phone Problem / Isle La Motte
Suspicous / North Hero
Assist Rescue / South Hero
Assist Rescue / Alburgh

12-19-16
Assist Rutland City PD / Grand Isle
Suspicous / North Hero
Property Damage / Grand Isle
Several government notices are included, such as a notice regarding a public auction for property and a public hearing on proposed rule revisions. A legal notice regarding Vermont Stream Mitigation Measures is also included. The notices provide various updates and requirements for different aspects of Vermont's regulatory guidelines.
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)

3. Calculate Your Rate!
Private: $3 for 1st ten words, $.10 per word after
Business: $6 for 1st ten words, $.25 per word after

To Determine Which Rate Applies:
For Sale-Personal Items/Private Rate; For 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—$.00 first 10 words, $.10 per word;
Real Estate- Business Rate;
FREE or Lost & Found- 1st ten words Free, $.10 each additional word.

4. Ad Counts

Total: x (8 of weeks) = $

5. All Private Classified ads are now FREE if placed
   and to spam every FRIDAY!
   *Max of 30 words
   *Must be placed on FRIDAY
   *No phone calls please!
   For Sale Wanted
   Garage Sales
   Thank You’s Free
   Lost & Found
   SELL IT LOCAL!

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**FOR RENT**

Grand Isle: Seeking female housemate to
share a home w/ an independent senior wom-
an. Low/no rent in exchange for some com-
pانياtion and light help around the house.
Shared bath/kitchen/W/D. 863-5625 or www.
HomeShareVermont.org for application.
Interview, refs, background checks req. EHO.
12/27

Alburgh: Spacious bedroom/private bath; love-
ly lake views. $300/mo. plus help w/seasonal
yardwork, and transportation 1-2 times/wk for
a senior woman who enjoys educational TV
and music. No pets; no smoking. 863-5625 or
Interview, refs, background checks req. EHO.
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**SERVICES**

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE - 10+ years experi-
ence. Swedish, deep tissue, shiatsu. Call Sue
802-752-6342.  3/21

E.C. ELECTRIC- Licensed Electrician with 25
years yardwork experience. 802-798-4610 12/27

Property Maintenance, painting, hauling,
docks, tree cutting or anything you might need
done. 802-372-9116  1/24

ISLAND SEWING: All aspects of sewing. Alter-
ations, mending, formal wear. Specializing in
bridal gowns. 30+ years experience. Call 802-
372-0194  BTFN

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**EMPLOYMENT**

Full-time year round custodial position (261
days at 8 hours a day). School year hours are
from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and school vaca-
tions and summer month hours are from 7:00
a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or as assigned by the Super-
visor. Duties include mopping, vacuuming,
trash removal, cleaning bathrooms, floor care,
painting, lawn care, and other duties assigned
by the Supervisor. A qualified applicant must:
*be a high school graduate (or equivalent).*Be
honest, hardworking, responsible, reliable,
flexible, and self-directed.*Be in good health,
including able to lift 50+ pounds. *Have past
experience related to institutional or whole
site cleaning.*Be a strong communicator, and
teamwork oriented.*Demonstrate an interest
and compassion for young people’s growth
and well-being. Apply online at schoolspring.
com or deliver your application packet to Fol-
som school. A completed application packet
would have the following: - Contact informa-
tion (phone number, email, and addresses)
- Job History - 3 to 5 work related references

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The Islander Office
Relocating to
North Hero

NORTH HERO- Starting this week, The Islander
will now be located above Hero’s Welcome General
Store.

During the transition, office hours will vary.
The office will be open this week, Thursday from
9 to 5 p.m., Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday and
Monday from 9 to noon.

Other days will be by chance or appointment.
All contact information will be the same, phone
and fax numbers, email addresses and the website,
www.lakechamplainislander.com

The regular hours will be listed in the next issue,
Jan. 3, 2017 and posted on
The Islander’s website and social media sites.

Please stop in and say hello to new owner, Tonya
L. Poutry and visit the new space.

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**FOUND**

Found abandoned bike in the Mud Creek wild-
life area call 802-310-2375 to identify and
claim.
Akwesasne casino, court records show. Canadian money and claimed he had won it all at the bus station. The illegal immigrant saw Larmand and identified him as the person who helped smuggle him into the U.S., court records show. Larmand called Sandy’s diner, where somebody would pick up Konomis, Riddell wrote. When initially charged, Larmand faced up to 10 years in prison and up to a $250,000 fine. (Burlington Free Press)
INCOME PROPERTY
Completely renovated 3BR. 2nd floor apartment generates $850 a month. New Roof. Alburgh $112,000

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP
Fabulously restored 3BR. 1800’s farm house. 1st. floor master. Lg. screened porch. 2 acres. Grand Isle $369,000

FURNISHED LAKESIDE
1BR cottage. Complete w/ boat, boat trailer, boat lift & dock. Gorgeous sunsets! Swanton $109,900

DIRECT LAKEFRONT
2BR cottage. Screened porch. Picturesque views. Basement could easily convert into add'l living space. Alburgh $249,000

SEASONAL COTTAGE
Cozy 2BR. Wall of windows overlooks the lake. 2 private acres with direct lakefront. North Hero $250,000

SHOP, OFFICE OR INCOME
Cedar shake exterior, wood floors & bead board accents. Potential for 3 units w/separate entrances. So. Hero $105,000

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CAREFULLY CRAFTED
Exquisite, award winning 3BR. Many fine finishes. Spectacular westerly views. Lovely pebble beach. Milton $163,000

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Well-kept 2BR. Many updates including septic, appliances, flooring & freshly painted. West shore. Alburgh $149,900

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