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CVU Mountain Bikers Got Dirt

BY BRYAN CLAUSSEN, CVU JUNIOR

hamplain Valley Union High School's mountain biking club, called the Dirty Duchesses and Dirty Dukes (CVU 4D MTB), was founded in 2015. Advised by CVU teacher Jessica Barnum and inspired by a student in her advisory, this club started off with just a few riders and has been rapidly expanding over the past year. Local rides occur weekly, with



occasional rides held on weekends. Attend a ride and you will see a range of riders, from those on their first ride to those years into the sport. This club is a great way for teenagers to be active, away from the stress of teenage life, and be involved in their community. Not to mention that whizzing through trees on a bicycle can be pretty fun.

As the CVU 4D MTB Club has expanded, members have thought beyond weekly rides. The club strives to get involved and help the greater biking community. One way they have achieved this is through working with Matt Lyon at VBT Biking and Walking Vacations and with John Williams and the Richard Tom Foundation board members. Cameron Hood, a club rider as well as an initiator in this partnership, said, "For every mile we go, VBT donates money to RTF. Last fall the miles I tracked on Strava allowed for \$1,500 to be donated to RTF. This donation will allow RTF to further their efforts to improve biking in our community. My goal by riding is to hopefully inspire others to get out to some of the local trail systems and enjoy them as much as the CVU 4D MTB Club does."

In addition, last December the club held a raffle, raising enough money to purchase a children's bike from the Skirack



in Burlington and donate it to the Toys for Tots Foundation. Roger Costales, a buyer at the Skirack said, "We just love the enthusiasm and what is happening with the mountain bike club, and thought it was great for the students to want to give a bike away for the club's raffle. We were very happy to be a part

To further contribute to the cycling community, the club has attended Fellowship of the Wheel trail work days, where volunteers maintain and repair their local trails. Mickey Stone, Fellowship of the Wheel's trail director and board member, said, "With education, professional builders, and long-range

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Basketball Team Finishes Second

BY MARY JO BRACE

VU, winners of the northern division, looking for its second straight State Championship in Unified Basketball came up one bucket short in the finals against Brattleboro. The Redhawks lost 45-46 in a close game with many lead changes. CVU, tho ended the regular season with a 4-2 record, had some close games in the playoffs to make it to the championship game with wins over Milton 52–41, Montpelier 35-30, and Mount Mansfield 46-44 — a game that went into overtime.

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Memorial Day Community CVU Unified **Prayer Service**



Hinesburg student Ellie Baker leads the singing of the national anthem at the 2016 Prayer Service

FROM PRESS RELEASE

ll are invited to attend a Memorial Day Community Ecumenical Prayer Service sponsored by the churches of Hinesburg on Monday, May 29 at 9 a.m. We will be meeting at the Veterans' Monument on the village green on Route 116 next to the Good Times Café. The pastors of the community churches will lead us in prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather as a community to show our gratitude to our service men and women, living and dead, and to ask God's blessing upon them and our nation. Memorial bouquets will be placed in front of each of the monuments. There will also be a keynote address from a community member.

We also wish to honor those in our com-

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BY MISSY ROSS

Spring is finally here with summer just around the corner. I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying the recreational opportunities that summer offers.

Green Mountain Passports

Green Mountain Passports are available in the town clerk's office. Purchase of the passport entitles the bearer to free entry into all Vermont State Parks for life. You must be age 62 years or older to qualify and the cost is \$2. Veterans are also eligible for the passport. Get out and enjoy our wonderful parks this summer!

Lake Iroquois Beach

Beach passes will be available for purchase at the town clerk's office and at the beach during the summer months. The beach opens officially on Memorial Day weekend but won't be fully staffed every day until after school is closed for the summer. You must be a resident of Hinesburg, Richmond, St. George, or Williston to purchase a resident beach pass. The fee for a resident season pass is \$30 and \$14 for the second vehicle. The beach sticker must be affixed to

Letters

Letter Policy

he Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that effect our town. The opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor are those of the writers.

All letters must be signed. Addresses and phone numbers must also be provided for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but reserve the right to edit based on available space. To the extent possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for discussions of statewide, national, and international issues.

With these cautions, please keep those letters rolling in. Send them via email to news@hinesburgrecord.org, mail them to The Hinesburg Record, P.O. Box 304 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or deliver them to the Record drop box on Charlotte Road.

Gratitude for Green Up Day 2017

I would like to express greetings and gratitude to many who made Green Up Day 2017 a vibrant reality. Thank you!

To the volunteers: Over 22,000 people of all walks of life and various ages volunteered to come out and clean up litter from Vermont's roadsides, public and natural spaces, and waterways. They did this before, during, and after the traditional day of Green Up Day, the first Saturday in May (May 6 for 2017). They worked through varying degrees of weather, including rain in some areas that forced delays of cleaning to the weekend after Green Up Day. In the Rutland area, wind storms joined the rain leaving thousands without power. In some southern and central areas of the state, organizers indicated weather as a definite factor in turnout.

Thanks to the coordinators in each of the 251 towns, including numerous towns with a co-coordinator: These caring dedicated town coordinators, working in conjunction with Green Up Vermont — the nonprofit organization carrying on the tradition of Green Up Day — organized logistics to publicize for participation; inform residents of areas that needing cleaning; made the green Green Up trash

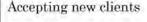
bags available, and advised what to do with filled bags; arranged for and advised of any community festivities such as breakfast, refreshments, lunch and in some cases return for gathering at a community dinner, music, or raffles.

To the many schools whose students participated: Several thousand students around the state helped clean up with fellow students just prior to Green Up Day and also on Green Up Day in their communities with family, friends, and neighbors. A very small sampling includes: Edmunds Elementary School, North Hero Elementary School, Union Elementary School, Thatcher Brook Primary, Sudbury Country School ... which greened up "en masse" during a school day prior.

To the numerous businesses coming out to help clean up on Friday: Over thirty businesses primarily in large towns formed teams of employees to help start the Green Up cleaning up on Friday, drawing attention and serving as a reminder to take part in Green Up Day on Saturday. A sampling included Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Vermont Gas, Cabot Creamery, and Dealer.com.

To Governor Scott: The Governor with a team of his cabinet members went out on Friday to clean up a stretch of Route 2 from Montpelier to Middlesex. He is making his presence and support visible to emphasize the importance of Green Up Day.

Melinda Vieux, President, Green Up Vermont



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the left front bumper of the vehicle to be valid. Non-residents can purchase a pass for a fee of \$60. Lake Iroquois Beach does not have lifeguards on duty so you swim at your own risk. One can also purchase day passes for the beach. Resident day passes are \$6 per person per visit, and non-residents are \$8. Please have your vehicle license plate number with you so that we can write it on your beach pass.

Dog Licenses Still Due

Though your dog's license is now overdue, you still need to obtain a license and the fee is now \$15. We are often asked why the State of Vermont requires dogs to be licensed annually. The State has an interest in ensuring that animals are inoculated against rabies. This is a public health issue. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Property Tax Sale

The town will be holding a tax sale in July to sell some properties that have multiple years of delinquent taxes. Please keep your eye out for Public Notices relating to the time, date, and place for the sale. As the delinquent tax collector, I can assure you that I only undertake tax sales as a last resort, usually only when delinquent taxpayers have been unresponsive to my requests for a payment plan. The list of properties to be included in the sale will be advertised over the next several weeks.

As always, please feel free to call us at 482-2281 ext. 2 with any questions related to pretty much anything Hinesburg related. Happy summer!



Northeast Quadrant Trails and National **Trails Day**

BY LENORE BUDD, TRAILS COMMITTEE

Northeast Quadrant Trails (NEQ) — Over four miles of forested trail in the northeast corner of Hinesburg have just been added to the HART trail network. The "Northeast Quadrant Trails" are the result of a collaboration among the Hinesburg Trails Committee, Fellowship of the Wheel (FOTW), and the Sleepy Hollow Inn Bike and Ski Center.

NEO trails are open to hikers, runners, and bikers during daylight hours between May 15 and October 31 only. They are piggybacked on Sleepy Hollow and FOTW mountain bike trails and can be used for free. To access the many other connecting trails, trail users must pay the appropriate fee at Sleepy Hollow welcome center (skisleepyhollow.com) or purchase a membership in FOTW (fotwheel.org).

The NEQ trails are located entirely on privately owned land and are made possible by the generosity of individual landowners Diane Brigham, Michael Garavelli, and Sleepy Hollow Inn Bike and Ski Center. When asked why he would open parts of his commercially run ski and mountain bike trail network to the public, Eli Enman, manager of Sleepy Hollow, replied, "We love trails and connectivity here at Sleepy Hollow, so we're happy to work with the FOTW and the Hinesburg Trails Committee to add some awesome trails to our region. Between the Hinesburg Town Forest, Carse [lands], and Sleepy Hollow, we've got a great thing going for hikers, bikers, and runners. While we're not charging for the use of the HART trail, our experience is that many of the folks that use the trails will come back and support our center by buying Nordic ski passes, or even getting married here."

There are three access points to the NEQ trails: 1) Texas Hill Road just west of its intersection with Hayden Hill Road East, 2) Magee Hill Road just south of its intersection with Swamp Road, and 3) Ski Lodge Drive off of Sherman Hollow Road. Parking is on the shoulder of the road except for access point 3) where hikers and bikers can park in the Sleepy Hollow Inn parking area. It is also easy to park at the Hinesburg Town Forest parking area on Hayden Hill Road East and walk over to the NEQ trailhead on Texas Hill Road.

The newest stretch of the NEQ trail, Chewie's Connector, which heads east into the woods from Magee Hill Road, was laid out and cleared last fall. Crews from Sleepy Hollow, FOTW, and the Trails Committee worked together over several weeks to make this long-contemplated connection to the rest of the Sleepy Hollow trail network a reality

Before you head out to explore the NEO Trails download and print the trail map from hinesburg.org/hart.html. The trail includes many switchbacks and intersections with other trails. Follow the HART blazes and have fun!

National Trails Day June 3

National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3 Come join Trails Committee members and other volunteers for a few hours of sprucing up our HART trail network. We will meet at 9 a.m. behind Town Hall and divide into teams to tackle trail maintenance projects on the Russell Farm, at Geprags Park, and in the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest. Enthusiasm, but not experience, is required!

We'll be able to provide some tools, but if you have loppers or pruning saws, please bring them along. You'll want to

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Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Hinesburg: Beecher Hill Road at the Town Garage; Sat., 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 482-4840. Williston, Redmond Road; Mon., Weds., Fri., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 872-8111. South Burlington: Landfill Road (off Patchen Road), Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 872-8111. CSWD website: cswd.net.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Weds., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Leave a message for Laura Hoopes at 802-373-2894. Rachel Kring (482-4667) is the contact for Friends of Families.

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CVU: cvuhs.org. CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.

CCL: carpentercarse.org. Library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Town: hinesburg.org. Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

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seewhy.info: Official website Connecting Youth (CY), the Chittenden South communitybased organization

dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people.

facebook.com/connectingyouth. Connecting Youth (CY) Fan Page: for parents and teens to connect with others in the CY community!

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wear boots, long pants, and a hat, and bring water and bug dope. All ages are welcome, but no dogs, please. We'll work till noon and then regroup at Town Hall for pizza and cider and to brag about our accomplishments. Please RSVP to Sue Rusten (suerust1279@



Chewie's Connector, one segment of the Northeast Quadrant Trails, is the result of the hard work of Sleepy Hollow, Fellowship of the Wheel, and the Hinesburg Trails Committee.

gmail.com) in case we must postpone due to weather and so we'll be sure to have tools and pizza for all. Thanks!

Note from the Cemetery Commissioners

BY MARY JO BRACE

Memorial Day is around the corner. While visiting Hinesburg cemeteries, please remember to remove wreaths and any artificial flowers from your family plots.

All fallen or leaning stones should be repaired, and corner markers should be located and uncovered. If you are not sure where your corner markers should be, please contact Mary Jo Brace at 482-2182 for help.

As a reminder, artificial flowers are not allowed. Thanks for your cooperation.

Advertising and news deadline is June 15 for the next issue. Publication date is June 29. Call 482-2540 for more information.

Material not received by deadline will be considered for next issue.





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CSWD

CSWD Grant from Dept. of Environmental Conservation

he Chittenden Solid Waste District has been awarded a grant worth \$79,960 by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to help cover costs for providing facilities and education for the proper disposal of hazardous waste generated by residents and qualifying businesses.

The grant is part of a solid waste assistance fund provided by the state to help towns and solid waste planning entities implement their solid waste plans, as required by state law. The grant is awarded annually to towns by the DEC, an arm of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

CSWD uses the grant to help fund the District's hazardous waste collection program, which includes the Environmental Depot, a facility located in South Burlington that accepts hazardous waste year-round from Chittenden County households and businesses, and the Rover, a mobile collection program that operates May through October, visiting each district town to collect household hazardous waste for proper recycling and disposal.

"These funds will be used to help support our hazardous waste collection program for residents and qualifying businesses," said Jen Holliday, CSWD's compliance program and product stewardship manager. "This program costs over \$500,000 to manage more than 600,000 pounds of waste collected each year. The grant will help alleviate some of these costs."



The funds will be used specifically to help cover costs for disposal of waste collected, which was projected to be approximately \$174,140 in fiscal year 2017, as well as for advertisement for the collection program.

"The grant will cover only a fraction of the cost of this program, but it is a significant help to receive this funding so we can continue to provide convenient access for our members to dispose of their hazardous waste properly," says Holliday.

Some program expenses are offset by revenue sources including product stewardship programs that reimburse CSWD for collecting certain products and materials, business hazardous waste handling fees, and sale of Local Color paint, made at the Depot from latex paint brought in for recycling.

The Chittenden Solid Waste District is a municipality created by the State of Vermont to manage the solid waste generated within Chittenden County. Our primary focus is to use economically and environmentally sound methods to reduce and manage this stream.

Give Construction Materials New Life

As temperatures begin warming up (finally!), many of us start dreaming up new home improvement projects to tackle during the spring and summer.

Whether you're putting in a new deck, installing less drafty windows, or getting a new roof, most of your construction waste can be recycled!

In fact, many common construction and demolition items are banned from the trash. For the following items, recycling or reuse is required by law:

- Clean lumber (like pine 2x4s)
- Unpainted plywood and oriented strand board (OSB)
- Asphalt shingles
- Scrap metal
- Drywall (banned for large construction projects)

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But your dog gets a treat, and that's the coolest thing of the day in doggy-world. With all that human and canine excitement, it's way too easy to get distracted in those busy Drop-Off Centers — and that's when safety can take a hit.

"There's a LOT of traffic," says Amy McVey, Richmond Drop-Off Center operator. "Safety is a priority for us, and every day we're bustling with vehicles and people walking around with loads of materials. Accidents happen when people stop paying attention to what they're doing.'

Follow Amy's Rules of the Load and you and your dog - and your neighbors will have a much smoother experience:

Don't use your cell phone.

Besides distracted driving, cell phones contribute to the little-known but prevalent syndrome: Distracted Dumping. Trash gets tossed into recycling, and vice versa — and sometimes the cell phone or car keys go flying into the dumpster right along with the bag. If you are TWW (Texting While Walking), you could end up as a hood ornament on someone's car because they were TWD (Texting While Driving) and didn't see you. Besides, it's state law to refrain from cell phone use while operating a vehicle AND while stationary in line. Also, for safety reasons, we often cannot retrieve your phone if you toss it by accident into the compactor or dumpster.

Keep Fido and kids inside the vehicle.

These masters of distraction don't even need cell phones to create instant chaos and endanger themselves.

Save your soles.

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Thanks for helping keep the Drop-Off Centers a safe, bustling, neighborly place to visit for you and Fido.



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Police

Incidents

911 Hang-up/Domestic Assault

On Sunday, April 9, officers responded to a residence on Silver Street for a 911 hang-up. Upon arrival, it was determined that a family fight had occurred and the female stated that she had been struck by her husband. Terrance Hart, 56 years old of Hinesburg, was not on scene and voluntarily came to the office the next day where he was arrested and lodged for domestic assault.

Excessive Speed, Criminal

On Monday, April 10, an officer was working traffic enforcement on Richmond Road when he observed a vehicle traveling 67 miles per hour in the 35 mph zone. Edgar Massimino, 25 years old from Richmond, was arrested and taken to the police station for processing and then cited into court.

Vehicle Crash/DUI Alcohol

On Friday, April 14, officers responded to a reported vehicle off the road on North Road. Upon arrival, Brandon Bothwell, 28 years old from Monkton, was contacted. It was determined that he had been driving under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and taken to the station for processing. Because this was his second DUI, his license was criminally suspended and he was in violation of conditions of release. He was lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

Family Fight

On Monday, April 17, an officer responded to Baldwin Road for a reported family fight. The officer determined that it was verbal altercation and no involvement was necessary.

Attempted Fraud

343-2053

On Tuesday, April 18, a resident contacted an officer to report that a person with a Milton phone number called her to advise that she had one million dollars and that she needed to send \$10,000 dollars to receive the money. She stated

that she would not send any money and the caller said he would come by her residence. Two officers remained in the area during the agreed time and no one showed up.

Reported Assault

On Sunday, April 23, officers responded to a residence on Vermont Route 116 north of the village for a reported fight between two females. It was determined that one female's foot was stepped on when the other female attempted to go into the residence. It was mediated that return of property would be done by a third party and no other law enforcement involvement was necessary.

Suspicious

On Wednesday, April 26, officers responded to Jourdan Street in the Sunset MHP for a reported 911 call asking for help. The male caller gave an address that was an unoccupied residence and no one was located after a search of the

Agency Assist

On Thursday, April 27, the State Police requested an officer take a female into protective custody for mental evaluation. She was located at a residence and it took approximately two hours to convince her to go voluntarily. She subsequently agreed to be transported to Washington County for help.

Family Fight

On Saturday, April 29, an officer responded to Triple L MHP for a reported family fight. It was determined to be a verbal argument only.

DUI/Criminal DLS

On Monday, May 1, as the result of an enforcement stop, Shilow Parker, 42 years old from Hinesburg was arrested for driving under the influence and driving while her license was criminally suspended. She was taken to the station for processing and released on citation to appear in court.

DUI

On Friday, May 5, Erik Findholt, 42 years old from Hinesburg, was stopped for erratic driving and failure to stay within the lane. He was stopped and was sub-

HPD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY APRIL 2017 5 10 15 20 25 Burg/Theft/Rob 0 Vehicle/Traffic Property Against Persons Drugs 0 Fraud Investigate Juvenile 0 Hazards/Threats Medical Emergency Public Safety 0 Persons Assist Agency Assist E911 Hangup Investigate Support GRAPH DATA SUPPLIED BY DOUG OLUFSEN

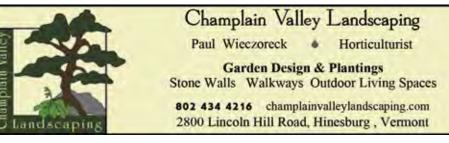
sequently determined to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested, brought to the station for processing, and released on a citation to appear in court.

Intoxicated Person

On Saturday, May 6, officers responded to Triple L MHP for a 44-year-old male from Hinesburg who was intoxicated and refused to leave a residence. He left prior to police arrival and met the officers when they arrived. He was advised to go back to his residence in the park. There were no further problems.









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Fire

Training House Controlled Burn

n Sunday, May 21, Hinesburg Fire Department, performed a controlled burn down of a house on Route 116. While the fire and smoke was dramatic, and Route 116 traffic was stopped in both directions, the burn was fully under control at all times. Assisting were elements of fire departments of Charlotte, Shelburne, and Monkton, with help from the Red Cross and the Air Force.





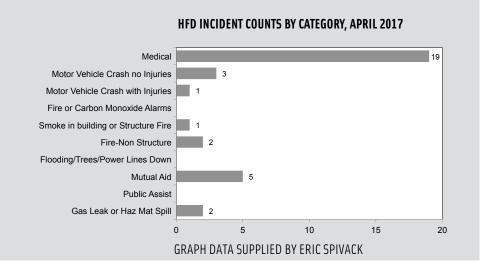




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HFD responded to 33 calls in April.

* an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.

Chief Barber About the Noon Siren

he siren that is sounding at noon is not a holdover from "hide under your desk" days as it has been characterized. It is about public warning.

In 2008, when the Saputo cheese plant burned, we had no way of quickly notifying the public of a general emergency. This was an item which was identified in the after-action review of the fire. Because it was identified in the AAR we were able to apply for a federal grant, and received funding to purchase and install the unit. The existing siren in the copula on the fire station was not repairable.

While the chemicals are mostly gone in the plant now, there are still other hazards looming that a quick way of gaining public attention is still needed for. For example, a failure at one of the dams (Sunset or Lake Iroquois), severe weather events (becoming more frequent), or any number of issues that a quick public attention getter is needed for. We have other options of alerting and relaying information, but if you aren't alerted to seek the information, how can you search for it?

Currently the siren is powered up daily for its test at noon for two seconds (I know it seems like more). Should there be a real emergency, the siren will run for four cycles for about two minutes. Yes, it will be very, very loud. If you hear it, please check in with your various media sources or call 211 to see what the alert is, and be thankful we still have old technology to protect us and the community.

At some point this summer we will do a full test with a two-minute cycle. There will be plenty of pretest notifications given before we do it.

Stay Informed — sign up at VTALERT.GOV

The State of Vermont recently tested the Amber Alert System. This is only one of the many alerts the system sends out. Other notifications include road closures, storm warnings, and emergency situations such as those mentioned by Chief Barber. The alerts are sent by phone, text, or email, depending on the prefer-

ence when you create your account.

Signing up for these alerts only takes a few minutes. Once you create an account, you can choose what alerts you want to receive, for what areas, and how you receive them.

In an emergency, the Hinesburg Fire Department, after sounding the siren, will use this system to notify the residents of an emergency. Last fall, we issued an Amber Alert for a lost teen. As part of our call debriefing we requested a report of how many alerts were sent to the Hinesburg area. We were surprised to find out that only approximately 500 residents were signed up to receive the alerts.

Please go to VTALERT.GOV/ENROLL to learn more and sign up.

Fire Alarm at Post Office

t 5:11 a.m. on May 24, 911 received a call for alarms sounding at the Hinesburg Post Office. The caller stated they were in the area of the mailboxes and could smell a slight smoke odor.

Hinesburg Engine 1 responded with a full crew of six. Members donned SCBAs and made entry into the building. During the initial search, there was no fire found, and almost no smoke. The building was searched again using the thermal imaging camera, particularly around the first detector to sound.

The cause of the alarm was located near the northwest corner of the building. After checking the electrical panel, and coordinating with the location of the alarm, it was determined to be an issue with a heating unit. Further investigation found that the fan within one of the units had overheated and burned out. The unit was shut down at the electrical panel.

HFD was on scene for about one hour.

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Business



Scot Keefe, accompanied by Maggie, displays an array of his handmade knives, knife sheaths, hip pouches, bracelets, and steampunk captain badges.

Artisan and Craftsman Scot Keefe Adds New Lines

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

Two years ago, Scot was dealing with two injured shoulders that prevented him from lifting his arms. In looking for projects he could do at work bench level, he started making knives. Always one who sought for ways to reuse items, he found that the ideal steel for the knives came from old saw blades and files. That steel is very strong and a good thickness to work with in crafting the various knives.

All the knives are completely handmade, including the wooden handles and leather sheaths. The holes in the leather are hand punched, sewn, and stamped. Several of the knives contain patterns that are hand etched into the steel.

The wooden handles are primarily made from local wood, many from salvaged smaller pieces of maple, cherry, and walnut. When Scot lived in British Columbia in the '70s, he had a few pieces of Pacific yew wood which he saved all these years. He has now used them in making knife handles. Yew wood is very hard, dense, has a tight grain, and a slight orange tint. Other woods used include purple heart and African wenge, a wood with a lot of color.

Scot makes several different types of knifes including kitchen knives such as choppers, slicers, and small paring knives. For the outdoorsman, he crafts camp knives, skinning knives, and filet knives. No two of the knives are exactly the same and purchasers put them to different uses. For example, the chopping knives have been bought by both campers and hunters as well as cooks in the kitchen

Three smaller scale lines are: Steampunk Captain badges made with old keys, watch gears, and other items including plumbing parts; bracelets bearing the words "Vermont" or "Green Mountain" made from license plates; and leather hip pouches. The steampunk badges make a great adornment for men's hats.

Scot will also entertain custom craft requests. Give him a call at 802-734-3051 to discuss your ideas.

You can check out Scot's products on his Etsy site, ducksandfish and on Facebook at Great Scot Arts & Crafts. You can also contact Scot by email at scot. keefe@gmail.com

Support the Hinesburg Fireworks: Join the Golf Tournament

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

This is an update to the article in the March 30 issue about the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association's efforts to raise funds in support of the Town of Hinesburg's Fourth of July fireworks fund. Let's keep this great Hinesburg tradition going!

The cost for the fireworks for this year has been covered thanks in part to over \$3,000 raised by the HBPA. The deposit for the 2018 fireworks is due January 30, 2018, and if the full costs are paid at that time, there is a ten percent enhancement. So, grab your clubs, tell your friends, and meet us on the green!

WHEN: June 10. Tee time is 8 a.m.

WHERE: Cedar Knoll Country Club, 13020 VT Route 116, Hinesburg.

WHAT: 32 teams of four players each with bag lunch included for \$75 per player. There will be opportunities for mulligans, raffle prizes, and guaranteed fun!

Are you a business owner who would like to add visibility for your business to the event? Sponsor a tee for \$50 and a sign with your business name will be posted.

Contact David Palmer at 482-5678 or davepalmer@palmerinsurancevt.com for more information or to register.

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom to Hold Open House June 10

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom will be holding an open house at their office at 10607 VT Route 116 in Hinesburg (directly across from the Hinesburg United Church) on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Come see the latest in technology, including fiberto-the home, whole home Wi-Fi, hosted IP phone service, and even a little bit of history. WCVT employees will be on hand providing fiber-optic splicing demos, pole climbing, and more. The open house is free and open to the public.

According to Gregg Haskin, president and CEO, "These open houses allow us to showcase the latest in technology and the opportunity to meet with our customers. We have a fun-filled day planned for all ages, refreshments will be provided, and we plan on giving out some great giveaways and raffle items."

For more information, please contact Eric Haskin at 496-8339 or erich@corp. weyt com

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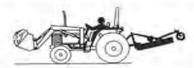
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Recreation

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Summer Youth Programs

Get Golf Ready Group Clinic

eginner golfers learn quicker from Ultimate Golf School Instructors. The Get Golf Ready group clinic is the perfect way to introduce yourself to golf. The most important shots that are required to play a round of golf will be taught. Shots such as putting, chipping, pitching, and the full swing with irons and woods are stressed. Some introductory rules and etiquette are also discussed. Although this class is perfect for the beginner, it is also ideal for the advanced beginner. All of the fundamentals discussed pertain to anyone looking to improve their skill. Equipment is available to use at no charge. Just wear a comfortable pair of sneakers. The Get Golf Ready camp will meet once per week for three consecutive weeks and each class is two hours long. Generally, each week will have one hour of work on the full swing and one hour of work on the short-game shot pitching, chipping, and putting.

When: Session 2: Thursdays, June 1, 8, and 15. Session 3: Wednesdays, July 5, 12, and 19. **Time**: 5:30–7:30 p.m. **Where**: Cedar Knoll Country Club. **Cost**: \$120 per session. **Maximum**: eight players per session.

Register at hinesburgrec.com

Recreational Track and Field

The Track and Field program continues this summer. Children ages 6–14 years learn and master the basics of running, sprinting, jumping, throwing, using starting blocks, and participating in relays. The Parisi Speed School staff will work with athletes to provide dynamic stretching and speed techniques to supplement our track and field staff. There will be several casual meets with local track and field programs such as South Burlington, Essex, MMU, Colchester, and Burlington. To culminate the season, athletes are encouraged to participate in the Vermont State Track Meet in St. Johnsbury on July 29.

Who: 6–14 years by August 31. Sorry, no high school students are eligible. **When**: Mondays and Wednesdays June 21–July 26. **Where**: CVU Track. **Times**: 6:15–7:45 p.m. **Cost**: \$50.

Register at hinesburgrec.com

Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables

Join Kim Johansen and staff at Livery Stables for a week-long horse camp. Enjoy an hour of riding with a lesson, enjoy grooming, tacking, and general horse duties in the relaxed atmosphere of the barn. There are horse crafts, kittens to play with, and an equestrian camaraderie that can't be beat! Please note below there are two options for camp times.

Who: 6–12 years. **Where**: Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. When: Camp Week 1: June 19–23. Camp Week 2: July 3–7 to include participation in Hinesburg July Fourth Parade. **Time**: 8 a.m.–1 p.m. or 8 a.m.–3 p.m. **Cost**: 8 a.m.–1 p.m. is \$250. 8 a.m.–3 p.m. is \$300.

Be sure to pack a lunch, a snack, a drink, as well as boots. Register at hinesburgrec.com.

Arts and Crafts Camp with Chris Billis

Join Chris Billis for a week of art projects galore this summer. Enjoy a diverse variety of crafting options each day with the ability to make your own choices. Want to use that glue gun and create a sculpture or make a crazy pair of sneakers? Want to create your own jewelry? Leather stamping, china plate pieces made into jewelry, cool stuffed pillows, funky t-shirts with fringe and beads, and sculptures that defy gravity. The sky's the limit with Chris! Plenty of time to delve into art projects that have multiple steps and phases. This is a camp for kids who LOVE art and want to be kept engaged with diverse materials!

Who: Grades 2–6. **When**: July 10–14, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. **Where**: Bottom floor classroom in White Building at HCS. **Cost**: \$250

Register at hinesburgrec.com.

Tennis Camp for 6–10 year-olds

Join Hinesburg tennis player enthusiast Myles Peterson.

Who: Ages 6–10 years. **When**: July 24–28. **Where**: HCS courts. **Time**: 5–6 p.m. **Cost**: \$85. Register at hinesburgrec.com.

Global Premier Soccer (GPS) Vermont Camp

GPS Vermont will offer a half- and full-day soccer camp program July 31–August 5 behind Hinesburg Town Hall. NEW this year is the junior option for 3–4 year olds and 5–6 year olds with a shorter time period. All programs will include age-specific soccer training and games to help players improve in a positive environment.

U4s (3–4 years) Monday–Friday, 9–9:45 a.m., \$45 juniors.

U6s (5–6 years) Monday–Friday, 10–11:30 a.m., \$90.

U8-U14 (7–14 years) Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., \$120.

U8-U14 (7–14 years) Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., \$195.

All coaches will be locally based staff under the camp director and everyone's favorite coach, Iain Manson. Each player will receive a GPS t-shirt. To enroll, contact GPS Vermont at 497-0193 or at gps-vermont.com

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Hinesburg Summer Concerts in the Park

The 20-plus-year tradition continues at the gazebo behind the Hinesburg Community School. Enjoy Wednesday evening concerts from 6:30–8 p.m. Rain date is Thursday. Thanks to our sponsors Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom and Wahl Landscape, LLC.

July 12 — Rodney Putnam

July 19 — About Time

July 26 — Dixie Six

August 2 — In the Pocket

August 9 — Hinesburg Community Band

Hinesburg's Fourth of July Celebration

Monday, July 3 Annual Hilly Hobble Foot Race

Registration starts at 6 p.m. in front of HCS. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds benefit Hinesburg's fireworks. The 10k starts at bottom of Buck Hill Road West at 6:30 p.m., the 5k starts at 7 p.m., and the 2k kid's run starts in front of Good Times Café at 7:10 p.m. All runners finish at Veteran's Park.

Tuesday, July 4

Festivities begin at 9 a.m. with a book sale in Town Hall, Historical Society display, silent auction, and music. Parade line-up at the bottom of Buck Hill Road West begins at 10 a.m. NEW this year, all participants must register at hinesburgrec.com to participate. Judging is at 10:30 a.m. Prizes awarded in ten categories! The parade begins at 11 a.m. and travels north through the village, turning on Mechanicsville Road, finishing at the post office. There will be an ice cream social next to HCS, music at Veteran's Park, and the fireworks at dusk behind HCS; thanks to the HBPA Hinesburg Business and Professional Association. The theme for Hinesburg's 2017 July Fourth Parade is "Mardi Gras." Happy birthday America!

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Outreach

On the third Friday of each month, our library director visits a meal site for local seniors and lends large print books, magazines, audiobooks, music and DVDs. Each meal site visit is a special time for making new friends, and sharing good food, conversation, and good books. The location of the meal site is Osborne Hall, adjacent to the United Church of Hinesburg's parking lot on Route 116

Trustee Meetings

Carpenter-Carse Board of Trustees meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned. All meetings are held at the library at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. Please call 802-343-3075 for more information.

Big News!

The Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees have completed the selection process for Sue Barden's replacement as library director. I'm sure you will join our trustees and staff in congratulating Hinesburg's own Sara Armstrong Donegan, who will assume her new position on July 1! Kudos to Sara, who has done a wonderful job as youth services librarian at our library, and is well-known and admired in the community of Hinesburg



and beyond. You will certainly hear more about Sara as July draws closer.

At the Carpenter-Carse Library this Summer: Build a Better World!

Summer Reading Club 2017 will meet for five energetic consecutive weeks in June and July, and this year's theme is Build a Better World. We will read books and have fun with activities based on community building and action, construction, green energy, self-care and confidence building, and cultural learning.

The first (kick-off) session is on Tuesday, June 27, and the following four sessions are on Wednesdays beginning July 5 from 10:30 a.m.—noon. Registration begins Tuesday, May 30 at the library. We will have a sign-up session where families can participate in planting our library garden on June 3. Space is limited in the club and a separate registration is required for each individual program, so stop in early!

Please note that this year during the first session, children need to be accompanied by an adult, but this session is open to all. Weeks two, three, four, and five are drop-offs for ages 5–10 and space is limited (see each description below for details).

Our Reading Club Programs ...

Saturday, June 3, 10:30 a.m. — Summer Reading Program Sign-Up

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and Club. You'll get stickers, a reading log, and a chance to preregister for the following programs. We will also be planting our library garden that day with plants donated from Red Wagon Plants and Trillium Hill Farm.



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Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. — VINS: Nesting Season: Raptors and Their Home

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Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m. — Audubon Vermont: Solar Ovens and Truffula Trees

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." The words of the Once-ler are loud and clear: you can make a difference. Join Debbie Archer from Audubon Vermont to read Dr. Seuss's classic tale *The Lorax* and learn how to build an oven powered by the sun to roast s'mores!

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. — Mind and Body Yoga

Join us for a class combining asana (yoga poses) with creative movement. We will begin the class by drawing students' attention to stillness and breath and then explore the many poses associated with yoga. We will also discuss how a physical practice not only help prevents injury and strengthens the bones for future years but how learning

to connect mind and body can become a tool to help calm us and find greater inner peace. Class taught by Ashley Williams-Wenschoff.

Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. — Cultural Stories Through Dance

Historically, dance has brought people together for celebrations, festivals, and as an art form to express cultural stories. We will explore a number of traditions by learning dance moves and short routines. When we dance together, we connect across all divides and it's healthy for our bodies! Class taught by Francesca Arnoldy.

Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. — Build a Better World Sculpture

Come contribute to creating a sculpture as a finale to the Build a Better World Summer reading program! After reading a book related to the theme, students will help local art educator Susan Lepple identify words that express positive ways to build a better future. The words will be painted on boards by the students and the boards will be used to build the "Better Future" sculpture.

Other Programs for Children

Youngsters' Storytime

Babies and children ages 0–5 with their caregivers join Librarian Sara every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30–10:00 a.m. at the library's community room for

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stories, movement, songs and snacks. Storytimes are **only on Tuesdays** starting in June.

Mister Ethan Musical Concert for Children

Mister Ethan joins us at the library for music and musical activities on Wednesday, June 7 at 4:30 p.m.; appropriate for ages 0–6. You may know Ethan from Music for Sprouts and from hearing him play with local musician, Mister Chris. We are very excited and lucky to have him! We hope you and your little ones can join us for this special free concert.

Multi-Age Programs

Friday Afternoon Movie

Children and adults cozy into the community room for a free movie and popcorn on Friday, May 26 and June 23 at 3 p.m. All movies will be rated PG or G. Movies will take place on the fourth Friday of every month. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library to ask what movie will be playing (482-2878).

Adult Programs

Vermont Song Farmers Gathering

We have the perfect suggestion for musicians and music lovers looking for a good time on a Thursday night. The Vermont Song Farmers gather to plant musical seeds to help our community grow, hosted by Rik Palieri. If you play an acoustic instrument such as: guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, ukulele or hand drums — or just enjoy singing along, come join us on Thursday, June 8 from

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Book Discussion Group

Join avid readers for their next book discussion on Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m., for discussion of the novel *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. On Wednesday, August 15 the group will focus on *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Meetings are held in readers' homes. For more information, including directions please call Shelli at 482-3193.

Hinesburg Community Writers' Group: The Craft of Writing

Local writers: get your literary juices flowing in the library's Community Room at our first Tuesday of the month Craft of Writing Night, June 6, 7–9 p.m. There will be creative writing prompts and stimulating discussions about the how-to tips of writing, from style, to technique, to breaking through the dreaded block. To submit a topic or prompt suggestion, or for further details, email Laura Wisniewski at bhy@beecherhillyoga.com

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:

Atwood, Margaret, Hag-Seed

Backman, Fredrik, translated by Neil Smith, *Beartown: A Novel*

Baldacci, David, The Fix

Bowen, Rhys, In Farleigh Field: A Novel

Box, C. J., Vicious Circle

Deaver, Jeffrey, The Burial Hour

Gardner, Lisa, Right Behind You

Greaney, Mark, The Gray Man

Harris, C. S., Where the Dead Lie

Hawkins, Paula, Into the Water: A Novel

Hillerman, Anne, Song of the Lion

Kiernan, Stephen P., The Baker's Secret

McNeal, Laura, The Practice House

Paretsky, Sara, Fallout

Robinson, Kim Stanley, New York 2140

Shaffrir, Doree, Startup: A Novel

Shattuck, Jessica, *The Women in the Castle: A Novel*

Shreve, Anita, The Stars Are Fire

Strout, Elizabeth, Anything is Possible

Watts, Stephanie Powell, No One is Coming to Save Us



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Zahn, Timothy, Star Wars: Thrawn

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Allen, Jonathan and Amie Parnes, *Shattered: Inside Hillary Clinton's Doomed Campaign*

Cylinder, Carly, The Flower Chef: A Modern Guide to Do-It-Yourself Floral Arrangements

Durrani, Matin and Liz Kalaugher, Furry Logic: The Physics of Animal Life

Grann, David, Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

Mastromonaco, Alyssa, Who Thought This Was a Good Idea?: And Other Questions You Should Have Answers to When You Work in the White House

McCullough, David, *The American Spirit:* Who We Are and What We Stand For [speeches]

Muller, Richard A., The Physics of Time

Rains, Valerie, Smart Storage Solutions: Creative Closets, Stylish Shelves & More

Rosethal, Elisabeth, An American Sickness: How Health Care Became Big Business and How You Can Take it Back

Stevens, Nell, Bleaker House: Chasing My Novel to the End

Zinoman, Jason, Letterman: The Last Giant of Late Night

On order: new titles by Paul Auster, Fredrik Backman, Brit Bennett, Elizabeth Berg, Kate Daloz, Richard Paul Evans, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Alexandra Fuller, Nina George, Todd Haire, Bunmi Laditan, Daniel Mills, James Patterson and Maxine Paetro, Condoleezza Rice, and Dani Shapiro.

Book Bag Winners

During National Library Week, visitors to the library entered a drawing to win a book bag of goodies. The book bag winners were Kenneth Russell and Linda Parent. Congratulations!

Literary Quote of the Month

"There is a cleansing from winter darkness the moment we sink our fingers into spring's fresh earth."

—Toni Sorenson, author



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plans that incorporate easy beginner loops that are smooth and wide near the beginning trailhead, and then branching out to more difficult areas as you get further away allows for a more diverse age and skill group who can bike at a network. So, get out there and take a beginner with you. The more that come, the more we have the support to build for "

Also over this past year, rider Brady Carlson created a club logo; the club had custom shirts and hoodies made by Jim and Vicki Marrier of JV Embroidery. And a club blog was started: cvumountainbiking.blogspot.com.

Last fall, the club traveled to trails ranging from Pine Hill Park in Rutland and Cady Hill in Stowe to local Fellowship of the Wheel trail systems like Saxon Hill. The snow and the cold didn't stop this group either, with the club going fat biking at Catamount Outdoor Family Center last winter. Tag Carpenter, the operations manager at Catamount, said, "We got quite a kick out of seeing the CVU riders on their fat bikes in the snow this past winter. Their teenage smiles show a great escape from school pressure, TV, computers, cell phones, etc. Life doesn't get any better!"

This upcoming season, there will be frequent rides over the summer, possibly an increased number of weekend rides; there is even talk of taking a camping and mountain biking trip to Kingdom Trails in East Burke. Members are hoping to ride with students from other schools, and there are initiatives to encourage more teen girls to join the club. They also plan to volunteer and participate in Richard's Ride, Del's Ride, and other events; as well as create a club video, hold a bike maintenance clinic, and explore any new bike-related opportunities that come up. Eventually, the club would like to have a van or trailer to transport bikes.

At the core of this club remains the desire to get out and go mountain biking. "I love it because I'm outside with the friends I love and care about," rider Addison Aube explained. The club aims to get all sorts of people onto bikes and enrich the biking community. Dana Hood, father of two club members summed it up best: "Mountain biking is a lifelong sport and we just happen to live in one of the best places in North America to take advantage of it."

Article author Bryan Claussen is a funloving CVU junior who has been mountain biking for the past five years and has been involved in the CVU 4D MTB Club for over a year.



From left to right: Jessica Barnum, Bryan Claussen, Judah Avery, Alfred Wathugi, Trent Poitras, Will Bialowoz, Nevin Hood, Parker Soares, Dominic Begue, Sam Clear, James Eustace, and Clayton Thorpe.

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Corporal Raymond Bouchard of the Vermont National Guard gives the 2016 Memorial Day address.

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sport and held its first VPA state championship in 2016. Two varsity players are on the court at all times facilitating three special need players. They help bring the ball up the court, create shot opportunities for their teammates, and rebound when the ball comes to them, but are not allowed to shoot or play defense. This style of play provides students with developmental disabilities an opportunity to play organized sports.

If you want to attend a game with lots of smiles, arm raising, heel kicking, hugs, cheering, and high-fives after every basket, even from the officials, check out one of these games next season. I attend all the CVU girls' and boys' JV/varsity home games but I must say watching these athletes play is such a pleasurable and unique experience.

Players included; Emily Scott, Charlie Abel-Parker, Olivia Lamothe, Wayne Elias, Justin McQuiston, Erin Watson, Alex Farrington, Kevin Conger, Bennett Townley, Brian Rich, Shania Elias, Robert Ellis-Clark, George Davis, Lind-



Emily Scott sets herself up for a shot while teammates Justin McQuiston and Robert Ellis-Clark look on.

sey Albertelli, Jack Scotnicki, Shannon Loiseau, Walker Storey, and Paul Keen. They are coached by Anthony Spagnolo and Peter Booth, and Jack Lyman is the manager.



CVU's Unified Basketball Team finished second in the State Championship.

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Another Successful Big Truck Day in the **Books!**

BY SARA ARMSTRONG DONEGAN, HNS PARENT VOLUNTEER

he Hinesburg Nursery School's group of parent volunteers pulled off yet another fantastic Big Truck Day here in Hinesburg. Much fun was had by kiddos inspecting trucks, crawling on tractors, listening to great music, having their faces painted, and playing with families and friends. Thanks to everyaone who came out to participate. Thanks also to those who donated vehicles, items, tents, or time to this great community event.

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CVU Class of 1972 Reunion

BY GARY SHEPARD

Come one, come all! We are looking for graduates from CVU High School" class of 1972.

We are having a class reunion on Saturday, July 15 from 3-8 p.m. at Cedar Knoll Country Club. We will be serving light fare. Golf is available for anyone wishing to partake. Please RSVP to Gary Shepard at gshep18@yahoo.com by May 26.

Highlights of **CVU Student Achievement**

FROM CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL **DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT**

ditor's Note: Over the past several issues, we have been publishing excerpts from the CVSD's Annual Report, which highlighted some wonderful achievements by CVU students. This is the last installment.

Since 2013, students in Gary Jedinak's class have made meals to support families going through the Prevent Child Abuse Vermont organization. This group is doing tough work with such a positive attitude.

Mekkena Boyd organized approximately 35 CVU students to fundraise and walk with her in the Making Strides Against

Breast Cancer Walk. She ultimately had a team of 43. In the end, they raised \$7,000 coming in third place for donations out of 76 teams.

A group of students from the Life Program volunteered to help plant 600 feet of garlic bulbs for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps at their Richmond farm. Students participating in this muddy and rainy farming adventure helped the VYCC Farm prepare to feed local families identified as "food insecure" through the VYCC "Healthcare Share" and the Vermont Food Bank. Students John Pellett, Star Berard, Janine Shows, Brendan Cruz, Damion Bothwell, and Robbie Edson also learned about sustainable organic farming, the VYCC mission, potential farm work opportunities ... all while earning Graduation Challenge hours for their "Life After High School" Grad Challenge projects.

or the secondryear, the CVU Iron Chef Club and Family and Consumer Science Classes prepared food for the Hinesburg Community School's annual Harvest Dinner. The Iron Chef team plans the dinner and organizes the cooking of the food. Students Emily Friedrichsen, Leah Boget, Aaron Dempsey, Olivia Yandow, Reid Zu-Wallack, and coach Eleanor Marsh made butternut squash and caramelized onion lasagna, marinated beet and kale salad, gluten-free sugar cookies and carrot cake. Several members of the team were not able to attend that evening: Eva Rocheleau, Kaitlyn Kaplan, and Schuyler Edgar Holmes.

Bella Curtis, sophomore, was elected to represent USA Pony Club in a mounted game international exchange program next summer in Canada!

Advanced Drawing and Painting students completed their memory portrait paintings this week for the Memory Project. The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenge; such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. Our students created beautiful paintings of children from Romania.

Congratulations to Nate Bamberger! Nate is one of eight horns from across the country that was chosen to be in the orchestra at the All Nationals Music Festival in Grapevine, Texas. They're playing the fourth and fifth movement of Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique and Marquez's Danzón No. 2.

Sam Noel was selected by USA Cycling as one of four 17/18 juniors to attend a Cyclocross Development Race Camp in the Netherlands over Thanksgiving break. He competed in two World Cups and one local race in Belgium.

CVU is the first school to partner with Green Mountain Power to place a charging station on site. Four students in the Money Energy Power class - Burke Spillane, Colin Osbahr, Jack Reynolds, and Jarrett Slote - led the project. The group came up with the idea as a class project

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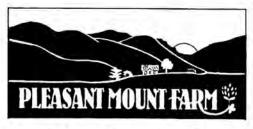
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to put in an electric vehicle charging station at CVU. They worked with Green Mountain Power to install the station that is now in service. GMP's commitment to a comprehensive statewide EV charging network will help increase Vermont's energy independence and contribute to cleaner air and lower carbon emissions. GMP has installed charging stations in 31 locations, ten of which have a DC Fast Charger. The charging station at Champlain Valley Union High School will serve all electric vehicles (Tesla owners need an adapter) with a dual port Level 2 station that provides up to 24 miles of charge per hour.

The Sophomore Class Council put on one of the biggest CVU annual events in November: The Dodge Ball Tournament! On Friday, November 11, 45 teams of six competed in a double elimination tournament. The final two teams competed in a winner take all game in front of the whole school the following week. The Sophomore Class Council raised over \$1,300 for charities such as COTS and the Thanksgiving Collection Drive.

Organizations



Hinesburg 4-H Club members divided their effortsto clean each of their home towns this year. Members worked in Burlington, Colchester, Richmond, and at Geprags Park here in Hinesburg, Vermont.

Hinesburg 4-H Club Celebrates Green Up Day

BY CORINNA HOBBS, HINESBURG 4-H CLUB REPORTER

On Saturday May 6, people from around the state spent their day cleaning up the Earth. Hinesburg 4-H Club members joined in on this as part of a community service project. We spent a few hours fixing the Earth, picking up every piece of nonbiodegradable trash we could find. We were happy to see other people as they joined in to help. Thank you to everyone for your contribution to Green Up Day this year.

"Free Father" Day Fishing Derby

BY SUSAN WINTER

The Chittenden County Fish and Game Club is holding a free fishing derby for children on Father's Day, June 18. The event will be held in Jonesville from 8–11 a.m. The derby is for youths ages 14 and younger.

Have an ad? 482-2540 or ads@hinesburgrecord.org.



Congratulations to 7-year-old Cayen Poquette of Hinesburg for catching the largest brook trout in last year's Chittenden County Fish and Game Club's annual free Father's Day fishing derby, held in Jonesville.

Trophies will be given in age groups 5-14 years. There will be prizes for all. Lunch will be available. To get to the derby, follow the signs from the Jonesville bridge to 1397 Wes White Hill Road, Jonesville. This derby is considered one of Vermont's oldest known fishing derbies in existence

RSVP Bone Builders at Kelley's Field

BY DANIELLE WILLIAMS

elley's Field Senior Housing in Hinesburg has held Bone Builders classes for about two years now. This free, no impact weight training program was designed to help prevent and reverse osteoporosis, a condition in which the bones become brittle from loss of tissue. The one hour classes are Mondays and Fridays 10-11a.m. Classes improve strength, bone





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A RSVP Bone Builders Training that took place on April 13 in South Burlington.

density, and balance, as well as make recovery time after a surgery that much quicker. Who wouldn't want that?!

Judy Ziegler, Sandy Hutchinson, and Linda Weston recently attended an RSVP Bone Builders training in April, and are now officially Bone Builders teachers. They have been alternating teaching classes since April 17th. When asked about how classes were going, Judy Ziegler chuckled and said, "It's going really well, we only have about four people sometimes, but we still have a good time! I'm going to try to call one of my friends after class today to see if she wants to join us."

With limited space at Kelley's Field they can't fill a room with 15 people, but that won't stop them from having enjoyable and intimate classes!

If you're interested in learning more about Bone Builders, please contact Danielle Williams at daniellew@unitedwaynwvt.org or 802-861-7821.

SCHIP Spring Grant Deadline

FROM PRESS RELEASE

he Spring deadline for SCHIP grant applications is Wednesday, May 31. Since SCHIP began making grants, many non-profits have used their awarded funds to continue their missions to improve the lives of our neighbors and strengthen our communities. Grants range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Grants may not exceed \$3,000 per request and only one grant can be received within a year

by any one entity.

Applicant requirements:

- Be a 501c(3) or submit the application through such an organization.
- Projects must serve residents of Shelburne, Charlotte, and/or Hinesburg.
- Funds may not be applied to annual operating budgets or permanent staffing.
- One application per organization per calendar year.
- Grants deadlines are January 31, May 31, and September 30.

To obtain an application go to the "Contact" link on the SCHIP's Treasure website at SCHIPSTreasure.org.

Birds of Vermont Museum Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Il events are at Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. (802) 434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org, birdsofvermont.org.

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Early Birder Morning Walks

Sundays, May-June, 7-8:30 a.m.

Ramble the Museum's forests and meadows, led by experienced Vermont birders. Finish the walk with bird-friendly coffee at the viewing window inside the Museum. Free. Please bring binoculars and water; tick repellent is recommended.

Nestlings Find Nature

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, May-October, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Preschoolers discover how nestling songbirds grow and develop in their challenging world. Books, crafts, nature walks, and outdoor activities make up investigative play. Included with Museum admission.

Open Studio Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (extended hours)

Celebrate spring and art with us! Featured events:

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Health & Safety

Ready for a Spring Tune-Up? Health Coaching Can Help

BY LAURA WISNIEWSKI, DIRECTOR OF BEECHER HILL YOGA

t's not rocket science: Eat healthy foods, move more, sleep well, stress less ... yet ... many of us have trouble making and sticking with the changes that can lead to feeling better now and staying healthier in the future. The relatively new field of health coaching is offering more and more people the help they need to find and stay the course to better health and well-being.

An important study published in the "Annals of Family Medicine" found that changes achieved with health coach-

ing persisted at least a year beyond the coaching intervention.

"Since health coaching applies principles of motivational interviewing and goal-setting to influence behavioral change and chronic disease self-management, it may have longer-lasting benefits than traditional interventions such as medications, which are only effective when taken." annfammed.org/content/14/3/200.full

What does a good health coach offer?

Non-judgmental support: A good health coach will help you to recognize your strengths and successes and build on them. She will help you focus your energy on positive change, rather than on self-criticism.

Guidance: a good health coach has training and a strong background in nutrition, movement, anatomy and physiology, healthcare, etc. Most importantly, a good health coach understands that

one size does not fit all. The vegan diet behind your best friend's inner glow might be all wrong for you. Your health coach will help you make decisions that acknowledge and accept who you are, where you are, and what your valued goals are.

Accountability: There's something magical about being held accountable. We all can think of those times we followed through on something we really didn't relish ... just because we told someone else we would.

Self-Awareness: A good health coach will not tell you what to do. She will suggest options. She will help you identify at which stage of change you are currently operating. She will help you explore your own values, goals and priorities so you can make lasting changes.

A holistic approach: To a good health coach, the word "health" means much more than numbers on a blood test or pounds on a scale. Our sense of wellbeing, our long-term health outcomes, and even our longevity depend on many factors. These include our genetics, our social network, our spirituality, our creative outlets, our opportunities for meaningful work, etc. It also depends as

well, of course, on our access to a safe environment at home and work, good healthcare, nutritious food, clean drinking water, and clean air.

For those of us who have made resolution after resolution to change, it might be time to ask the question: If the same approach hasn't worked so far, do I need a different approach? One approach that has helped many people make important lifestyle changes is health coaching.

For more information on integrative health coaching, you can contact Laura at 482-3191, or bhy@beecherhillyoga.com, or check out beecherhillyoga.com

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astleton student **Kyla Leary** of Hinesburg was recently selected to present at the annual Castleton Scholars Celebration: A Showcase of Original Student Work. The annual

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Nathalie E. Nostrand of Hinesburg has been selected for membership in Gamma Sigma Alpha, the national academic Greek honor society, at St. Lawrence University. Nostrand is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in Art and Art History and Business in the Liberal Arts. Nostrand attended Champlain Valley Union High School. To be a member in Gamma Sigma Alpha, students must be a member of a St. Lawrence fraternity or sorority, be a current junior or senior, and have either a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher or have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher during their junior or senior year.

Nostrand also has been selected for membership in the art and art history honorary society at St. Lawrence. The art and art history honorary society offers membership to students who maintain a 3.0 overall GPA and have taken four art and art history courses with a 3.5 GPA, or who have a 3.0 overall GPA and have taken six art and art history courses with a 3.25 average.

Sister Laura Della Santa, principal at Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington, proudly announces that Hinesburg resident **Luke Stevens** achieved Second Honors Honor Roll status for the third quarter.

Zengilowski Named Firefighter of the Year by the Brighton Fire Department

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Gregory Zengilowski, Hinesburg resident and CVU graduate has been named Firefighter of the Year by the Brighton, NY fire department. Gregory is a Ph.D.



Gregory Zengilowski, Brighton, NY Firefighter of the Year

student in the Physics Department at the University of Rochester and devotes a substantial amount of time to his responsibilities as a volunteer firefighter. According to Fire Chief Steven MacAdam, "This award recognizes his commitment to the Brighton Fire Department, exceeding all expectations. We thank Greg for his service on and off the fire ground." In 2016, Gregory responded to over 450 calls and attended over ten NY state fire certification training classes; he is also a squad program leader during a weekly12-hour shift, an EMT, and certified rescue technician in several disciplines. Gregory is 2011 graduate of CVU and earned undergraduate degrees in Astrogeophysics and Chemistry in 2015 from Colgate University.

Mike Mainer Joins DuBois & King

FROM PRESS RELEASE

uBois & King consulting engineers announce that Mike Mainer has joined the firm as civil/environmental engineer. Mike is a graduate of the University of Vermont's environmental engineering program. His six years of professional experience includes design and permitting of residential, commercial, and municipal water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects as well as site investigation and remediation of hazardous materials. He resides in Hinesburg and works



Hinesburg resident Mike Mainer has joined DuBois & King consulting engineers.

out of the firm's Brandon office.

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Obituaries

Meredith Barnes Babbott

eredith Barnes Babbott died in her room at Wake Robin in Shelburne, VT on April 2, 2017 with family at her side. She had recently celebrated her 88th birthday.

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Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

SATURDAY, MAY 27

2017 Spring Vermont Open Studio. Hinesburg. Open Studio Weekend takes place Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. Authenticity and quality are at the heart of the event. Visit http://vermontcrafts.com/0SW/maps-directions.html for more info.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

2017 Spring Vermont Open Studio

MONDAY, JUNE 5

4:30-5:30 p.m. Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited

7:00-8:30 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall

7:30-8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. UVM

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd, Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! Join us for our monthly Community Writers Group! All genres are welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts; network with other local wordsmiths; and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop in the Carpenter-Carse Community Room.

Snacks will be provided. To submit a piece of writing for others to review and enjoy before the group meets, email LauraWisniewski at bhy@beecherhillyoga.com.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Development Review Board. Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Station

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Advertising and News deadline for the June 22 issue of The Hinesburg Record

7:00-8:30 p.m. Town Forest Committee Meeting. Lower Level Conference Room in the Town Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 12

7:00-8:30 p.m. Village Steering Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall. Contact George Dameron, Chair 482-3269

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

7:00-8:30 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. 2nd floor, Town Hall

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall

7:30-9:00 p.m. Land Trust Meeting. TBD. Interested parties should call Ann Brush at 482-5656 or email annbrush@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:30-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training

7:30-8:30 p.m. Planning Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 19

7:00-8:30 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Town

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

5:00-6:30 p.m. CSSU School Board Meeting. CVU

5:30-7:30 p.m. CVSD Board Meeting Shelburne Community School, 345 Harbor Rd, Shelburne

6:30-8:00 p.m. Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Walter Hausermann at 802-878-7144 or walter@allstate.com

7:00–8:30 p.m. HCS Board Meeting. CVU 7:30–8:30 p.m. Development Review Board. Hinesburg Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00-8:00 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Fire Station

7:00-8:00 p.m. Hinesburg Trails Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room. Lenore Budd, Chair

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

June 22 issue of The Hinesburg Record published

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00-8:00 p.m. Conservation Commission

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:00-8:00 p.m. Carpenter Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter Carse Library
7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Fire Training
7:30-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission. Town
Hall

HINESBURG BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OFFERS FREE JOB SEARCH AND POSTING SERVICE

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA) has added to its web site space for area businesses to post employment openings and for area residents to post requests and/or resumes when seeking jobs. The service is free of charge to members and non-members. The Association encourages area businesses and job seekers to use the site. Expanded usage will enhance the value of the site to the community.

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If you have any questions about this site or its use, contact Robert Stahl at bstahl2@gmail.com or at 482-3137.

► Meredith Barnes Babbott continued from page 17

"Mermer" died peacefully in the early evening after a spring day and lovely sunset over Lake Champlain highlighting the Adirondack Mountains. She was born Meredith Diane Barnes in the territory of Hawaii, in Honolulu on March 3, 1929. She was the eldest daughter of Clara Mildred (Hicks) Barnes and Arthur Dayton Barnes, Lieutenant Commander, USN Submarine Service. As a child of a navy officer, the family moved every two years alternating between sea duty and shore assignments. Thus, moving and putting down roots were the norm during her growing up.

Mermer and her husband, David Babbott, met on a blind date January 10, 1948 while she was a freshman at Smith College, Northampton, MA and he was a freshman at Amherst College in Amherst, MA. They graduated from their respective colleges in 1951 and were married in Glencoe, Maryland on June 21, 1952. They shared a long and supportive marriage of 63 years. With their fivenchildren, they moved from West Hartford, CT to Burlington, VT in 1967. This was the best move of her life!

She received great joy and pleasure from living in this beautiful state. In her middle years, she bicycled the length

of Vermont, and completed The Long Trail end to end in 1996 at the age of 69 – an exhilarating achievement! Mermer enjoyed biking, hiking, swimming, skiing, tennis, fly fishing, and knitting. She was passionate about her gardens and gardening, marveled at nature's beauty from oceans to mountains, and took great pleasure in sharing these experiences with others. Her long-distance travels included Antarctica, Baja, East Africa, the Galapagos, and multiple onehundred-mile raft trips.

She was an active hospice volunteer with the VNA for 25 years starting in 1981 and was a caretaker of gardens and grounds for several churches. Mermer was committed to both Greenwich Academy and Smith College because they shaped and focused her life. In later years, since 1981–2009 she was class representative for the Planned Giving Committee, she served on the Smith Alumnae Association Board, and received Smith's Planned Giving Volunteer of the Year award.

There were three chapters to Mermer's life: her early years through Smith College; the middle years which included marriage, Dave's medical school, and motherhood; and later years which included Dave's retirement, marriages of her children, and time with eleven

grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Her grown children, their spouses and their children, and close friends were all family to Mermer. This extended family enriched her life and made life's beautiful journey more com-

Several years ago, when still living in their home on Lake Champlain, Memer was asked, "how does life look?" She answered, "Beautiful. Fragile. Forgiving. I look westward out over Lake Champlain and see in it the reflections of life beams of light through the clouds, crystal-clear days, howling winds and ferocious waves, sunsets and evening stars. The setting sun is both the end of the day and a promise of a new one. Thank you, Dave, our children and grandchildren, family clan, and dearest friends." Her husband, Dave predeceased her in 2015. Mermer leaves four surviving children: David and wife Nancy of Shelburne, VT; Frank and wife Aimee of Hinesburg, VT; Katherine and husband Tom of Weston, MA; and Arthur and wife Heather of Flagstaff, AZ.

A Circle of Remembrance was held at Wake Robin in Shelburne on Sunday May 7. Please, instead of flowers, contributions may be made to the Green Mountain Club, (The Long Trail Protection Fund); Hospice of the Champlain Valley, c/o the Visiting Nurses Association or the United Way of Northern Vermont.

Stephen C. Gregory and Son cremation services assisted in fulfilling the family's wishes.

Open Studio Weekend

BY MARIAN WILLMOTT

ermont Open Studio Weekend is coming up! On Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, Memorial Day weekend, artists throughout the state will open their studios to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This is an opportunity to tour some of the places and back roads in Vermont where you don't ordinarily go, meet artists, see where they live and work, learn about their artistic process, and perhaps find a piece of art to buy at a wholesale price.

There are three artists participating in Hinesburg. Marian Willmott and Fiona Cooper Fenwick, are both on Hayden Hill Road West. Fiona has landscape and still life paintings in oil and pastels. Marian has landscapes, still lifes, and portraits in oil, along with some monoprints, John Lomas, on Shelburne Falls Road, is a wood worker and makes custom furniture.

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19. *"Beach Party" garb

21. *Kind of 1960s "invasion"

23. Tokyo, pre-1868

24. *Wilder in 1968's "The Producers"

25. "Gross!"

28. 9th letter of Greek alphabet

30. Changes 35. High part of day

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8. Acrobat maker

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10. Audiophile's praise

11. Shining armor

12. *Crosby, Stills &

15. Protection from a sword

20. Nary a soul

22. Ribonucleic acid

24. Waste basket contents

25. *"The Man from

26. Soft and sticky

27 _podge

29. Wild no more

31. Bests

32. Related on mother's side

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59. Life saver

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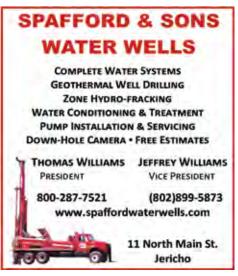


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► Arts

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"Mountain Ember" by Marian Willmott

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Commentary

A Nation of **Cranks?**

BY BILL SCHUBART

e've become a nation of divided cranks. Too many of my friends have made up their mind about everything, dug in their heels, and either turned thece faces to the wall, as they say in hospice, or steeled themselves to fighting for their entrenched opinions.

If only we lived in a simple binary world of absolutes instead of in the complicated, nuanced world where some things can be true and false at the same time. We wouldn't need all this troublesome education, reading, art, science, and conversation. We could just eat, drink, watch television, and give those who disagree with us the digital digit.

Friends send me anti-vax, anti-immigrant, anti-abortion, anti-religion, anti-wind, anti-hunting, anti-single-payer memes... the list is endless and covers the entire political spectrum. The only consistency is "anti." But each of these "antis" is, in fact, a complex and nuanced subject, requiring application of reason, science, human story, and civil debate.

We've become too comfortable and lazy. Everything's become a "pro- anti" binary stalemate and so our democracy grinds to a halt.

Colonialism and the flight of oppressed and starving populations have diversified and complicated our world. This was how our own country was founded. Traditional communities still had to reconcile diverse opinions but had the shared benefit of intimate community contact and a shared need for survival that required debate and solutions.

The digital world has wrought many benefits to science, education, business, and communication, but its impact on community has been less beneficial. We've ceded personal contact and the rough-and-tumble of debate to remote name-calling, ideological safe spaces, and anti-messaging that invites no rebuttal or debate and reinforces our own righteous ignorance.

But when we stop talking to one another, we stop learning. When we choose our news based on our politics, we learn nothing new. When we create emotionally safe spaces in our schools and colleges, our children stop learning. When we take opiates, our bodies die. When we merely entertain ourselves, our spirits die.

I lay this withered wreath not on the tomb of any political party but on our democracy at large. We are all guilty of intellectual laziness.

We should each find someone with whom we disagree and talk with them and listen to them. Whether they change our mind or re-enforce our own opinions, at least those opinions will be informed by debate.

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Other News

Getting More Young **Vermonters to College**

BY SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS

he good news is that Vermont has one of the highest high school graduation rates in the country; fully 88 percent of our kids leave high school with a diploma. All of us - parents, educators, community members and most of all, our hardworking students - should feel great pride in that accomplishment.

The bad news is that Vermont is close to the bottom in terms of college enrollment rates. While nearly 75 percent of high school seniors say they want to pursue postsecondary education, just 53-59 percent (depending on the survey) actually enroll. Not surprisingly, the gap is widest for students whose parents didn't attend college, students from low-income families, and students with disabilities.

Fifty years ago, if you received a high school degree, odds were that you could get a decent-job and make it into the middle class. But that has changed. While not all middle-class jobs in today's economy require a college degree or other forms of post-high school education, an increasing number do.

Moreover, the median worker with a bachelor's degree will earn almost \$1 million more over their career than the median worker with a high school diploma (the figure is \$360,000 for the median worker with an associate's degree).

Yet, while the U.S. once led the world in college graduation rates for young people, today we are in 11th place. We are falling further behind because the ever rising cost of college requires many students to take on a mountain of debt. This year, nearly 70 percent of graduating college students will have some debt, and the average debt exceeds \$30,000. We are placing a very heavy burden on our young people, before they even apply for their first jobs.

In the richest country in the world, everyone who has the ability and the desire should be able to get a higher education. That is why I introduced the College for All Act, which would eliminate tuition and fees at public colleges and universities, and substantially reduce student debt.

But in Vermont, cost is not the only reason for low college enrollment rates. If you're the first person in your family to go to college, as my brother and I were, you might find yourself overwhelmed by the college application and financial aid process. There are hundreds of colleges out there. How do you find the one that is right for you? How do you get through the mountain of complicated financial aid forms? Once you are in college, how do you successfully fit into an environment which could be very different from home?

The U.S. Education Department funds some excellent programs in Vermont,

like Upward Bound, Talent Search and GEAR UP. Over the years, these programs have been enormously successful in preparing students for college and providing support services so they stay enrolled and graduate.

But clearly, we must do more. I recently met with educators from across Vermont to identify ways to do just that. Here are a few of the conclusions that we reached.

First, we must let every child know from a young age – especially first-generation and low-income Vermonters - that college is an option. Yes, even if your parents never went to college, or your family doesn't have a lot of money, you can get a higher education. Psychologically, many children develop a sense of whether or not they will go to college by the 7th grade, so we must start the conversation early. Something as simple as an annual field trip to a local college, and a talk with students on campus, can spark the imagination of young Vermonters.

Secondly, we must do a better job supporting school guidance counselors. Today, many school counselors are spending much of their time reacting to disruptive classroom situations rather than providing help to students who are struggling with the college admissions process. Some schools in Vermont do not even have a single full-time counselor.

Third, we have to make sure all students and parents understand federal and state financial aid options and have the help they need navigating the forms. Vermont ranks near the bottom in terms of the rate of kids from poor districts applying for financial aid versus kids in wealthier districts.

Fourth, we have to do better in letting our young people know about the excellent college options right here in Vermont, and there are many. Just one of many examples: I recently visited Vermont Technical College, and was surprised to learn that 100 percent of VTC graduates either go on to further learning or get jobs - with an average salary of \$43,600 a year. I was even more surprised to hear that VTC is under-enrolled.

Like any complex problem, there is not one simple solution to our low college enrollment rate. But at a time when a college education is more important than ever, we must work together to solve this crisis.



Guess the Artist Winner!

Alina Young, of Hinesburg, has won our Guess the Artist Contest and will receive a \$100 Gift Certificat from Blue Heron Art and

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Art A: "Mardis Gras": Rae Harrel

F: "The Milk Cycle (2)": Len Duffy

G: "Abstract Fish #3": Connie Lavallee H: "Still Standing:" Helen Nagel I: "Iris #1": Jean Masseau



J: "View from the Inn": Sally Merring Reiss K: "Old Hay

Storage Barn":



















L: "Portrait of a

Art B: "Peacock": Miriam Adams Art C: "Red Maple": Fiona Cooper Fenwick

D: "Cross Hatch Blue / Orange": Diane Snelling

E: "Cheyenne Mustang": Loy Harrel



Young Woman": Marian Willmott M: "Flower Power Extraor-

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Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart **Church Phone:** 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

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Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 434-4782

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Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish Office) or 434-4782 (home) for more information.

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Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

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Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

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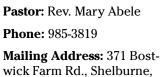
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Services: Sunday 9:00

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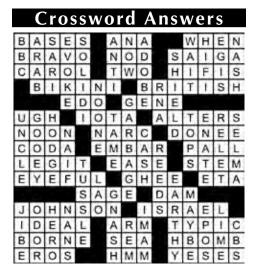


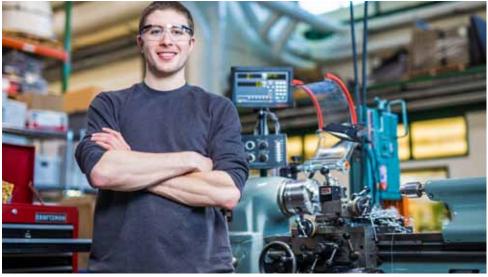
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and brand aesthetic.

RG Systems' rebrand came on the heels of its acquisition by ESCO Technologies Inc., a St. Louis-based provider of highly engineered products and solutions to a variety of growing end-markets, including aerospace, healthcare, and now, thanks to NRG, the renewable energy industry. Though unrelated to the rebrand, the sale will further strengthen NRG's ability to grow through the continued investment in new products and the expan sion of its existing technologies into new markets. Justin Wheating, president and CEO of NRG Systems, said, "We are excited about what's on the horizon and we are pleased to join a company that shares our core values and demonstrates its strong focus on customers, employees, and community." Despite the various changes at NRG, the company remains dedicated to sustainability, innovation, its employees, and the community. The future is bright for NRG Systems.





Cody Spiegel, Mechanical Engineer, NRG Systems.



Electronics production at NRG Systems.

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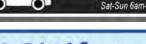
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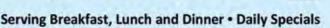
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NRG Systems and Our Community

BY BRITTANY M. GOOD

hen you mention NRG
Systems, most Vermonters
will respond with a comment
about its headquarters — a large, aesthetically striking building off Highway
116 in Hinesburg. Often, that's where
the familiarity ends. Many are unaware
of the pivotal role that NRG Systems
has quietly played in helping renewable
energy go mainstream, or that its global
reach extends to over 150 countries.

Founded in 1982 in Bristol, NRG Systems got its start designing and manufacturing decision support tools for wind resource assessment — the systematic collection of wind data at a potential wind plant site. Effective and remarkably userfriendly, NRG's turnkey products revolutionized the way developers estimate power output — a crucial part of designing a wind plant, securing financing, and making other critical decisions. Today, NRG provides tools for all stages of wind and solar plant development as well as the meteorology sector, which encompasses weather intelligence, air quality management, and aviation.

NRG Systems joined the Hinesburg community in 1988 and in 2004, the companv moved from its Commerce Street location to its current LEED Gold-certified facility on Riggs Road to accommodate its growing workforce and production operation. The structure itself, built in 2004 and expanded in 2008, reflects the company's dedication to sustainability and efficiency both at home in Vermont and abroad. The 75,000-square-foot building is powered by renewable energy and includes a solar hot water system, a wood pellet heating system, radiant floor cooling systems, and a variety of other features aimed at lessening the company's environmental impact. NRG also utilizes lean manufacturing practices, which reduce waste, increase efficiency, and enable tighter controls on product quality. The company is currently ISO 9001:2008-certified, a testament to its dedication to continual quality and efficiency improvement.

NRG's environmental stewardship initiatives extend beyond their own walls and in 2017, the company partnered with the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to administer its Living Lighter benefit — an initiative that began at NRG



NRG Systems' LEED Gold certified headquarters in Hinesburg.



NRG employees participating in a community event.

nearly fifteen years ago and encourages employees to reduce their carbon footprint by reimbursing sustainability purchases. In addition to home energy and transportation investments, the benefit covers bulk purchases from farmers and CSA shares – a boon not only for local farmers such as Pete's Greens, which counts NRG Systems among its delivery sites, but also NRG's employees.

he Living Lighter benefit is just one part of a robust and thoughtfully built plan aimed at ensuring that all of NRG Systems' 102 employees feel good about coming to work each day. There are reimbursements for purchases that promote physical and

mental wellness, an on-site fitness center, and paid time off for volunteering. NRG is also dedicated to giving back to its Vermont community and hosts numerous charitable activities throughout the year including donation collections for the Hinesburg Food Shelf, an annual United Way campaign, and on-site blood drives. A growing number of brave employees also participate in the Special Olympics' Penguin Plunge each year.

NRG is dedicated to giving back to its Vermont community

This April, NRG Systems celebrated its 35th anniversary – a considerable milestone for a company rooted in an industry that is just hitting its stride. The landmark year has ushered in a new era for the company, which is returning to the NRG Systems name after operating as Renewable NRG Systems for three and a half years. The change was spurred by NRG's increasingly expanded focus on sustainability infall its forms. The new name, which better represents the scope and breadth of the company's product offerings and services, is accompanied by a new logo

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Mentoring

Make a difference in the life of a child. Become a mentor at HCS. No tutoring involved, just being a buddy to a child who would benefit from adult friendship. And only one hour a week during the school year. Contact Ginny Roberts at groberts@cssu.org or 482-6271 for more information.

Meals on Wheels

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Hinesburg seniors need your help. Some seniors live alone with limited social contact and would love to share their gift of gab with you. Just an hour of your time can make a big difference in the life of one of the seniors in our town. CVAA is currently looking for volunteer, visitors for two men in Hinesburg, one of whom would particularly enjoy a little male camaraderie. If you would be willing to help one of these seniors, contact Bev at 1-800-642-5119 for more information.

Town Committees

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- Agency Request Review Committee
- Conservation Commission
- CCTA Authority AlternateEnergy Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Planning Commission
- Town Health Officer
- Village Steering Committee

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