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MARCH 2019

Hands Only CPR

The mantra of the day was “Stayin’ Alive.”

The instructions were short and simple. Call 911, put the phone on speaker, locate the center of the chest, and press hard and fast to the beat of “Stayin’ Alive” or any 100-measure song.

On Saturday Feb. 2, over 100 members of the community, including some from neighboring towns, ages 6 to over 70,

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Above: Lucas Charbonneau explaining chest compressions. Below: Caitlin and Charlene VanSleet give it a try.



Hinesburg Artist Series 23rd Concert

BY RUFUS PATRICK

The 23rd Hinesburg Artist Series concert will be Sunday, March 24, 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg. The



Becky Bass

headlining artist will be renowned vocalist and steel drum master Becky Bass. She hails from the beautiful island of St. Croix in the British Virgin Islands and now lives in Providence, Rhode Island. She will join the South County Chorus and HAS Orchestra performing solo selections and the cycle of seven spirituals arranged by John Rutter entitled, “Feel the Spirit.” The concert will also include selections from Part II and III of Handel’s “Messiah,” and an arrangement of “Turn the World Around.”

Tickets are \$15 for students and seniors, \$20 for adults and can be purchased at flyntix.org, Blue Cottage gift store in Hinesburg, the Hinesburg Recreation Department, Hinesburgh Public House and from any South County Chorus member. Hope to see you there!

Becky Bass—Hailing from the beautiful island of St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Becky is a locally renowned vocalist, steel pannist and actor in Providence, Rhode Island. She is thrilled

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Public Walks Showcasing Forest Management on Town Forests

BY ETHAN TAPPER

On Saturday, March 16, Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper will lead a public walk of an active timber sale that has taken place on the Preston Pond Conservation Area, a conserved town forest in Bolton, over the last two winters. This project was marked and supervised by Ethan and cut by Bolton logger Kyle Pratt, with a proportion of the firewood going to Bolton residents. The purpose of this forest management is to increase forest health, concentrate growth on the highest quality trees in the forest and to encourage the growth of a more diverse, complex forest with improved habitat for wildlife, all while demonstrating responsible, active forest management in an open, transparent and inclusive way. This walk will take place from 1-3 p.m. on March 16. Please meet at the log landing, across from 3097 Stage Road in West Bolton (Jericho on Google Maps). Please note that this walk involves a substantial uphill walk, potentially in snow and ice. For those who are uncomfortable with hikes such as this, the walk at the Hinesburg Town Forest on March 17 may be a better fit.

On Sunday, March 17, Ethan will lead a public walk of active forest management on the Hinesburg Town Forest. This timber sale is being cut by Hinesburg logger Tim Brown, and is also supervised and marked by Ethan. This operation will be continuing through next winter. Similar to the Preston Pond Conservation Area, the work at the HTF is designed to improve forest health, encourage high-quality, healthy trees, provide improved habitat for wildlife and generally to encourage a more complex, diverse forest while demonstrating responsible active forest management in an open, transparent and inclusive way. For this walk, please meet at the end of Economou Road in Huntington at 1 p.m., where we will park in the plow turnaround. The walk will go from 1-3 p.m.

In the case of both of these projects, a primary goal is to increase public understanding of active forest management — how it can be done in an ecological context and in a modern, thoughtful way — and to showcase Vermont’s working landscape and the

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Letter Policy

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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.

Voting for Aaron Kimball and Keith Roberts

We will be voting for incumbent Aaron Kimball and former school board member Keith Roberts for the Hinesburg Selectboard. While Keith would be a newcomer to the selectboard, both candidates have the experience necessary to balance our large list of needs and wants with our limited financial and staff resources. Aaron and Keith listen to all perspectives in their decision making and look for opportunities to improve our community. Please vote for Aaron and Keith and encourage your network to do the same either by absentee voting at the town clerk's office before school vacation or voting on March 5.

Kevin and Dawn Francis

Jeff French for Selectboard

It is always revealing to be able to sit in on a board or commission as it is working through discussions which will have a long-range and important impact on

our town and citizens. In attending planning commission meetings, as the Town Plan and Official Map upgrading has occurred, I have been impressed with the interest and consideration shown by Jeff in what will be best for Hinesburg. Jeff uses his intelligence, experience and love of Hinesburg as guideposts for the decisions he makes toward a livable quality of life for, and with us.

I will be very grateful to have Jeff, who values keeping and creating community, as our newest selectboard member.

Please remember to vote and thank you for casting your vote for Jeff French on Election Day.

Johanna White

Jeff French for Selectboard 2-Year Term

I am pleased to support Jeff French in his bid for the 2 year term on the select board. I am confident he will bring new ideas to the board and shares many of the community values that motivated my service on the board. Jeff and his family chose Hinesburg because they believed our town was taking a pro-active approach to development that valued a small town with local businesses and invested in public infrastructure that facilitates walkability in the village and protection of rural land for agriculture and natural resources .

Jeff will bring his experience on the Planning Commission, Village Steering Committee and an ad committee formed by the selectboard to study and recommend ways to better allocate water and waste water capacity for new developments to help guide the selectboard as new infrastructure is needed.

These important town assets of water and waste water are limited resources and Jeff has brought a thoughtful and organized approach to creating criteria to evaluate development proposals that will help the town achieve the goals envisioned in the town plan. I have served with Jeff on this committee and learned that he appreciates and respects the importance of citizen participation and dialogue that allows deeper understanding of all opinions when making decisions.

Serving on the selectboard requires a commitment to learn about a diversity of issues ranging from understanding the impact of climate change on how our roads are managed to evaluating the effectiveness of a noise ordinance to the analysis of traffic signal timing. I believe Jeff is dedicated to engaging with both the small details, the broad policies and the team work that are required to make important decisions for the community as Hinesburg moves forward.

As Hinesburg continues to attract both young families and retirees Jeff is a person who is comfortable talking and listening to the concerns of our growing community.

I am excited that Jeff has stepped forward and is willing to help guide Hinesburg as a member of the select-

board to continue to promote a town government that values citizen participation, transparency and financial accountability.

I hope you will join me in voting for Jeff French on March 5th or anytime at the Town Clerks office.

Andrea Morgante

Support for Jeff French

I am writing to express my support for Jeff French who is running for a seat on the Hinesburg Selectboard. Having served on the selectboard myself and having served alongside Andrea Morgante, I can attest to how critical a seat this is to fill. It will be hard for anyone to fill Andrea's vital role on that board but, from everything I have heard and seen of Jeff French, he is the best candidate to do just that.

Jeff has lived in Hinesburg for eight years but in those eight years, he has stepped forward and volunteered his time to serve the town first on the Village Steering Committee, and is currently on the planning commission, and the Water and Wastewater Allocation Committee. He has a good sense of the challenges and opportunities here in our wonderful town and a vision and commitment to help us move forward in a planned and thoughtful way. Development in our town is unavoidable but we do have a choice about whether we, as a community, are in the driver's seat or just going along for the ride. We need to be proactive, working consciously toward becoming an even better community, rather than reacting to development in a piecemeal fashion.

From everything I have seen and heard about Jeff, I also believe that he has the right kind of temperament to assure that our town government is thoughtful, deliberative and open to new ideas. Jeff is articulate, a creative thinker, listens respectfully to different viewpoints, and is diplomatic.

I think he would make a great addition to our selectboard. I hope you will join me in voting for Jeff French for Hinesburg Selectboard on Town Meeting Day.

Howard Russell

Jeff French for Selectboard

I have served with Jeff French on the Hinesburg Planning Commission and appreciate that his presence and contribution to the public discourse are positive, respectful and informed.

Thanks to his years of active participation on the village steering committee, planning commission and Water and Wastewater Allocation Committee, Jeff has a broad knowledge of issues that are crucial to the future measured growth of our town. He believes in planning for Hinesburg's growth rather than taking a sit-back-and-watch-it-happen approach.

The complex, changing needs of a municipality do not respond well to black-and-white thinking; for a community to truly thrive requires keen insight and creative solutions. That's why I'm voting for Jeff French.

Maggie Gordon

Vote for Jeff French — Keep Hinesburg Rural and Business Friendly

I'm what used to be called a "flatlander." I grew up in a suburb of Chicago, but have lived in Hinesburg for 40 years. I raised two kids here and served on the Hinesburg Conservation Commission for over 25 years. So, I have a perspective on what makes Hinesburg a great place to live and raise a family. But with this perspective comes a foreboding: Hinesburg now faces the biggest threat to its rural character and small-town atmosphere since I moved here in 1979.

The threat I'm talking about, of course, is Hannaford's attempt to place a giant supermarket and parking lot in the middle of our village, on the now famous Lot 15. Some have characterized those who share my opinion as "anti-commerce." But over the years I have seen Hinesburg grow, both in the number of residences and size of its businesses. I understand and accept that growth, so long as it respects the important natural resources in Hinesburg, and is of a scale compatible with the qualities and capacities of our community.

The Development Review Board agreed with many members of the public, and their independent expert witnesses, that Hannaford's proposed giant store would pose significant threats to our community — including those of aggravated traffic congestion and uncontrolled storm water runoff (which means intermittent flooding of adjoining lands and contamination of our groundwater, streams and lakes), among other significant issues.

My opinion, and those of many others more familiar with the technical issues, is that Lot 15 could still accommodate some commercial use, but on a smaller scale. To prevent future and costly battles against Hannaford's or other mega-corporations, at least the wetland area on Lot 15 (which provides for critical absorption during heavy rains) should be protected on a permanent basis. That is why we need to acquire that area by eminent domain and protect it in perpetuity. Those who describe this debate as an "all or nothing" decision (that is, Lot 15 must be all commercial or all park), are not acknowledging all of the issues that are involved, or all of the choices that are available.

I have read the public statements of both candidates on this issue, and I believe only one of them — Jeff French — understands the nuances of healthy and far-sighted land use planning for our unique and valuable town.

Bill Marks

Jeff French: Vision and Leadership

I believe Jeff French will bring the right vision and leadership we need on our selectboard. I have personally known Jeff and his family for eight years as a neighbor and friend. I have had the pleasure of

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Town

Town Clerk & Treasurer

BY MISSY ROSS

Town Meeting Day

Town Meeting Day is just around the corner! Once again, the meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 4, at the CVU High School auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Town meeting is where we discuss and vote on the town budget. The following day, Tuesday, March 5, will be voting by Australian ballot for the election of officers and the Champlain Valley School District budget. We have one contested race on the local ballot and that is for a two-year term on the selectboard for the seat being vacated by Andrea Morgante. We all owe Andrea our gratitude for her years of service on the board and she will have a well-deserved respite after 27 years! Jeff French and Keith Roberts are both running for the vacant seat. We are not programming the voting machines and have printed the ballots ourselves in order to save money. It is a relatively easy task to simply hand-count one race. The CVSD budget ballots will be transported to CVU for comingling with the ballots from the other member towns. We hope to see many people on Tuesday, March 5. The polls are located at the Hinesburg Town Hall and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dog Licenses Due

Dog licenses are due annually on or before April 1. All dogs residing in the Town of Hinesburg must obtain a dog tag by April 1. The fee is \$10 and we must have a valid rabies certificate on file or you should bring one with you if it has been updated since you obtained the license last spring. You are welcome to call to check on the status of your pet's rabies certificate and find out whether you need to bring a new one with you. After April 1, the fee increases to \$15. We love visits from your pet, so feel free to stop in to get a dog treat when you come in for your pet's license. There are several rabies clinics offered in the area in the next few weeks. Tractor Supply on Shelburne Road is offering rabies clinics on March 2 and March 30 from 1-2:30 p.m. with a cost of \$19. The Town of Richmond will hold a rabies clinic at the Richmond Rescue building on March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon and the cost is \$20. Finally, the Town of Starksboro will hold a clinic on

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Hinesburg Food Shelf

Food drop off boxes are at
Lantman's and
Hinesburg Area Churches

Monetary donations can be sent to:
Hinesburg Food Shelf
PO Box 444, Hinesburg, VT 05461

Hinesburg Food Shelf hours are:
Tuesday nights 5:30 - 7:30
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Hinesburg Recreation Office - Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Coordinator Town Hall. 482-2281 ext. 230. Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: 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 Rachel Kring at 482-4667. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for Friends of Families, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00-4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Mon. -Fri. 6:00 a.m-6:00 p.m.

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HCS: hcsvt.org. Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

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

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

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

hinesburgbusiness.com - FREE. POST NOTICE OF JOB OPENINGS. POST RESUMES. Sponsored by HBPA.

seewhy.info: Official website Connecting Youth (CY), the Chittenden South community-based 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!



Do you need a Ride?

A Hinesburg Community Resource Center Program

Call SSTA: 878-1527

or Karla Munson: 482-2778

Visit us at HinesburgRides.org

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March 16 at the town hall from 9-11 a.m. with a cost of \$15. If your dog has had a rabies shot before, and you bring the certificate with you to one of the rabies clinics, you can obtain a three-year shot. If you have no documentation, you will receive a one-year vaccine.

Homestead Declaration or HS-122

Tax time is here and you should be sure to file your homestead declaration if you own and occupy your home as of April 1, 2019. If you are working on filing your income tax return and need a copy of your property tax bill, please send an email to me at mross@hinesburg.org and I will attach a copy and send it to you. You can also call 802-482-2281, ext. 2 to request that we mail you a copy. If you qualify for a property tax adjustment, the amount will be applied to your bill as a credit.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything, give us a call and we are happy to help in whatever way we can.

Public Open Spaces Hearing

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN, DIRECTOR
PLANNING & ZONING

The planning commission will hold a public hearing on March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office to get community feedback on two proposed regulation revisions related to public open spaces — e.g., future roads, sidewalks and trails, playgrounds, community gathering places, recreation areas, etc. Revision No. 1 — changes to the Town's Official Map. Revision No. 2 — changes to the zoning regulations to add design standards for public open spaces in village growth area developments.

The PC has been discussing these changes for about a year, but most of the community conversation and comments received have been on just one element on the Official Map — Lot 15 on Commerce Street. The proposed Official Map revisions go well beyond that hot potato. The PC looked at the entire village growth area and the surroundings, and the Official Map revisions go well beyond one controversial parcel. Road intersection improvement areas, trail connections, new sidewalks (both in the village and along Richmond Road), parks, stormwater treatment areas, etc.

Wait, what is the Official Map? It's a map that shows the locations of possible future community facilities — e.g., sidewalks, parks, roads, etc. The map has the power of a zoning regulation. It ensures critical locations are not lost to the Town as property is developed, but it also ensures that landowners can proceed with development of these locations if the Town fails to act in a timely manner.

Preserving space for future community facilities is what the Official Map does. What it doesn't do is ensure that new development actually creates any public facilities or amenities. That's where the proposed zoning regulations come in — i.e., revision No. 2. The PC is proposing design standards for larger de-

velopments to ensure that: a) some public open space is actually built as part of the project; b) that this public open space is accessible, well-designed and functional. What we seek to avoid are development plans that treat open space as an afterthought, shunted to the periphery of a project or located in highly constrained areas (e.g., wetlands, floodplains, etc.). Just like we have design standards for lot layout, road networks, parking lots and building placement, we also want to provide clarity on public open spaces. The proposed design standards address minimum size, accessibility, necessary features and amenities.

In a 2014 survey, we asked, "Is Hinesburg prepared for the challenges it will face in the next five-10 years?" 48 percent said no, and only 13 percent said yes (432 respondents). As a result, one of the top priority action items in the Town Plan is to create more specific development design standards to more clearly articulate community expectations. Both of these revisions set out to do just that. With that said, the details are important and worth scrutinizing. Check out the proposal on the Town website (hinesburg.org), and contact the Planning & Zoning office for more information, or to provide feedback ahead of the March 13 public hearing.

Selectboard Votes 4-1 Not to Pursue Eminent Domain of Lot 15

BY MARY JO BRACE

In a crowded meeting hall on Feb. 12, the Hinesburg Selectboard defeated a motion made by Andrea Morgante that would have started the steps of a condemnation process for Lot 15 in Commerce Park. The motion would have initiated the eminent domain process by stating that the Town has an interest in acquiring the site (also known as the proposed Hannaford land) to enable the town to collect more information before deciding whether eminent domain should be pursued. Morgante noted, "We can't just say we are doing eminent domain and start that process — appraisals, surveys and other information needs to be gathered."

Board Chair Phil Pouech explained the selectboard's request to the environmental court for a stay was rejected. Per state statute, the selectboard had 120 days from the development review board's October 2018 rejection of the Hannaford's application to decide whether to move forward and proceed with eminent domain. Lot 15 is on the town's Official Map which calls for some public facilities on the parcel.

Of the two dozen residents who spoke, the majority were against acquiring Lot 15 by eminent domain. Their concerns included; the taking of private property for a public park when other land is available; the cost to purchase, build and maintain a park; lost tax revenue and jobs; mounting legal costs, as well as the potential for more litigation when the parcel is still going through appeals. It was discovered to the surprise of board members that the Town has already spent \$69,000 since 2013 on the Hannaford case and on the Lot 15



The Hinesburg Selectboard and residents discussed the use of eminent domain on Feb. 12.

legal issues. Most of those that testified believe we should be more concerned about taking care of the parks and public spaces we now have; many believe this request for acquiring Lot 15 was a ploy by Responsible Growth Hinesburg to keep Hannaford's out of Hinesburg

Those speaking for the motion expressed concern about impacts on water quality, flooding and storm water and felt this motion was needed to demonstrate support for past efforts by various town boards in updating the town map.

This is not appropriate use of eminent domain.

Bill Baker kicked off the comments noting, "Lot 15 is not a unique property, we have plenty of open space, this is not appropriate use of eminent domain." He also noted "The same people who want to support this park are the same ones who didn't want to support Bissonette's playing fields, didn't want to allocate town money to establish fields that were much needed, they just want to stop Hannaford's."

Paul Lamberson stated he is appreciative of the creativity, passion and thoughtfulness they have taken about storm water management. But also noted "the ice rink and tennis courts are underfunded."

After some comments about the importance of honoring the town plan and the repercussions if not followed, planning commission member Rolf Kielman said, "We should look elsewhere if we need a grocery store that bad, there are other places in town that could be potentially re-zoned to accommodate something that's a little different than what has been proposed." This comment left some wondering if the town plan is as set in stone as explained by others.

Board member Tom Ayer noted he has received lots of emails and phone calls and read every one of them, he said the ratio was 3-4 to 1 opposed to taking this land by eminent domain. "People realize how significant that is and should only be used for necessary projects, in the words of our attorneys, it's the most significant action any municipal body can take."

Board member Merrily Lovell spoke about the conflicting rights of both the land owners and the rights of the town as well as water quality. She voted against the motion because "eminent domain is a huge step to take" and noted the applicant's application was denied due to storm water and traffic issues. She wanted to trust in the appeals process.

After 90 minutes of public discussion, a vote was called, the motion was de-

nied by a vote of 4-1. Tom Ayer, Merrily Lovell, Aaron Kimball and Phil Pouech voted against the motion to start the eminent domain process and Andrea Morgante voted in favor.

After the crowd left, the remaining agenda resumed. At the close there were many sincere comments from the board praising and thanking Andrea for her years of service and her dedication to the town of Hinesburg. She called for adjournment for the last time, ending her 27 years on the Selectboard.

Future public hearings by the commission and the selectboard will be held on this issue.

What is next for Hannaford's and Lot 15? The DRB's decision regarding stormwater, official map and traffic concerns are in the Environmental Court. The planning commission has voted again to include public facilities on Lot 15 and therefore, future public hearings by the commission and the selectboard will be held on this issue.

Hinesburg Housing News

BY THE HINESBURG AFFORDABLE
HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee updated its 2010 Housing Needs Assessment in December 2017. The committee continues to share some of the important information from that report with the community, along with other relevant housing information, with periodic short snippets. The HAHC has an opening on the committee. If interested, please contact Renae Marshall at Town Hall or attend one of our monthly meetings, usually the first Wednesday of each month.

Based on the latest data through 2015:

Did You Know ...

- that Hinesburg was home to approximately 309 renter households in 2015, which was only a 4 percent increase from 2000. This compared to an 11 percent increase in owner-occupied homes.
- that even after the addition of the 24 rental units at the Green Street Village Apartments in 2017, Hinesburg, with only 19 percent of its stock as rental units, lags well behind Chittenden County at 34 percent and Vermont at 29 percent. Given our size, age distribution, local economy and location vis-a-vis Chittenden County's job base, the consultant expected to find Hinesburg having closer to 25 percent of its housing in rental units.

The lack of rental options is one reason rent burden continues to grow in Hinesburg with half of all renters now paying at least 30 percent of their income for rent. For work-age households, rental options are limited at all income levels, with a significant need existing for renters earning under 60 percent of Area Median Income, or \$55,800 per year. Area Median Income for Chittenden County for a family of four is currently around \$93,000.

There is always some margin of error with data gathered from the sources used in the Needs Assessment Report, but the data clearly shows trends we all should be aware of when discussing affordable housing and other community issues. For the full report, please follow this link on the Hinesburg website: tinyurl.com/ahcreport.



Winter Trail Adventures

BY PETER MODLEY, HINESBURG
TRAILS COMMITTEE

This time of lengthening days between the coldest months and the onset of mud season offers a great opportunity to get out onto snow-covered trails ranging from tame to challenging. The winter landscape is stark and beautiful, with vistas visible through the denuded trees that cannot be seen when the leaves are on. The landscape is largely silent, the snow shapes in drifts or on branches are pristine, and animal tracks are relatively easy to identify in the snow. The different snow cover on various trails offers options for hiking in winter boots, snowshoeing or skiing. And skiing a cross-country or mountain back-country trail includes the pleasure, and relief, of being able to glide down the descending portions of the track.

Recently, while treating my ageing knees to a pretty tame loop hike in the snow on one of our beautiful Hinesburg Area Recreational Trails, I recalled some of the memorable winter outings of my youth.

More than once in the late 50s and early 60s my father and I would take the lift up Mount Mansfield to the base of the nose and ski up the top of the Toll Road and out across the ridge to the chin. One had to improvise back-country equipment then. Sometime in this era we switched from wooden skis with bear-trap bindings to metal skis with our first safety bindings. We would head uphill wearing loosely tied double-laced leather downhill boots attached to Head Standard skis with adjustable cable bindings that, when the rear cable fasteners were detached, allowed heel lift. Marker rotating toe releases provided some safety. We also used seal skins. For the descent we would take off the skins, tightly lace the boots and clamp down the cables into rear fastenings for a semicontrolled descent. The clear winter views to the lake and the Adirondacks to the west and all the way to Mount Washington to the east were fantastic. On one occasion, we encountered three B-47s as-



The author and friends head up a back-country ski trail in 1961.



Peter and Phyllis Modley on local Sleepy Hollow ski trail with view of Camel's Hump.

cending from Plattsburgh that climbed straight toward us, finally gaining enough altitude to just clear the ridge. I waived my ski poles and the pilot of the lead bomber gently rocked his wings and, probably, several megatons in answer to my salute.

The descent through the short January dusk into darkness was challenging.

Turning off Nixon's inaugural address on the car radio, my college roommate Steve and I, both then in graduate school, left the parking lot at the base of Mount Moosilauke in New Hampshire and skied to the summit. We had been there together before in September 1963 on our freshman outing trip, but we found the winter view even more spectacular. The descent through the short January dusk into darkness was challenging.

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In March 1968, my father and I skied up Blue Mountain in the Adirondacks. The view was not so much distant vistas as wonderful glimpses of the snow-covered lakes and forest immediately below. The afternoon descent was a thrilling glide through widely spaced trees casting long crisp shadows on the snow. I mentioned that my new girlfriend's family was only an hour or two away, and should we offer to meet for dinner? My father agreed, and when I called her parents they were surprised and perhaps slightly appalled that my father, not a young man, and I had been skiing up a mountain in the winter. They invited us for dinner and to stay over, in spite of the fact (or perhaps because of the fact) that my girlfriend was not at home at the time. That's how my father met my future in-laws.

Go for the big stuff...or enjoy the season right here on our HART trails, adventure is close to home!

In the 70s my wife Phyllis, her brother Bill and I attempted Camel's Hump in the winter. They were on snowshoes, but I stubbornly stuck to my old Head Standards and skins. Going up the trail was fine, but we never made the summit because the last steep bit was bare rock glazed in thick ice. Taking off my

skins, I started down, but soon found that the trail was too steep, and the trees too tightly spaced, for a skier of my ability and equipment to descend safely. Phyllis and Bill were happily loping and sliding on snowshoes, but I was in trouble. Stepping off my skis into hip-deep snow, I reattached my skins and, at risk of tearing off their straps, used their drag to ski down under a bit more control, but less than I would have liked. We all enjoyed the strenuous outing, but were more than ready to return to Bill's house for drinks and dinner once it was over.

So, winter outings on the trails are what memories are made of. Go for the big stuff, if you can, or enjoy the season right here on our HART trails, adventure is close to home!

Northern Red Oak: A Profile

ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

On my property in Bolton, I am engaged in a long-term management regime to regenerate and encourage northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*, henceforth called "red oak"). My thin-soiled, south-facing land provides what a forester or logger might call "oak ground," an area well-suited to the growth of this species. About 20 years ago, loggers removed most of the red oaks on my land, leaving only massive

stumps and tops, so now I'm forced to consider how to manage my remaining red oaks and regenerate more. I've become so red oak obsessed that I often refer to them wistfully as "the ultimate tree."

Foresters and landowners, like me, who want to grow red oak must be patient and persistent.

Northern red oak behaves differently throughout its range, so let's talk about it within the context of Vermont. Here, red oak is our most common oak species. White oak (*Quercus alba*) is scattered throughout river valleys and warm sites, bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) and swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) are found in clayplain forests and there are a couple of other oddball oaks around, but these species are comparatively uncommon; generally, when people in Vermont talk about oak, they mean red oak. Red oak is somewhat common in warmer portions of the state (southern and western Vermont) and increasingly uncommon as you head into the Northeast Kingdom.

Here, red oak is generally most competitive on south-facing slopes and sites with thin or droughty soil. Driving on I-89 along the Winooski River in the late fall, once the leaves of most species of trees have dropped, the rusty foliage of red oaks blanket south-facing slopes. These warm, dry sites often feature red oak as a dominant tree species along with American beech, red maple and eastern hemlock. Red oak can also thrive on lower slopes in the Champlain Valley, coexisting with species like sugar maple and white ash, but it's generally less competitive as soils become wetter, cooler and more enriched.

Red oak acorns are an important source of food for deer, black bears, squirrels, turkeys and other wildlife species. These energy-packed nuts help animals build up their reserves going into winter, and good acorn years (also called "mast years") are linked to population increases in many different wildlife species. Red oak is also a valuable resource for humans, providing high-quality firewood and beautiful lumber.

Regenerating red oak is extremely challenging. The easiest method is to harness red oak's ability to sprout prolifically from freshly cut stumps; many of our red oaks were established this way, and so are actually much older than they seem. Regenerating from seed is more difficult, as acorns are subject to intense predation. Red oak acorns take two years to develop, and only about 50 percent of them reach the forest floor as viable nuts. Once they fall, up to 98 percent of them are eaten or destroyed. Oak trees limit the populations of acorn predators by coordinating "mast years" across regions, producing a glut of seed every two to three years with few produced in the interim. In the heavy mast year of 2017, I buried thousands of acorns on my land, covering those lying on the ground with an one-two inches of soil. "Planting" acorns in this way can lower predation rates to about 50 percent.

For the lucky ones that sprout, energy-packed acorns enable young oaks to establish deep taproots. Red oak seedlings are extremely shade-tolerant, able to remain in the forest's understory

with little to no direct sunlight for as long as 20 years, waiting for an opening in the canopy. During that time, they are vulnerable to deer browsing (they are one of deer's favorites), and to being outcompeted by beech root sprouts and invasive exotic plants. Their taproot helps them re-sprout if they are browsed, damaged or burned, but if they are repeatedly damaged, they will eventually die.

Foresters and landowners, like me, who want to grow red oak must be patient and persistent. Taking a long view, working hard to recruit new red oak seedlings at every turn and timing forest management to occur on mast years is key. Steps must also be taken to protect vulnerable seedlings, limit deer browsing, control invasive species and possibly control beech sprouts.

While red oak is at times challenging to manage, I still think of it as "the ultimate tree." Its value for wildlife, its role in unique natural communities and its beautiful wood make it worth the trouble.

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A Tree's Second Act

ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

[Editor's note — we are treated to two articles from Ethan Tapper this month, due to a backlog from The Record not publishing at the end of December]

Somewhere encoded into our DNA is an appreciation for forests with evenly spaced, uniformly-sized trees and a completely bare understory. If you identify with that idyllic vision, you're not the only one; most landowners I meet picture healthy forests in that way. I can't count the number of times I've heard someone talk about "cleaning up" their woodlot, which usually means removing fallen and dead-standing trees, as well as any other trees that may seem unruly or out-of-sorts. Unfortunately, this vision of a "well-managed" forest is not reflective of what healthy forests actually look like. "Messy" forests, those with many different species, ages and sizes of trees interspersed with dead-standing and fallen trees, feature better wildlife habitat, improved forest health and resiliency and enhanced carbon storage capacity, among other benefits. As people who own, manage and appreciate forests it is important to understand that "messiness" is a condition of vibrancy and health — and one that is closer to conditions found in late-successional or "old-growth" forests — and not a reflection of poor forest management. For this article, I want to emphasize the crucial role that dead wood (also called woody debris or dead biomass) plays in healthy forests, from supporting forest health, growth and development to wildlife habitat and carbon storage.

While dead trees may seem to be have served their purpose, the ecological "life" of a tree actually extends far beyond its "death." The second act of a tree often begins when it transforms into a "snag," or dead-standing tree. Insects and fungi colonize the snag,

gradually breaking down the wood, and woodpeckers excavate cavities in their search for food. These snags and cavity trees teem with life, providing nesting habitat for birds from chickadees to owls, and den sites for animals from flying squirrels to porcupines.

Compared to old-growth forests, forests in Vermont generally lack dead wood.

When a tree or snag falls to the ground, it becomes an important habitat for more mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians and fungi, in addition to providing a moist, rich place for trees and plants to grow. Some species of trees, like yellow birch, are especially adept at rooting on these "nurse trees." As wood decomposes over time, it releases nutrients which can be taken up by living trees and plants, holds moisture, stores carbon, mitigates erosion and generally supports the health and fertility of forest soils.

Compared to old-growth forests, forests in Vermont generally lack dead wood. This isn't solely the fault of current land management practices; the wholesale clearing of land in Vermont in the 1800s essentially hit the reset button on our forests, undoing thousands of years in which forests were increasing in complexity and diversity and accruing dead wood. The forests that regenerated following field abandonment in the early- to mid-1900s are very different than those that may have been found in Vermont 400 years ago, including having much less dead wood.

When we manage forests actively, we make some compromises in the name of harvesting a local, renewable resource, including cutting and removing trees which would eventually become dead wood. Fortunately, there are ways to minimize the negative impacts of this.

First, leave fallen and dead-standing trees alone. Focusing your attention on cutting unhealthy standing trees, especially those competing with your best stems, is a better use of your time.

Second, whether you're cutting firewood for yourself or engaged in commercial forest management, leave as much wood on the ground as you can. This is especially true for the tops of trees, which most loggers don't utilize anyway. These tops provide all the benefits of dead wood, including excellent wildlife habitat and protection for young trees from deer browsing. Embrace the messiness and leave the tops as they fall, rather than cutting them up, for maximum benefits.

Finally, leave some "biological legacies" — trees which are allowed to live out their days without ever being cut. These trees will provide wildlife habitat, ecosystem benefits and eventually dead wood.

Managing healthy forests requires expanding our idea of what forests are and the factors that contribute to their health and productivity. While it may seem counterintuitive, dead wood in our forests is critical to their long-term health. So, the next time that you see a fallen tree in the woods, rather than despairing or cutting it up for firewood, take a moment to appreciate it for what it is and let it live out its second act.

CSWD

CSWD Annual Report

The Chittenden Solid Waste District annual report for fiscal year 2018 chronicles a year of reducing and managing the amount and toxicity of Chittenden County's solid waste through a wide variety of programs and facilities. Notable trends from FY18 include:

Green Mountain Compost, a program of CSWD, continued to provide a local outlet for mandated food scrap diversion from the landfill. The volume of food scraps processed reached 5,876 tons, a new high. This is an increase of 14 percent over FY17, and 169 percent since FY11 when the facility opened.

The Environmental Depot, CSWD's year-round hazardous waste collection facility, saw a 19 percent increase in the amount of hazardous waste and paint brought by residents and businesses for responsible management.

The CSWD Materials Recovery Facility felt the effects of global market turmoil, with the weighted average sale price of recyclables dropping 19 percent from the previous year's average. This gave new urgency to the need for more flexibility and sorting technology to meet market demand, and triggered an increase in the per-ton fee charged to haulers at the MRF for blue bin recyclables.

CSWD supported member communities with more than \$35,000 in grant funding and other financial assistance, and provided more than 7,000 recycling and food scrap collection bins for no charge to recipients.

The District's research and development efforts targeted recycling markets for hard-to-recycle products and packaging, waste disposal trends and more efficient curbside collection models for food scraps, recyclables and trash.

More information is available in the full FY18 annual report at tinyurl.com/CSWDreport2018.

CSWD Receives Hazardous Waste Management Grant

The Chittenden Solid Waste District has been awarded a grant worth \$106,470 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 by the DEC, an arm of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Police

Incidents

Suspicious Person

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, an officer responded to a residence on Charlotte Road where the resident was reporting a suspicious circumstance regarding a person identifying himself as a census worker. The officer contacted the individual and verified he was employed as a census employee.

Injury Motor Vehicle Crash

On Saturday, Jan. 19, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Vermont Route 116 at Silver Street. Two persons were transported to UVM Medical Center with minor injuries primarily consisting of complaints of pain.

Family Fight

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, officers responded to Wile Street for a reported family fight. The parties were separated prior to arrival and it was determined to be verbal altercation only.

Family Fight

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, officers responded to a reported family fight at a residence on Oneil Road. Parties had left the residence on foot before arrival. This was a verbal altercation only and two people were given a ride to another relative's residence.

Vehicle Crash

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, a truck driving through the police station parking lot struck a parked police cruiser breaking the left rear tail light. The operator was not aware he struck the vehicle and was contacted in the Lantman's parking lot.

Landlord/Tenant Dispute

On Friday, Feb. 1, an officer responded

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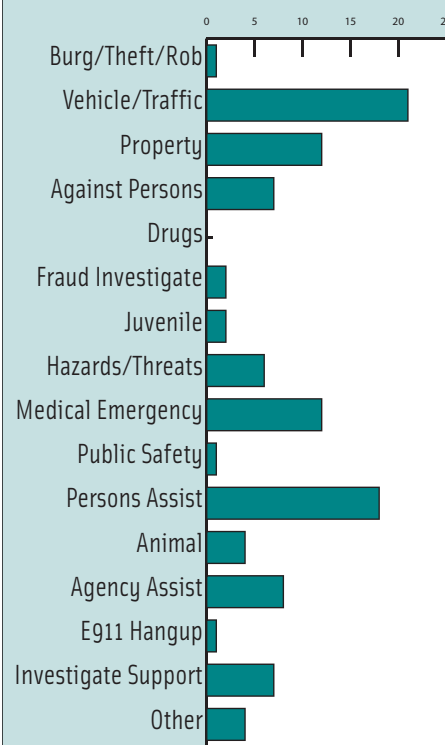
to Jourdan Street for a landlord/tenant dispute. This was determined to be a civil matter.

Family Fight

On Monday, Feb. 4, an officer responded to Kaileys Way for a reported family fight. It was determined to be a verbal argument only.

Juvenile Problem

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, an officer received a report of a juvenile threatening suicide. This report came from a friend of the male juvenile. The officer was able to locate an address with the help of a teacher that lives in Hinesburg. The parents of the juvenile were contacted and counseling was already in place.

HPD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, JANUARY 2019

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Juvenile Problem

On Thursday, Feb. 7, a CVU staff member came to the station to report that he discovered racist graffiti in the library at CVU. He stated that he and a student witnessed it, and he erased it due to other students meeting in the library. The principal was contacted and a student subsequently admitted to the drawing. This matter will be handled by the school administration.

Overweight Truck

On Friday, Feb. 8, an officer responded to Place Road West for a truck tractor stuck on the road. The operator was assisted off the road and issued an overweight citation for 73,900 pounds on a road limited to 24,000 pounds.

Attempted to Elude a Police Officer

On Friday, Feb. 8, an officer on patrol observed a vehicle driving 70 mph in a 50 mph zone on Vermont Route 116. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle and the operator failed to stop and subsequently crashed on North Road at Beecher Hill Road. Shane Manning, 30 years old of Starksboro, was arrested for eluding and taken to the station for processing. He was cited into court and transported to his residence.

Family Fight

On Saturday, Feb. 9, an officer responded to Wile Street for a reported family fight. Parties involved stated it was a verbal altercation only.

Burglary

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, an officer responded to Hart & Mead for a burglary. The rear door was opened by force and an interior door was also forced open. Stolen was cash as were inspection stickers. Evidence collected was submitted to the Vermont Crime Lab.

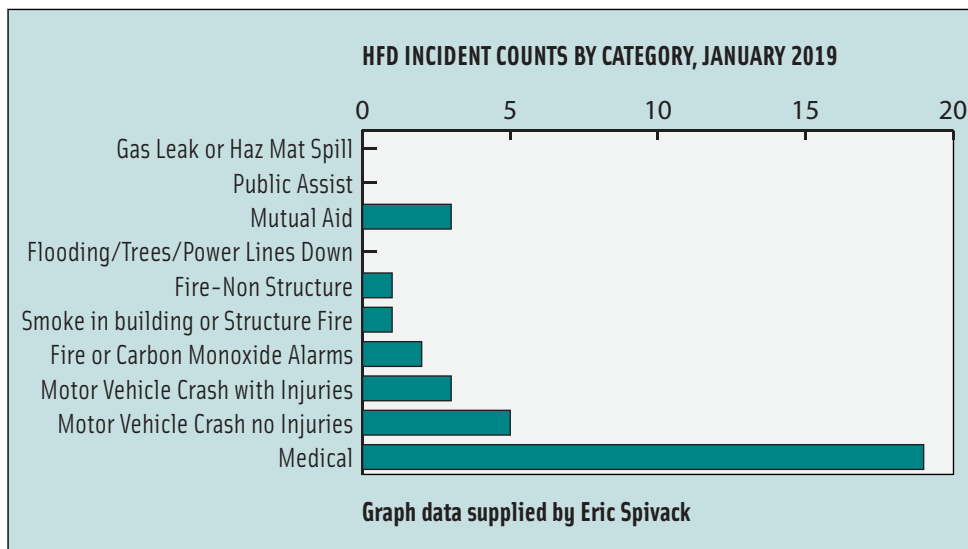
Break-In

On Thursday, Feb. 14, an officer responded to St. Jude Church for a reported break-in. All areas of the church were accessed and the suspect(s) rummaged through drawers and cabinets. Nothing was reported missing.

Burglary

On Thursday, Feb. 14, an officer responded to Hinesburg Hair Salon for a reported burglary. The suspect(s) forcibly entered the back door and the only thing stolen was cash out of the cash register.

Fire



HFD responded to 34 calls in January.

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

Motor Vehicle Crash

Just before 10 p.m. on Jan. 27, Hinesburg Fire and Police were dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle crash into the building at the Hinesburgh Public House on Route 116. It was reported the operator was out of the vehicle.

On arrival, the vehicle was found to be resting on many of the poles that were a part of the handicap ramp in the front of the building. There was minimal damage to the building where the front of the vehicle hit the metal siding. There was a small amount of fluid leaking from the engine area and the gas tank was intact. The operator, who stated they were travelling too fast on Mechanicsville and was unable to stop, was able to self-extricate and was not injured.

Engine 3 and approximately eight responders were on scene 30-45 minutes assisting the tow company with safe removal of the vehicle.

Car vs. Propane Truck

Just after 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, Hinesburg Fire was dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle crash, car vs. gas truck, on Richmond Road by Hidden Pasture with possible injuries.

On arrival, emergency personnel found a car which had been travelling south on Richmond Road and crashed into the driver side of a propane delivery truck, near the driver's door. There were some fluids leaking from the engine of the Subaru which was severely damaged. There were no fluids or gas leaks on the delivery truck. Neither driver was injured.

Engines 1 and 3, Med 100 and approximately 12 responders were on scene 45-60 minutes while the crash was cleared. Richmond Road was closed for short time.

Fire Chief's Update

BY HINESBURG FIRE CHIEF AL BARBER

On Feb. 2, we had a great turn out for Katie's CPR Day training; more than 109 people from ages 8 to in their 80s learned to do compression-only CPR. We are planning on making this an annual

community event to train folks on compression-only CPR.

The other big news is that after serving Hinesburg and St. George for nearly 50 years, St. Mike's Rescue has notified us that in June 2020, they will no longer be able to be our transporting ambulance. This has come about because of both the number of EMS calls in Hinesburg/St. George and the other areas they cover. While the thought by many is that we should just use the other area ambulances, it isn't really that simple. Some of the area agencies require an upfront fee for services, plus they keep the fees they receive from billing insurances. All of the agencies around us are seeing the call volumes increase just as ours have. More and more ambulances are having to call other agencies in to cover calls in their areas because they are out on another call. I would expect that this fiscal year we will be at 400 EMS calls, this is more calls than some of our neighboring ambulance services handle.

The current ambulance district that encompasses Chittenden County, District 3, and some of the fringe areas of adjacent counties have a response matrix which is nine layers deep. Without any major incidents it is not uncommon to be at the seventh or eighth level for day-to-day calls. With St. Mike's drawing back from us, I'm sure we will start seeing more delays in ambulances arriving in our community. Our current average response times for EMS calls is 7.3 minutes, which means that would be by far the fastest response time for an ambulance if we had our own intown ambulance.

Today we have an expense of around \$15,000 out of our budget for first response with no reimbursement from insurance companies, we're not allow to bill for services. If we were to have an ambulance within the Fire Department, it would still have a negative impact on our budget but the majority of the expense would be paid for by insurance billing. According to St. Mike's this past fiscal year (2017-2018) of the 229 transports they had from our community, they received around \$160,000 in reimbursements from insurance billing.

While we have a generous couple in town willing to purchase a used ambulance to get us started, there are still many steps to get in service. First, we

need community support then we need more members on the EMS side. I believe this is achievable because of the great community we live in. Also because of our great department, we already have members from other towns and I believe this would continue to grow as the department does. While we would be able to start operations out of our current building, we do not have a facility large enough to have adequate training space or overnight accommodations for the EMS crews. As far other needed equipment, Med 100 currently has everything that is on an ambulance except a stretcher, so we're good there.

Looking for New Quarters

As noted, before we knew that our current firehouse was stretched to capacity, we were beginning the search for a new facility. As we looked at our future growth in the community, which we knew at some point would include an ambulance, we first looked at existing facilities. In 1999 before we built the last addition on the current station, we first looked at what is now the Tailhook building on Commerce Street. At that time, we were planning on a combined police/fire/EMS facility but it was too small. Now that we are looking at a standalone fire/EMS facility, it would be a great building and location. We have engaged some engineering work to look at the renovation costs and hope to have that information soon.

In closing with the town growth that's coming, the aging population and all the other factors which impact the Fire Department will have a lasting effect on the department. We need the community's support to be ready for the future, now is the time to be preparing for the future. We need to be proactive not reactive to ensure your emergency services are ready when we are needed.

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BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Weekend Family Open Play

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Where: Main Room at Town Hall. **When:** Saturday, March 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

This offering is sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families, a program of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. For more information, find us on Facebook at "Hinesburg Friends of Families" or contact Alexandra Koncewicz at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

Classes

Register for classes at hinesburgrec.com.**HRD Tee Ball**

Who: Co-ed kindergarten and first grade. **When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 30-June 6. **Where:** Millie's Field, Bissonette Recreation Area. **Time:** 6-7 p.m. **Cost:** \$40 by April 5, \$50 after. **Deadline:** April 19.

2019 HBPA Golf Tournament Fireworks Fundraiser

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association is hosting a golf tournament on Saturday June 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cedar Knoll Country Club. Tournament is organized as a four-person scramble. Please contact Dave Palmer to register or to sponsor a tee at 802-482-5678 or at DavePalmer@PalmerInsurancevt.com

2019 Shelburne Little League Spring Baseball**Includes Shelburne, Hinesburg and Charlotte players**

Shelburne Little League is focused on the successful development of our players as they continue to progress and grow within the league. What you and your player can expect in terms of time commitment is listed below. Practice times will be determined by your coach with games determined by the league scheduler.

Practice schedule by league:

Peewee: (4-year-olds) practice one time per week.

Tee Ball: (5-year-olds) practice one time per week. Scrimmage after practice.

A: (6-7-year-olds) practice one time per week. Games are two times per week.

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AA: (8-year-olds) practice one time per week. Games are two times per week.

AAA: (9- 10-year-olds) practice one time per week. Games are three times per week.

Majors (11- 12-year-olds) practice one time per week. Games are three times per week.

It's important that players make every effort to attend practices and games in order for the best success of development, not only as an individual, but also as a team.

Important to note: AA players must assess to be considered for AAA. 11-year-olds will be placed on AAA or Majors based on player assessment. Baseball

registration closes on March 15 at 11:59 p.m.

Season dates: May 5 through June 6. **Fees by league:** pee wee/tee ball: \$35. A: \$60. AA/AAA: \$75. Major: \$75. To register, please go to shelburnelittleleague.com.

2019 Shelburne Little League Spring Softball

Includes Shelburne, Hinesburg and Charlotte players

Shelburne Little League is focused on the successful development of our players as they continue to progress and grow within the league. What you and your player can expect in terms of time commitment is listed below. Practice times will be determined by your coach with games determined by the league scheduler.

Practice schedule by league:

Minis (5- 7-year-olds) practice one time per week. Games are two times per week.

Minors (8- 9-year-olds) practice one time per week. Games are two times per week.

Majors (10- 12-year-olds) practice one time per week. Games are two times per week.

It's important that players make every effort to attend practices and games in order for the best success of development not only as an individual, but also as a team. Softball registration closes on March 15 at 11:59 p.m. **Season dates:** May 1 through June 5. **Fees by league:** Minis: \$60. Minor: \$60. Major: \$75. To register, please go to shelburnelittleleague.com. To determine your Little League age, go to littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age.

Co-Ed K-1-2 Lacrosse

When: Sundays, May 5–June 9 (no practice on May 26). **Where:** Millie's Field, Bissonette Recreation Area. **Time:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Cost:** \$40 by April 5, \$50 after. Registration deadline April 19. Participants may borrow a stick. Limit is 30.

Boys and Girls Youth Lacrosse

Boys third & fourth grades, fifth & sixth grade and seventh & eighth grades

Girls third & fourth grades, fifth & sixth grade and seventh & eighth grades

Some indoor time may start as early as March 18. Outside practices officially begin after April break, unless otherwise specified. Please plan on two midweek practices and two-game jamborees on Saturday (boys) and Sundays (girls) from May 4 through June 9. A (\$30) U.S. Lacrosse membership — found at uslacrosse.org — is mandatory to register for this program. Practices may be in Hinesburg, Williston or Charlotte. Dates and times will depend on coaches and field space.

Cost: \$80. Registration deadline is March 10 at 11:59 p.m. Please note all league registration is done in March.

Safe Sitter Babysitters Course

Safe Sitter prepares teens to be safe when they're home alone, watching siblings or babysitting. The course offers four main content areas: safety

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skills, child care skills, first aid and rescue skills, and life and business skills. Lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Teens will practice choking rescue and diapering. The instructor is Kacey Greene, recreation program coordinator. Register for one date that works best for your child. Register with the town offering the program.

Grades sixth-eighth. **Williston:** Thursday, Feb. 28. Register at williston-rec.org.

Shelburne: Friday, March 22, shelburnevt.org.

Hinesburg: Thursday, Apr. 25, in the first-floor conference room at Town Hall. hinesburgrec.com.

Charlotte: Saturday, May 18, recreation@townofcharlotte.com.

Classes are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at respective locations. The cost is \$60 residents, \$65 for nonresidents. Maximum of eight students.

Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple

Join Susan for a creative approach to exploring children's literature. Through the use of fine art, movement, assemblage and music. Students will experience books that are silly, thought-provoking, creative and caring. Students may create fairy houses, make hats like Madame Chapeau, be inspired to expressively cave paint like the "Lion and the Little Red Bird," and move, groove and create to world music.

Who: first-fourth graders. **When:** Session 2: Wednesdays, March 13-April 17 (six classes). **Where:** first-floor classroom in White Building. **Time:** 2:45-4:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$120. **Maximum:** 10.

After-School Arts and Crafts with Chris Billis

Join Chris for an open studio style crafting experience. Hot glue piles of cardboard and wood into sculptures; create your own house decorating interiors; make robots, animals or decorated frames and jewelry. At the sewing table, there are three new "old, slow" sewing machines that are perfect for making clothing, stuffed animals, pillows and bags. Make your own hand-stamped leather bracelet or belt. Silk-screen your own design on your favorite T-shirt. Create your own beaded key chains, earrings and necklaces. Broken china plate pieces may create a funky garden mosaic. This class is geared for children who love art and like the freedom and time to explore, create and make their own choices.

Who: second-eighth graders. **When:** Session 2: Fridays, April 12-May 31 (seven classes). **Where:** first-floor classroom in White Building. **Time:** 2:45-4:15 p.m. **Cost:** \$125.

Library

Library Hours Year-Round

Monday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Website: carpentercarsec.org

Email: carpentercarselib@gmavt.net

Library News

Library to Host Women's History Month Public Art Show

Submit your art! Deadline: March 20

We invite members of the community to submit a drawing or painting inspired by a woman or women you admire. Original paintings, drawings, photographs and mixed media on canvas will be accepted. All subject matter must be appropriate for viewing by the general public.

Artwork must be ready to hang (we have instructions at the library for a simple foam core mount) and must not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches to be eligible. Entry is free and open to all ages. One entry per person. All eligible entries will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

Please bring your artwork to the library by the deadline. All artwork should be titled and accompanied by the artist's name and contact information. Please contact Jill (jill@carpentercarsec.org) with questions.

Library Calendar

Community Writers' Group

Tuesday, March 5, 7-9 p.m.

Calling all local writers! Join us for our once a month Community Writers' Group. All genres welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts, network with other local wordsmiths, and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop. Free and open to the public.

Live Music: Jam with the Song Farmers of Hinesburg

Thursday, March 7, 6 p.m.

Do you play an acoustic instrument or just love to sing along to old-time blues, country and folk music? Come join the Song Farmers during their monthly jam session and participate in this wonderful live music offering. If you don't play an instrument, please join us just to listen or to singalong! Free and open to the public.

Film Screening: "The Story of Vermont's Quiet Digital Revolution"

Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Front Porch Forum is the focus of a new independent documentary from Canadian filmmaker Peter Strauss: "The Story of Vermont's Quiet Digital Revolution."

The film features a segment filmed in one of Vermont's public libraries, and follows the stories of several FPF members, each from different walks of life. How does participation on their local forums transform them and their communities? Learn more as our library hosts a screening followed by a discussion with FPF staff. Free and open to the public.

Mysteries and Muffins Book Group

Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.

Do you love mysteries? Join our book group! This informal group will meet in the Community Room on the second Wednesday of each month to chat about the book and snack on homemade muffins. Don't miss it! You can pick up a copy of the latest book at the front desk.

Online Resources Class Friday

March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Come learn more about all of the online resources that are available to you with your library card. Did you know that you can download music, listen to audio books, take a language class, conduct research using reputable print and online resources, take various educational classes and search job listing databases all for free?

We will start with the basics — making sure you have a library card, know your card number and can get signed in. We can then help you download any necessary apps on your personal device. The class will cover the basics of Freegal, Mango, Libby and the Vermont Online Library Databases. Please RSVP for this class by calling the library or emailing Richard at richard@carpentercarsec.org.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, March 16, 10-10:30 a.m.

Join us for Saturday storytime! Children ages infant to five and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. 10-10:30 a.m., all are welcome, free.

Mental Health Conversations: Author Ron Powers

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30p.m.

Ron Powers is New York Times best-selling author living in Castleton, Vermont — he is the author of 13 books and the co-author of three. These latter include the New York Times best-selling "Flags of Our Fathers," written with James Bradley and published in 2000, and the Times best-selling "True Compass," written with the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy and published in 2010.

His most recent book, "No One Cares About Crazy People: The Chaos and Heartbreak of Mental Health in America," offers an account of the social history of mental illness in America

as well as his personal story of his two sons' battles with schizophrenia. At the library, Ron will speak of his family's journey with mental illness as well as his research on mental health and the health care system.

This project is funded in part by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Cooperative Agreement Number UG4LM012347 with the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester.

American Girl/Teddy Bear Tea Party

Friday, March 22, 2-3 p.m.

Won't you join us for tea? We'll practice tea time etiquette with your favorite doll or stuffed animal, enjoy crafts and have refreshments. Dolls and fancy tea attire are welcome, but not required. Recommended for ages 4 and up. This program is free, but space is limited; register by emailing kelly@carpentercarsec.org, calling us at 802-428-2878 or stopping in. (This program will take

place during a day when Hinesburg Community School is out for parent conferences.)

Women Making a Difference in Hinesburg: A Panel of Local Leaders

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Women's History Month by highlighting some of the great women who work and volunteer right here in Hinesburg! Our goal is to celebrate the many valuable contributions women have made to the community of Hinesburg and to hear some personal stories about their important work. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the panel will begin at 7 p.m. Free and open to all.

ParentIN Book Group

Thursday, March 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

ParentIN CVSD and Carpenter-Carse Library invite you to join our book discussion featuring "Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey through His Son's

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Beginning April 6, our **Hinesburg office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to noon!** We are excited to expand our hours and services to Hinesburg and the surrounding area.

To celebrate, we invite you to stop in on Saturdays in April to enter our special Saturday drawing!

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Addiction” by David Sheff. Hailed as “an excellent book that all parents can relate to whatever their children’s situation” (Library Journal Starred)—the goal of our discussion is to empower parents to have informed conversations with their adolescents about the risks of underage substance use. Pizza dinner provided. Participation is encouraged for ages 16-plus. Pick up your book at the Carpenter-Carse Library front desk.

Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring

Saturday, March 30, 1-2:30 p.m.

Color your way to calm at our drop-in coloring club for adults. Coloring

sheets, art supplies and tea will be provided.

WEEKLY PROGRAM-MING

Hands and Needles

Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon.

Join handcrafting enthusiasts for a morning of creativity and conversation. Bring whatever project you are working on — quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc. Free and open to the public.

Youngster Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Join us for storytime! Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. 9:30–10 a.m., all are welcome, free.

After-School Snack

Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.

The library has teamed up with Hinesburg Community Resource Center to offer snacks for everyone after school on Tuesdays. Drop by the library after early release from school to have a healthy snack while you read, do homework or pick out new materials to take home.

Youngster Movement and Music

Thursdays, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Get ready to move! Friends of Families hosts the Youngster Music and Movement program at the library. Come enjoy songs and movement games geared for ages 0-3 and their caregivers (older siblings welcome). From 9:30-10:30 a.m. followed by a snack. All are welcome, free.

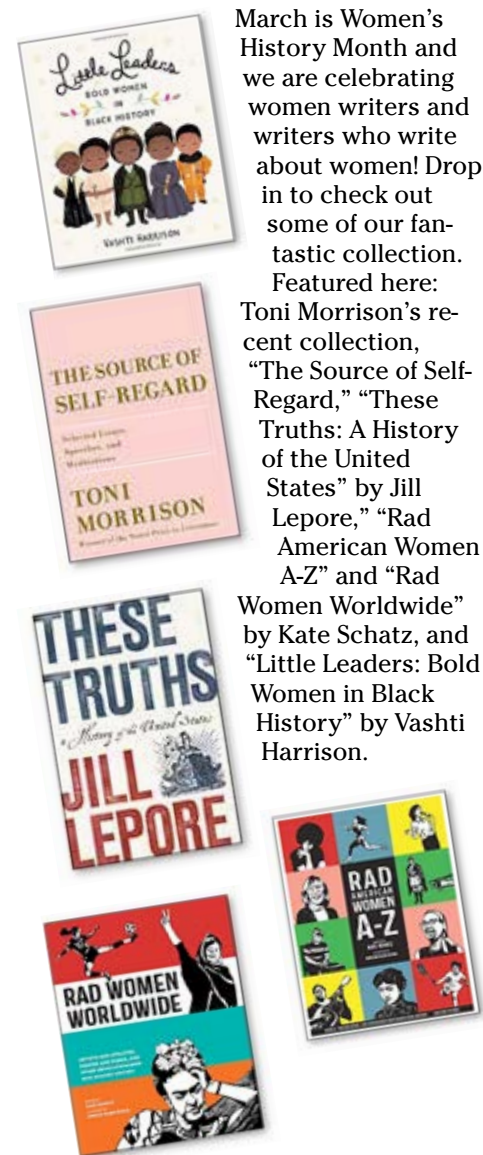
Tech Time

Every Thursday from 11:30-1 p.m., half-hour slots. Or make an appointment in advance for a time during library open hours.

Have a question about your laptop or personal device? Want help downloading an app or a podcast? Need a hand figuring out how to log in to your library account or download audio books? We are here to help! Bring any tech question and your device (or use our computers!) and we will do our best to troubleshoot with you. Call the library or email Richard at richard@carpenter-carse.org to reserve your spot.

Featured Acquisitions

March is Women’s History Month and we are celebrating women writers and writers who write about women! Drop in to check out some of our fantastic collection. Featured here: Toni Morrison’s recent collection, “The Source of Self-Regard,” “These Truths: A History of the United States” by Jill Lepore,” “Rad American Women A-Z” and “Rad Women Worldwide” by Kate Schatz, and “Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History” by Vashti Harrison.



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learned hands-only CPR. After a two-minute video, everyone practiced on a mannequin.

Within 30 minutes, attendees had a working knowledge of hands-only CPR.

Thank you everyone who came to learn and to the emergency responders for assisting with the training.

CPR Class

Hinesburg Fire Department is in the early planning of a community cardiopulmonary resuscitation class for April 6. This is an opportunity to learn all the steps and become certified in the performance of CPR.

If you are interested in attending the class, please email your name and phone number to info@hinesburgfd.org. We will place your name on a list and contact you by mid-March with additional class information.



Phil Stolz discusses how to use an AED machine with Kathy Newton and Robin Curler.



Robin Curler and Kathy Newton practice chest compressions.



Katie Charbonneau and her family.

Education

FAQs About CVSD Budget

BY THE CVSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For more information, please view our flyer at bit.ly/CVSDbudgetflyerFY20, our web page at cvsdt.org/budget or email us with questions at CVSDboard@cvsdt.org.

Budget

Q: How will my local school budget be voted on now that we are consolidated?

A: The funding for all schools is now combined on a single ballot question, which residents will vote on by Australian ballot at their local polling places. On Tuesday, March 5, voters will be asked to approve one budget for all public schooling in the Champlain Valley School District. CVSD includes Charlotte, St. George, Williston, Shelburne and Hinesburg. Voted ballots will be brought to a central location and co-mingled (all towns’ ballots mixed together) prior to being counted.

* Remember, you can vote early!

Q: What are the CVSD board’s budget goals?

A: The board identified two types of goals: financial and educational. The five-year financial plan set in 2017 challenges the superintendent to hold net education spending to no more than the rate of inflation, which this year is 2.6 percent. Net education spending (after revenues) in this budget is 2.45 percent. The educational goals are complex and include objectives: for a coordinated system to ensure equity of resources across schools, to provide for innovative learning, and to support academic success for all students. Community input aligns with our objectives to maintain essential programming, follow state guidelines for class sizes, maintain local school cultures and identify efficiencies due to consolidation.

Q: How much is the proposed budget increasing by and why?

A: The proposed budget is increasing by 2.7 percent this year. The proposed budget covers large increases in the cost of health insurance (11 percent) as well as contractually obligated salary increases and increases in the cost of goods and services driven by inflation. Staffing increases required in order to meet class size goals were largely offset by reductions in other areas. Increases are partially offset by reductions made possible through district consolidation.

Q: Has consolidation saved the district money?

A: In our second year as a merged system, we estimate savings of \$331,000 due to consolidation for a total of \$612,000 over the first three years.

Q. If the budget is going up by 2.7 percent, how can my taxes be going down?

A: There are two primary reasons. First, property tax rates are based not on the budget increase but on the increase in

the “net cost per equalized pupil.” CVSD is fortunate to have a fairly stable student count which, when coupled with the board’s conservative fiscal plan, lowers the communities tax exposure to 2.0 percent. Second, in Vermont, our schools are funded through the state’s Education Fund. Inputs to this fund include property taxes, sales and use taxes, meals and rooms taxes and lottery receipts. The state tax commissioner this year has forecasted increased sales tax receipts primarily due to increased collections from online sales.

He has therefore reduced the amount needed to be raised through property taxes. This adjustment to the “yield” changes the 2.0 percent exposure into a slight decrease in the pre-CLA tax rate.

Renovation and Construction

Q: How will bond votes for construction and renovation be done now that we are consolidated?

A: All bonds will be voted on by residents of all towns in the Champlain Valley School District, with all costs shared by residents of the entire district.

Q: How will renovation projects be approached now that we are one district?

A: The CVSD Property Services Team has created a long-term maintenance plan that will help us meet both the immediate needs and the needs we can predict in an organized, sustainable way. The CVSD board is committed to maintaining our buildings efficiently and effectively in order to prevent costly repairs.

Q: How are you planning to meet the deferred maintenance needs of all six buildings?

A: We have divided the maintenance plan into immediate needs and long-term projects. The immediate needs are those that directly affect the health and safety of our students and staff.

Article VIII on this year’s ballot asks voters to authorize transferring \$1,000,000 of the CVSD reserve account to the construction fund in order to tackle these urgent needs without incurring more debt.

Q: How are the facilities being managed now that we are one district?

A: The management of our physical plant is an area where consolidation has had a significant positive effect. Since consolidation we have reorganized the operations and maintenance management team, reducing administration and bringing in additional technical and janitorial staff. While the dedicated folks who clean our schools will stay local, our licensed professionals can now be shared across campuses and used where their skills are most needed.

Budget Meetings

Q: Are there upcoming budget-related meetings where I can learn more?

A: Yes! The CVSD Informational Meeting and Annual Meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 4 p.m. at CVU room 160.

Warned Articles

Article VII asks voters to approve a consolidated budget for operating all schools in the five towns of the 4,000-student Champlain Valley School District for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2019. The proposed budget for operations and maintenance of our six schools is \$78,901,170, an increase of 2.7 percent from the prior year.

Article VIII asks voters to approve applying some of the district’s fund balance to offset taxes. Because consolidation allows for pooling all revenue and expenses, the district is in a position to draw down cash reserves left over from prior years’ budgets. This article asks voters to authorize the Board of School Directors to assign \$500,000 as revenue for the 2019-2020 school year (reducing the tax amount needed to be raised in this year’s budget cycle), to assign up to \$1,000,000 of the school district’s current fund balance to the district’s construction fund for facilities repairs and maintenance projects, and to assign the remaining balance \$1,829,698 as revenue for future budgets.

Article IX relates to bus purchases. Voters are asked to authorize borrowing up to \$485,000 for the purpose of purchasing five school buses. Currently, the district has a fleet of 62 buses. Our goal is to replace five to six vehicles each year, keeping the average age of a bus to eight years.

* Please note: the printed flyer that is arriving inserted into local newspapers the week of Feb. 25 has a typo and states that we have a fleet of 562 buses! As much as some folks in our transportation shop would like to have 562 buses — one for every eight kids — we really only need 62. This is an increase from 59 as we added three buses to provide transportation for Charlotte Central School last year.

Find us online at cvsdt.org. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/ChamplainValleySchoolDistrict.

CVU Theatre Program Presents The Laramie Project

This March The CVU Theatre Program boldly presents the play *The Laramie Project*. In 1998, a 21 year old student was kidnapped, beaten, tied to a fence and left for dead...for being gay. His name was Matthew Shepard. The place was Laramie, Wyoming. Following this event, playwright Moisés Kaufman and the members of the Tectonic Theatre

What is publicly funded prekindergarten education?

Publicly funded prekindergarten is *continued on page 14*



Doc O'Connor (played by Avery Smith of Shelburne), one of the outspoken members of the Laramie community, tells it like it is.

Project traveled to Laramie, and conducted interviews with the people of the town. Using the words of the residents of Laramie, “The Laramie Project” explores the aftermath of this event, and the depths to which humanity can sink & the compassionate heights to which we can climb.

This powerfully dramatic play deals with mature themes and is recommended for audiences of 13 and up. Performances are Friday and Saturday March 15th and 16th at 7:30 and Sunday March 17th at 2:00. Tickets are \$7 for students and children and \$9, for general admission. Tickets are currently available on-line at Ticketsource.us/cvutheatre.

Working on this show has been a special experience for the students. A skype conference was arranged between the cast and crew and Jason Marsden, from the Matthew Shepard Foundation. Jason was a friend of Matthew Shepard’s and knew many of the characters who are portrayed in the play. It was a unique experience getting his insights into the incident, and to the Laramie community.

In performing this play, The CVU Theatre Program strives to take a step towards replacing hate with understanding, compassion and acceptance.

CVSD Offers Publicly Funded Prekindergarten

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Champlain Valley School District offers publicly funded prekindergarten for children between the ages of 3 and 5* who reside in the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston. Now enrolling for the 2019-20 school year.



Candlelight vigils for Matthew Shepard were all across the country.

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fined as:

- Ten hours per week (for 35 weeks) of developmentally appropriate early learning experiences that are based on Vermont's Early Learning Standards.

- Children who reside in Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston and who will be 3 or 4 years old* on or before Sept. 1, 2019 are eligible for universal pre-K funding from CVSD. Funding is limited to 35 weeks during the academic school year (September 2019-June 2020).

What should CVSD families know about universal/publicly funded pre-K?

*Children must be at least 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019 to qualify for prekindergarten funding.

According to the Vermont Agency of Education, children who are age eligible for CVSD kindergarten (5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019) may not receive publicly funded pre-K.

- Publicly funded pre-K services can be found in schools and qualified community-based programs (homes and centers). This web address will bring you to a data base of qualified pre-K providers in Vermont:

tinyurl.com/CVSDprek2019.

- The state tuition rate paid to community-based private pre-K providers on behalf of CVSD children attending pre-kindergarten during the 2019-20 school year is \$3,356.

How do I apply?

- If your child is going to attend a qualified prekindergarten program outside of the school (in the community), you will have to enroll both with the community program/provider (for your child's place in the program) and with your school district (to ensure pre-K funding for your child is sent to the program). The full registration packet is available on CVSD's website at tinyurl.com/CVSDprekRegister.

- If you would like information about pre-K programs offered in a CVSD school, contact your local school about the enrollment process.

If you have questions about the CVSD registration process, contact Wendy Clark at wclark@cvsdvt.org or 802-985-1903. If you have questions about publicly funded prekindergarten contact Shelley Henson at shenson@cvsdvt.org or 802-985-1936.

Considering a Move?

"Susan was fabulous. She was very helpful walking us through the process of putting in an offer and negotiating the price. She was kind and thorough. Loved her."

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Garden members rebuilt the raised beds during a recent workday.

Plots Available at the Hinesburg Community Garden

BY KRISTY MCLEOD

It's never too early to think spring! If you would like to grow organic vegetables (and maybe a few flowers) for your family and friends to enjoy, please come join us. Established in 2010, the Hinesburg Growing Together Community Garden has 20 plots, each with two raised beds that have recently been rebuilt thanks to funding provided by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund. The plots are located on a sunny, breezy rise of land donated by, and next to, the Community Alliance Church on Pond Road in Hinesburg.

You'll find the other gardeners friendly and helpful, along with our two master gardeners and master composter who are available by phone, email and by visits to the garden to help answer questions. They will also lead a gardening workshop on a Saturday in March with a chance to do some seed swapping and sharing of gardening experience.

The cost for a plot is \$35 the first year and \$20 in subsequent years. Gardeners are expected to keep their beds weeded and their crops harvested. All attend a workday in the spring and another in the fall to work on group projects to benefit the garden.



Space is available at the Hinesburg Growing Together Community Garden.

Limited plots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please plan to register as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact either of the following Community Garden members. To request a registration form, please contact Kristy at larcresox@gmail.com or 802-482-3372. Contact Grace Link at graceplay@vt04.com or 802-489-6200.

St. Jude Blood Drive a Success

BY LYNN MONTY

St. Jude Parish would like to thank American Red Cross blood drive volunteers Lynn Monty, Eileen Casey and



Alex Weinhausen, Hinesburg's director of planning & zoning, donating blood at St. Jude's recent blood drive.



Volunteer Tom Giroux helps keep the sidewalks clear at the blood drive.

Tom Giroux for their help with the Jan. 10 blood drive which was recognized as a success by Red Cross representative Brad Howort. The 30 units of blood collected was above and beyond their target for the day. "Outstanding job," he said. "Thank you for your support and tremendous effort."

Upcoming St. Jude Parish Red Cross blood drive dates are May 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to help with an upcoming drive or to donate prepared food items for the canteen, please email St. Jude Parish member Lynn Monty at Monty@gmavt.net.

Winter Horse Camp is Action-Packed

FROM UVM EXTENSION PRESS RELEASE

For nearly 20 years, the premier winter event for Chittenden County 4-H horse club members has been the annual overnight horse camp. It's a chance to participate in fun activities about horses, reconnect with friends and form new friendships.

The 2019 Chittenden County 4-H Winter Horse Camp was held Jan. 4-5 at the Champlain Valley Exposition Fairgrounds in Essex Junction. Twenty-five 4-H'ers, ages 8-13, participated, with several 4-H teens assisting with the event, which was sponsored by University of Vermont Extension 4-H in Chittenden County and made possible through the efforts of 4-H volunteers.

Although the 4-H'ers left their horses at home, they still had an opportunity to



4-H teens Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte (center) and Ella Haire, of Hinesburg, (blue shirt) taught young campers how to make horse braids at the Chittenden County 4-H Winter Horse Camp, held Jan. 4-5 in Essex Junction. (photo: Rose Garritano/UVM Extension 4-H.)

compete in a horse show. This horseless event included several competitions, among them an egg and spoon class, pair class (teams of two performed at different gaits holding an object between them) and gymkhana (a timed event with barrel racing and other games).

The skill-a-thon featured three different horse-related activities: a Jeopardy game, an identification station with various horse bits and a hands-on session on making horse braids. The campers also decorated brushes for their horses, composed lyrics for songs about horses and enjoyed a pizza party.

As a thank you for the use of the facilities, this spring or fall the 4-H'ers will volunteer their time to clean out stalls in the fairground's horse barns.

Four members of the Midnight Riders, a Hinesburg 4-H club, attended camp. They were Kaitlin Lavigne, Maya Lewis and Addison and Emery Murray, all from Williston.

4-H teens assisting with the event were

Chloe Barewicz, of Jericho; Madison Bentley, of Richmond; Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte; Addie Boutin and Eva Joly, both from Essex Junction; Sarah Grimm and Allison Tourville, both from Georgia; Ella Haire, of Hinesburg; Grace Parks, of Essex; Faith Ploof, of Westford; and Sophie Zemianek, of St. Albans. Most of these teens attended the camp when they were younger.

For more information about the Vermont 4-H horse program, contact the UVM Extension State 4-H Office at 802-651-8343 or 800-571-0668 (Vermont calls only).

Lewis Creek Association Seeks Volunteers

FROM PRESS RELEASE

We have been awarded grants to study yellow iris and flowering rush (invasive species) in the coming years. We will be looking for some additional volunteers to help us in our field work controlling yellow irises in the Town Farm Bay area. We will also be continuing our work picking European frogbit in Town Farm Bay and Shelburne Bay. Along with frogbit removal, we will also be studying options for controlling flowering rush in Town Farm Bay, and may need some additional volunteers for this work.

We are excited to have received grant funding to have a stormwater engineer educate teachers, our board, and interested citizens about stormwater project planning, and to spend some time educating students and teachers in area

schools! This is part of our Ahead of the Storm program, which is working to implement stormwater practices on school campuses and other public and private community sites, as informed by our water quality monitoring results. We hope to increase our capacity to do our own outreach to schools, communities and towns, in order to inform citizens, which will lead to more effective planning and better water quality.

Finally, we are planning for another busy season of water quality monitoring. We will be looking for additional volunteers in the Hinesburg and Charlotte areas as we do some targeted studies and increase the number of sites we regularly monitor. This is a one- to three-hour time commitment on a weekday morning, once or twice a month from April-November, plus a training session this spring.

Please reach out to Kate Kelly, at lewis-creekorg@gmail.com, or 802-488-5203 if you are interested in becoming involved with any of these projects! We hope to hear from you!

Audubon Vermont News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

April Vacation Camp!

Sneak peek into our April Vacation camps! Registration is not yet open, but mark your calendars, Audubon's April Vacation camps will be happening from Monday, April 22 through Thursday, April 25! This year's topics

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BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

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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.

Sports

CVU Boys Hockey Reigns Victorious on Senior Day

CVU Defeats Rutland

BY ASHLEY MILLER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

The CVU boys hockey team competed against Rutland High School on Monday, Feb. 11 in order to celebrate the seniors' final home game of the season.

In addition to accomplishing a 3-0 win over the Rutland Raiders, Champlain goalie and senior Logan Cody (31), had his first shutout of the year with 25 saves.

The first period encompassed numerous turnovers for both teams, but CVU held primary possession over their opponents.

Champlain scored their first goal in the final minute of the first period. Junior forward Aiden Achilles (6) used a strong wrist shot to put the puck past the



Raider's goalie.

The goal was initially called into question by Rutland's bench, but was confirmed after the ref's consideration.

Immediately following the official's announcement, CVU junior forward Cam Saia (9) was called for a penalty, giving Rutland a one-man advantage to tie the game back up.

The Redhawks played solid defense, running out the penalty and starting the second period with a 1-0 lead.

"If they keep performing with this speed and energy, they're going to win," one CVU parent said.

Rutland had many promising shots in the second period, but Champlain's defense worked hard to block the attempts.

This period ended with no points scored for either team.

CVU fan Josh Clarke said Monday's game was especially exciting because it celebrated the seniors, "I hope they can pull it out in this last period. It's important for the seniors to end on a high note."



The third period opened with an early power play for the Redhawks, leading to a goal for senior captain Charlie Averill (22). Averill's goal was assisted by junior forward James Bernicke (8), his second assist of the day.

As the clock wound down, CVU put one final goal on the board. Junior forward Cam Saia (9) scored, assisted by senior defenseman captain Nick Lyman (10) and Ben Ross (4).

CVU finished the game, defeating the Raiders 3-0.

The Redhawk's next game is against Spaulding High School away on Saturday, Feb. 23.

CVU Girls Continue Undefeated

Another Win in the Books

BY ASHLEY MILLER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The CVU girls basketball team accumulated their 17th win of the season against South Burlington, keeping their undefeated record.

The Redhawks hit their home court on Friday, Feb. 14 with an unmatched intensity, defeating the Wolves 72-35.

CVU won the initial tip off of Friday's game, leading to a 3-pointer within the first minute of play. The Redhawks continued steady possession throughout the first quarter, finishing off with a 20-4 lead.

Champlain exemplified their chemistry on the court through connecting passes and impressive speed.

Junior guard Mekkena Boyd (3) and sophomore Catherina Gilwee (4) were an unstoppable duo in moving the ball toward the Wolves' net on Friday. Boyd contributed



12 points, five assists, and four steals for CVU.

South Burlington picked up their play in the second quarter but weren't able to generate enough scoring opportunities to keep up with the Redhawks. The half ended with Champlain leading 29-13.

A CVU parent commented on the girls' Friday performance, "This is how we play. The girls know how to score and play defense when necessary, it's why CVU is so successful."

The Redhawks sustained their dominating momentum in the second half of play. Senior guard and captain, Harper Mead (12) led the score board, obtaining 13 points, complete with four steals.

Other significant contributions for CVU came from junior forward Julia Blanck who scored 11 points, six rebounds, and multiple turnovers.

The game ended with an impressive 72-35 win for the Redhawks.

Sue Knisley, Hinesburg resident and CVU fan, said "The girls basketball team has been consistently unmatched for years... this season is no exception."

Champlain's next and final game will be against Essex High School on Thursday, Feb. 21.



Calendar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Town Hall.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

7:00-10:00 p.m. Town Meeting. CVU Auditorium.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Polls open.

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.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee.

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

10:00-11:30:00 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

10:00-11:30:00 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Daylight Savings Time starts.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

10:00-11:30:00 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:00-9:00 p.m. Selectboard Meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

4:30-6:00 p.m. Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Walter Hausermann at 802-878-7144 orwalterh@gmavt.net.

5:00-6:30 p.m. CVSD School Board Meeting. CVU room 160.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

10:00-11:30:00 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00-8:00 p.m. Conservation Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

10:00 a.m.-11:30:00 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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. Hinesburg Fire Station.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Town Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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. University of Vermont, Burlington.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner (Details are the same as listing shown for Mar. 5 near top of column to the left.)

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee.

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

10:00-11:30:00 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00-10:30:00 a.m. HFOF Clothing & Book Swap.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall.

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

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Events

All events are at the Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington, unless otherwise noted. For more information, go to vt.audubon.org/events.

Cooking with Maple from Bird-Friendly Habitats

Thursday, March 7, 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Richmond Community Kitchen, 13 Jolina Court, Richmond.

Audubon Vermont, Richmond Community Kitchen, RiseVT and Katie Webster, author of "Maple: 100 Sweet and Savory Recipes Featuring Pure Maple Syrup" are teaming up to bring you a sweet and savory evening celebrating certified maple syrup from bird-friendly habitats.

Forget about pancakes, learn exciting new ways to use maple syrup in your kitchen. From soup to salad, students will prepare a maple-spiked feast! This will be an evening of hands-on learning and fun.

While most maple syrup can look and taste the same, it comes from forests that are managed in dramatically differ-

ent ways. Park-like maple monocultures may appeal to our tidy aesthetic and increase sap production over the short-term, but they support relatively low numbers of bird species. In contrast, biologically and structurally diverse sug-arbushes offer great places for birds to forage, find cover and raise their young. The forests are also likely to have better long-term sap production, fewer forest health problems and be better able to adapt to the stresses of climate change. Check out more information on Audubon Vermont's Bird-Friendly Maple Project: vt.audubon.org/maple.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at sevendaystickets.com/events/Maple. Ticket prices are being kept low for this event through a generous grant from RiseVT and through the donation of Katie's time. As such, we are unable to offer a discount to Audubon Vermont members.

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Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Come celebrate the maple sugaring season with sweet sugar on snow, sugaring demonstrations and a delicious taste of each grade of maple syrup!

Location: Audubon's sugarhouse on the Main Road in Huntington at the intersection with Sherman Hollow Road. Park in the sugarhouse parking area or in the parking area across the street from the sugarhouse on the Main Road. Look for signage!

People

Higher Education Honors

Erin Beaudry of Hinesburg, majoring in accounting, and Kiley Copeland of Hinesburg, majoring in computer forensics and digital investigations, have been named to the Champlain College dean's list for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the Fall 2018 semester.

Liam Clancy of Hinesburg was named to the Fall 2018 president's list at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes full-time students with a 4.0 GPA.

Anna Cornish of Hinesburg was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the Fall 2018 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester GPA of 3.4 or greater.

Kimberly Cribari of Hinesburg was named to the dean's list at Hofstra University for the Fall 2018 semester. Students achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 are named to the dean's list.

Leonard Ducharme of Hinesburg, majoring in economic crime investigation, and **Madison MacMahon** of Hinesburg, majoring in creative media, have been

named to the Champlain College president's list for achieving a GPA of 4.0 or higher in the Fall 2018 semester.

Shea Dunlop of Hinesburg has been named to the dean's list at the University of Hartford for Fall 2018.

Paden Fortier, Lindsey Grillo and **Leah Martin**, all of Hinesburg, were named to the Fall 2018 dean's list at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes full-time students with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

Miles Lamberson of Hinesburg was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2018. This is a distinction earned by students whose cumulative GPA is 3.77 or higher.

Carlie Mashia of Hinesburg has been named to the dean's list at the University of New Hampshire for earning high honors for the Fall 2018 semester. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors.

Lily Miner of Hinesburg was named to the Fall 2018 Student Honors List at Community College of Vermont. These students at CCV were named to the Fall 2018 dean's list. This honor recognizes full-time students with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99 and part-time students with a 4.0 GPA.

Zaza Quatt of Hinesburg was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2018 Fall semester. Quatt is in the illustration program. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 and they have completed at least 12 credit hours.**Erica Rosner** of Hinesburg, majoring in nursing, was named to the dean's honor list for Fall 2018 at Cedarville University in Ohio. This recognition required Rosner to maintain a 3.75 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

William H. Solow of Hinesburg was recently named to the dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for the Fall 2018-2019 semester. Solow earned a semester GPA of 3.77 or higher last fall to be included on Colby's dean's list.

Hopwood Named LEC Indoor Track and Field Rookie of the Week

FROM PRESS RELEASE

After a school record-breaking performance in the long jump, **Bronwen Hopwood** of the Castleton women's indoor track and field team has been named the Little East Conference Indoor Track and Field Rookie Field Athlete of the Week for the week ending Feb. 3.

Hopwood smashed her previous record in the long jump with a fourth-place distance of 4.85 meters (15'11") at the Panther Invitational on Saturday.

The senior, in her first season with the track and field program, also picked up a top-10 finish in the 400-meter dash where she placed seventh with a time of 1:04.10 and was 15th out of 35 in the 60-meter dash in 8.73 seconds.

The Hinesburg, Vermont native rounded out her day as part of the 4x200-meter relay team that was sixth with a time of 1:57.71.

Commentary

It Can Happen Here!

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Exiting the ambient controlled Colgate Gallery of Shelburne Museum's Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education this winter, following a comfortable walk through the season's special exhibit, "Mapping an Uneven Country: Bird's Eye Views of Vermont," I found the individually framed artwork from the 1800s really not much different in purpose from the stacks of mass-produced single sheet tourist maps readily available in and around vacation hot spots today. Both are meant to show where the good stuff is.

Then I thought "Oh, no!" a tourist map could happen here! These freebies are tongue-in-cheek, accuracy or scale is not important, and their appeal resides in seeing the comical resemblances of the all-too-familiar in a fun, happening setting. So, considering the headlines mentioning Hinesburg in the media these past few years here's what might be considered fair game and a laugh at ourselves.

As if Hinesburg isn't already showing its alternative energy infrastructure, a bird's eye view of the village looks like a green-themed industrial park with whirligigs in the sky, and solar trackers everywhere, some days amazingly all tracking the same sun. Town Hall gets a town crier bellman out front singing "Hear ye, hear ye," while stretching out a scroll that reads "Keep those dogs on a leash." In the spirit of Paul Revere's famous words "The British are coming," a horse and rider would be galloping up and down the roads from Charlotte and Shelburne on the lookout for Downton Abby-type characters off the fictional Yorkshire Country estate set, looking for that perfect place and too willing to declare Hinesburg a nothing burg (burgh). The Lot 15 plot on the map should have a line drawn down the middle with re-enactors in a Battle of New Orleans-like scene, Red Coats methodically marching up into the line of fire on one side with natives waiting behind bales of hay on the other, as the unfortunate legal clash takes place long after the die was cast and a treaty signed. A new sign for Lantman's Supermarket would say "Welcome to Shop and Gab" right in the in the middle of the usual traffic snarl.


Likely the map maker would incorrectly add a directional arrow for National Bank of Middlebury and Bristol Bakery pointing south down Route 116. The same guy would confuse the Community Bank with Aubuchon Hardware because of the chain-link fence image in its logo. The International Space Station would be found hanging off a flatbed trailer parked outside Giroux's shop waiting its turn for repair, as they can fix anything. Gerprag Park's location would be marked by a bird cage containing a single golden-winged warbler. A dance troupe would stage a performance simultaneously blocking traffic while ca-vorting clockwise around a maypole connected to a valve in the buried gas line.



A section of the Burlington Discovery Map, the type of map the author is referring to.

Silver Street would be all glitter. The dump road would be missing. Papa Nick's would boast, "the home of the real Hinesburger" with bacon. A bunch of smiley face people would be shown at Good Times outdoor tables. A small crowd at the Public House would be pointing fingers with a question mark up at the additional "h" in Hinesburgh on the marquis. The louder snoozers would be shushed quiet at the Carpenter-Carse Library. Speed boats in the canal would pulling hang gliders back and forth in the air as paisley tattooed hippos

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

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 8. *Villanova ____ at end of each half in '18 championship
 11. Away from port
 12. Windmill blade
 13. Key material
 15. Hefty competitor
 16. European sea eagle
 17. Walnut ____, MN
 18. * ____ Sunday
 20. Smelling tainted, as in meat
 21. Soft and sticky
 22. Giant bird of "One Thousand and One Nights"
 23. * ____-elimination
 26. Making sounds like Babe
 30. Beattle wife
 31. Not absorb, nor repel
 34. Twelfth month of Jewish year
 35. Batman to Bruce Wayne
 37. Elizabeth Gilbert's " ____ Pray Love"
 38. Cubic meter
 39. Ghost of Christmas ____
 40. P in POI
 42. Make work
 43. Puffed up
 45. ____ and effects
 47. Mont Blanc, e.g.
 48. Oddball's attempt?
 50. Tropical tuber
 52. *Penultimate NCAA round
 56. Like cornflakes leftovers
 57. Slavic version of John
 58. Tangerine plus grapefruit
 59. Chased up an elm
 60. Blow off steam
 61. Tear violently
 62. Da in Russia
 63. Before of yore
 64. Pasturelands

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 2. Archipelago unit
 3. Square one?
 4. Good-for-nothing
 5. Nobel Prize winner Curie
 6. Bug
 7. High school student
 8. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
 9. Green-eyed monster
 10. Tie ____
 12. Ruled against, as President can
 13. Prod
 14. *Fill-in-the-blanks
 19. Pepsi and Coke
 22. Part of human cage
 23. Daytime entertainment, pl.
 24. Spouse's parent
 25. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful ____"
 26. Tiny leftovers
 27. Intestinal obstruction
 28. N in RN
 29. Mirths
 32. *1 or 68, e.g.
 33. Crew tool
 36. *Automatic vs. ____
 38. Creepy one
 40. *Coach's locker room talk
 41. Similar to sextant
 44. Andrew ____ Webber
 46. *Hang a banner, e.g.
 48. Abraham Lincoln bill, slangily
 49. Lacking sense
 50. Ruptured
 51. Ice, dark, and middle
 52. *Twelve's opponent
 53. Type of molding
 54. Forearm bone
 55. Purges
 56. Slowly abode

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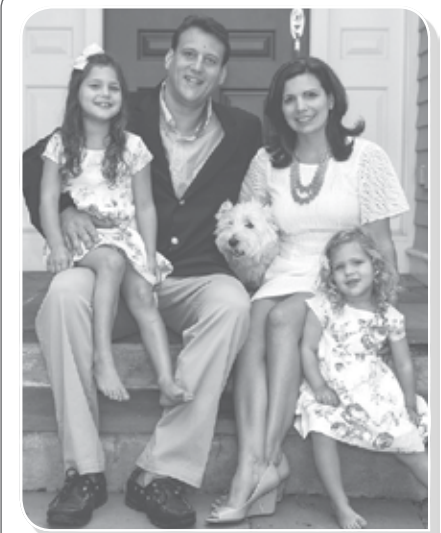
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chomp down on invasive pond weeds in Lake Irroquois. The holiday concert at St. Jude would more resemble the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The annual bazaar at the United Church would be in motion with folks dashing into the parking lot carrying trays of Brown Bobbies.

“Texas Towers” would pinpoint all three gas stations. Customers would be shown tossing all the gas pump nozzles aside, wrestling for the one hook-up for an electric vehicle. Pond, Mechanicsville and Buck Hill Roads would be shown as car slaloms. The Hinesburg Airport — all tourist hotspots have airports — would be ghosted in on the edge of the map at CVU’s upper soccer field, or is that really a heliport?

Patrick Brook of a sudden has a water park for tourists and swimming hole for the rest of us. Snowmobiles backed up on a Vermont Association of Snow Travelers trail would be patiently waiting for that last good snow of the season while pickups still rigged with their plows at the Ballard’s Corner Jiffy Mart appear ready with fresh coffees to jump on it. Life is good.



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Town Meeting Warning: Time to Ban Plastic Bags

BY BILL SCHUBART

All of the plastic manufactured since Bakelite debuted during the Depression still litters the earth. The world is choking on an invention that’s barely a century old.

Today, shoppers worldwide use 500 billion single-use plastic bags a year or a million bags a minute. A million sea birds and 100,000 marine mammals die annually from plastic entanglements and these are just the ones we find. There are about 46,000 pieces of plastic in every square mile of ocean. Fleece particles are appearing in the flesh of Atlantic fish.

In this era of urbanization and globalization many of the most serious threats to our communities often seem beyond solving at the local level. But each one of us stands at the center of a sphere of influence, with the potential to spark great change: from family, neighborhood and town, to state, nation and beyond. Individual philosophers, artists, politicians and small but effective communities have indeed altered history — so we shouldn’t be dissuaded by our apparent size.

In fact, Vermont has led in many areas. Respect for our environment began appearing in legislation with Act 250 almost 50 years ago. But we’re just catching up in others.

Just a few weeks from now, neighbors will again assemble to discuss and decide on budgets and issues facing their towns at Town Meeting day. And one item being debated in some towns will be the banning of plastic bags from retail distribution.

There will be dissent from the Vermont Retail & Grocers Association and soft drink distributors will keep running ads about how much they care about closed-loop recycling, but in this case, local action seems both necessary and justified.

Paper bags are recyclable. Anyone can get a free cloth or net shopping bag. And church and youth groups have been making effective shopping bags from old T-shirts.

It seems clear to me that for the sake of our oceans, our future and our kids’ future, we must ban plastic bags and make all food containers recyclable.

Besides, it’s both heavily ironic and ethically contradictory for anyone to carry organic fruit and vegetables home from the grocery store in multiple plastic bags.

Other News

Strengthening Our Democracy

Moving Voting Rights Forward in 2019

BY VERMONT SECRETARY
OF STATE JIM CONDOS

The term “voting rights” is thrown around all too often today as a buzzword and policy stance that’s used as a political football.

We must never forget that the right to vote is enshrined in our Constitution. Efforts to deny or restrict any eligible voter’s right to vote are an affront to our democracy. Every new denial chips away at the very bedrock upon which the foundation of our country was built.

Unfortunately, over the past few decades we have seen a growing wave of voting restrictions across the United States. The gutting of the Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court in 2013 has opened up the floodgates even further for partisan attempts to disenfranchise voters and suppress voter turnout, under the guise of nonexistent widespread voter fraud.

These cynical and sinister tactics vary — usually manifesting in the form of discriminatory strict voter ID laws, unnecessarily aggressive voter roll purging, closing of polling locations, shortened early voting opportunities and gerrymandered districts, rigged to ensure lasting party-control where politicians choose their voters and not the other way around.

These attempts are being stamped out, one by one, through legal action, and are being exposed for the raw power grabs that they are. Unfortunately, this usually happens long after the damage has been done and voters have been blocked or otherwise dissuaded from participating in their democracy.

However, there is a silver lining.

States are pushing back — some examples of this trend to increase voters’ rights and access include:

- Florida approved the restoration of voting rights for ex-felons.
- New Jersey, Virginia and Pennsylvania are moving to paper ballots.
- Michigan passed measures to add no-excuse absentee voting, automatic voter registration, election day registration, and policies to eliminate gerrymandering.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice, 230 bills have been filed in 31 states to expand voting rights!

As of right now, 16 states plus the

District of Columbia, have enacted automatic voter registration, and 17 states plus the District of Columbia offer same-day voter registration. I am proud to say that in Vermont we have enacted both of these important voter access measures.

Bills introducing automatic voter registration and same-day registration are popping up in legislatures across the country, both red states and blue.

Let’s use this momentum to usher in a new era of voting rights. Today I call upon my colleagues in other states, state legislative leaders, and our members in Congress, to ensure that every eligible voter who wishes to cast a ballot on or before Election Day actually can.

To those don’t know where to start, I encourage them to look to Vermont. With tri-partisan support, we have implemented automatic voter registration, election day registration, online voter registration, online early ballot request, no-excuse 45-day early voting periods and a careful, thoughtful approach to voter checklist maintenance, which errs on the side of voter access.

In Vermont we have made it easy to register and to vote, and hard to cheat.

Vermont is not alone; there are other states who are pushing forward to enfranchise their voters. However, the right to vote or the requirements to register should not be dictated by a line in the dirt between states.

I believe it’s time that Congress took action to restore the protections of the Voting Rights Act that have been stripped away, and create minimum standards for voter registration and voter access, while leaving it to the states to carry out elections according to those minimum standards.

Free and fair elections are the foundation of a healthy democracy, and the right to vote is the bedrock that this foundation rests on. It’s time to fortify that foundation and keep on building.

Special Snow Goose Hunting Opportunity

FROM VT FISH AND WILDLIFE
PRESS RELEASE

Since 2009, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has annually issued a “Conservation Order” to allow the reduction of the population of migrating greater and lesser snow geese as well as Ross’ geese. The numbers of these geese have grown so high that they are destroying habitat for themselves and other species.

The Vermont 2019 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order will occur state-wide. The daily bag limit is 15 snow geese, and there is no possession limit. Waterfowl hunting regulations in effect last fall will apply during the 2019 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order with the exception that unplugged shotguns and electronic calls may be used and shooting hours will be extended until one half hour after sunset.

A 2019 Spring Snow Goose Harvest Permit is required and is available at no charge on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s website at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt>. Hunters may also call the Essex Junction Office (802-878-1564) to request a permit.

Hunters will also need a 2019 Vermont hunting license (residents \$26, nonresident small game \$50), a 2019 Harvest Information Program number, a 2018 federal migratory hunting stamp (\$25), and a 2019 Vermont migratory waterfowl stamp (\$7.50).

Hunters can register with the Harvest Information Program by going to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department website or by calling toll free 1-877-306-7091.

► Letters

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interacting with him as part of my role on various town boards and committees.

Jeff has shown impressive dedication to our town on these hardworking boards, while balancing other life commitments. I have seen first-hand, his ability to calmly listen to all points of view, and to help foster discussions, and positive resolutions.

Jeff is honest, respectful and is a positive advocate for supporting the regulations and policies many residents have worked so hard creating through our democratic processes. He understands the need to ensure we maintain our sense of community and quality of life while welcoming exciting new development.

We need someone that understands and is familiar with the nuances of our town government through his work on the village steering committee, planning commission, and Water and Wastewater Allocation Committee and has the transparent leadership to do what is best for the town in the short- and long-term.

Please vote for Jeff French on March 5!

Sarah Murphy

Support for Jeff French

Please join me in voting for Jeff French for selectboard. I’ve gotten to know Jeff through our work together on the planning commission. In our meetings, Jeff always has a well thought out, unique idea to contribute. Jeff is approachable and a good listener. He brings a “here’s my idea, what’s your idea, let’s discuss this” attitude to an issue. I think he will be an advocate for well-planned appropriate development, while giving attention to water quality and maintaining the rural character of our town.

Thank you.

James Donegan

► Hinesburg Artist Series

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to be making her debut in the 23rd Hinesburg Artist Series Concert. As a 2013 graduate of Brown University in theatre arts & performance studies, Becky received Brown’s Weston Award for Excellence in Musical Theatre. While at Brown, she toured with the AntiGravity Theatre Project, having the opportunity to perform at the infamous LaMaMa Experimental Theatre Club. Upon graduation, she has continued her passion for the arts by performing in many musicals and productions regionally. Favorite credits: “A Night with Lady Day” as Billie Holiday (Norwich Arts Center, Connecticut); “Hairspray” as Motormouth Maybelle (Silver Center for the Arts, New Hampshire); “The Van Meder Trust” (Connelly Theatre, New York); Rent (J.H. Back Bay Events Center, Boston); “Aida” (Strand Theatre,



Vocalist and steel drum master Becky Bass will be performing as part of the Hinesburg Artist Series concert on March 24.

Boston); “Ophelia’s Cotillion” (Rites & Reason Theatre, Rhode Island).

A two-time New England Urban Music Award winner, Becky’s beautiful, angelic voice and skillful steel pan playing can now be heard while performing her Caribbean soul music solo as well as with several bands all over the New England area, such as Zili Musik, Natural Element and Sidy Maiga & Afrimanding. She also lends her musical talents to Rhode Island’s own RPM Voices, a cross-cultural, multi-generational gospel choir led by Dr. Clarice Thompson. Within the past two years, Becky has traveled nationally to quite a few places, including Chicago, Pennsylvania, the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. as well as to Florida’s Treasure Coast to perform her music. Becky, appearing early on as a guest steel pannist on numerous recordings, debuted her first solo album, “My Love Is Real,” as lead vocalist in 2013. She is currently working on her second album comprising of all originals.

During her free time, she teaches music and theater to students every chance she gets because she believes giving back and mentoring youth are extremely important aspects of being an artist in the community. She is currently the youth choir director for RPM Voices in Rhode Island. She extends a huge thank you to her friends and family for their continued love and support! www.beckyboss.com.

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Location: 10580 Route 116

Phone: 482-3352

Email: unitedchurch@gmavt.net

Address: P.O. Box 39

Website: ucofh.org

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Choir practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: Nursery and story time; Christian Education Kindergarten through 8th grade during academic p.m.

Senior Meal Site: Every Friday 11:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. (except first Friday) Osborne Parish House

AA Gratitude Group: every Monday 7:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.



Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

Regular Services: Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m., Nursery provided.

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

Pastor's Residence: 425-2253, dgray@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 2894 Spear Street/P. O. Box 158, Charlotte, VT 05445

Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, stjude@gmavt.net, P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, (10759 Route 116)

Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290, marietcookson@aol.com

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

Parish Council Chair: Allan Monniere 578-8572

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff: 482-3066

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Henry Moreno, 802-777-4169.

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church, Hinesburg

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte

Weekday Masses: Monday and Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church and by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is held the first Friday of each month following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude.

Food Shelf Weekend: Every third Saturday and Sunday. Parishioners are asked to make an extra effort to bring non-perishable canned and dried food in weekly for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food Collection baskets are in the entry for your convenience.

Senior Meals: Will be served from noon to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards, board games and door prizes. Cost is \$4.00 donation. Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (parish office) or 434-4782 (home). Caretakers are welcome. Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. For more information, call the parish office at 482-2290.

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVUHS soccer fields)

Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. Children's programs, for nursery through elementary school ages.

Middle School and High School Youth Group: Meets from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. This is a great time to meet new friends, hang out and talk real life.

Weekday Life Groups: Various times, days, and locations throughout the week.

For more information, please contact the church at 482-2132 or visit hinesburgcma.org.

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Website: steeple.org

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Service: Sundays 9:30 a.m., Nursery/Child care provided; Sunday School during the service for pre-K through high school; Coffee/Fellowship after service in Fellowship Hall.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

Worship service: Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Worship service and Sunday School: Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Space for Grace program: Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Non-Denominational Service

Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele

Phone: 985-3819

Mailing Address: 371 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation & Prayer



► CSA

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the CSA, at your local grocery store, or eating out at a restaurant, is of the up-most importance to the continued survival of small farms.

Family Cow Farmstand, owned and operated by Aubrey Shatz and Scott Hoffman, has been selling raw milk since 2008. Raw milk is a great and delicious alternative to conventional milk, as it contains a va-

riety of health benefits. For Family Cow, making the customer aware that raw milk is available and educating them on the benefits can be difficult, especially as the milk must be sold on their farm or paid for in advance. Aubrey and Scott are also up against the customer demands of convenience and affordability. "Our constant game is how do we convince someone in Burlington to regularly drive to Hinesburg and buy milk in a glass jar, or get it delivered ... it's expensive, too — so



Friendly Cows at the Family Cow

► Public Walks

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importance of producing local, renewable resources. No matter what you think of the practice of forestry and logging, these public walks give you an opportunity to see and engage with these practices firsthand, and to ask

questions about them.

Both these walks are free and open to the public and will take place, rain, shine, sleet or snow. Please come prepared for whatever weather conditions we might face. For questions about these walks, please call or email Ethan at 802-585-9099 or ethan.tapper@vermont.gov.

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it's challenging."

As Aubrey tells it, and many other farmers will agree, "farming is one thing, but it's running a business." The business aspect poses constant challenges for farmers who must also care for their farms every single day. Today, the responsibility to educate and spread awareness of the many benefits of eating locally and organically, especially through CSA, falls on the shoulders of the farmers already working in the field. In the coming years, we should work to ensure that responsibility rests with us all.

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Community Supported Agriculture in Hinesburg

BY KATE FAIN

CSA is a farming method in which shares of the produce a farmer expects to grow in a given season can be bought. According to the original model, customers then receive a fixed share of the produce throughout the season.

Full Moon Farm, owned and operated by David Zuckerman and Rachel Nevitt, adjusted their CSA model when the demand for new shares stagnated. The original intention of their CSA was “to create the direct consumer to farmer connection.” Today, their CSA model has changed, but the intent behind it has not. Not everyone enjoyed “the ‘inconvenience’ of having to be at a specific time and place to get the food that was prescribed for you,” so their CSA adapted a “choose your own produce” policy with more flexible pickup hours, while the direct relation to their customers was preserved.

David’s “biggest concern is that whatever a customer’s goals are, they’re actually getting them.” Deceiving packaging can fool customers into investing in the wrong products. The message David and Rachel really advocate for is that those who have some flexibility with their money must begin to prioritize their food — where it came from, who grew it and how. “In our consumer society, we have prioritized a lot of things as being where we put our money. We’re lucky in this area, but there’s more folks yet to be reached.”

The CSA...is of the upmost importance to the continued survival of small farms.

Despite Chittenden County’s support of local food, farming is growing increasingly difficult. According to Rachel, “it’s global climate change.” Prolonged periods with or without rain, or rapid fluctuations in temperature brought about by huge winds, can greatly impact a crop. Further, those winds carry new pests and difficult to remove weed seeds. “We usually have four rooms filled with food at the end of October. This year, one and a half. It’s mayhem.”

“The vast majority of people would not be satisfied with the financial return.”

Trillium Hill Farm is owned and operated by James and Sara Donegan. Trillium Hill has also been experiencing declining interest in their CSA, and selling at farmer’s markets offers more potential for inconsistent sales. James tells me that although “the vast majority of people would not be satisfied with the financial return, I’ve decided to keep limping along with it.” James and Sara are always adapting to the changing demands of their customers. “Right now, it



Rachel and David in the Field



A Full Moon Farm CSA Pickup

seems like there’s less interest in CSAs and more in the grocery stores.” The so-called “world of convenience” has impacted a variety of businesses, but arguably, small farmers are the hardest hit of all.

Incoming grocery stores may further threaten the ability of farmers like James and Sara to continue to operate their farm. Since Trillium Hill is a smaller producer, they aren’t sure larger chains would bother buying from them. Trillium Hill currently sells to a variety of local grocery stores, but when the CSA option is forgone, some of that direct customer relation is lost. “As I do

more sales at grocery stores, there will be more customers who are looking at the options and don’t necessarily know Trillium Hill Farm or me.” Because of that disconnect, James is not able to share that his farm practices organic farming methods, but is not certified organic.

Despite the waning interest in Trillium Hill’s CSA, “it seems like the grocery stores are more and more interested, and people are increasingly looking for more local foods in their grocery stores.” Continuing to receive the community’s support, whether it be within

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Make a Difference

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