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Potential Last Chapter in Hardwick's 2014 Murder

by Michael Bielawski

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In October of 2015, Richters pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Part of his deal was that he would testify against Bobbille, to emphasize that the gave him permission to pour the vodka.

He was sentenced to three years and credited for the 1.5 years he had served at that point. Earlier this year, Bobbille was found guilty of manslaughter.

When the couple was first arrested in October of 2014, such was charged with second-degree murder, facing 20 years in jail in prison. The boy died in late August, but it took several examiners time to determine the cause of death.

The day before Isaac's death, Richters posted on Facebook about his own death: "I'm lying in the toilet and having never actually been a parent, this is so new to me. But I will say that warmed my heart and made me a Mighty Humble Bumble."

On the day of his death, he posted a message to his wife.

"Isaac called me his pop. I called him Isaac. Yesterday was so precious. And today in a damned nightmare as I try to be the glue that holds the world together from falling apart. I can only hope to pour the vodka into his comfort, listen, and watch her be so good."

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The buildings that were partially destroyed by a fire a year ago on Creamery Road have been torn down. The material will either be recycled or reused. The Town of Hardwick road crew has also the foundation for the new cold storage building. Construction on the new building is expected to begin in the next few weeks.

Town Health Insurance Costs Going Up

by Michael Bielawski

HARDWICK — The town is anticipating a nine percent increase in premiums for health insurance for town employees, in addition to an increase in deductibles by about \$200. The town is considering switching from Blue Cross Blue Shield to MVP Healthcare for its employees.

The rates are about \$100 per year less per person, so there are some savings there," town manager Jon Jewett said. "But we're not sure if we can do a health reimbursement account, which we use now to put a major portion of the deductible.

He explained that with health reimbursement accounts, if it considered the town's money, so if an employee leaves, the money stays with the town. The other option is health savings accounts, but in that case, the money goes

with the departing employee. In other public sectors across the state, such as education, health care premiums are also going up. Orleans Southwest Supervisors Union (OSBU) Superintendent Joanne Lelaire mentioned a 10.1 percent increase at a Woodbury School Board meeting recently.

The town has for some time planned to repair or replace one of its damaged cold-storage structures, and now construction on its replacement is about to start. As part of the rebuilding, the town plans to shift the path of Creamery

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Wind Storm Damage May Qualify For A Federal Assistance Declaration

by Will Walters

CABOT — Plainfield, Calais, Woodbury, and Cabot had strong winds blow through the area on October 30. Plainfield took the worst of it, while Walden had no tree damage for its road crew as well as little. None of the towns had municipal property damaged, but it had increased road crew expenses from clearing roads.

In Plainfield, Route 2 was closed for hours because trees lay across the power lines and the roadway across from Goddard College. Since the road is a state highway, the town did not have to have its road crew clear the road after the trees were no longer on the power lines.

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No Bail For Student Charged With Stabbing In Calais

by Will Walters

BARRE — Tyrkele Morton, a resident of the US Virgin Islands who was recently executed after the Virgin Islands were hit by a hurricane, appeared in Washington Superior Court, criminal division, yesterday and was ordered held without bail on two counts of attempted homicide. Morton was listed as a Montpelier resident, but earlier was residing in Cabot and was attending Cabot School.

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a female resident of 501 Center Road in Calais, and attempting to stab her three-year-old child. The Vermont State Police does not release the names of victims of sexual assault or domestic violence.

Police said they were called to the residence by a phone call from the woman who told them she had been stabbed. An earlier call, shortly before midnight Sunday, said there was a family fight in progress. State Police Detective Sgt. Michael Kannerling's affidavit said Morton was found at the scene and when police searched him they found a piece of glass that was 6 inches long and 4 inches wide. The woman was placed in the Washington Court. He was charged with a Washington Court.

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