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Hinesburg Has Lost Our Oldest Lifelong Citizen

BY JEAN MINER, PRESIDENT,
HINESBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marion Elizabeth Davis died April 27, 2019, aged 95 years and eight months old. She was born at home on Aug. 23, 1923, the 10th of the 14 children of Daniel and Kitty Clyde Davis. She lived all her life on the family farm on Baldwin Road. She attended the one-room school #1 on the south corner of Drinkwater Road. She spent two months in the village high school before she told her father she just didn't like it. She then stayed home to work with her father on the farm. She spoke of driving tractors and doing field work, but never of milking the cows.

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Marion Davis, taken in 2011.

Community Bank N.A. Supports Bissonette Family Recreation Area

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Community Bank N.A. Hinesburg branch recently presented a \$500 donation to the Bissonette Family Recreation Area to support the completion of its recreation area project. When finished, the recreation area will house two multipurpose fields, a Little League field, parking, restrooms, storage and concession buildings for community use.

"We're proud to support the completion of the Bissonette Family Recreation Area," Community Bank N.A. Branch Manager Peter Crapo said. "Our branch is located right across the road from the complex, so we felt it was our duty to contribute to the project. As the popularity of youth athletic programs continue to grow, so does the need for quality fields and recreation areas. The Bissonette Family Recreation Area will be [a] huge asset to our local clubs for

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Peter Crapo, branch manager of Community Bank in Hinesburg, presenting Jen McCuin, recreation coordinator, with a check to benefit the Bissonette Family Recreation Area.

She started Red Wagon Plants in 2005 as a seasonal business, open from April to June. When it began, it consisted of three small greenhouses and she only sold wholesale to a select clientele. It was in 2007 when she began selling retail that the business started taking off. Her annual sales have increased by an average of 14% each year.

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A school house Marion attended.

Red Wagon Plants Owner Recognized for Growing Business

FROM SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION PRESS RELEASE

A local business is being recognized by the Small Business Administration for its financial success, expansion and community involvement.

Julie Rubaud's Red Wagon Plants is named the 2019 Vermont Woman-Owned Business of the Year. Red Wagon Plants, located on Shelburne Falls Road, is a nursery that grows and sells a variety of plants and flowers year-round.

Rubaud grew up in a home with vegetable gardens and a greenhouse, so she said it was only natural that she would pursue gardening as a career.

"The mission of the business is to help people succeed in the garden as well as to help employees succeed in their work lives," said Rubaud.

INSIDE...

Celebrate Summer at Centennial Field

Page 13: Celebrate the start of summer with Hinesburg family, friends and neighbors at Centennial Field on June 19.



RISE Program Under Way at CVU

Page 13: Program begins May 30.

Service Directory & Calendar of Events

Page 16-17: At-a-glance view of community services and events.

BACK STORIES

of Hinesburg

The Hinesburg Community Resource Center

Page 24: The Hinesburg Community Resource Center is a volunteer, non-profit organization that was started in 1986 with a small grant, and which has been growing ever since. According to their website, their vision is "a community where people are connected and not in need." As many Hinesburg residents are already aware, HCRC has several programs in place to meet the needs of the Hinesburg community.

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Erosion on the Russell Trail.

Luckily, we've learned a lot from experience. Here are a few basic strategies that trail builders commonly use to work with the challenges of our beautiful, but temperamental, terrain and climate. And before we go any further, know that the most common answer to all trail design and maintenance challenges is ... it depends! Trail design is definitely more art than science with many variables and plenty of different opinions over what to do and how. Think of the following as general strategies — not absolute rules.

Out-sloping: The goal is to build a gentle grade across the surface of the trail so water flows across the trail rather than turning to flow down the trail. This means building the uphill edge of the trail so it's higher than the downhill edge. Often that means a small grade of just 2% or 3% across the trail's surface.

It's a simple idea but hard to make happen. Building a consistent gentle grade across the trail through long sections takes careful construction — and sometimes a lot of fill if the soil isn't quite right. Another challenge is how to maintain that gentle slope across a heavily used trail? The impact of hikers' footfalls, heavy rain or the pressure of bike tires all tend to push down and compress the trail surface, especially on the uphill side of the trail. Unless the surface is very stable and supported (with lots of gravel for example), it takes continuing effort to maintain grades. And making it

work with the natural features in our forests is also tough. Rock ledges, boulders and tree roots are just three examples of natural obstacles that interfere with our good intentions to keep smooth gentle grades across trails.

Turnpikes: These are raised sections where rocks and gravel are mixed with soil to raise the trail a few inches above the wet areas it passes through. It's similar to the raised design for many roads we drive on so the name sounds more like an interstate highway than a trail feature. With a mix of rock, gravel and soil, the raised turnpike improves drainage and provides a dryer, more stable trail bed. Often shallow ditching is added on the uphill side to direct water away. That's so the raised section doesn't act like a dam against water flowing down a hillside.

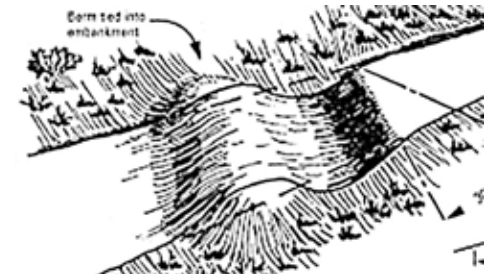
But there are difficulties too. Turnpikes can last a long time and usually are well-liked — except by the poor person who has to make or find all the crushed stone and soil! It takes a lot of fill to raise even a 10-foot section of trail just a few inches. Since big dump trucks don't fit well on trails, the most common source is a human-powered sledge hammer crushing smaller boulders to pieces. Despite the welcome improvement, it sure makes for a tiring workday on the trail.



Water bar in place.

Cross-drains: The most common solutions are water bars and grade dips. You've likely stepped over — or maybe tripped over — quite a few of these. A water bar is a trench a few inches deep dug across the trail. Moving water off the trail means we have to plan for how

the water flows — not just catch it. That's why trenches don't run directly across at a right-angle to the trail. A right-angle trench is usually easier to build, but slows the water's flow. And that can mean overflowing water right back on the trail with further erosion. Instead water bars are dug at a downhill angle which guides the water away downhill — often at an angle of roughly 30 degrees across the trail. Water bars are a balancing act — kind of a "Goldilocks solution." There needs to be just enough depth and angle in the trench to move water off the trail. But not too much of either; too much water that's flowing too fast will cause erosion. Often the downhill edge of the trench is lined with stones or logs so that the trench wall doesn't erode.



Grade dip and berm sketch.

Grade dip: Another option is a grade dip. These use gradual berms and valleys placed in the trail rather than ditches. So, it's more like having small, undulating hills that help direct water off the trail. While a common solution, water bars and dips can quickly fill with sediment and stop working. Or the stone or log can be dislodged by trail traffic or erosion from heavy rains. Plus, the logs or stones on the lower edge can trip up hikers and especially bikers, so care is needed. Even this simple solution requires watchful maintenance to avoid failures or hazards.

The above are just a few of the methods for coping with our rainy weather and geology. So much depends on what's in and around the trail — plus it can change every few feet. Here in Vermont — with its hills, forests, precipitation and typical soil types — the answers

and solutions may not bring smiles as far as maintaining trails is concerned. But those challenging answers don't change our determination to make it all work as best we can for everyone on the trails.



Figuring out a solution.

June 1 Is National Trails Day — We Welcome Your Help!

Your chance to help maintain Hinesburg's trails is National Trails Day on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. No experience or special skills needed — just enthusiasm! We will meet in the parking area behind Town Hall and divide into teams to tackle various trail projects. At noon we'll re-assemble at Town Hall for pizza. Helpers of all ages and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Please bring hand tools: loppers, pruning saws, shovels, buckets, etc. although we will have some to share. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, work gloves, a hat and bug dope. Please RSVP to buddfamily@gmavt.net so we'll be sure to have enough pizza. Thanks!

The New "Old-Growth"

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

As many Vermonters know, prior to European settlement, Vermont was almost completely forested. In the 1800s about 80% of the state was clear-cut, largely to create sheep pasture. Many of these pre-settlement forests were what we would now call "old-growth": forests which had developed without extensive disturbance for centuries. Our modern understanding of how forests naturally grow and change is largely informed by the study of our few remaining old-growth forests, and this understanding has led to modern forest management techniques that seek to emulate these natural processes. Using forest management techniques that mimic natural disturbances and create conditions similar to old-growth helps create forests which provide high-quality timber and maple sap in addition to great wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration and storage, clean air and clean water. The result is healthier forests — though they might not look how you'd expect.

For some reason, many people think of a well-managed forest as an area of evenly spaced trees with a completely bare understory. This couldn't be farther from the truth. Forests are dynamic systems, and death, disturbance and change are natural parts of how they develop over time. Old-growth forests are generally what most people would call "messy," with some large, ancient trees as well as trees of all sizes and ages, dead standing trees (snags) and a lot of dead wood on the forest floor. These features develop as forests encounter natural disturbance events, from the death of a single tree to larger-

scale disturbances like windstorms, wildfires and insect/disease outbreaks. Through these disturbances, forests become more diverse, which makes them healthier; diverse forests are more resilient to future natural and human-caused disturbances and will be better suited to deal with the uncertain effects of climate change. They also generally store more carbon and provide a wider range of wildlife habitat conditions than less diverse forests. As people who own, manage and appreciate forests, it is critical to recognize their dynamic nature and to support the continuation of these natural processes, even if it looks messy.

Today, most of Vermont's forests are relatively "even-aged" — dominated by a single generation of trees — and are still recovering from being cleared for agriculture in the 1800s. In many cases the oldest trees in a forest date back to when a farmer sold off the herd, headed west or found an easier way to make a dollar. By contrast, in Vermont's pre-settlement period, large even-aged forests were probably somewhat rare, originating only from infrequent, large-scale natural disturbances. Because old-growth forests feature a variety of conditions beyond just big trees, they often take hundreds of years to form through natural disturbance and regeneration.

While we can't make old-growth appear overnight, we can manage forests for old-growth-type conditions. This includes creating "uneven-aged" forests by encouraging the growth of multiple ages of trees and modelling our management on the way that forests naturally grow and develop. Uneven-aged management supports irregularity and diversity, rather than uniformity, in the forest. This can be done by harvesting individual trees and small groups or patches of trees, which simulate small-scale natural disturbances. Additionally, I tell loggers to leave a lot of dead wood on the ground and (even though it looks "messy") not cut tree tops and limbs down to lay flat. Leave any dead standing or fallen trees alone and consider "girdling" a couple low-quality trees per acre to create additional snags for wildlife. I also like to leave a few trees per acre as biological legacies, which are allowed to live out their natural lives and are not managed for timber.

To muddy the waters a bit, it is also important to consider forest diversity on a landscape-scale. In addition to old-growth there are other forest types, like early successional habitat, which provide unique ecological features and habitat opportunities and which are also under represented on Vermont's current landscape. Our management should seek to create landscapes, not just individual properties or forests, that are diverse and healthy.

Through thoughtful forest management as described here, we can increase the overall health and resilience of our forests in addition to their utility to wildlife and production of ecosystem services like clean air, clean water and carbon sequestration and storage. We can use management techniques modeled after the way that forests naturally grow and develop, and we can do so while extracting a local, renewable resource. What's not to love?

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Legislative

Highlights From the House

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Following are excerpts from U.S. Congressman Peter Welch's monthly newsletters, which can be viewed at welch.house.gov/media-center/ewsletters.

Fighting to Keep Vermont's Small Independent Pharmacies Open

At a press conference last month at Rutland Pharmacy, Peter unveiled two bills that will protect Vermont's local independent pharmacies which are at risk due to anti-competitive practices by middlemen in the prescription drug market. There are 41 independent pharmacies in Vermont employing 381 full-time employees. "When Vermonters get sick, their local pharmacy is often the first place they visit for advice and care," said Peter. "Community pharmacies are locally owned. Their pharmacists have earned the trust of customers. My legislation will level the competitive playing field to help ensure these vital small businesses remain open to serve their customers."

A New Violence Against Women Act

With Peter's strong support, the House passed legislation last month to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act for five years. "Violence against women should never be tolerated," said Peter. "This important legislation will ensure that survivors of domestic and sexual violence get the services they need and that their advocates have sufficient resources to continue their vital work." Before the House acted, Peter convened a roundtable discussion in Burlington with advocates to learn about the challenges they face and solicit their input on re-authorization.

Protecting Vermont's Community Access TV Stations

Funding for Vermont's community access TV stations, which bring democracy to the living rooms and laptops of Vermonters, is at risk due to a possible regulatory action by the Federal Communications Commission. Peter sent a letter to the FCC urging them to take no action that threatens the viability of public, educational, and government stations. He also convened a roundtable discussion with station leaders from around the state to learn more about how the FCC action could harm their stations and viewers.

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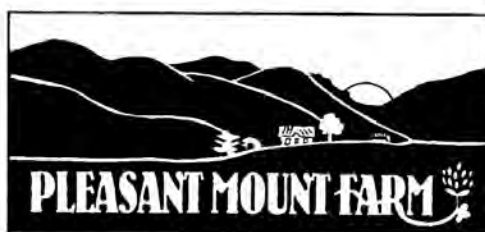


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► Legislative

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Reversing the FCC Decision to Gut Net Neutrality

A free and open internet is essential for consumers and small entrepreneurs across Vermont. Last month, the House approved net neutrality legislation cosponsored and strongly supported by Peter that will prohibit internet providers from prioritizing content from large corporations at the expense of high-quality internet service for the rest of us.

Internet Access Delivered Locally by Local Companies

Too many Vermonters have limited or no access to the internet. As Congress begins to write legislation that invests in America's infrastructure, including broadband networks, Peter convened a roundtable discussion in Randolph to learn more about a community-based model for providing internet access pioneered in Vermont by ECFiber and others.

Cutting School District Energy Bills Through Energy Efficiency

Peter is the leading advocate in the House for investing in energy efficiency which creates good jobs, saves money and reduces harmful carbon emissions. Last month, the House unanimously approved his legislation to help schools become more energy efficient. "Making taxpayer-funded schools more energy efficient will cut school district energy bills in Vermont and around the country," Peter said. The Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act establishes a coordinating structure to help schools better navigate federal energy efficiency programs and financing options.

Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez Unveil the Loan Shark Prevention Act

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On May 9, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT.) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) unveiled new legislation, The Loan Shark Prevention Act, to combat the predatory lending practices of America's big banks and protect consumers who are burdened with exorbitant credit card interest rates. The legislation imposes a 15% federal

cap on interest rates and empowers individual states to establish lower limits.

The lawmakers also outlined a plan to build and expand basic post office banking services as an accessible, affordable alternative to check cashing and payday lending businesses.

"The reality is that today's modern-day loan sharks are no longer lurking on street corners breaking kneecaps to collect their payments," said Senator Sanders. "They wear three-piece suits and work on Wall Street, where they make hundreds of millions in total compensation and head financial institutions like JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Bank of America and American Express."

"Under the legislation we are introducing today, we would establish a national usury rate to make sure that no bank or store in America could charge an interest rate higher than 15%," Sanders concluded.

Representative Ocasio-Cortez stated, "There is no justifiable reason that a person — no matter their background — should be charged an interest rate higher than 15%. Rates higher than 15% are predatory debt traps, designed to keep working families underwater and allow predatory companies to enrich themselves off the misfortune of others."

Despite the fact that banks can borrow money today at less than 2.5% from the Federal Reserve, the median credit card interest rate today for consumers is an astounding 21%.

The lawmakers outlined postal banking as a commonsense alternative to predatory lenders in a co-authored Medium post. "Post offices exist in almost every community in our country. There are more than 31,000 retail post offices in this country. An important way to provide decent banking opportunities for low-income communities is to allow the U.S. Postal Service to engage in basic banking services," they wrote.

"The Postal Service already cashes treasury checks and issues money orders. The USPS should fully exercise its existing statutory authority and implement pilot programs offering affordable financial services, including ATMs, paycheck cashing, bill payment and electronic money transfers in post offices," they concluded.

The Loan Shark Prevention Act was lauded by consumer advocacy groups, and garnered the endorsements of Consumer Action; NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice; Demand Progress Action; Franciscan Action Network; National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; CREDO Action; Community Change Action; Center for Popular Democracy; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and People's Action.

CSWD

CSWD/GMC Receives Grant From Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Chittenden Solid Waste District and Green Mountain Compost has been awarded a grant worth \$500,000 by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, an arm of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

The overall purpose of the grant award is to fund an expansion of CSWD's Green Mountain Compost facility in Williston to include additional composting and organics transfer. The intent is to increase the facility's food processing capacity and efficiency in keeping these materials out of the waste stream.

Funds from the grant will go toward engineering the design and permitting, construction, and materials and equipment purchases. Under the terms of the grant, CSWD will secure at least a 60% match of the overall project cost and expects to complete the project by late-summer 2020.

"We are very excited about this grant from the state," said Sarah Reeves, CSWD's executive director. "CSWD sees great opportunity in options to manage the expected increase in landfill-diverted food scraps as we approach 2020."

Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, bans food scraps from the landfill beginning July 1, 2020.

Doing the Right Thing, My Way

BY ALISE CERTA, CSWD MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

I am a novice composter. I have never composted. I don't have a garden or a green thumb. But I do have the will to do the right thing.

As I am learning, the benefits of composting are huge! Great for the soil and environment, good for the soul and your tummy (go veggies). Ultimately, com-

posting helps keep food scraps out of Vermont's only landfill.

I am sold on the benefits but the practicality of composting for me personally is a tougher bargain. I don't garden. I don't really have the time to devote to the practice of composting. Just like I thought about being a country girl after my time as a city girl — I like the idea of composting, but the reality for me is that I won't compost.

Okay, okay — I can hear you all gasping. I get it and part of me feels guilty. So, I started asking about alternatives that I would actually maintain and still be able to do the right thing.

Two options jumped out at me.

One, I am very fortunate to work right across from CSWD's compost facility, which accepts less than 30 gallons of food scraps at a time at no charge. I can save my scraps and drop them off on the way to work. If I forget, I can just take them to a nearby Drop-Off Center over the weekend. My wonderful colleagues blend my food scraps with my neighbors' and voilà, compost for the masses!

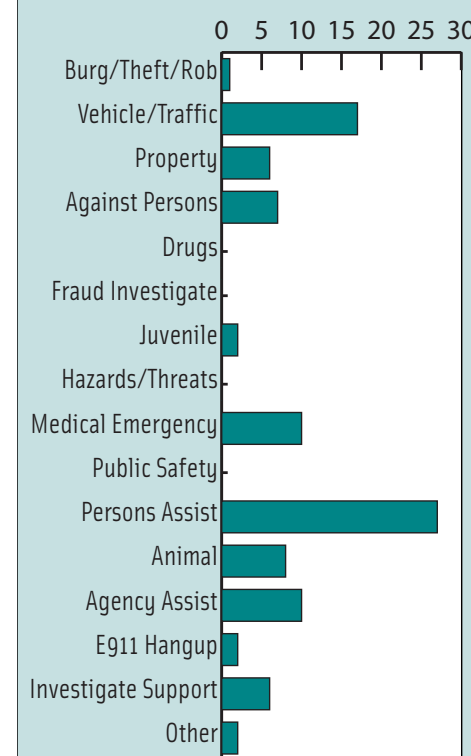
I can throw all my food scraps — meat, bones and dairy included — into the cone and forget about it.

Second, the Green Cone. The Green Cone is a backyard aerobic digester. It reduces food scraps to their natural components of water, carbon dioxide and a small amount of organic residue by creating the ideal solar-heated environment for all kinds of thriving micro-organisms. I can throw all my food scraps — meat, bones and dairy included — into the cone and forget about it. The waste will be broken down and absorbed into the earth. You can read more about how the Green Cone works on the Central Vermont Solid Waste District website. I was convinced and bought my Green Cone at a conference last month.

Part of moving people toward doing the right thing is about meeting them where they are. Change is hard for people. It's hard for me. My will to do right by our environment makes me open to learning new things ... even if it's baby steps like starting my compost journey with a Green Cone. Maybe I'll change my mind and you'll see me next summer knee-deep in my own compost. In the meantime, I'm excited about this new step, and about doing the right thing — guilt free. Happy spring!

Police

HPD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, APRIL 2019



Graph data supplied by Doug Olufsen

Incidents

Criminally Suspended License/Arrest Warrant

On Tuesday, April 9, an officer working traffic enforcement in the Village stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. The operator, Everett White, 36 years old of Hinesburg, was determined to be operating on a criminally suspended license and had a warrant for his arrest. White was arrested, taken to the station for processing and lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

Family Fight

On Thursday, April 11, an officer responded to Hollow Road for a family fight. It was determined to be verbal only, and one of the parties left for the night.

Juvenile Problem

On Monday, April 15, an officer responded to Hickory Place for a juvenile problem. The officer assisted a parent by picking up the juvenile from an address in Hinesburg and arranging a meeting with the juvenile's father.

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Citizen Dispute

On Tuesday, April 16, a resident came to the office with a person that was being disruptive at her home. The officer met with both and was able to mediate and both went back to the residence.

Child Custody Dispute

On Friday, April 19, an officer met with a parent over a child custodial issue regarding an exchange for visitation. It was ultimately worked out.

Department for Children and Families Agency Assist

On Sunday, April 21, an officer conducted an agency assist with a DCF worker on a home visit in Village Heights.

Citizen Dispute

On Tuesday, April 23, an officer responded to Buck Hill Road East for a reported citizen dispute. The dispute was a verbal altercation only.

Family Dispute

On Wednesday, April 24, officers responded to Wildwood Lane to assist with a family dispute.

Civil Standby

On Wednesday, April 24, an officer assisted a person in retrieving personal property from a residence on Mechanicsville Road.

Criminally Suspended License

On Wednesday, April 24, an officer made an enforcement stop on Silver Street for several violations. The driver, Shawn Turner, 33 years old of Starksboro, was determined to be driving on a criminally suspended license. He was issued a citation and the vehicle was towed.

Missing Child

On Tuesday, April 30, an officer responded to a missing child from Buck Hill Road. The child was found several minutes later.

Family Fight

On Tuesday, April 30, officers responded to North Road in the Triple L Mobile Home Park for a reported family fight. Determined to be verbal only.

Theft

On Friday, May 3, an officer took a report of a theft of tools from a residence on North Road. The investigation is continuing.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On Tuesday, May 7, a motorist reported an erratic driver on Vermont Route 116. An officer located the vehicle and an enforcement stop was made. The operator, Rush Yelverton, 55 years old of Starksboro, was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and taken to the station for processing.

Family Fight

On Tuesday, May 7, officers responded to the south end of the Village on Vermont Route 116 for a reported family fight.

Although a witness reported a physical confrontation, both parties were uncooperative and stated that it was a verbal altercation only. There was no other evidence that it was a physical confrontation.

Family Dispute

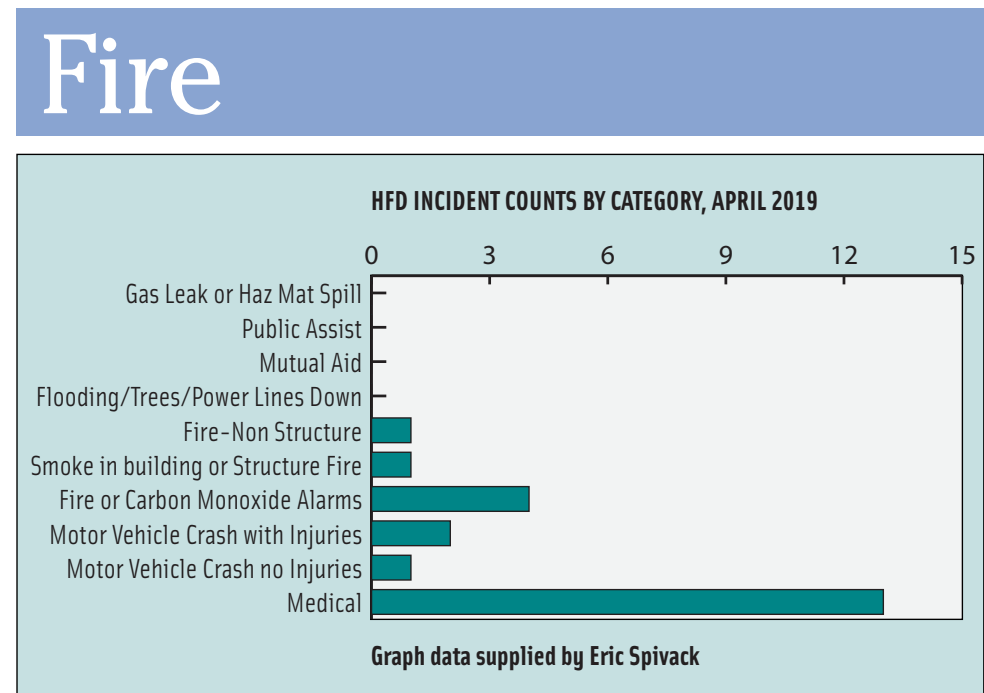
On Thursday, May 9, officers responded to a residence on Vermont Route 116 for a family dispute. The officers talked with both parties and left without further involvement.

Family Dispute

On Friday, May 10, an officer responded to Lincoln Hill Road for a family fight. The altercation was verbal only and the officer assisted Hinesburg First Response with a medical issue.

Family Dispute

On Friday, May 10, an officer responded to CVU to assist the school resource officer with a family dispute.



HFD responded to 22 calls in April. * an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.

Reported Structure Fire

At 9:01 p.m. on April 14, Hinesburg Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire on Martel Lane in St. George. The caller stated there was something on fire in the garage. Shelburne Dispatch immediately toned Williston Fire Department to respond for mutual aid.

On arrival, Chief Barber reported the fire appeared to be out and downgraded all responding units. Hinesburg Fire was on scene for approximately one hour checking for extension and ventilating the building.

The fire was located and contained in the garage. The cause was linseed oil-soaked rags placed in a corner which spontaneously combusted. There was damage to the garage walls, insulation and wiring.

All five Hinesburg apparatus and approximately 24 firefighters responded. Saint Michael's Fire and Rescue and Williston Fire Department were also dispatched, with both being cancelled while en route.

Annual Family Fun Safety Day

Save the date! The Hinesburg Fire Department will be holding our annual Family Fun Safety Day on Saturday, Sept. 7.

WOKO Annual Golf Classic

The Hinesburg Fire Department has been notified by WOKO that we will once again be a beneficiary of proceeds from their Fall Golf Classic at Cedar Knoll that was held on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Fire Chief's Report

BY FIRE CHIEF AL BARBER

Preparing for Summer

As spring is finally upon us, we all need to prepare for summer weather possibilities. It goes without saying to do the standard preparations like having "go

bags" with radios, flash lights, an AM/FM radio with spare batteries, snacks and extra clothes along with making an evacuation plan. Make sure to choose someone to be your contact person outside of our community to check in with in the event of an emergency.

Now that summer is approaching, it is also the time to make sure trees are trimmed back on your driveway to ensure emergency vehicles can pass by them as well as making sure culverts and drainage ditches are cleared of debris.

Fire Department Status

We have had a very busy winter and spring along with facing many new challenges. On a good note we have also been able to welcome new members, had members come off probation, and also had members who furthered emergency service education both in fire-fighting and emergency medical service. While all this has been happening, we've been working on the challenges facing us with the loss of our primary transport ambulance after 50 years of serving our community, Saint Michael's Fire and Rescue. Currently around 72% of our calls are EMS related which has really caused a shift in how we approach our training and membership efforts. We are very lucky that we have a very committed group of people to serve our community.

Future Efforts

By working with developers on their projects, we can see that there will be an increase in the future demands on the fire department for both fire and EMS services. In the next few months it will become amazingly clear, as these projects enter the work stream of the Development Review Board, what will be causing the new demands on the fire department.

Members Needed

We have a strong group of members currently, but as times change so does the membership. Every month we lose members due to many personal factors, so we are always welcoming those that want to help our community. If you only want to do limited fire or EMS duties, please come check us out; there is always someone there on Wednesday evenings. Normally if there is a car at the station there may be someone there, but not normally during the day, so if you have an emergency please call 911.

Follow us on Facebook at [HinesburgFireDepartment](#) and be sure to visit our website at [hinesburgfd.org](#).

Business

► Red Wagon Plants

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Today the business has 25 seasonal employees, nine greenhouses and sells year-round.

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"Red Wagon is known as a place that pays well and has [a] fun, family-like work environment. The mission of the business is to help people succeed in the garden as well as to help employees succeed in their work lives," said Rubaud.

Continued growth is part of her long-term vision. Rubaud was recently selected to participate in the SBA's 2019 Emerging Leaders Program, a free class for small business owners. During the seven-month program, she will create a three-year strategic growth plan to help reach those goals.

A new addition to Red Wagon Plants is a classroom built inside one of the greenhouses to conduct a variety of workshops, such as Planting for Summer Salads and Preserving the Tomato Harvest. Rubaud has held workshops for several years, but she said as more and more people are choosing to grow their own herbs and vegetables there has been an increase in demand for workshops and seminars.

"Red Wagon is known as a place that pays well and has [a] fun, family-like work environment."

Throughout the years, the business has made significant financial and in-kind contributions to a number of organizations, including the Shelburne Community School PTO, Burlington Parks and Recreation and the Vermont Community Garden Network.

Red Wagon Plants and other small business award winners will be presented their awards during the 2019 Vermont Small Business Awards Ceremony co-hosted by Vermont Business Magazine in June. The ceremony is open to the public and registration will be available in May.

Since 1963, National Small Business Week has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small businesses for their contributions to their local communities and to our nation's economy.



Julie Rubaud, owner of Red Wagon Plants, waters plants inside one of her greenhouses. Red Wagon Plants is named the 2019 Vermont Woman-Owned Business of the Year by the Small Business Administration. (Photo by Danny Monahan.)

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Recreation

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

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Classes & Camps

Recreational Track and Field

The Track and Field program continues this summer where children ages 6-14 years old learn and master the basics of running, sprinting, jumping, throwing, using starting blocks and participating in relays. The Parisi Speed School staff works with athletes to provide dynamic stretching and speed techniques to supplement our track and field staff. There are several casual meets with local track and field programs such as South Burlington, Essex, Mount Mansfield Union, Colchester and Burlington. To culminate the season, athletes are encouraged to participate in the Vermont State Track Meet in St. Johnsbury on July 20.

Who: 7-14 years old, on Aug. 31. **When:** Mondays and Wednesdays, June 6-July 20. **Where:** CVU track. **Times:** 6:15-7:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$50 for residents, \$55 for non-residents. **Age Group:** The athlete's age group is determined by his/her age as of Aug. 31. Athletes aged 7-14 on Aug. 31 are eligible to participate in the meet this year unless they were a high school freshman in the 2018-19 school year.

Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables

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

Who: 6-12 years old. **Where:** Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **When:** Camp Week 1: June 17-21. Camp Week 2: July 1-5, includes participation in Hinesburg July Fourth Parade. **Time:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or 8 a.m.-3 p.m. **Cost:** \$250 for 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and \$300 for 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Be sure to pack a lunch, a snack and a drink as well as boots.

Tennis Camp With Myles

Join Hinesburg tennis enthusiast Myles Peterson for an introductory tennis camp.

Who: youth camp for 6- to 10-year-olds. **When:** July 29-Aug. 2, Monday-Friday, from 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. **Where:** HCS tennis courts. **Cost:** \$85

Global Premier Soccer Vermont Camp

GPS Vermont will offer a half- and full-day soccer camp program July 29-Aug. 2 behind Hinesburg Town Hall. All programs will include age specific soccer training and games to help players improve in a positive environment. Offerings include:

- U6s (4-6 years) Monday-Friday, 9-10:30 a.m., \$90.
- U8-U14 (7-14 years) Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$120.
- U8-U14 (7-14 years) Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$195.

Each player will receive a GPS T-shirt. To enroll please go to gps-vermont.com/vacationschedule.

Great Escape Tickets

Great Escape good-any-day tickets are available in the town clerk's office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. for \$41 (gate price is \$62.99). Cash only, please. Your purchase supports the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.

2019 Hinesburg Business and Professional Association Golf Tournament Fireworks Fundraiser

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association is holding a fireworks fundraiser on Saturday, June 8 starting at 8 a.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.

Hinesburg's July Fourth Celebration

Wednesday July 3:

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

Carpenter-Carse Library is sponsoring a book sale at Town Hall from 4-8 p.m.

Responsible Growth Hinesburg's plant sale and strawberry shortcake social is at Town Hall from 4-8 p.m.

Thursday July 4:

Festivities begin at 9 a.m. with a book sale in Town Hall, Hinesburg Historical Society display, silent auction and music.

Parade lineup at the bottom of Buck Hill Road West begins at 10 a.m. Participants should register at hinesburgrec.com. Judging is at 10:30 a.m. with prizes awarded in 10 categories! The parade begins at 11 a.m. and travels north through the village, turning on Mechanicsville Road, and finishing at the post office.

There will be an ice cream social next to HCS after the parade; music at Veteran's Park; a silent auction and the 4- by 4-inch painting auction under the yellow and white striped tent at Town Hall; music from 2 p.m. until dark on the Hinesburgh Public House's lawn with food and games; and finally the fireworks at dusk behind HCS, thanks to the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association.

2019 Hinesburg Summer Concerts in the Park

The 20-plus year tradition continues at the gazebo behind the Hinesburg Community School. Enjoy Wednesday evening concerts from 6:30-8 p.m. Rain date is Thursday. Thanks to our sponsors Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom and Wahl Landscape LLC. Concert dates for 2019:

- July 10, Rodney Putnam
- July 17, About Time
- July 24, Mango Jam
- July 31, Loose Ends
- August 7, Hinesburg Community Band

New this season is Mac's Sugar Shack food truck featuring "taco in a bag," snow cones, along with grilled items ... yum!

Library

Library Hours

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

Tuesday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Phone: 802-482-2878

Address: 69 Ballard's Corner Road, Hinesburg 05461

Website: carpentercarse.org

Email: library@carpentercarse.org

Library News



Playaway listening devices are available to borrow.

Meet Playaway!

The library has expanded its Playaway collection to include adult books. Playaways are pre-downloaded devices that you can carry in your pocket and listen to on the go. No password, device or downloading needed! It's all set to go — you provide the headphones or earbuds. You can even listen in your car with an auxiliary cord connector.

Youth Mural Has Begun

Artist Tara Goreau has begun transforming the youth area of the library. This winter, patrons voted on their favorite mural design and the winning proposal is now being executed. Stop by the library to see this whimsical work



A mural is being created in the youth area of the library.

Everyday Biking Workshop, Powered by Local Motion!

Saturday, June 1, 10-11 a.m.

Join Local Motion for free coffee, pastries and the tips and tricks needed for

or a blog post for your professional website, the Hinesburg Writers Group invites you to join us for our monthly workshop. Area writers exchange feedback and encouragement to keep your writing project moving forward, regardless of genre. To get your writing to the group before the next workshop, email Paul Marino at paulstevemarino@gmail.com.

Live Music: Jam With the Song Farmers of Hinesburg

Thursday, June 6, 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.

Mysteries and Muffins Book Group

Wednesday, June 12, 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.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, June 15, 10-10:30 a.m.

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

Summer Reading Club, Week 1: Animals in Myth and Legend (Vermont Institute of Natural Science)

Friday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join the Vermont Institute of Natural Science this summer to find out: How did Snake lose her legs? Why does Owl only fly at night? How did Turtle fly south for the winter? Meet these animals and hear their stories while we learn about the adaptations they have that help them survive. We'll explore a few different tales that people tell to help them understand the world of wildlife around them. Sign up at carpentercarse.org/summer-reading-program, or by stopping in at the library. Summer Reading Program registration begins May 28. All ages; children 10 and under need to be accompanied by a guardian.

Local Motion is Vermont's statewide advocate for active transportation, vibrant communities and safe streets. Their mission is simple: to bring walking and biking within reach for all Vermonters.

Hinesburg Writers Group

Tuesday, June 4, 7-9 p.m.

Whether you're working on a young adult novel, some poetry for yourself

Weekly Programming

Hands and Needles

Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon (through June 17)

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 and infants through age 5 and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. All are welcome, free.

After-School Snack and Stories with Greg

Tuesdays, 2:15 p.m. (through June 11)

Join us after school for a healthy snack and listen to some read-aloud stories! Volunteer Greg Leroy reads a variety of picture books for children of all ages. Snacks provided in part by Hinesburg Community Resource Center. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Youngster Movement and Music

Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (through June 13)

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 infants through age 3 and their caregivers (older siblings welcome). Followed by a healthy snack. All are welcome, free.

Tech Time

Every Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., half-hour slots. Or make an appointment in advance for a time during other 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@carpentercarse.org to reserve your spot.

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Other News

Sheep in the Vineyard

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne Vineyard and Greylaine Farm of Charlotte, are excited to announce that Greylaine's sheep will be grazing under the vines at Shelburne Vineyard this spring. Sheep will bring diversity to the vineyard, increase soil health, reduce the need to mow, and give staff and visitors plenty of photo ops. The effort also has the potential to expand the historically important sheep industry in Vermont if the project proves successful.

The two farms, along with technical advisors from the University of Vermont, were awarded a grant from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program. Their project, titled Feasibility of Integrating Sheep into Vermont Vineyards: An Initial Look at Ecologic and Economic Benefits, kicked off on May 18, when Greylaine delivered a small herd of Suffolks to the vineyard.

Shelburne Vineyard winegrower Ethan Joseph and Greylaine shepherd Mike Kirk have long dreamed of this day. Both graduates of the University of Vermont, the two have spent their time since then following their agricultural passions, Ethan through wine and Mike with animals. Early conversations about bring-

Sheep will bring diversity to the vineyard, increase soil health, reduce the need to mow...

ing the two together didn't come to fruition but both have been committed to one day making it a reality. Last fall, a UVM College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Instagram post highlighted the work of Assistant Professor Meredith Niles who spent the past decade researching the integration of sheep into the vineyards of New Zealand. As such an authority on the subject, Niles provided the impetus Ethan and Mike needed. Together, along with UVM Extension Research Associate Juan Alvez, the team applied for and were awarded the SARE grant.

"This is an experiment," says Joseph. "No one's done this before in our climate or utilizing our training system..."

The sheep will remain until the shoots grow long enough for the sheep to eat them. "This is an experiment," says Joseph. "No one's done this before in our climate or utilizing our training system, but Mike and Marion know sheep, and my team and I know grapes. We feel good about it and I'm psyched we are finally making it happen."

This farm-to-farm partnership represents the first of its kind in New England, and serves as a demonstration of Shelburne Vineyard and Greylaine's commitment to promoting integrated agriculture, diversifying cropping systems and furthering sustainability in farming.

Vermont's Summer Free Fishing Day Is June 8

Grand Isle Family Fishing Festival, Bass Opener Both on Free Fishing Day

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

Vermont's annual, statewide Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 8 this year, and it will be highlighted by a free family fishing festival in Grand Isle as well as opening day of the state's regular bass fishing season.

"Vermont's Free Fishing Day gives resident and nonresident anglers the opportunity to go fishing without a license for the day in Vermont lakes and streams," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "Fishing is an activity that can be shared with friends and family or easily taught to newcomers while enjoying quality time together."

"Fishing is an activity that can be shared with friends and family..."

Free Fishing Day in Vermont also will be celebrated at the Grand Isle Family Fishing Festival, to be held at the Ed Weed Fish Culture Station at 14 Bell Hill

Road in Grand Isle. The festival will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Designed for young anglers and families, this exciting event offers basic fishing instruction and the chance for kids to catch big trout in a hatchery pond. No prior fishing experience is needed, and Vermont Fish & Wildlife will be supplying fishing rods, reels and bait for use by participants.

The festival will also highlight the updated Ed Weed Fish Culture Station visitor center, so fishing festival participants will be able to see the educational exhibits and learn how to identify Lake Champlain fish species in the exhibit aquariums.

Vermont's annual, statewide Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 8

Vermont's regular bass season also opens on June 8, marking the start of some of the hottest bass fishing action in the northeast. The season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November.

The program provides loaner tackle kits and fishing clinics free of charge

Fish & Wildlife also has teamed up with Vermont State Parks to offer the Reel Fun Fishing program to be scheduled by park interpreters on Free Fishing Day and during the summer at some state parks. The program provides loaner tackle kits and fishing clinics free of charge to anyone interested in fishing at a Vermont State Park. Fishing licenses are required for anyone 15 or older except on Free Fishing Day. Information on Reel Fun Fishing can be found at vt-stateparks.com/fishing.html.

Fishing licenses are required for anyone 15 or older except on Free Fishing Day

To learn more about fishing in Vermont or to purchase a fishing license, visit vtfishandwildlife.com.

Education



HCS students cheering on the Vermont Lake Monsters.

Students Come Together for Vermont History Day

CVU Student Wins Award

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On April 6, almost 400 students in grades five through 12 brought history to life at the Davis Center at the University of Vermont during Vermont History Day, which was organized by the Vermont Historical Society. Local historians, educators and other professionals judged the entries and chose winners in 10 categories, along with handing out 16 special prizes. Vermont History Day is an exciting education program that encourages students to develop research and critical thinking skills through the study of history. Vermont History Day is affiliated with National History Day.

The Vermont History Day program is open to Vermont students in grades five through 12 and home study students ages 10 to 18. Working individually or in small groups, students chose a topic related to the National History Day annual theme, "Triumph & Tragedy." The topic can relate to Vermont history, U.S. history or world history. Students completed a variety of projects including exhibits, websites, dramatic performances, documentaries and historic papers. Through their work, students gain a deeper understanding of how people, cultures and events affect the course of history.

Students who placed first or second in their category qualified to attend National History Day, taking place this year on June 9-13 in College Park, Maryland. A total of 34 projects from Vermont qualified this year, joining the nearly 3,000 other students at this week-long event.

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Joyce Ke, a student at Champlain Valley Union High School, won second place in the Senior Individual Website category. Her website focusing on the tragedy of the Nanking Massacre, can be viewed at 95240785.nhd.weebly.com.

Vermont History Day is supported by the George W. Mergens Foundation, Peter Swift and Diana McCargo, the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, the Johnson Family Foundation Fund, KeyBank, UVM Department of Admissions, Center for Research on Vermont, Northfield Savings Bank, Community National Bank, Noyle Johnson Group, UVM Department of History, UVM Historic Preservation Program, Charles Martin, the Fleming Museum of Art, Vermont Federal Credit Union, and Washington Electric Co-op. A special thank you to the sponsors of our special prizes.

Celebrate Summer at Centennial Field

Proceeds Support Partners in Education

BY JAMIE CUDNEY, PARENT VOLUNTEER FOR PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Celebrate the start of summer with Hinesburg family, friends and neighbors at Centennial Field on Wednesday, June 19. Proceeds from each ticket supports PiE at Hinesburg Community School. Tickets to the game can be purchased by calling the ticket office of the Vermont Lake Monsters at 802-655-6611 and mentioning the "Hinesburg Celebrates Summer" event. There will be special musical performances by members of Hinesburg Community School Band playing the National Anthem and our littlest HCS students singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch. It's a night you will not want to miss.

Come kick off summer with baseball, friends and of course Champ! Hope to see you there, Wednesday, June 19.



Nora Cudney and Cedella Clark with Champ at a Lake Monsters game.

RISE Program Under Way at CVU

FROM CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

All students at CVU will experience a change in their schedules beginning on May 30. The RISE program starts then and runs through June 12. Peter Langella, CVU librarian, and Abbie Bowker, CVU art educator, worked over multiple years to put this in place. We interviewed them to learn more about RISE.

What Is RISE?

RISE stands for Reflective Interest-based, Student Experiences

RISE is a program taking place during the last two weeks of school at CVU. It is focused on interest-based learning. Students will attend either two seminars a day, morning and afternoon, or a full-day seminar each day for the two weeks. In addition, some students designed independent learning experiences and they may be engaged in that work.

Why RISE?

This helps us create a fusion between conventional learning and personalization and flexible pathways. These are goals in our district and continuous improvement plan. Interest-based learning helps students better develop skills. Students are more intrinsically motivated when they can choose what to learn about something. Research shows that stu-

dents learn more deeply when they concentrate on one or two learning experiences. Students will focus on their part in their learning and their part in their community.

As CVU Principal Adam Bunting said in a recent email to students, "Not only does RISE allow you to explore interests and pursue self-determined learning, but it also bolsters and personalizes your transcript (not a bad bonus!)."

What Do Parents Need to Know?

First, students still come to school each day. Attendance is mandatory and this is a graduation requirement. RISE is an intensive session and part of the academic school year.

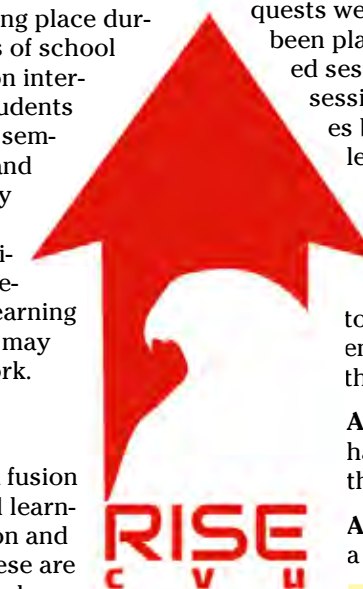
Students put in requests in the fall to express their interests. All student requests were honored, and they have been placed into one of their requested sessions. There is a total of 81 sessions. Students chose courses based on who they are as a learner.

The seminars offered have three distinct independence levels. These three options provide access to a variety of learning experiences based on the readiness of the participants.

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A guided experience will have a teacher well-versed in the

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► Rise Program at CVU

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topic area helping a student co-design the curriculum.

An independent experience will have an adult helping students to shape and access their learning, but the students would completely craft their experiences.

Students that began their pursuit of an independent learning seminar now have plans in place and are on the cusp of doing interesting and innovative projects through that strand of RISE.

RISE launches on May 30 and runs through June 12, which is the exhibition day.

What's a Typical Day During RISE?

RISE launches on May 30 and runs through June 12, which is the exhibition day. The school day runs from 9:00-3:00. The buses will run on the late-arrival schedule that has been followed each Monday throughout the year.

The first seminar is from 9-11:30.

The second seminar is from 12:30-3:00.

Lunch is offered in between and there's an advisory curriculum during that time frame.

How Is This Connected to Graduation Standards?

There is a focus on the graduation standards of self-direction and responsible and involved citizenship during RISE. All seminars connect back to either or both of these standards. Student reflection about the experiences, themselves as learners and as members of the community will be a vital part of RISE.

Each experience will be linked to one of three accountability measures: the head, the hand and the heart.

The head experiences focus on the pursuit of intellectual growth. Experiences linked to the head will also appear on a revised transcript as one of the academic graduation standards.

The hand experiences explore the making and design of a product.

The heart experiences deal with personal and community well-being. Every experience will be linked to the heart, which will manifest itself on a revised transcript as one of the graduation standards under self-direction or responsible and involved citizenship.

Descriptions about each seminar in the RISE Catalog indicate which accountability measure(s) connect to that seminar (bit.ly/2019RiseCatalog). Students will only be assessed on these skills and not discipline-specific standards.

What Are Some Examples of the Seminars?

Teachers have spent their own professional development time to take the titles and initial concepts and expand them into deep learning experiences for students.

Here's a sampling of some of the seminars offered in this year's RISE Catalog (bit.ly/2019RiseCatalog):

- The Science Behind the Yellow Tape Voiced Passion = Action Cultural Immersion
- Natural Dye Foraging for Fiber and Textiles
- Sports Analytics
- Non-Intimidating Fitness for Fun

Each student will participate in an Exhibition of Learning Day on June 12.

How Will Students Show What They Have Learned?

The different seminars will have different learning objectives based on the two main graduation standards. Each student will participate in an Exhibition of

Learning Day on June 12. Every seminar will present to a larger audience. If people have two different seminars, they will demonstrate their learning for each seminar.

The purpose of this day is to share and celebrate the learning from over the two weeks and build excitement within our community about the future potential of interest-based initiatives. The demonstration of learning will take different forms. Some may be performance-based, some hands-on, some exploratory, some informational and technical, etc.

What Do Colleges/Universities Think of This Experience?

Almost 100 colleges, universities and technical programs were surveyed about interest-based opportunities for students. This includes a variety of institutions ranging from elite programs, to state and private institutions, and technical schools as well. They each indicated that some type of flexible learning enhanced an applicant's candidacy.

What Can Families Do to Support RISE?

While RISE is underway and after it ends, ask your child:

- How is it going?
- What are you learning?
- What are you learning about yourself?
- What type of seminar(s) might you choose next year now that you've had this experience?
- What are you most excited about?

Peter Langella: Interest-based learning happening with all students all at once. All CVU students will go deeper with a micro-level piece of a larger subject area.

Abbie Bowker: It's an opportunity to establish different relationships with students across the whole CVU population. The courses have low-risk to the student. I'm interested, I'm going to try it out. The standards are reflective in nature and about what they put into it and not the product that comes out.

It's an opportunity to establish different relationships with students across the whole population

Adam Bunting, principal: As much as we try to build a student-centered experience for our learners, I am often taken aback by how much of their educational path is defined by the perception of what colleges will and won't like. There is tremendous social pressure on our kids to follow a previously established path ... often at the expense of exploring and risk-taking. RISE puts boundaries around a short amount of time so that students might dig into and test their own interests and values. We are inviting our young people to take ownership of their own path ... not someone else's.



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Four of the 4-by-4 paintings from last year's July Fourth Original Art Auction – the selection will be new and different for 2019.

Strawberry Shortcake, Plant Sale and Silent Auction at July Fourth Festivities

BY CATHERINE GOLDSMITH, RESPONSIBLE GROWTH HINESBURG

The winter was long and wet, but warm, dry days must be on the way. On Wednesday, July 3, you'll want to spend some time at the stone circle at Town Hall for a couple of reasons. Many choice plants from local growers will be available at the Responsible Growth Hinesburg plant sale from 6-8 p.m. While there, you can also enjoy strawberry shortcake with berries from local farms, whipped cream and just-baked biscuits by Nina Friscia.

On Thursday, July 4, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., RGH holds its sixth annual silent auction, featuring antiques, art work, music lessons, gift certificates to shows and events, local food items, our famous Little Treasures table and much more. Snow cones will be available for kids and adults alike.

A new feature begun last year is the 4-by 4-inch Original Art Auction: paintings done by local artists on mini canvases, with 10 artists participating at press time. (Artists include Mary Azarian, John Penoyer, Cynthia Guild Kling and more.)

Come before and after the parade, place your bids and check back to make sure you're still poised to win that item you can't live without. Visit the book sale next door in Town Hall, and come back again.

Car Wash/ Vacuum and Bottle Drive

Benefit for Hinesburg Youth Project Service Trip

BY DEIRDRE GLADSTONE

Come on down to Hinesburg Fire Station on Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to get your car washed or vacuumed. Bring your bottles too! Hinesburg teens will be on hand to clean your car. All proceeds to benefit the Hinesburg Youth Project's service trip to H.O.M.E. Inc. in Orland,

Maine in June.

The Hinesburg Youth Project was founded in 2016 at the United Church of Hinesburg to connect youth with transformative experiences in education, service and advocacy. Our annual service trips form character and a lasting commitment to the common good. On past trips, participants have explored food insecurity in New York City, considered a variety of social justice issues in the Boston area and assisted with hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico.

This year, 17 students will work with H.O.M.E. Inc. in programs designed to respond to the needs of the low-income population in rural Maine. H.O.M.E. Inc. provides shelters for the homeless; affordable daycare; organic gardens; a craft co-op for home-based industries such as weaving, stained glass, pottery, sewing and creative arts; a food pantry and soup kitchen; and programs to support a house construction and repair effort. More information is available at homeausa.org.

For more information about HYP or the 2019 trip, please contact the United Church of Hinesburg at 802-482-3352 or unitedchurch@gmavt.net.

Outstanding 4-H Talent Celebrated at State Day

FROM UVM EXTENSION PRESS RELEASE

On May 11, the Barre Civic Center in Barre was the place to be as talented 4-H'ers from throughout Vermont enlightened, educated and entertained the public with their action exhibits, stage presentations, demonstrations, technological savvy, tabletop exhibits and more.

The master of ceremony for the University of Vermont Extension 4-H-sponsored event was Faith Ploof, of Westford, who was part of the 4-H State Day Crew, a group of 4-H teens who assisted with the event. Other members of the team were Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte; MacKenzie Bushey, of Springfield; Hunter Michaud, of East



Staffing the registration table at 4-H State Day, May 11 in Barre, were (left to right) Mackenzie Bushey, of Springfield; Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte; and Vivienne Babbott, of Hinesburg. (Photo: Lisa Muzzey/ UVM Extension 4-H.)

Hardwick; and Alexis Taylor-Young, of South Royalton. The Flying Hooves 4-H Club of Colchester sold concessions to benefit the Ann Hart Scholarship Fund.

While all State Day participants were winners at the regional level, those chosen as state winners will repeat their presentations and performances or display their photos and posters at Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts in September. Area 4-H participants who won awards include:

Demonstration (team): Vivienne Babbott, of Hinesburg, and Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte. "How to Bear Tack Care." Illustrated Talk: Greta Friesen, from Hinesburg. "It's Time for Grooming." Photography (traditional): Vivienne Babbott, of Hinesburg, "Vermont Views" and Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte. "Lazy Days." To learn more about the UVM Extension 4-H program, call the state 4-H office at 802-651-8343 or 800-571-0668 (toll-free in Vermont).

Four Teens Named to 4-H Horse Judging Team

FROM UVM EXTENSION PRESS RELEASE

Four Vermont 4-H teens qualified for the state 4-H horse judging team for achieving the highest scores at the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest held on May 5 in New Haven.

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Teens, ages 14 and older, competing for the first time at the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest were (left to right) Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte, (first); Vivienne Babbott (second) and Emily Lang (third), both from Hinesburg; and Calvin Kennett (fourth) and Tucker Kennett (fifth), both from Middlebury. This year's contest was held May 5 in New Haven. (Photo: Amanda Turgeon).

► Teens named to 4H Team *continued from page 15*

Emma Cushman, of Barre; Grace Parks, of Essex Junction; McKenna White, of Whiting; and Sophie Zemianek, of St. Albans; all earned a spot on the state team that will represent Vermont at the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contest in October in Windsor, Connecticut, and at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky, this fall. Jordan Bombard, of Duxbury, was named first alternate.

The contest, which was sponsored by University of Vermont Extension 4-H, began at Wishful Thinking Farm where competitors provided written rankings for stock horses in hand, ponies in hand, thoroughbreds in hand, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation classes. After judging, the contest moved to Beeman Elementary School and the New Haven Town Hall where juniors (12-13) and seniors (14 and older) were asked to present oral reasons for two classes. Scores from judging and oral reasons were combined for an overall score and final rank for these two age divisions.

Top finishers in the senior division were, in order of placement, Olivia Campbell, of Randolph; Sydney Minnerly, of Lincoln; Emma Zimmermann, of Northfield; and Wisteria Franklin, of Wheelock.

Earning rosette ribbons in other age groups were: Novice Seniors (14 years old and up and new to 4-H or this competition): **Samantha Blackmore**, of

Charlotte, (first); **Vivienne Babbott** (second) and **Emily Lang** (third), both from Hinesburg; Calvin Kennett (fourth) and Tucker Kennett (fifth), both from Middlebury.

To learn more about the 4-H horse project and future horse events, please contact Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension 4-H livestock educator, at wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

Deer Hearing June 4 at CVU

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

Vermont Fish & Wildlife will hold a public hearing on deer on June 4 in Hinesburg. The hearing will cover the proposed deer hunting regulation changes for 2020.

The hearing is scheduled for 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Champlain Valley Union High School.

Previous hearings reviewing the 2018 deer hunting seasons and the proposed regulation changes for 2020 were held in Rutland, Montpelier, St. Albans, Bennington, Orleans, Bethel and Springfield.

The hearing will cover the proposed deer hunting regulation changes for 2020.

"Mild or moderate winters from 2016 to 2018 allowed the deer population to increase throughout Vermont," said Nick

Fortin, deer project leader for the Fish & Wildlife Department. "The winter of 2019 was severe in central and northeastern Vermont, and substantial population reductions are expected in those regions.

The winter was more moderate or even mild in other parts of the state, and little change is expected in the deer populations in those areas. That includes most of the wildlife management units where deer densities exceeded objectives in 2018."

Vermont Fish & Wildlife will hold a public hearing on deer on June 4 in Hinesburg.

"In areas most impacted by winter severity, the recommended permit allocation is 51% less than in 2018. Elsewhere, the permit allocation would be similar to 2018. The recommendation includes that antlerless deer may be taken in the archery and youth seasons statewide."

The department's annual recommendation is based on population estimates, biological data, winter severity data and deer sighting rates reported by hunters, as well as input from game wardens, foresters and the public.

The antlerless deer hunting recommendation for 2019 and the Fish & Wildlife board's proposed permits for each wildlife management unit are on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website (vtfishandwildlife.com) under "Board Rules."

NAMI Vermont Offers Facilitator Training for Connection Recovery Support Group

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Vermont will be providing training for new facilitators of their peer support program: NAMI Connection Support Group. The training offers mileage reimbursement, meals, accommodations for travelers, supplies and is free for all NAMI Vermont members. Become a member today to take advantage of this opportunity! Individuals who have personal experience with mental health challenges and have reached a comfortable place in recovery are encouraged to participate.

Connection Support Group meetings are free, 90-minute recovery support groups for people living with a mental health condition where people learn from one another's experiences, share coping strategies and offer mutual encouragement and understanding.

For more information, call NAMI Vermont at 802-876-7949 or visit namivt.org.

NAMI Vermont is a statewide, grassroots volunteer organization that supports, educates and advocates so that all communities' families and individuals affected by mental health challenges can build better lives.

Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Pop-Up Park Meeting. Parkside Cafe, 10244 VT-116, Hinesburg. Public invited. Discussion and planning for an event on August 3 in grassy area behind police station. All ideas welcome to inspire our community about someday having a permanent community park.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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. 3rd floor conference room.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Main Room at Town Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee.

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd, Hinesburg.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd, Hinesburg.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

4:30-6:00 p.m. Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Walter Hausermann at 802-878-7144 or walterh@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, JUNE 19

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

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 third floor conference room. Lenore Budd, Chair.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Summer solstice.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

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, JUNE 27

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Economic Development. 3rd floor conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

5:30-7:00 p.m. Open Table Dinner free community meal. unitedchurchvt@gmail.com.

MONDAY, JULY 1

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. [See June 4 Calendar entry for details.]

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Main Room at Town Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee.

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd, Hinesburg.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day.

MONDAY, JULY 8

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

TUESDAY, JULY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

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

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THURSDAY, JULY 11

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

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 third floor conference room. Lenore Budd, Chair.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

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, JULY 25

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:0

Calling All Paddlers and Outdoorspeople!

Volunteer Opportunities With Lewis Creek Association

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Lewis Creek Association will be continuing its work with volunteers to tackle several nonnative invasive plant removal projects in the Town Farm Bay (Charlotte) and LaPlatte River (Shelburne Bay) areas. With this year's expanded efforts, we are looking for additional volunteers who are willing to step up and help! Our three projects are listed below with details about what would be involved in each. Please contact Program Coordinator Kate Kelly at lewiscreekorg@gmail.com or 802-488-5203 to get involved or with questions.

1) European frogbit removal: frogbit is a plant that grows on the surface of the water in both Town Farm Bay and Shelburne Bay. It is easily removed by kayaking or canoeing and raking plants from the surface of the water into a basket on the boat. The plants are then discarded to dry out away from the water. You will need to be physically fit enough to get in and out of a boat, paddle, and use your upper body to rake in plants

and lift them into a basket. We ask for a commitment of one or two picking dates in June, and possibly again in July. Each date is about two-three hours of picking. You can commit to as many or as few dates as you can make (we will set four dates in June and possibly four dates in July), and a coordinator will be there to give you instructions. You can choose your preferred location (Town Farm Bay or Shelburne Bay).

2) Flowering rush study: Lewis Creek Association has been awarded a grant to study the best methods for removal of flowering rush in the Town Farm Bay area. This project will hopefully tie in nicely with the frogbit project, in that frogbit volunteers (or others) can paddle to the treatment plot area, and perform some basic cutting of the plants to limit regeneration. However, this would be in addition to time frogbit picking. We'd ask for frogbit volunteers to also perform this task in Town Farm Bay, but if we don't get enough people willing to do both, we would need additional volunteers for this project.

3) Yellow iris removal: We will undertake mechanical treatment of Yellow iris along Lewis Creek in North Ferrisburgh. This will be more strenuous and physical field work than the frogbit picking. It will likely involve eight volunteers for a five-hour day on a select day in June. We will be walking along shorelines (likely muddy, possibly rocky) and doing physical work removing plants. Tentative date is June 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

We promise a fun time out there! You will get the added benefit of knowing that, while paddling or walking and enjoying two beautiful areas, you are also doing something beneficial for our environment.

Audubon Vermont News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

New Board Members

On May 6, Audubon Vermont announced the appointment of three new members to its board: Cheryl Pinto, John Buck and Lukas McGowan.

Cheryl Pinto leads Global Values Led Sourcing for Ben & Jerry's, Vermont's iconic, progressive ice cream company. As the company's "sorceress," Cheryl works to advance positive social and environmental impacts across all of Ben & Jerry's value chains.

John Buck was hired by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department as a founding staff member of the department's new wildlife habitat management program for private and public lands. Throughout his 39-year career, John managed habitat conservation projects, including threatened and endangered bird species.

Luke McGowan is the U.S.-based venture partner for Mustard Seed, a social

and environmental impact venture fund. He served as a White House aide during President Obama's first term and worked as an organizer on his presidential campaign in 2007 and 2008.

Audubon Vermont's board of directors plays a vital role in supporting the mission of Audubon Vermont to protect birds and the places they need to thrive. Audubon's board is made up of a dedicated group of individuals who provide leadership and advice to the organization. Audubon Vermont engages people of all ages and backgrounds in education, conservation, stewardship and action. Learn more about Audubon Vermont's work at vt.audubon.org. Connect with Audubon on Instagram and Facebook.

"We welcome these three outstanding new board members at a critical moment when Audubon Vermont is working to grow its impact," said David Mears, executive director of Audubon Vermont. "Given the enormous threats posed by climate change to our human and wildlife communities, we need their energy and ideas more than ever."

"I could not be more pleased that these talented individuals have joined our board," said Curt Alpeper, chair of the Audubon Vermont board of directors. "Each of them brings a unique and important perspective and set of experiences, which will build on and complement the strengths of our existing board."

Become a Volunteer at the Birds of Vermont Museum

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Birds of Vermont Museum seeks volunteers to help on a regular basis in Huntington, Vermont, especially at our front desk. All you need is an interest in birds, art, museums or tourist services — or all of the above — and a willingness to volunteer at least six hours a month. Volunteer shifts can be two to six hours long.

A full volunteer roster makes it possible for visitors of all ages to have a great experience at the museum, discovering birds, traditional arts and modern citizen science. Volunteers mean the museum can better create and improve indoor and outdoor programs and experiences, support its members and coordinate new exhibits. Volunteers can work indoors or outdoors, directly with visitors or behind the scenes. Museum staff will train volunteers in skills needed for their roles at the museum. Volunteers often form friendships while learning new things about local wildlife. And it's fun!

"We seek friendly, curious, reliable people who are eager to share their talents and a delight in birds with others," suggests Erin Talmage, executive director and wildlife biologist.

Various shifts are available for volunteers from May through October. Volunteers should be either 18 years of age and agree to a background check or 16 years of age with parental permission.

The museum also offers internships, especially for students looking to expand their academic work. These are usually 10-20 hours per week for six to 12 weeks, and include a project focus.

Please contact Erin Talmage at the museum to share your interest and

availability. Write to us at museum@birdsofvermont.org, or call us at 802-434-2167.

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.

Joys of June Bird Monitoring Walk Thursday, June 6, 7-9:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Office Building, Audubon Vermont

Spring's birdsong chorus has quieted down a little by June, so this monitoring walk will focus on the field marks that are essential for distinguishing between different species. Wing bars, tail patterns, eye stripes and rings will all come into play.

Following our regular monitoring route, we will search for birds in various habitats at the Audubon Center. This is a great opportunity to build your experience using binoculars and listening to bird song. We will identify the birds we see or hear, and record counts of their population numbers.

The long-term data we gather contributes to the eBird database, which is available to a global community of educators, land managers, ornithologists, conservation biologists and the public. Explore bird sightings from Audubon Vermont's Green Mountain Audubon Center.

We typically finish our monitoring route by about 9:30 a.m., but you can leave earlier if necessary. Donations to Audubon are appreciated. Visit us at vt.audubon.org/donate.

Regarding the weather: Normally with light snow/rain forecasted, we will go ahead with the walk. If strong winds or heavy snow/rain are expected, we will reschedule the walk. Please check our Facebook page if in doubt about the weather. We'll post an update if the forecast looks iffy. Facebook.com/AudubonVermont.

Arts & Leisure

Pocock Rocks ... and Rolls Into Bristol!

Free Community Event Kicks Off Summer in Addison County

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Gateway to the Green Mountains will be rockin' with music, food and fun as the 10th annual Pocock Rocks Music Festival and Street Fair takes over downtown Bristol on Saturday, June 15 from 3-8 p.m. Main Street will be hopping with performances by six regional bands; food and beverage service from local eateries, brewers and distillers; plus a street full of vendors and family activities. The town's incredible restaurants and shops will also be open for business for the official kickoff of summer in Addison County's Five Towns.

At the event's core is an all-star lineup of well-known musical acts including: Big Night, Cookie's Hot Club, The Aerolites, John Smyth, Rick Redington, and The Balladeer and The Bluesman. An after-party at Hatch 31 will feature a performance by The Big Pick All Stars.

In addition to back-to-back musical performances on two stages, visitors to this free rain-or-shine community event can enjoy SunCommon's bouncy house, Vermont National Guard activities, as well as shop the street for jewelry, crafts, clothing, books and more. Bites and beverages provided by more than 25 Vermont specialty food and drink purveyors will fuel the day.

Music, food and fun at the 10th annual Festival Saturday, June 15, 3-8 p.m.

Pocock Rocks is a signature event from Bristol CORE, and is sponsored by Vermont Federal Credit Union, Heritage Automotive Group, SunCommon, The Addison Independent and 99.9 The Buzz.

For more information, call 802-760-6076 or visit facebook.com/pocockrocks.

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- *RBG's garb
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- Type of digital storage
- Pelvic bones
- Caribbean rattle
- *Anna Jarvis' honoree
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- Winchester 30-30, e.g.
- Country alliance
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- Indian music
- Enthusiasm
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- In Tiger's bag
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- "And Then ____ Were None"
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People

Arts Grants Awarded to Highlight Climate Change Challenges

Community Engagement Lab Awards \$50K to Teaching Artists

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The first Thriving Communities Project Grants — each worth \$10,000 — have been awarded to five teaching artists and artist teams to lead creative place-making projects that strengthen awareness of a climate change challenge, the Community Engagement Lab announced.

The projects include nine teaching artists working with 24 community organizations in four communities: Middlebury, Brattleboro, Marlboro and Burlington. All are expected to share their projects with their communities in the winter or spring of 2020.

Applicants were asked to propose bringing their community together to make an artwork that explores this essential question: “The Earth is speaking — how do we respond?”

“The changing environment is the greatest challenge of our time, and we believe that teaching artists can play an essential catalytic role in helping communities understand how to address that challenge,” said Paul Gambill, executive director of the Community Engagement Lab.

Teaching artists are practicing artists who work in schools and communities, who have expanded their art-making beyond the studio or stage into participatory engagement with many different people, in many settings, for many purposes, Gambill said.

Brad Heck, who teaches film studies at Marlboro College, proposed a virtual reality experience called “Immersive Vermont: A Virtual Tour of Climate Change,” which he says will “transport viewers to sites impacted by climate change, guiding their experience from a personal and scientific perspective” and will incorporate the voices of residents and naturalists. He will partner with Marlboro and with the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center.

“The changing environment is the greatest challenge of our time...”

Erin Maile O’Keefe, a movement artist in Brattleboro and founder of The Human Connection Project, was awarded a

grant for “Water Way(s): Co-Evolving With the Whetstone Brook,” which aims to explore how the community can respond to the challenges of the waterway caused by climate change, and enhance the relationship of West Brattleboro residents of all ages to the Whetstone’s Abenaki history and ecology. Partners will include, among others, the Brattleboro Housing Partnership and Chief Roger Longtoe Sheehan, a storyteller, musician and chief of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe.



Craig Maravich, of Hinesburg, co-founder of Courageous Stage, an arts integration program.

Theater artists Craig Maravich of Hinesburg and Lindsay Pontius, of Westport, New York, are co-founders of Courageous Stage, an arts integration program based in Middlebury that works with youth in classrooms across Vermont. The team plans to create “If I say BEE: A Theatrical Pollinator Event” that will incorporate original music, writing and performance to tell the story of humans rapidly displacing thousands of species of invertebrates through our carbon footprint, and to help participants consider how humans occupy the Earth. Maravich and Pontius will partner with Bee the Change and Middlebury Underground (aka MUD).

The team of visual artist Evie Lovett of Putney, ikat weaver Elizabeth Billings of Tunbridge and textile artist Andrea Wasserman of Vershire received their grant for “Ask the River,” a community art-making project for Brattleboro focusing on the community’s stewardship of the Connecticut River in light of climate change challenges. Key partners include the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs, the Connecticut River Conservancy and the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center.

The team of sculpture artist Alissa Faber and photographer Renee Greenlee (both of Burlington) will lead the “Waste Warriors” project as they explore the waste stream in the city’s Old North End, and its connection to climate change. They will work with community members to create a sculptural mural out of “wishful recycling” materials; the

waste that people wish was recyclable, but which is not, and which slows down the recycling process and makes it less efficient. Key partners include, among others, Seventh Generation, Burlington City Arts and the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

Twenty-four artists applied for the grants in February. Awards were granted to those who best designed projects that inspire a diverse group of community members to come together to create artwork that heightens awareness of a climate change challenge in their community, Gambill said. The grant includes a \$2,500 scholarship to the Community Engagement Lab’s five-day Teaching Artist Academy, and 10 hours of communications support.

“We expect that these projects will be inspiring examples of the ways that through collaborations with artists we can build pathways around obstacles that have stopped us from addressing complex social challenges,” Gambill said.

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About the Community Engagement Lab

The Vermont-based Community Engagement Lab provides leadership to design bold school-based projects to help develop the creative and critical thinking skills students need to succeed in school, careers and life. The CEL flagship program is the Vermont Creative Schools Initiative, which helps classroom teachers, teaching artists, expanded learning providers and community leaders develop more creative learning opportunities for Vermont students. The VCSI also facilitates professional development and promotes network building to align the programming of like-minded organizations to build a shared vision and agenda for placing creativity at the center of learning

The Teaching Artist Academy explores the best practices that ensure that community/teaching artist partnerships thrive in real-world situations. It is run by the Community Engagement Lab, and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Vermont Arts Council.

Commentary

Want Poems With That Hike?

BY ROGER DONEGAN

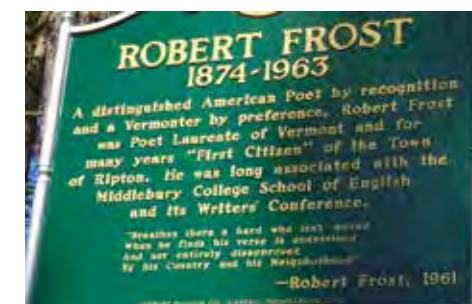
It’s true, Hinesburg has miles of trail that can be taken; however, last season my first hike of the year beckoned me out of town. On Route 125, past Ripton, on the road toward Hancock and Texas Falls Recreation Area, in a wayside of the Green Mountain National Forest, is a historic marker among the red pine trees. The marker shines brightly via the metal cast raised letters painted gold on green field filigree.

Unsurprisingly, I was in Robert Frost country, which was dedicated to him 1874-1963. The marker included a 1961 quote of the great poet who I find to have been steeped in humility; the quote even ends with a question mark. “Breathes there a bard who isn’t moved when he finds his verse is understood and not entirely disapproved by his Country and his Neighborhood?” It is a simple homage to an American poet of world renown, academically recognized by 40 honorary degrees, and acclaimed by most of the famed New England universities although he never did graduate from college.

When I was a young student, reading unappreciated poetry usually left me in the dust, or went over my head. I found Robert Frost’s work in particular to be sort of frosty. He even looks crotchety pictured in his later years. After coming across the historic marker in Ripton last year, I felt obliged to give his poetry a second chance, and committed to revisit and walk the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail just across the road.

Since the historic marker experience last year, two articles on Robert Frost happened to come to my attention incidentally. Yes, it was a long winter and a cold spring. One Associated Press article (Sunday, July 16, 2017) by Jerry Harmer was titled “For Robert Frost, Did His 2 Roads Diverge in England?” The title, of course, is in reference to Frost’s poem, “The Road Not Taken.” The writer goes on to suggest that Frost, tongue-in-cheek, memorializes an experience with a friend in England where a gamekeeper raised a shotgun to them for trespassing in “Stopping By the Woods on a Snowy Evening” which opens with, “Whose woods these are I think I know” (now).

The second article was carried by VTDigger on Christmas Day 2018 and is credited to Phil Holland of Shaftsbury who is also the author of “Robert Frost



Wayside historical marker in Ripton, VT, in Bennington County.

“Robert Frost’s ‘wretch’ revealed” is first-person background on Robert Frost’s poem “To a Young Wretch.” The “young wretch” was a ten-year-old boy, the fourth of seven children who poached the family’s Christmas tree from Robert Frost’s property in Shaftsbury. Frost, with a constable in tow, trailed the dragged tree to the boy’s house and confronted the father who gave the boy a “whupping.” Holland goes on to lighten the incident by explaining Frost wrote the poem “To a Young Wretch” as his Christmas card and further mollifies the incident by saying the poem ends, after espousing over broad philosophical underpinnings, with the words “... Christmas feeling.” Who knows, maybe this was the poem which gave me the chilly notions of Robert Frost back then.

Anxious to accomplish something outdoors this cold and wet spring, I visited the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail on May 1 in intermittent rain. The walk was well worth it, and must be more so under nicer conditions. The short, easy walking trail has several unique features such as a footbridge over the south branch of the Middlebury River. Surprisingly the shallow river washes over a sand and gravel bottom instead of the expected jagged outcroppings and busted rock. A view opens up over a cared for higher elevation field of wild berries, a recent controlled brush burn being evident.

Visitors needn’t bring a book of Robert Frost poetry to the trail. Approximately 10 of his shorter works are etched onto durable single page-like sheets of stainless steel which are bolted onto rough, sturdy wood stanchions populating the trail. The etched copyright notice footnoted on the bottom of each steel plate is questionably necessary to a more casual approach, but it does speak to the overall tidiness of the experience.

I didn’t know if multiple, seemingly rogue paper postings of Robert Frost’s alleged untitled poems, which were laminated and stapled to other wood supports along the trail, are meant to be a back story or the rest of the story? There is one surviving untitled, non-

copyrighted Robert Frost poem presented in wood from an earlier interpretive trail installation which reads: “It takes all sorts of in and outdoor schooling to get adapted to my kind of fooling.” The historic marker installed among the red pines and picnic tables in the wayside claims Robert Frost was “First Citizen” in Ripton for many years, rather than a native son. Internet sources indicate he was born in San Francisco, moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where his grandfather was an overseer at one of the mills, and then moved to Great Britain in 1912. 1912 happens to be the same year as the Great Textile Strike in Lawrence, otherwise known more famously as the “Bread and Roses Parade” by women textile mill workers. Robert Frost later returned to the United States during WWI, bought a farm in Franconia, New Hampshire, wrote, taught and lectured in New Hampshire until 1938. He also taught at the Bread Loaf School of English of Middlebury College for 42 years. In the 1920s, Frost lived in a colonial-era stone house in Shaftsbury, Vermont, which is now owned and exhibited as a museum by Bennington College. “I had a lover’s quarrel with the world” is the epitaph engraved on his tomb, an excerpt from his poem “The Lesson for Today,” in the Old Bennington Cemetery (1963).

Before We Build New Prisons, Let’s Fix the System That Fills Them

BY BILL SCHUBART

H. 543, a funding bill to study options for building new prisons has both drawn ire and nonsense from those supposed to act on it, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions. The ire was against the ACLU which has long made criminal justice and mass incarceration a practical and social justice focus of its policy reform (disclosure: I’m a member and former board member of the ACLU). A letter to its membership suggesting that the bill should explore alternatives to new prison construction annoyed a few legislators who then vented their umbrage against the ACLU in a two-hour hearing – odd when it’s their job to hear and pay attention to diverse points of view.

The Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, which houses some 140 women in South Burlington, was a detention center built to house 100 men in 1976. The facility is overcrowded and the infrastructure is crumbling with chronic sewage, heating and ventilation problems. A white paper published seven and a half years ago by a consortium of concerned women details deteriorating conditions inside the facility back then, and little has been done since.

The current Senate language considerably improves the House version, adding provisions for alternatives such as restorative justice, transitional housing and diversion programs. As to the proposed \$250,000 study stalling tactic, that’s the cost of keeping three women in jail for a year. I’m sorry, but I’ve been appointed to three legislative “study” committees and seen the hard and

serious work of only one ever see legislative light of day, so you’ll pardon my skepticism. Building more prisons is like building new malls in an age of e-commerce. The last thing we need to do is invest scarce funds in the infrastructure of a broken system that yields more broken lives. It’s imperative that we get the women out of South Burlington (CRCF), but a new prison is not the right solution.

In fact, we need to rethink the entire criminal justice system, not just the last mile. In a meeting two years ago with former Department of Corrections Commissioner Lisa Menard, she reminded me that Corrections doesn’t fill prisons. Their job is only to house the prisoners that prosecutors, judges, juries and police put there and manage them according to statutes.

Our prisons are the last mile of a broken system going all the way back to those among us who would “lock ‘em up,” as expressed recently by House Correction panelist Rep. Marcia Martel, R-Waterford, who, alluding to two women from her town convicted of murder, said, “They can rot. And I don’t feel sorry for them.”

Instead, for each inmate, we need to ask why is this woman in jail? If it was for a violent offense, we need to understand if the woman was mentally ill, preternaturally violent or defending herself? Each has a different remedy.

As for property crimes, we must ask if the crime was a result of addiction, poverty or simple greed. Each must have its own criminal justice path. To assume they’re all one solution is wasteful of our limited resources and our citizens’ lives, including the 6,000-plus children of people in corrections.

Addiction treatment offers a path to recovery and community reentry and costs less than the \$85,000 a year we spend on each woman in South Burlington.

Poverty makes us uncomfortable, as it should, reflecting our own poor social investments. Do we lock up the mother for shoplifting food for herself or her children, for kiting checks to pay her rent or do we help her make her way back into society and the economy?

Is my \$250 speeding ticket the same as the single mother’s \$250 ticket for driving a vehicle that won’t pass inspection because there’s no public transportation in her community? If so, we have a deeper equity problem that has nothing to do with new jails.

Punish greed if you will, but be sure and punish privileged greed equally – the bookkeeper who embezzles to enrich herself, as well as the Wells Fargo executive who extracts fabricated fees from several hundred thousand customers to enrich herself, or the pharma executive who addicts hundreds of thousands with opiate prescriptions along with the kid of color peddling cocaine on the street. Scale matters.

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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.

Williston Federated Church

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Phone: 878-5792.

Website: steeple.org

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

Activities: Junior and Senior High Youth Groups; Men's Bible Study; Women's Book Group; Junior, Senior and Contemporary Music Choirs; Friendship Suppers; opportunities for mission and outreach in the community, country, and world.

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.

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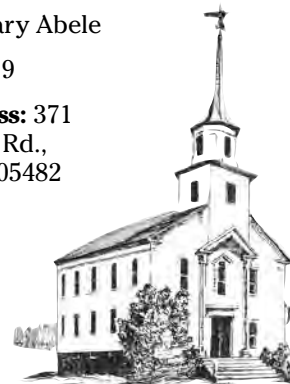
Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele

Phone: 985-3819

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

Services:

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



► Marion Elizabeth Davis

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After her father's death she built her small house on their property, gardening and walking each day until poor health slowed her down. Her special niece Theresa lived with her, enabling Marion to spend her last years in her own home.

Her exceptionally keen mind & memory made her a valued and respected member of the Hinesburg Historical Society.



Marion's parents (Kitty and Daniel Davis).

Her exceptionally keen mind and memory made her a valued and respected member of the Hinesburg Historical Society. She has been an excellent source of information on the history of Hinesburg. Her oral history and many gifts of pictures added much to our archives.

Of her 13 siblings, only her brother Byron, who lives in Ashville, North Carolina, along with many nieces and nephews survive her.

► Bissonette Field

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The Community Bank N.A. Hinesburg branch recently presented a \$500 donation

The Bissonette Family Recreation Area is made possible by a generous donation from the Bissonette family of approximately 11 acres of land. To raise the necessary funds for the construction, the town of Hinesburg partnered with the Chittenden South Supervisory Union Buccaneers Youth Football Program, Iroquois Soccer Club and other area athletic clubs.

Crossword Answers

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For more information on the Bissonette Family Recreation Area or to donate, visit hinesburg.org. For more information about Community Bank N.A., visit cbnews.com.

► Hinesburg HCRC

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only need for a short period of time. Their Food Shelf, Emergency Assistance Funds and Friends of Families programs have all assisted a great number of families in need. According to HCRC's 2018 Annual Report, they assisted 21 families, or 62 individuals, in the last year alone with their Emergency Assistance Fund, and the Food Shelf had 931 visits in the past year as well.

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It is clear that HCRC is an integral support system for the Hinesburg community, and Kring tells me that HCRC is always looking for volunteers, donations and they are happy to inform people that are looking to learn more. HCRC is "happy to give people a tour around the Food Shelf, or if someone wants to become a volunteer they can give us a call and we can match their skills and abilities and time commitments with what we have. We're also always looking for volunteers for our Twice is Nice Thrift Store, which funds a lot of our programs, as well as for our Hinesburg Rides Program to be a volunteer driver."

We're also always looking for volunteers for our Twice is Nice Thrift Store, which funds a lot of our programs

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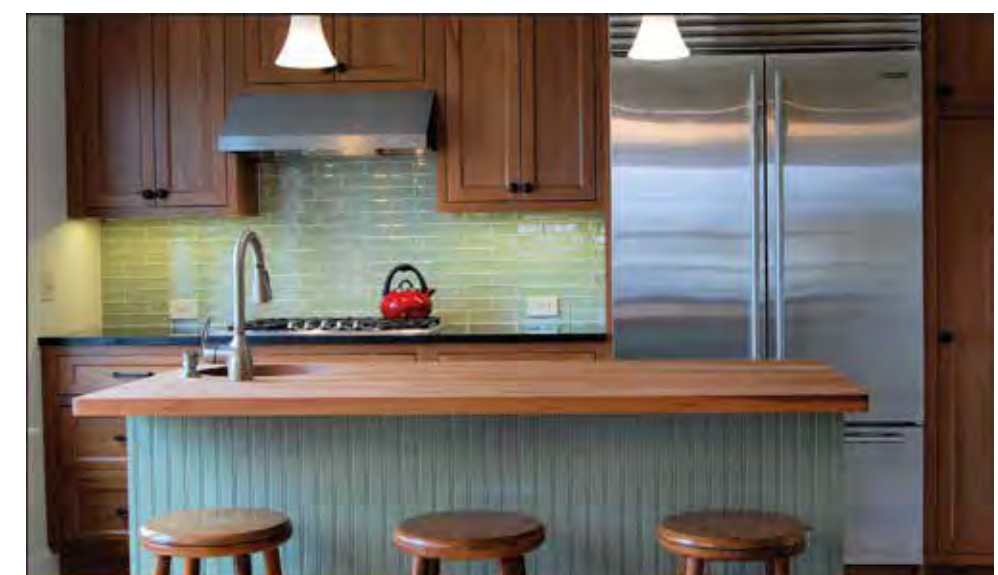
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BACK STORIES

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The Hinesburg Community Resource Center

BY KATE FAIN

The Hinesburg Community Resource Center is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that was started in 1986 with a small grant, and which has been growing ever since. According to their website, their vision is “a community where people are connected and not in need.” As many Hinesburg residents are already aware, HCRC has several programs in place to meet the needs of the Hinesburg community. I spoke with HCRC Executive Director Rachel Kring to find out more about these programs, as well as the changes HCRC has seen in their organization and within the Hinesburg community over the last few years.

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HCRC’s Friends of Families Program provides many different play-based and educational programs for young children and their families, including weekly playgroups, parent education, kindergarten connection and welcome baby programs. One of Kring’s favorite programs is the clothing and book swap that occurs twice a year: “As a young parent, I couldn’t believe no money is exchanged. People just drop off what they’ve outgrown, like you would with neighbors or friends.” More recently, HCRC has taken over the Vacation Meal Bag Program that assists students of the Hinesburg Community School. This new program addresses the needs of children who receive free and reduced price lunches at school, and works to provide meals for them over school breaks.

Another recent change is the new building located at 51 Ballard’s Corner Road



HCRC holds an open house to honor Jan Blomstrann for her donation of the new building.

in Hinesburg. The building was recently donated in December, and according to Kring, it opens up a lot of possibilities for HCRC. It is currently used as a food shelf that is open two days a week, Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, but HCRC’s board is looking into further uses for the building in the future. Kring tells me that HCRC “serves quite a few families through this food shelf, and we do an emergency fund so people can call us when they have needs, like if the electricity is going to get turned off, or they have a car repair they need to get to work.”

In spite of all the changes HCRC has had to hurdle, their presence in the community has only strengthened...

A big change Kring has noticed in recent years is that “those needs seem to be more and greater ... I feel like working families are really struggling in Chittenden County, and that’s a story that you hear everywhere.” Even further, it is expected that as the Hinesburg population continues to age, and as they put in new senior housing developments and if they put in a certain per-

centage of low-income units, there could be even more people that need HCRC’s services in the coming years.

Although HCRC always works to adapt and change to meet the needs of the Hinesburg community, many times, those changes are out of their control. Kring tells me that “there are always changes based on things that are happening nationally, politically ... the farm bill that’s being kicked around right now could have an impact on the food we receive through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.” For nonprofits, there are always forces outside their control that impact the work they do. Another example is the funding change that affected HCRC’s Friends of Families Program. Funding went to three major child care programs in Chittenden County, and HCRC’s small program lost its grant. Kring says, “Those are some major things we’ve had to hurdle since I’ve been involved here.”

In spite of all the changes HCRC has had to hurdle, their presence in the community has only strengthened over the years. Their Hinesburg Rides Program assists elderly and disabled residents by providing transportation for them, and their newly launched Senior Calendar (featured on their website now) lists all the activities for seniors occurring in the area all in the same place. HCRC also runs the Medical Equipment Lending program so community members can avoid paying large amounts of money for medical equipment they may

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Food Shelf volunteers at work.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN HINESBURG

Make a Difference

Do you need volunteers for a Hinesburg event or non-profit organization? Send the information to news@hinesburgrecord.org and we'll publish it here. Use "volunteer need" as a subject line.

Mentoring

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

Hinesburg Trails

Help maintain public trails. All skill levels from none (just enthusiasm) to experienced chainsaw operators, and trail designers are needed. For more information contact Lenore Budd at buddfamily@gmavt.net.

Meals on Wheels

Help out local area residents who cannot easily get out of their homes. Become a Meals on Wheels driver. Routes take anywhere from an hour to an hour-and-a-half depending on the day. You need not commit to a weekly schedule. Call Jane Gage at **482-6096** for more information.

Visit a Senior

Hinesburg seniors need your help. Some seniors live alone with limited social contact and would love to share their gift of gab with you. Just an hour of your time can make a big difference in the life of one of the seniors in our town. If you would be willing to help contact Bev at **800-642-5119** for more information.

Town Committees

Frequently there are openings on town committees. Here are some of the recent ones.

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agency Request Review Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Village Steering Committee

Check town web site www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html for the most current committee openings, descriptions and instructions on how to apply. For more information contact Renae Marshall **482-2281 x227** or rmarshall@hinesburg.org.

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