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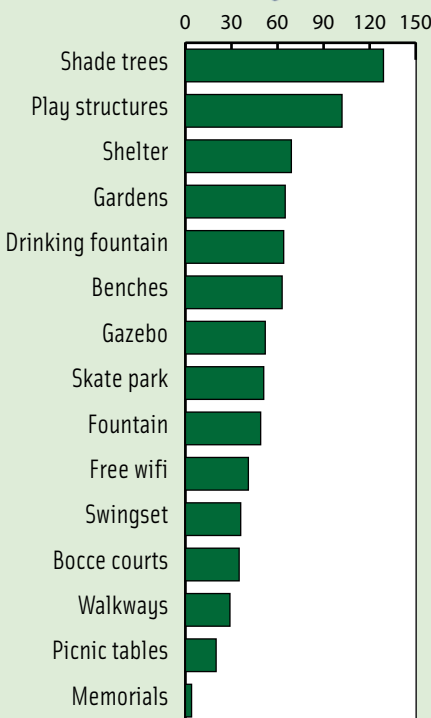
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What's in Your Park?

On August 3rd, many people in our community turned out to enjoy a pop-up park and vote on what a small town park might look like. Below are results of the vote. *See full story on page 4.*

Hinesburg Pop-up Park DOT VOTING EXERCISE RESULTS, AUGUST 3, 2019 162 people voted



Graph data supplied by Maggie Gordon

Hope for TomorROW Rowathon Brings Awareness to Teen Suicide Prevention

Fundraiser in Honor of Paul Hoepfner

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME MUSEUM PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, June 29, community from around Vermont and New England gathered at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to raise money and awareness for teen suicide prevention this past Saturday. This first Hope for TomorROW rowathon was a collaboration between Project HOePpner and the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in honor of Paul Ho-

epfner, a Hinesburg resident and Champlain Valley Union High School rower who took his life last fall. Paul was a devoted member of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum rowing program during his high school career at CVUHS.

Over 200 participants and more than 100 spectators showed up to support this lifesaving adventure, raising a total of over \$18,000 for the cause. Participants rowed a total of two nauti-

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Sixteen rowing gigs leave Lake Champlain Maritime Museum on a two-mile adventure in support of teen suicide prevention.

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Going to school on a "walking schoolbus"

Hinesburger Lindsey Drew Wins Kennedy Center VSA Playwright Discovery Program Competition

FROM INCLUSIVE ARTS VERMONT PRESS RELEASE

Congratulations to Lindsey Drew, Winner of the 2019 Kennedy Center VSA Playwright Discovery Program Competition!

The Playwright Discovery Program Competition challenges middle and high school writers to explore the disability experience through crafting short,



Hinesburg resident Lindsey Drew, winner of the Kennedy Center VSA Playwright Discovery Program Competition.

10-minute plays. As part of their award, winners are invited to participate in a weekend of workshops and mentoring with seasoned professional playwrights, directors and actors at the Kennedy Center.

Lindsey is a recent Champlain Valley Union High School graduate and is from Hinesburg. We are excited to celebrate Lindsey's accomplishments for her

play, "Life Coach," and we spoke with her shortly after her win.

Inclusive Arts Vermont: Tell us a little about yourself, and your favorite things about living in Vermont.

Lindsey Drew: I go to Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, Vermont. I have cerebral palsy. I love reading and writing, of course, and I love food. I am a ginger ale enthusiast, and I love popcorn. My favorite restaurant is [a] Single Pebble nearby in

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

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Traffic Woes

I do not understand why more people are not complaining about the morning (and especially) evening traffic jams in downtown Hinesburg. Here are some short-term solutions. It would be great if they were just implemented, rather than having the usual extended debate and getting nothing accomplished. If these solutions work, I have more for the medium-term and long-term. If they don't work, they can be reversed with very little effort.

- Drive like you have somewhere to go! Put down the cell phone. Leave the appropriate number of car lengths between you and the car in front of you, that is, one car length for every 10 mph, not two or three. Stop daydreaming and looking at what's happening along the sides of the highway.

- Between 4 and 6 p.m., station a police officer under the traffic light in front of Lantman's to wave cars through the intersection quickly. Many drivers move

through there like they are in slow motion.

- Make Mechanicsville Road from Route 116 to Commerce Street one-way heading toward Commerce Street between 4 and 6 p.m. every weekday. This will put an end to the "You go ... No, you go ..." game that is played on Route 116 and Mechanicsville Road, resulting in more delay. This could be done every weekday by putting a "Road Closed" sign in the westbound lane of Mechanicsville Road where it meets Commerce Street, with an arrow for drivers to proceed on Commerce Street to Route 116, where there is a traffic light.

- On CVU Road and Shelburne Falls Road where they intersect with Route 116, create paved right-turn lanes with arrows or road signs so that drivers can make a right turn on a red light. If there is some regulation prohibiting paved right-turn lanes at those locations, simply keep the sides of the road smooth and filled with road mix and they will function as de facto right-turn lanes. Last week, reflectors on steel posts were installed where the right-turn lane should be on CVU Road and Route 116 ... are you kidding? If they are not removed, in the morning at around 7:30 a.m. when CVU is back in session, there will be a line of 20 cars going up CVU Road because no one is going to be able to make a right turn on a red light to go toward Burlington.

Charles Kogge

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Town News

Town Clerk and Treasurer

BY MISSY ROSS

Property Taxes

Property tax bills were printed and mailed around Aug. 1, and you should all have received your bill by now. If you have not received a bill, please contact the town clerk's office at 802-482-2281 ext. 2 or mross@hinesburg.org and we can either mail or email you another copy. We will also update your mailing address if there has been a change. We will be mailing out "revised" bills every week to those people who filed for an extension on their income taxes and therefore filed their Homestead Declaration and Request for Property Tax Adjustment forms after April 15, 2019. If you receive a revised bill and have any questions, please contact the clerk's office.

Property taxes are due on Nov. 15 each year unless that day falls on a weekend, in which case they are due the following Monday. One can make payments at any time prior to the due date. Any amounts outstanding after the due date will be subject to 1% interest per month on the remaining balance for a period of three months, and 1.5% per month thereafter. Hinesburg does not charge the 8% penalty for delinquent tax amounts. Please don't wait to pay your bill until the last day in case you inadvertently forget and are then subject to 1% interest. We do not accept credit card payments for property tax bills. Be sure to retain a copy of your bill if you are forwarding it to your escrow or mortgage company. You will need it for your 2019 income tax return.

New Vital Records System Rollout July 1, 2019

The new statewide Vital Records Issuance Management System was rolled out on July 1, 2019 after an initial one-year delay. What this means for you is that you no longer have to order certified copies of vital records for births and deaths from the town in which the document is filed. You can fill out a form and request it from any town clerk who is conveniently located for you.

You must bring a valid form of identification such as a driver's license or passport. If neither of these documents are available, you can bring your Social Security card, Medicare card or other forms of photo identification. The cost for a certified copy is still \$10. Hopefully this will increase convenience for everyone in need of certified copies. You must be an immediate family member, legal guardian or representative in order to obtain these documents for someone other than yourself.

Bissonette's Fields

BY TOM GIROUX

Millie's Field is looking super. The grass is so thick it almost looks like AstroTurf. Thanks go to Bob, Steve and David at Giroux Body Shop for constructing and donating another set of posts and a cable for the emergency entrance to the fields. The complex is now open to all residents to enjoy at their leisure.

There are maintained walking paths from the village to the site that run parallel with the LaPlatte River.

We do have a request, though. Please continue to pick up after your dog, but don't put this waste in the port-a-potty at the site. The contractor told me they clog up his system and he will have to charge us more if this continues, so please, take it home with you. Thank you in advance and enjoy your walks.

Thanks go to the site contractor, Pat Minor, for not only doing a great job on the complex, but also for leaving us a big truck load of top soil for some landscaping and future use.

Thanks go out to you all who continue to drop off your returnable bottles and cans at the red Bissonette barn, which is south of the village off Route 116. We just brought back four loads totaling 8,929, so we added \$446.45 to our fund. Thank you!

No Strings Marionette Puppet Show Sept. 29

BY ALEXANDRA KONCEWICZ,
COORDINATOR, HINESBURG FRIENDS OF FAMILIES

Hinesburg Friends of Families is excited to bring No Strings Marionette Company back to town for a free performance of their show "Wasabi, A Dragon's Tale" on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. at the United Church of Hinesburg's Osborne Parish Hall. In this modern fairy tale, Princess Aja saves her kingdom from a fire-breathing dragon. No Strings puts on an amazing show — don't miss it! Refreshments will be available for purchase by donation with all proceeds going toward sustaining Friends of Families' programs. Stick around after the show for free kids' activities, including a puppet making project!

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Leave a message for Rachel Kring at 482-4667. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for Friends of Families, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

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seewhy.info: Official website Connecting Youth (CY), the Chittenden South community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people.

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



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Hinesburg Pop-Up Park May Be Here to Stay

BY RICHARD WATTS

More than 250 people attended Hinesburg's Pop-Up Park celebration Aug. 3 to see, touch and feel what a park might be like on the empty lot at the corner of Route 116 and Farmall Drive.

For a few hours, music, ice cream, seating, a merry-go-round, art activities and picnic blankets filled the usually vacant space.

On a shady green bench, listening to the music, friends Nancy Ross and Kathy Newton relaxed.

"It is wonderful to see all the people together," Newton said.

"It would be nice to see it as a park — as a community gathering place."

Newton, a former local teacher and 69-year resident of the town, recalled when Lantman's Market had chairs and a front porch where people could gather. She said a park could serve that purpose now.

Ross, who has lived in Hinesburg for 13 years, agreed. "My husband would stop here every day on his regular walk," she said, gesturing toward her ball cap-wearing husband perched in a neighboring lawn chair.

Once a farm field, the now 1.5-acre grassy expanse is bordered by a neighborhood with families and kids, the police station and the renamed Parkside Café. Across busy Route 116 are a hardware store, a gas station, a hair salon and several places to eat. Within a block are the Frost Beer Works and the Hinesburgh Public House restaurant.

Twelve years ago, the property was donated

to the Town by David Lyman, when nearby residential development was going in.

Rob Bast, 69, was on the selectboard then. "It made so much sense at the time," Bast said. "If we can get this right, it will really encourage the livability of Hinesburg." Strolling across the green with a friend, Teresa Shangraw, 49, said it was "great for the community, especially the little kids."

Shangraw said she had walked over from her job as the pharmacist at Kinney Drugs. She looked at the merry-go-round wistfully. "I kind of wish I could ride one of those swings," she said.

Wearing a cyclist helmet, 10-year-old Sion Alford Brathwaite took in the scene straddling his mountain bike. "It's pretty cool," he said.

Parl organizers laid out visuals with about 15 ideas for what could go in the park, including a fountain, benches, trees and walking paths. "It's our space," explained Alex Weinhausen, Hinesburg's director of planning and zoning. "We get to decide what [to] do with it."

Maggie Gordon handed out stars for people to use to vote on the suggestions. "Today is about a vision of what could be, and for people to see it as a destination," Gordon said.

Wayne Maceyka, 47, called the spot "a pretty great place for a park," and listed reasons: "It's easy to get to. It's walkable from all areas of town. It's next to a neighborhood of families, next to the café."

Pointing out the nearby police station, he added with a laugh, "It's a pretty safe place to be."

Meryl Trefethen, 39, moved to town three weeks ago from a small town in Colorado. She summed up her thoughts on the event as her two kids painted rocks at the craft table. "I love it," she said. "Really great energy. It's exactly the reason we moved here. We wanted a place that feels like a real community."

About 20 feet from the band, 70-something couple Mike and Linda Bromfield from St. George parked their lawn chairs. "Something for everyone from little kids to older folks like us," Linda said.

Over at the table of possible designs, Olin Kidder, 13, and his sister Ellabee Apuzzo Kidder, 8, studied the suggestions. "We should have a skate park. That would be the best use of the space," Olin decided.

Standing in the bright sun, Ella in a green summer dress had a different idea. "We should have a pool," she said. "With a slide."

The siblings moved on when Weinhausen commandeered the band's microphone and announced: "The ice cream is melting."



The band Set Theory provided great music. Band members are Janine Beaudry, vocals; Doug Ryan, bass; Terence Cuneo, guitar; Keith Burt, keyboard; Sam Hooker, drums.

Come on over and get it."

Michelle Deliduka, owner of the nearby Elemental Nail Salon, surveyed the scene as her three young daughters spooned their rapidly melting ice cream. "Hinesburg needs one of these," she said, noting that she could see herself walking over to the park for a break during the day.

Spotted on a shady bench, former state representative Dave Sharpe and his wife Molly said they happened upon the event and decided to stop. "We are so glad we did," he said, finishing off some Cherry Garcia.

"This is a great effort to increase the sense of community."

In another corner, tree aficionado and expert Marie Ambusk answered people's pruning questions and talked about ways to keep trees healthy. Ambusk has documented 250 trees in the village, studying their age and health.

For example, she pointed to the magnificent green ash tree (seen at lower left) providing shade to craft tables and local artisans. She estimated it at close to 200 years old, one of the oldest trees in the village and well-cared for. What kind of tree would she like to see in a future park?

"A honey locust tree," Ambusk said. "A tree with an airy canopy, branches into the sky, and a place for strong kids to climb."

The pop-up park organizers, and the Hinesburg community, wish to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals, without which the event could not have taken place.

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Off-site parking: United Church, National Bank of Middlebury, Hinesburg Village Center Plaza (David & Maureen Blanck), Town of Hinesburg.



Photos by Cathy Ryan and Kevin Lewis

See front page for results of the dot voting for park suggestions.

Legislative

Help Protect 3SquaresVT

BY DAVID ZUCKERMAN, LT. GOVERNOR

In July, President Trump proposed a rule change to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that could reduce benefits to as many as three million Americans. The change would reduce categorical eligibility limits that allow states the flexibility to better align income limits with the needs of low-income Americans.

Currently, because of broad-based categorical eligibility, Vermont can set its income limit to apply at 185% of the federal poverty line. This means a family of four making up to \$46,452 per year (before taxes or expenses) could apply for benefits. We know families at this level are struggling because our own Joint Fiscal Office calculates that a family of four living in rural Vermont would need to earn nearly double that — \$84,736 per year — to meet its basic needs, including food.

In a Vermont Public Radio interview, Faye Mack, advocacy and education director for Hunger Free Vermont, shared an additional concern regarding this change. "The same eligibility process is used to determine which children receive free school lunches, and changes to the way Vermont determines eligibility could ripple out to affect even more kids." This means those schools that receive some funding to help them provide universal meals to all children in the school, could lose that funding. Listen to, or read, the full VPR interview at tinyurl.com/MackInterview.

If you are concerned about the impact of this proposed rule change, please let the Trump administration know. They are accepting public comments on this proposal until Sept. 23, 2019. Submit a comment online at tinyurl.com/SNAPRuleComment; or email SNAPPDBRules@usda.gov; or mail to Program Design Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Be sure to include Docket ID Number [FNS–2018–0037], "Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance" in the subject line.

Sanders Applauds Committee Passage of Transportation Bill with Major Investments in Vermont

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) applauded the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's passage of a five-year, \$287-billion transportation funding bill that includes more than \$1.3 billion

for Vermont to maintain its roads, bridges and transit systems.

"It is no secret that our infrastructure is crumbling," said Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who helped draft the bill as a member of the transportation subcommittee. "The American Society of Civil Engineers recently gave Vermont's infrastructure a C grade. One-quarter of our bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Almost 30% of our roads are in poor or very poor condition."

Sanders staved off proposals that could have resulted in steep cuts to Vermont's funding. "My priority was to make sure Vermont continues to receive the federal resources it needs to improve our roads and bridges. I am very pleased this bill does just that."

The bill would provide at least \$1.33 billion in federal highway aid from 2021 through 2025 to repair Vermont's roads and bridges, an increase of 20%.

The bill incorporates several provisions authored by Sanders that would benefit Vermont, including: changes to help Vermont fund the operation of rural transit routes; making additional funding available for the state's rail system; and a new \$1 billion grant program to build a national network of recharging stations for electric vehicles. Sanders also supported the creation of programs to reduce transportation emissions and improve the resiliency of the state's roads and bridges from extreme weather events like Tropical Storm Irene, which are expected to increase in frequency and intensity as a result of climate change.

As ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, Sanders noted that President Trump's budget called for \$87 billion in cuts to infrastructure investments. "Trump campaigned on rebuilding our infrastructure, but is proposing cutting these programs after signing into a law a \$2 trillion tax cut that overwhelmingly benefited the top one percent," Sanders said.

"While this bill is a step forward, I would prefer to go much further," Sanders said. He cited studies by the American Society of Civil Engineers that say we must double the current rate of spending in order to get our roads, bridges and transit to a state of good repair over the next ten years. "We can fix our roads, bridges and rapidly transform our infrastructure to aggressively tackle climate change — all while creating millions of good-paying jobs doing it."

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The First R: Reduce

BY ALISE CERTA, CSWD MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Happy five-month anniversary to me! What anniversary is that ... plastic, aluminum, cardboard, food scraps? My head spins with what should go into my shopping cart, recycling bin, food scrap container and, ultimately, my trash can. There is so much to know. When I feel overwhelmed with what to tackle first, I go back to the first R: Reduce!

Why do I focus on reducing first? It's easier for me. I can control what I buy and

in what amounts. My biggest expense is food. Almost a quarter of everything Vermonters throw away is "organics" — that's food scraps and yard debris to you and me.

That's a LOT of waste going into the landfill and money leaving our pockets. So how am I reducing my food waste? I've found a couple of easy places to start.

• **Plan ahead before grocery shopping.** I check my fridge and cupboards to evaluate what I really need. Impulse buying costs the average U.S. consumer \$5,400 annually! (With a whopping 70% of survey respondents citing food and groceries as the major culprit.)

• **Make a list and stick to it.** Please see ***continued on page 6***

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that \$5,400 number above again.

• **Eat what you buy, save what you don't.** Sounds simple, right? I was never a member of the clean your plate club, so I wasted plenty of food. Try making smaller amounts of food or save leftovers for lunch the next day. Not sure how much to buy? Try out this great food calculator: savethefood.com/guestimator.

• **Become the leftover king or queen.** Leftovers can be boring. But you can make them new and different with some of these reuse recipes at savethefood.com/recipes. I just learned that I can use mashed potatoes to make doughnuts. No, really... doughnuts! • **Take care of your scraps.** Drop them off with us (Chittenden Solid Waste District Drop-Off Centers or the Green Mountain Compost facility), have a local hauler pick them up for you, put them in your own compost pile, or Green Cone them (see cswd.net/composting/backyard-options for details). Just please, please don't trash them!

Perfection has never been my goal. But when I see that my trash cart is half full, my recycling cart is spilling over and my Green Cone is quietly taking care of my food scraps, I am very happy with my progress.

Hinesburg Drop-Off Center Updates

On June 26, Chittenden Solid Waste District staff presented the preliminary engineer's estimate for the new Hinesburg Drop-Off Center and a schematic design of the proposed facility prepared by Lamoureux & Dickinson Consulting Engineers based upon existing survey conditions. You can view the design at tinyurl.com/HinesburgDropOff.

The CSWD board of commissioners authorized staff to issue a request for bids for construction services, which staff expects to issue Aug. 30. Staff expects to present the winning bid at the Sept. 25 board of commissioners meeting.

Changes to Vermont Solid Waste Laws

Last month, Senate Bills S.113 and S.160 were passed into laws. Here are some important things to know:

S.113 — Single-Use Products Law

Beginning July 1, 2020, retailers and food establishments are prohibited from providing customers the following single-use plastic items:

- Single-use plastic carryout bags at the point of sale (except for prescription meds, dry cleaning and produce bag/small items bags)

- Plastic straws (except given upon request of customer)

- Plastic stirrers for beverages

- Expanded polystyrene (aka Styrofoam) food and beverage containers

S.160 — Changed Food Scrap Hauling Requirements

Beginning July 1, 2020, commercial haulers must offer separate collection of food scraps to nonresidential customers and apartment buildings with four or more residential units, unless another commercial hauler provides food scrap collection in the same area and has the capacity.

Reminder: Green Mountain Compost Changes

As of July 1, 2019, Green Mountain Compost is no longer selling directly to retail customers at their facility in Williston. They will continue to be open to all customers for drop-off of food scraps, leaves or yard debris.

Bulk products will continue to be available for anyone to purchase at a growing list of local retail outlets.

Police Incident Report

June 1: 9:20 a.m. An officer responded to Commerce Street for a vehicle lock out. 9:45 a.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a 911 hang-up. 12:45 p.m. An officer responded to Palmer Road for a vehicle lock out. 7 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace and assisted with a medical call.

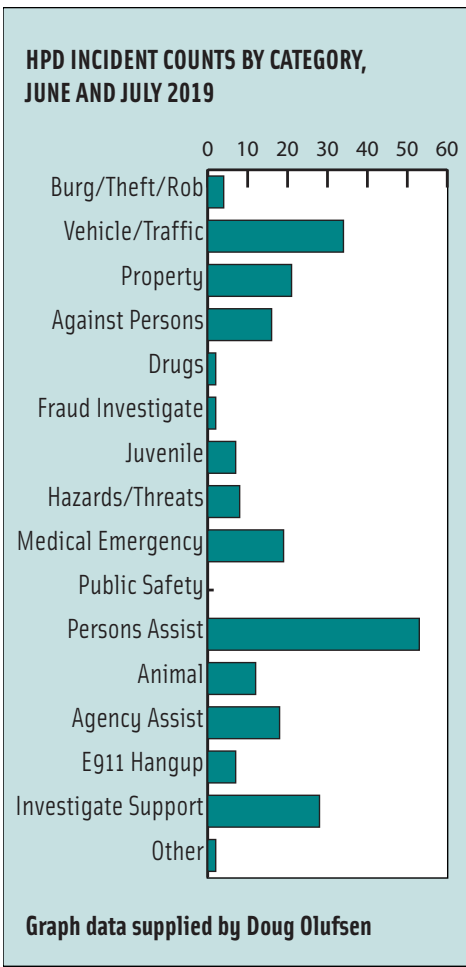
June 4: 9 a.m. Officers took a report of a missing person. 11:30 a.m. Officers responded to North Road for a report of suspicious activity. Suspect not located. 2:40 p.m. Officers conducted a vehicle identification number inspection.

June 5: 3:30 p.m. An officer took a complaint from a citizen involving a civil matter. 6:10 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 and Commerce Street for a two-car crash. No injuries were reported. 9 p.m. Officers responded to Pond Road for a suspicious person. Unable to locate. 9:50 p.m. Officers responded to CVU for the report of a single-car crash.

June 7: 3 a.m. An officer responded to Pond Road for a single-car crash. No injuries were reported. 7:15 a.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a report of disorderly conduct. 5:50 p.m. Officers responded to Lyman Meadows for a lock out. 8 p.m. Officers responded to Buck Hill West for a residential alarm activation. 9:20 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 and CVU Road for a disabled vehicle.

June 8: 2:07 p.m. Officers responded to Silver Street for a two-car crash. No injuries were reported.

June 9: 9:15 a.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of vandalism to a motor vehicle. 2:40 p.m. Officers responded to CVU Road and assisted with a medical call. 4 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview



Terrace for a 911 hang-up.

June 10: 10:18 a.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of missing property. The property was later located. 3:50 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for a juvenile problem.

June 12: 3 a.m. An officer responded to Ballard's Corner for an alarm activation. 1:30 p.m. An officer responded to St. Jude's on Route 116 for the report of a hit-and-run. 5:40 p.m. Officers received a report of a possibly intoxicated driver near Hillview Terrace. Unable to locate. 6:15 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of a break-in.

June 15: 7:30 p.m. An officer issued a citation and trespass order at the request of another police department.

June 18: 8:15 a.m. Officers responded to Piette Road for a medical call. First response and Saint Michael's Rescue also responded. The subject was later pronounced dead at the scene. The death is currently considered accidental.

June 21: 7:50 a.m. An officer responded to the intersection of Route 116 and CVU Road for a four-vehicle crash. Three of the operators were checked by Hinesburg First Response. 8:45 a.m. A lost dog was brought to the Hinesburg Police Department. The owner was later located and advised.

June 22: 10:08 a.m. An officer responded to the Jiffy Mart on Ballard's Corner where two individuals were trespassed from that property.

June 24: 10:20 a.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for the report of a deer hit by a car.

June 26: 4:55 p.m. Officers were alerted to a hit-and-run in St. George. The subject was later located in Hinesburg.

June 27: 12:15 p.m. Officers responded to Pond Road for a single-vehicle crash involving a scooter. The operator was pronounced dead at the scene.

July 4: 10:45 a.m. Officers assisted the Town of Hinesburg with the Independence Day Parade.

1:45 p.m. An officer gave a courtesy ride home to a Hinesburg citizen after his vehicle suffered a flat tire in the village. 5:25 p.m. Officers responded to Kelly's Field for the report of an intoxicated female. The subject was taken into protective custody and transported to South Burlington for detox purposes. 8 p.m. Officers assisted the town of Hinesburg with the Independence Day fireworks.

July 8: 7:25 p.m. An officer responded to Hawk Lane for the report of disorderly conduct. One individual was arrested for simple assault.

July 9: 4 p.m. An officer conducted a VIN check for a citizen at the Hinesburg Police Department. 4:15 p.m. An officer responded to Richmond Road for a report of found property. 8:05 p.m. An officer responded to Kinney Drugs for the report of attempted use of false prescriptions. 9:12 p.m. Two officers responded to Route 116 and assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle.

July 11: 5:30 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 near Commerce Street for a two-vehicle crash. No injuries were reported. 5:35 p.m. An officer stopped a vehicle on Tyler Bridge Road. The operator was arrested for driving with a suspended license. 10:30 p.m. Officers responded to Gilman Road for the report of suspicious circumstances. A death investigation followed which was later taken over by the state police.

July 14: 7 p.m. A late reported break-in was reported on North Road.

8:55 p.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a noise complaint related to fireworks.

July 15: 10:10 a.m. An agency assist was conducted for a Howard Center employee on North Road. 12:45 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with fingerprints related to employment. 1:50 p.m. An officer responded to Charlotte Road for a reported theft. Investigation is ongoing.

July 16: 9:30 a.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road to assist with a property dispute.

July 17: 7:45 a.m. An officer responded to Charlotte Road for a reported theft. It was later determined that no theft had occurred. 10:38 a.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road and issued a notice of trespass. 11 a.m. An animal complaint on Magee Hill Road was taken. An investigation is ongoing. 2:30 p.m. An officer responded to Birchwood Drive for a motor vehicle complaint. 3:35 p.m. A notice of trespass was requested for a residence in Hinesburg. 7:40 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 to assist state police with an investigation.

July 18: 8:55 a.m. State police requested assistance while conducting an investigation on Gilman Road.

July 20: 1:51 a.m. A missing juvenile was reported. The juvenile was later located. 11:07 a.m. An officer responded to Birdie Drive for an alarm activation. 3:50 p.m. An officer responded to Commerce Street to assist with a locked vehicle.

July 21: 5:04 p.m. An officer responded to the parking lot of Lantman's Market for the report of theft from a motor vehicle. That investigation is ongoing.

July 22: 2:53 p.m. A report of a bad check was taken at Aubuchon Hardware on Commerce Street. That investigation is ongoing. 4:45 p.m. The Department of Children and Families requested assistance from Hinesburg Police at Hillview Terrace. 5:04 p.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburgh Public House for a 911 hang-up. Upon arrival the caller was located and First Response was called for a work-related accident.

July 23: 8:53 p.m. An officer stopped for a vehicle on the side of Hollow Road. The operator advised he had just hit a deer. There were no injuries or damage reported. The deer was not located at that time.

July 24: 8:20 a.m. An officer responded to Commerce Street for the report of suspicious activity. One vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a ticket for speed. 5:50 p.m. A vehicle was stopped on Route 116. The vehicle was towed due to misuse of plates and the operator was ticketed for driving with a suspended driver's license.

July 27: 3:02 p.m. Officers responded to the National Bank of Middlebury on Commerce Street for an alarm activation. 5:47 p.m. Officers responded to a vehicle on Route 116 for a possible medical situation. The operator was later arrested for driving under the influence.

July 29: 11:28 a.m. A theft was reported at the Mobil station on Commerce Street. 1 p.m. An officer responded to Richmond Road for the report of a juvenile problem.

July 30: 8:05 p.m. A traffic stop was made on Richmond Road. The operator was arrested for driving with a suspended license. 8:30 p.m. An officer responded to Birchwood Drive for a dispute between neighbors.

August 3: 10:50 a.m. An officer conducted a VIN check on Commerce Street. 12:30 p.m. An officer responded to a citizen dispute on Route 116. 8 p.m. Erratic operation was reported on Pond Road.

August 6: 3:25 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116. The operator was arrested for driving with a suspended license. 4:55 p.m. Paperwork was served for another agency on Buck Hill East.

August 9: 1:30 p.m. Officers responded to Jiffy Mart for the report of a customer causing problems. 4 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116. The vehicle was grounded and the operator ticketed for driving with a suspended license.

August 10: 10:50 a.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for a two-motor vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.



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Fire

Scout Troop 690 Trains with Fire Department

On June 26, the scheduled training for the Hinesburg Fire Department was search and rescue. The Scouts of Hinesburg Troop 690 joined HFD for this training as part of their Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge.



Line search.

There were two teams made up of a mix of Scouts and firefighters/emergency medical technicians. Each team was assigned a last known location of a “lost hiker.” One hiker was last located in the fields behind Creekside/Kinney Drugs



Assessing and treating for injuries.

and the other hiker had followed a trail which crosses the bridges behind the Bissonette Playing Fields.

The teams were dispatch to their assigned search area. Once on scene, the teams used a line search (team members no farther than an arm's length apart and walking at the same pace) and calling out to locate their hiker. Once the hiker was located, he was assessed for injuries, treated and safely brought out to the teams' staging area. Once at staging, the hiker is reassessed, and if necessary, transported to the hospital.

Public Safety Fun Day

Join the fire and police departments on Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in and around the stations for our annual

Public Safety Fun Day. The fire and police stations will be open to the public for visits, tours and activities.

Learn compression-only CPR; check out the emergency apparatus; dunk a firefighter or police officer; play in the bounce house; enjoy games, food and more. Activities and food are free.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

For safety reasons, we will be closing the access road at 9 a.m.

Fall Craft Fairs

The Hinesburg Firemen's Association is looking for crafters and vendors for their two fall shows on Oct. 12 and Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hinesburg Fire Station. The station will be open early for set up; please plan to stay until 3 p.m.

Booth rental is \$40 inside and \$30 outside. Tables are an additional \$10. The November show will be inside spaces only. Booths are eight feet long and six feet deep. There are a limited number of booths with electricity. Please respect booth limits when setting up.

We will only allow one of each kind of sales company (e.g., one LulaRoe,

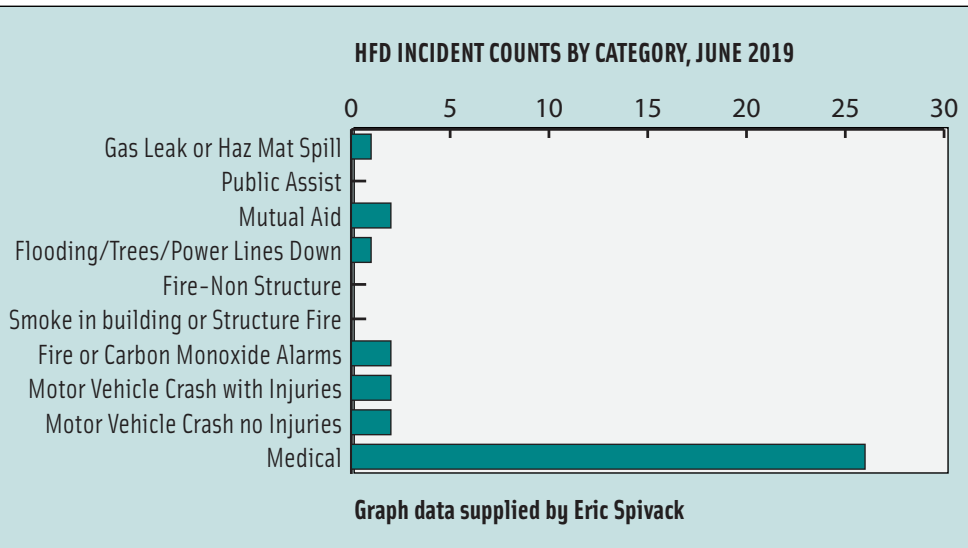
Younique, Monet, etc.) at the sale to join the crafters and farmers. Check to see if we have your business already represented.

A food concession will be provided by the members of the Hinesburg Fire Department. Please email dbarber7541@gmail.com for more information.

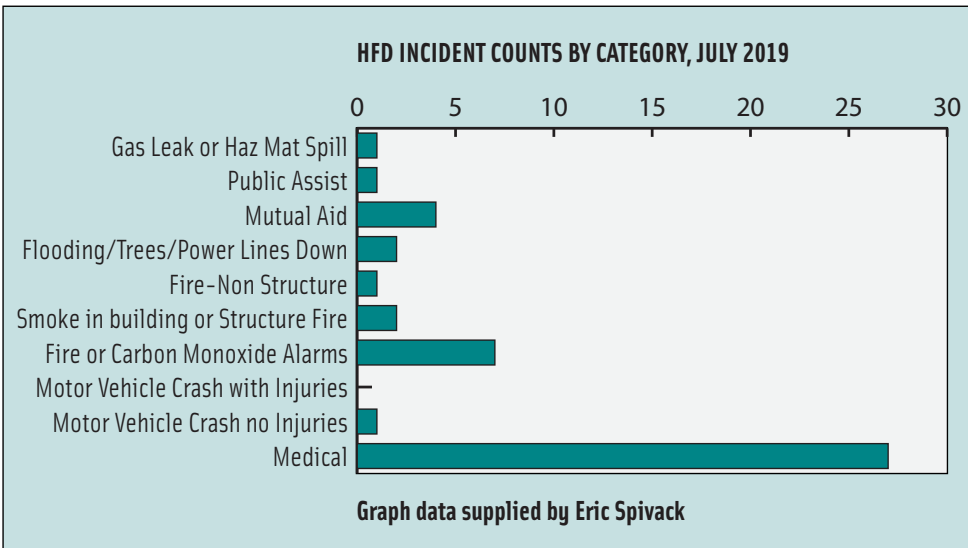
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Dan Batsie, emergency medical services chief for the Vermont Division of Emergency Preparedness, Response and Injury Prevention presents Hinesburg Fire Department the State of Vermont 2019 First Responder Agency of the Year award to Chief Barber



HFD responded to 36 call in Jun and 46 calls in July. *an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.



Business

Introduction to Bucky's Pub

BY TOM GIROUX

There is a new pub in town, Hinesburg that is. Ruchel and Tony St. Hilaire, Hinesburg residents themselves, just

opened up their establishment at the Ballard's Corner complex, just west of the Route 116/CVU Road light. Tony said they wanted a new place in town for friendly conversation, with reasonable prices for food and drinks.

Tony, along with some local cohorts, did a fantastic remodeling job; this includes a new bar with 14 stools, a dining room with tables and chairs that seat another 24 guests, and restrooms. You'll get the feel of the place when you walk in and the first thing you see is a tool box that is used for dining room necessities, which gives a local touch. That local flavor is backed up when you realize the owners are playing the roles of bartenders and servers.

This pub offers mixed drinks, bottled

beers and four taps, along with two additional taps for rotating favorites. Ask Teri and Alissa, your two new favorite bartenders, if there is something different you wish they would offer. Bucky's is now open Monday through Friday from 3-10 p.m., Saturdays from 2-10 p.m., and Sundays from 2-6 p.m. Depending on sporting events, look for earlier and later times, such as when the NFL resumes. You can all watch on their five color TVs.

The current menu offers pub food like burgers, fries, chips/salsa, nachos, quesadillas, along with pulled pork, hot turkey and chicken sandwiches. Chef Phil says the items offered are in the testing stages and will be adjusted based on demand.

Bucky's Pub accepts credit cards and sells pull tickets, which benefit the Hinesburg Fire Department. It has an outside porch to enjoy the weather, with a “sit, relax, gossip” sign that kind of gives you the requirements for visiting this area.

Near future plans call for a game/meeting room downstairs for local agencies to hold their business meetings. They will also be the only game reporting/weighing station in Hinesburg for deer/

bears this fall. What a great way to enjoy a personal victory by celebrating your numbers with friends right where you get the results.

So, if you're looking for some local flare, stay in town and enjoy Bucky's Pub.

Red Wagon Plant's Last Day This Sunday

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Our last day of the retail season is Sunday, Sept. 1. We will be open during our normal summer hours until then (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The Greenhouse 3 Cafe is going strong every Saturday and Sunday.

All purchases are now 30% OFF. This includes soil, tools, seeds, products, houseplants, perennials, shrubs, trees, etc. EVERYTHING. We hope you are eager to adopt a few more plants, and we know that you appreciate the labor and love that goes into our plants.

Recreation

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Hinesburg celebrated another Fourth of July this year with admirable community spirit! The Recreation Commission would like to thank the following local businesses for their generously donated prizes for the parade winners: Jiffy Mart, Andrea and Pooch Francis, The Grateful Dog, Automation, Lantman's Market, Aubuchon Hardware, Papa Nick's, the Paisley Hippo Sandwich Shop, Rocky Ridge Golf Club, and Friends of the Parade. Thanks to our parade judges, Trish Chaput and Peter White, for the difficult job of choosing parade category winners. Thank you to Roger Kohn and company for the annual balloon sale, which benefits the 2020 Fireworks Fund. A huge shout out and a special thanks to the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association for making our 2019 fireworks possible with their annual golf tournament in June!

A huge thank you to the extended Eddy Family for literally “running” the Hilly Hobble Foot Race on July 3. The amazing tradition boasts three generations, and one of the highlights of the run was watching Mike and Lori Hennessey run the 2K with their grandchildren ... just heart-warming! Thanks to everyone who makes Hinesburg's July Fourth possible and so darn special.

The July Fourth Parade was a success with winners and sponsors listed below:

Best Business Float — National Bank of Middlebury sponsored by Rocky Ridge Golf Club

Best of Parade — Big River Bait and Tackle sponsored by Jiffy Mart

Best Float — Brown's Timber sponsored by Barnes & Noble

Best Theme — Hinesburg Nursery School sponsored by Lantman's Market

Best Antique — Ron and Nancy Menard sponsored by Automotion

Best Pet/Livestock — Livery Stables sponsored by Grateful Dog Grooming

Best Tractor — Leo Fortin sponsored by Aubuchon Hardware

Best Costume — Allyson Gutierrez sponsored by Paisley Hippo

Best Horse and Rider — Veronica Taylor sponsored by Friends of Parade Donor

Best Decorated Bikes — Eleanor White sponsored by Friend of Parade Donor

Classes and Sports

Register for classes at [hinesburgrec.com](#).

Youth Soccer Starts on Sept. 7Kindergarten: Sunday from noon to 1 p.m. at Millie's Field.

Grades one and two co-ed: Saturday mornings from 9-10 a.m. and Wednesday evenings 6-7 p.m. at Millie's Field.

Grades three and four boys: Saturday

mornings from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. at Millie's Field.

Grades three and four girls: Saturday mornings 10-11 a.m. and Wednesday evenings 6-7 p.m. at Millie's Field.

Grades five and six boys: Saturday mornings 9-10 a.m. and Thursday evenings 6-7 p.m. at Ayer Field.

Grades five and six girls: Saturday mornings 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday evenings 6-7 p.m. at Ayer Field.

Dates and times are subject to change based on the coaches' availability. You will be notified prior to start date via email.

Dates: grades 1-6 are Saturdays, Sept. 7 through Oct. 12. Kindergarten is Sundays, Sept. 8 through Oct. 6. Register by Aug. 16 and pay \$40. Cost is \$50 after. Deadline is Aug. 31. Register at [hinesburgrec.com](#). Contact the Recreation Department at 802-482-2281 ext. 230 or email at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](#).

Little Strikers Soccer with Global Premier Soccer

Designed especially for children 3-5 years old, Little Strikers is based on the idea that children naturally want to run around with a ball! Global Premier Soccer staff will lead this preschool soccer experience that includes age-appropriate games. Children are exposed to basic soccer skills and working cooperatively with other players without any pressure on winning or competition. A great first experience to soccer.

Who: 3-5 years old. **Where:** Town Hall Field. **When:** Saturdays, Sept. 7 through Oct. 5 (five practices). **Time:** 1-2 p.m. **Cost:** \$65.

Mini Shooting Stars Soccer

Cody and Maeve O'Neil will share the love of the game and teach foundational soccer skills.

Who: 3-5 years old. **Dates:** Sundays, Sept. 8-29. **Where:** Millie's Field. **Time:** 4-5 p.m. **Cost:** \$45 — Shooting Stars T-shirt included.

Ultimate Frisbee — Middle School and Adult Pickup

The summer casual option of middle-school aged students and adult pickup Ultimate Frisbee continues through the fall. This low-key, mixed age program is perfect for veterans and newcomers. For those who have been playing all summer, there's no need to re-register. For anyone who wants to play, please register before attending so that you can be in the loop on changes, updates and options.

Who: ages 11-99 years old. **Where:** Millie's Field at Bissonette Recreation. **When:** Thursdays, Sept. 5 through Oct. 17, 6-7 p.m. No cost, but you MUST register!

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► Recreation

*continued from page 9***After-School Horseback Riding**

Enjoy horseback riding lessons and so much more with Kim Johansen at Livery Stables. Lessons are for beginning to early intermediate riders. In addition, Kim and staff will instruct children on basic horse care, tacking, feeding, watering and all that happens in the horse barn! Take the bus from Hinesburg Community School to Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road right after school. Please be sure to send a permission note with your child to ride the bus, pack a snack for your hungry rider, and send boots and barn clothes.

Who: grades K-eighth. **When:** Tuesdays Session 1 is Sept. 3-Oct. 8. Session 2 is Oct. 15-Nov. 19. Fridays Session 1 is Sept. 6-Oct. 11. Session 2 is Oct. 25-Nov. 22. **Where:** Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **Time:** Tuesdays 2-4:30 p.m. and Fridays 3-4:30 p.m. **Cost:**

Tuesdays Session 1 or 2 is \$220. Fridays Session 1 or 2 is \$120. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com. Maximum: eight participants per day.

Middle School Riders Club

Join the middle school horse club at Livery Stables! Riders can count on expanding their skills to include more advanced riding techniques, along with an introduction to drill team. More riding and more options for the rider that wants to navigate to the next level in horsemanship.

Who: grades fifth through eighth. **When:** Mondays Session 1 is Sept. 9-Oct. 14 and Session 2 is Oct. 21-Nov. 18. **Where:** Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **Time:** 3-5 p.m. **Cost:** Session 1 is \$170 and Session 2 is \$145.

Safe Sitter Courses

Safe Sitter prepares teens to be safe when they're home alone, watching siblings or babysitting. The course offers four main content areas: safety skills, child care skills, first aid and rescue skills, and life and business skills. Lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Teens will practice choking rescue and diapering. The instructor is Kacey Greene, recreation program coordinator. Register for one date that works best for your child. Register with the town offering the program.

Charlotte: Saturday, Sept. 7. Register at charlotterec.com.

Williston: Friday, Oct. 18. Register at willistonrec.org.

Hinesburg: Saturday, Nov. 2. hinesburgrec.com.

Shelburne: Saturday, Dec. 14. Register at shelburnevt.org.

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Grades:** 6-8. **Cost:** residents \$60/nonresidents \$65.

After-School Junior Golf Program with Coach Ryan

Junior golfers are the future of our game, and PGA Professional Ryan Taraskiewicz has worked with hundreds of children teaching them the importance of life skills through the use of golf as a tool. Cedar Knoll Country Club has a perfect practice facility for kids to learn golf while having fun. Ryan has developed exceptional junior golf programs and wants to bring his experience to your child. HCS students may ride the bus to CKCC and equipment is available to use at no extra charge. There is also an option to store clubs for the week.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, or Wednesdays and Fridays. **Where:** Cedar Knoll Golf Course. **Grades:** K-8. **Time:** Session 1 Tuesdays 2:30-5 p.m. and Thursdays 3:30-5 p.m. is held Sept. 10-Oct. 3. Session 2 is Oct. 8-31. Session 1 Wednesdays and Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. is Sept. 11-Oct. 4. Session 2 is Oct. 9-Nov. 1. **Cost:** Tuesday/Thursday is \$250 and Wednesday/Friday is \$190.

Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple

Join Susan for a creative approach to exploring children's literature. Through the use of fine art, movement, assemblage, drama and music, students will experience and explore quality children's literature that is silly, thought-provoking, creative and caring. Students may create sculptures like Alexander Calder; create and perform theatrical shows; move, groove and draw to musical beats; make hats like Madame Chapeau; or be inspired to expressively paint. Each session includes six new books and six new creative experiences.

Who: grades first through fourth. **When:** Wednesdays, Oct. 16-Nov. 20. **Time:** 2:45-4:30 p.m. **Location:** first-floor classroom

in HCS White Building. Maximum: 10 students. **Cost:** \$120.

Creepy Creature Halloween Mini Cakes

Join everyone's favorite baker Wendy Frink of Blackberry Hill Bakery for a Halloween spin on our popular holiday cookie decorating classes. Kids will create their own cookie confections with Halloween-themed accessories, home-made cookies and buttercream icing. This will fill quickly, so prompt sign-ups are a must!

Who: K-eighth graders. **Where:** meet in HCS Flex Space first, then we'll walk to Hinesburg Nursery School – across the parking lot from HCS. **When:** Thursday, Oct. 24, 2:45-3:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$18

Let's Go Fishing

This program teaches families how to have fun fishing while using proper skills, ethics, respect for resources and responsibility to know the rules. Participants learn water ecology, fish identification, habitat needs and how to find fish. They learn to use fishing gear with hands-on casting and making a lure they can take home. There will be time to practice with live fishing. This is a parent/child program. All materials supplied. Instructor: Chuck Goller.

Ages 6-14 and an adult. **Where:** location to be announced. **When:** Saturday Oct. 5, 1-4 p.m. **Cost:** free, but preregistration required.

Driver Education with Kevin Browne

Kevin Browne offers this class for those pursuing their driver's license. Students must have a valid Vermont learner's permit. Classroom instruction takes place at Town Hall and driving time is scheduled outside of the 4-6 p.m. class time. CVU students may take a bus that drops them at Town Hall.

When: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 6. **Where:**

main room at Town Hall. **Time:** 4-6 p.m. **Cost:** \$700. Register with Hinesburg Recreation Department, but checks are payable to Kevin Browne and due by Sept. 26.

GroupFit Bootcamp with Jess

GroupFit is a bootcamp workout designed to improve general fitness, conditioning and relative body strength through high-intensity intervals, circuit and strength training! It's a supportive, high-energy environment to improve your current fitness regimen. You will need a set of dumbbells and a mat.

Where: Town Hall. **When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays — Fall Session, Sept. 3 through Nov. 21 (24 classes). **Time:** 6-6:50 a.m. **Cost:** \$299 per session. Maximum: 15.

Dog Obedience with Jim Warden

Join experienced dog trainer Jim Warden for this informative and beneficial dog training experience. This class is designed to provide enjoyment and interaction for both you and your pet. Jim makes it look easy, even with the most challenging dogs. Watch and see someone who truly "talks to the animals." **Who:** Dog and owner(s). **Where:** first class will be in the third-floor conference room at Town Hall. Remainder of classes are behind Town Hall. **When:** Thursdays, Sept. 5-Oct. 10, 6-7 p.m. **Cost:** \$70 residents/\$75 nonresidents. Please leave your dog at home for the first class.

AARP Smart Driver Course

AARP Smart Driver Course offers the nation's first and largest refresher course designated specifically for older drivers. Course participants may receive a multi-year insurance discount. Participants will learn research-based safety strategies to reduce the likelihood of having a crash. Learn how aging, medications, alcohol and other health-related issues affect driving ability and learn ways to adjust to allow for these changes. Increase your confidence, know how to drive safely when sharing the road, learn the newest safety and advanced features of vehicles, learn when driving may no longer be safe and explore other ways to travel.

Who: 50 years and older. **Where:** Town Hall first-floor conference room. **When:** Tuesday Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Cost:** AARP members \$15, nonmembers \$20. Register with HRD, but note that checks are payable to AARP. Please bring lunch, driver's license and AARP membership card or number. We'll supply coffee, tea and goodies.

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Library News

It's been a busy month at the library, and events have included lost teeth (don't worry, it was a youngster), bathroom mysteries, free green beans, ice cream parties to celebrate the end of our summer reading program and free plants. Sharing is what we do best. We love it when patrons come to the library for events (and we have a bunch coming up, read on ...) but we also love to see you for no reason at all, to discuss pickling strange food items, to find books on puppies, to help you scan and email an important document, or to help you locate a book about the French and Indian Wars. If it's hard for you to be inside during this, the height of summer, you can always read a book on one of our

Live Music: Jam with the Song Farmers of Hinesburg

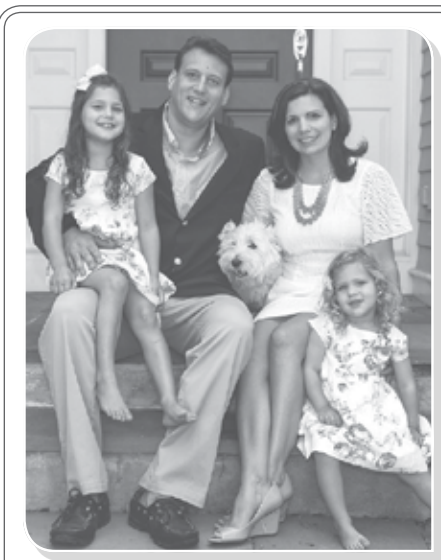
Thursday, Sept. 5, 6 p.m.

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 sing along! Free and open to the public.

Mysteries and Muffins Book Group

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.

Do you love mysteries? Join our book group! This informal group will meet in

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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 reserve a copy of the latest book at the front desk.

LEGO Club**Thursdays, Sept. 19 and 26, 3-4 p.m.**

Lego Club is back! Join us from 3-4 p.m. at the library for snacks, friends and tons of Legos to build with every week. This will be a four-week program beginning Sept. 19, and there's limited space. Register by emailing jen@carpentercarse.org or calling 802-482-2878 or stopping by the front desk. Ages 5-10.

Family After-School Movie**Friday, Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m.**

Come experience this magical sequel that revisits the streets of London and the iconic British nanny who brought such joy into the lives of children everywhere. Rated PG. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

Saturday Storytime**Saturday, Sept. 21, 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.

Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring**Saturday, Sept. 28, 1-2:30 p.m.**

Color your way to calm at our drop-in coloring club for adults. Coloring sheets, art supplies and tea will be provided.

WEEKLY PROGRAM-MING**Hands and Needles****Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon.**

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

Youngster Storytime**Tuesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**

Join us for storytime! Children and infants ages 0-5 and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. All are

welcome, free.

After-School Crafter-noons**Tuesdays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24, 2:15-3:15 p.m.**

Listen to a 2019 Vermont Red Clover Book Award book, have a snack while discussing the book, and make a craft! This is a six-week program for grades 1-4 and space is limited. Register by emailing jen@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878 or stop in at the library.

After-School Snack and Stories with Greg**Wednesdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, 2:15 p.m.**

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, Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

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

New Acquisitions

Don't let anyone crush your summer reading plans by telling you the season is over: the first day of autumn isn't until Monday, Sept. 23. In the meantime, we have lots of new titles in that we are excited about. Among them are:

"Underland: A Deep Time Journey" by Robert MacFarlane

"Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion" by Jia Tolentino

"Recursion" by Blake Crouch

"Radioactive: Marie & Pierre Curie: Tale of Love and Fallout" by Lauren Redniss

"How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy" by Jenny Odell

► **Lindsey Drew***continued from page 1*

Burlington. My favorite things about living in Vermont are the picturesque mountains, the fall foliage and the access to locally grown, delicious food. **Inclusive Arts Vermont:** When did you first become interested in playwriting, and what sparked that interest?

Lindsey Drew: I've been passionate about creative writing in general for most of my life, but I became passionate about playwriting last year. I did a class at school where we learned how to write 10-minute plays and spent the second half performing them.

Inclusive Arts Vermont: Are there any people who have served as role models for you during this process?

Lindsey Drew: A role model for me in this process is definitely my acting teacher, Robin Fawcett. She teaches the playwriting class at my school and was the one who inspired me to send my script to the Kennedy Center. I owe her all my gratitude.

Inclusive Arts Vermont: How does playwriting stand out for you among all the other arts mediums?

Lindsey Drew: Playwriting is intriguing to me because, like other forms of creative writing, you're creating an original world of characters that feels alive. But what's unique about playwriting is that you're creating the blueprint for something that is eventually going to take on a life of its own. Theater is a live art, and a good script supports that.

Inclusive Arts Vermont: What were the highlights of your experience at the Kennedy Center?

Lindsey Drew: One of the highlights of my experience at the Kennedy Center was getting to see my play put on by professional actors. Even with no set, costumes, or lighting — and less than a day's work to prepare — they breathed new life into my play that I had never seen before. What I took away from the experience was the importance of getting to talk with other disabled artists and hear their perspectives. Back home in my very able-bodied world, I carry my experience as a reminder that there is not only space for disabled people like me [in] art, but in the world as a whole. So, step aside and make some room. **Inclusive Arts Vermont:** What encouragement would you give others (young or old) who are interested in becoming better artists?

Lindsey Drew: Whatever it is that you're passionate about, practice it constantly. Some people think that in order to be good in an artistic field (or any field, really), you need to go to a prestigious school and train for years, but I disagree. Experience is the best teacher. If you want to make films, for example, it's great to learn about film history. But go out and make films yourself, even if they're horrible. It doesn't matter if you aren't good at something you're passionate about from the start; it matters that you like it enough to keep going. What I've learned is, muster the courage to put yourself out there and say, "This is who I am, take it or leave it." Some people won't like what you have to say and some will. But regardless, you'll feel a sense of accomplishment in being your authentic self.

Inclusive Arts Vermont: Thanks for sharing your insight with us, Lindsey, and congratulations again!

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Kim Johansen and some of her Livery campers leading the ponies down to the 4th of July parade, where they won the trophy for "best livestock" with a little help from their homemade costumes!

See more photos from the parade on the next two pages.

► **Rowathon***continued from page 1*

cal miles to New York and back, coming up with creative team names and remembering Paul along the way. That morning the forecast looked forbidding, but the thunderclouds miraculously

held off, exceeding all expectations. When all made it back to shore, prizes were awarded to the most successful fundraisers and the teams with the most team spirit. The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is honored to have been a part of such an incredible community event.



Team Pull 4 Paul honors Paul Hoepfner on their way to their two-mile row.



Boats gathered in Barn Rock Harbor on the New York shore at the half-way point of the rowathon.

A vibrant collage celebrating Independence Day 2019 in Hinesburg, Vermont. The background is a purple and pink gradient with white starburst patterns. The collage features numerous photos of parade participants, including floats, bands, and individuals. A large silhouette of a person with arms raised is on the left. A list of parade winners is in the center. A large photo of a dog's face is on the right. A banner at the bottom reads "ALL GAVE SOME SOME GAVE ALL".

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Education

The Power of Voice: From Parent Concern to Practice

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

The Champlain Valley School District has a story to tell, one that describes how speaking up can bring about change. The spark was lit by one parent sharing her voice and asking questions.

In the fall of 2017, a parent of a Champlain Valley Union student came to a school board meeting. This parent had recently filled out forms online for her child to participate in school activities and for the health office. After submitting the forms, she wondered what happened to their personal family information. Who had access to it, and what will they do with it? She raised these concerns to the school board. She then went on to share her concerns at Vermont's Agency of Education. They were good questions, and she had a

valid point. Did we know what that website was going to do with personal family data?

A group within the district began examining not only that website but all of the websites and online tools that are in use. What were their terms of service? What did they say in their privacy policies — that small print that most people don't read? Many of us check the box to say we agree to the terms without actually reading it. The district took a close look at all of the privacy policies and terms of service for the various tools used by the district.

From there, Director of Network Services Mike Kanfer met with all of the district's digital learning leaders. A request for technology process was put in place for all adults in the district to use. When educators wanted to use a new digital tool or resource, they submitted an online form. Yes, there's a bit of irony here, but personal information is not shared in that form and it is used internally. The team met weekly to review requests and then evaluate privacy policies and terms of service on behalf of the educators making the requests. It was time-consuming at first, as not only was the team looking at new requests, but also reviewing

online tools that were currently in use. Many digital tools are used in the district's schools and classrooms, and the list changed every day. It took time and energy to help educators know about this process and to actually follow it.

While this was happening, a few other events were taking place. The big security breaches with Facebook, major retailers and other sites became public. Everyone grew concerned about their private information. And rightly so. The focus on keeping private information private was not an abstract idea anymore.

During the summer of 2018, Vermont's Agency of Education joined a consortium focused on student data privacy. This grew out of work initiated by the Cambridge, Massachusetts public schools and has since spread to 20 other states in addition to Vermont. The Student Data Privacy Consortium (<https://sdpc.a4l.org/index.php>) has developed and shared a consistent privacy agreement with online sites and vendors. Now, instead of our state and school district following a company's or vendor's terms of service, they agree to ours.

Since then, CVSD has collected signed agreements from more than 30 vendors and plans to add to that list in the coming months. A list of those vendors may be viewed here (<https://bit.ly/CVSDstudentdataprivacy>), but know that it will continue to grow. Mike Kanfer and Bonnie Birdsall, director of Digital Learning & Communication for CVSD, visited with faculty and staff in all of our buildings to ensure that everyone knows about the request for technology process and the Student Data Privacy Consortium. As of the start of the 2019-2020 school year, CVSD will begin the shift to work only with those vendors who have signed the Vermont privacy agreement.

One example of this work in action is with a company called Informed K12. This company will support the district's efforts to modernize the process families use for sharing annual student information, health information and permissions with their schools. In the past, most of the district's schools mailed home a packet of papers for families to fill out and return. This meant hours of manual data entry for the administrative assistants. This year, the district will work with Informed K12 to streamline the process. In August, families will receive an email with links to fill out forms online. The Shelburne Community School has been doing this for a few years, and is helping other district schools get on board. Informed K12 was one of the first companies to sign a privacy agreement with the district.

This is great progress toward keeping student, family and educator data safe and secure. Transitioning to this new process and obtaining signed agreements will take time, but the district is confident that this is a move in the right direction. And CVSD thanks the parent who spoke at a school board meeting for getting it started.

We invite all community members to attend CVSD school board meetings and share your voice. They take place on the third Tuesday of the month, excluding December and January (budget meetings).

All meetings are held at CVU at 6 p.m. Check the district's website and specifically, the school board's page for more detailed information.

CVSD website: cvsdvt.org.
CVSD school board page: cvsdvt.org/domain/18.

Community Letter and Welcome Video

BY ADAM BUNTING, CVU PRINCIPAL

Below is a letter Principal Bunting set out to the Champlain Valley Union community.

Dear CVU community,

A few years ago, I worked with an educator who welcomed every student or colleague he encountered with one of the three following questions: What's excellent today? What are you looking forward to? and What was an important moment from this morning? The longer I knew him, the more I recognized his questions weren't contrived; he was genuinely interested in every person with whom he interacted. I looked forward to going places with him (unless I was really busy) to see people pause and share more than the typical exchange of "I'm doing well, how 'bout you?" He exploited the ordinary moment to create a connection.

While I write this letter as a welcome, it also serves as an invitation and a call to enter the opportunities ahead of you in this school year with intention. How might you use the small moments to live with greater openness? How might you find connection in the ordinary? How might you share and seek out the stories of others? We can choose to just be a school, or we can strive to build a community that works toward a vision for something greater — even if just in the little moments we share with one another.

On behalf of all faculty, staff and administration of CVU, welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to learning about you and your story!

Oh... and check out the 2019-2020 welcome video at tinyurl.com/CVUwelcome. Clearly, a career in acting is not in my future. Mia and Beckett might be in the bright lights, however! Thank you to Gary Lambert who was the producer, director, videographer, editor, key grip, grip, sound effect specialist... you get the picture. Also, thank you to CVU Summer Camp for joining in the fun.

New CVU Faculty

Lianne Blanchard, world language
Bageshree Blasius, social studies
Maddy De Thomasis, library
Christina Deeley, library
Alison Frank, special services
Geoff Glaspie, math
Vanessa Harman, social emotional learning coordinator
Peter Langella, Reflective Interest-based Student Experiences
George Schock, business
Eve Berinati, English

Welcome to the 2020 Class of the Vermont School Leadership Project

SNELLING CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE

Effective public-school leadership requires more than professional knowledge. It demands passion, the ability to articulate a vision and engage others in that vision, and the ability to facilitate organizational change.

To strengthen these capabilities among Vermont educators, the Snelling Center developed the Vermont School Leadership Project in collaboration with prominent members of Vermont's business and education communities. VSLP was launched in 1995 and has graduated 12 classes, creating a collegial leadership network of over 200 alumni.

In 18 seminar days held over 17 months (July to November of the following year), VSLP offers intensive professional development for superintendents, principals, curriculum and special education directors, as well as other education professionals who have proven leadership abilities and seriously aspire to leadership roles.

The VSLP 2020 cohort includes **Jeff Evans**, director of learning and innovation for the Champlain Valley School District, and **Alicia Kurth**, special education administrator for Hinesburg Community School. The group gathered at the Lake Morey Resort from July 16-19 for its first session as a cohort. The group began their first full day focused on learning about VSLP's goals and expectations, connecting and building a sense of community and community agreements. The group delved into the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessment tool and individual results, learning about themselves and one another as individuals and as leaders.

The second and third days of VSLP Session 1 were spent continuing to learn about MBTI and using it as a framework to analyze individual results from each participant's Leadership Practices Inventory 360 feedback. Using a framework of viewing data as feedback to become better leaders, each member engaged in individual data analysis and worked to take ownership of their data. This framework was utilized to explore areas of strength and areas for development within each individual's leadership practice. Working with coaches and practice partners, individuals developed practice plans to begin implementing when they returned to their organizations.

Throughout the week, there were a few critical areas of focus for learning, namely neuroscience as it relates to learning, core tenets, tools and values of leadership, and building connections within the group. Participants left with practice plans and practice partners to collaborate with between Session 1 and October's Session 2. They also left with new colleagues, ideas, friends and memorable experiences!

The Curtis Fund Expands Scholarship Program to Cover 'Credentials of Value' Training

New Program Creates Pathways to Good-Paying, Skills-Based Jobs

FROM VSAC PRESS RELEASE

The Curtis Fund, with the help of Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, is making new scholarships available to Vermonters who seek short-term training programs to build their job skills.

The scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500 for a certificate or credential in a promising career field, as identified by the McClure Foundation and Vermont Department of Labor.

"Not all of us are interested in a traditional, postsecondary education, but the path to a successful career future will need to include some education or training after high school," said Joe Boutin, president and board chairman of the Curtis Fund. "There are other educational options in addition to college after high school and we, at the Curtis Fund, want to help Vermonters get the education and training they need to thrive."

In a pilot program launched this year, 16 students were awarded almost \$22,000; eight are already working and six others are still in school or have decided to continue their studies.

Rebecca Tanner of Lyndonville got her early childhood certification from Community College of Vermont, and is now working full time as a certified toddler teacher at Northeast Kingdom Preschool & Childcare Center in Lyndonville. She plans to continue her education to earn an associate degree in early education.

Eden Towers of Morrisville works for Stowe Rescue as an emergency medical technician. With a bachelor's degree in biology from Northern Vermont University, Johnson, she completed her advanced EMT certification in Virginia while working full time as the manager of a coffee shop. Now she's enrolled at Vermont Technical College in the state's first paramedic program.

Boutin said Curtis Fund donors stepped up to create this new scholarship opportunity for Vermonters.

"We support those Vermonters, from high school students to adult learners, who have the aptitude and desire to do productive work but are facing barriers to getting an education or training. They might be first in their families to go to college, experiencing income instability or living with a disability. We are determined to help them get started and we know we will be fulfilling the wishes of our founder Emma Eliza Curtis, who wished to support a range of postsecondary education, not just college."

Emma Eliza Curtis, a doctor's wife who had no children of her own, had the belief that education could change the course of a person's life. When she died in 1910, she left \$120,000 in trust to provide financial assistance to young Vermont men and women to pursue a postsecondary education. Since then, that endowment has grown to over \$30 million. Mrs. Curtis' legacy lives on in the lives of over 10,000 Vermonters who have realized their dreams of a better future.

"For over two decades, VSAC has had [the] honor of working with the Curtis

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Sports

2019 CVU Girls' Basketball Camp Award Winners

FROM PRESS RELEASE

A total of 91 girls who are entering grades four through nine participated in the CVU girls' basketball camp from June 24-28. The award winners were:

Morning Session (grades four through nine)

Free Throw Champion: Rowan Howe, Charlotte

GO Award: Sarah Skaflestad, Williston

Spirit Award: Isabel Brown, Hinesburg

Defense Award: Mireille Howatt-Walker, Hinesburg

Heart and Hustle Award: Ava O'Brien, Shelburne

ALL-STARs: Addie Baker, Hinesburg; Apryl Tuiquere, Charlotte; Dierdre Higgins, Charlotte; Maggie Smith, Shelburne; Rowan Howe, Charlotte.

Afternoon Session (grades seven through nine)

Free Throw Champion: Shelby Companion, Hinesburg

Ninth-Grade 1-on-1 Champ: Addison Hunter, St. George

Eighth-Grade 1-on-1 Champ: Merrill Jacobs, Hinesburg

Seventh-Grade 1-on-1 Champ: Kaitlyn Jovell, Williston

GO Award: Hazel Guilmette, New Haven

Spirit Award: Harper Danforth, Shelburne

Defense Award: Emma Kim, Williston

Heart and Hustle Award: Piper Guilmette, New Haven

ALL-STARs: Mira Rieley, Williston; Merrill Jacobs, Hinesburg; Maddie Bunting, Williston; Shelby Companion, Hinesburg; Addison Hunter, St. George; Elise Ayer, Hinesburg; Samara Ashooh, Shelburne.

The Ultimate Counselor was rising senior Mekkena Boyd of Williston.

Organizations

Fun at the Stone Circle July Fourth

BY JEAN KIEDAISCH, RESPONSIBLE GROWTH HINESBURG

Responsible Growth Hinesburg's 2019 Fourth of July Silent Auction was the most successful ever, both financially and in terms of community involvement.

For the second year, there was bidding on 4- by 4-inch paintings by local artists. Natacha Illuzi contacted the artists and provided them with canvases. She said, "I love and admire these talented artists and am honored that they were willing to donate their work to benefit Hinesburg."

The participating artists were Emily Anderson, Mary Azarian, Marcy Kass, Cynthia Guild Kling, Gregory Maguire, John Penoyar, Kim Provost, Sandy Rivkin, Vera Ryersbach, Barb Segal and Ashley Wolf.

This was also the second year that folks enjoyed strawberry shortcake, which was made possible by generous berry donations from Full Belly Farm and Lewis Creek Farm, cream from Kimball Brook and biscuits baked by Nina Friscia. The event began the evening of the third and continued the next day, with many servings of shortcake consumed!

Snow cones in many flavors — strawberry, blue raspberry, maple, root beer and cherry — made and sold by Barb Segal and Bob Thiefels were popular on the hot day.

Plants from local growers and from individuals were a great addition to the auction. Cobble Creek and Lincoln Hill Nurseries, Fox Run Flowers and Red Wagon Plants all donated generously. Special thanks to Heidi Racht of Pleasant Mount for many fine annuals.

The Little Treasures tent held much of what you'd expect: treasures. There were many items from toy cars to honey to tortoiseshell combs to a whole table full of teapots. Perhaps most unique was a bracelet of postal uniform buttons.



Under the tent at the silent auction.



Display of Osthimer wooden toys.



Everyone loves strawberry shortcake.

As always, the items and gift certificates to bid on were the centerpiece of the Fourth of July event. Gift certificates for local restaurants, plays, museums, book binding, massages, lessons and garden weeding were all on offer.

Then there were the big items (a kayak, a telescope, a set of wicker furniture, a Mission-style end table, binoculars, Osthimer wooden toys) and the small (handmade potholders, kombucha, books, birdhouses).

The two days' events raised over \$5,700 for Responsible Growth Hinesburg, Inc. The funds will be used to continue making the case that the stormwater and traffic problems that would be caused by a large store on Lot 15 make that development not in the town's best interests, as the development review board concluded a year ago.

Midnight Riders Attend Vermont State 4-H Horse Show

BY BETH FRIESE

Nine members of the local 4-H equine club Midnight Riders attended the Vermont State 4-H Horse Show from July 11-14 in New Haven. After participating in multiple riding classes as well as horse knowledge events, the members earned high placings in many events both individually and as a club.

The team worked for weeks prior to the show creating a drill team performance for Club Class showing off their synchronized riding skills.

Club director and owner of Livery Horse Farm, Kim Johansen, provided the equine partners to the club members, which members cared for throughout the four days as their own. They showed excellent sportsmanship and camaraderie during the show lending a hand to each other and sharing in their trials and joys.

Members showing in the senior division included Sammie Blackmore, Vivie Babbott, Ella Haire and Emily Lang. Neika Haire showed in the junior division while Greta Friesen showed as an advanced beginner. Olivia Osekoski, Maya Lewis and Piper Thomas showed in the beginner division.

Senior members Sammie Blackmore and Vivie Babbott will be riding at the Eastern States Exposition while Emily



Emily Lang, Ella Haire and Vivie Babbott



Greta Friesen on Smudge and Neika Haire on Solid Classy Lass.



Vivie Babbott and Sammie Blackmore in Pairs Class.

Lang will join the horse judging team at the Big E as well. In addition to riding, the members participated in county and state knowledge events, prepared presentations and posters on equine topics, and participated in community service events.

Scout Troop 690

Scout Troop 690 meets at the Hinesburg United Church Parish Hall, 10750 Route 116, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Our first meeting this fall will be on Sept. 4.

Scouting is open to anyone who has completed the fifth grade or is between 11 and 18 years of age. The weekly meetings include having fun while learning life skills. Other activities include camping trips, day trips, fundraising, community service and more.

Audubon Vermont Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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.

Pride Hikes: Shelburne Bay Park

Saturday, Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Shelburne

The hikes are co-hosted by Audubon

Vermont, Pride Center of Vermont, and Outright Vermont. Shelburne Bay Park, 1467 Bay Road, Shelburne.

We will meet up in the parking lot at Shaw's/Starbucks at 570 Shelburne Road in South Burlington at 9:30 a.m. to arrange carpools. If you'd like to meet us at the trailhead, we should be there by 10 a.m. We will park in the lot closer to Bay Road — NOT the lot with the boat launch. Please let us know ahead of time if you plan to meet us at the trailhead: gcauser@audubon.org.

LGBTQA+ hikers are gathering to hike Shelburne Bay Park's accessible Recreation Path in Shelburne, Vermont. The trail is 2.8 miles out and back. It starts at the mouth of the LaPlatte River, then meanders along the edge of the woods, running past lovely, rolling meadows. The trail ends at a beach with picnic tables, providing an opportunity to dip your toes in the water, and lovely views of Lake Champlain. The trail is nearly flat, quite wide and composed of crushed gravel. For those looking for a more challenging/difficult loop, there's potentially an option to hike a steep, rocky trail to the top of Allen Hill. We'll check in with the interest of the group on the day of the hike.

Yes! There will also be a post-hike cree-mee stop, most likely at the Scoop in Shelburne, but we're open to other ideas.

Becky Swem of the University of Vermont Prism Center and Gwendolyn Causer of Audubon Vermont will co-lead the hike to provide birding, botany and tracking tidbits.

All ages, allies and families welcome! Youth under 18 years should be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring snacks and plenty of water! Dogs are welcome as long as they are leashed.

Autumn Mushroom Hunting and Tasting for Beginners

Saturday, Sept. 14, 9:30a.m.-noon

Join Ari Rockland-Miller of the Mushroom Forager for a colorful presentation introducing gourmet and medicinal wild mushrooms of autumn. We will then explore the rich woods around Green Mountain Audubon Center to pursue the distinctive and delicious mushrooms on the ForageCast, including yellow foot chanterelles, black trumpet and porcini. Participants will receive a

September ForageCast handout for the region, steering us toward a safe, targeted and fruitful foray. We will also discuss guidelines for ethical wildcrafting. The workshop will culminate in a tasting of delicious wild mushrooms!

Fee: Audubon Vermont members \$35; nonmembers \$40. Audubon Vermont membership: vt.audubon.org/join. Register online at tinyurl.com/mushroomhunt1.

Autumn Mushroom Hunting and Tasting for Intermediates

Saturday, Sept. 14, 1-3:30 p.m.

Join Ari Rockland-Miller of the Mushroom Forager for a colorful presentation focused on gourmet and medicinal wild mushrooms of autumn. This workshop will be geared toward intermediate mushroom hunters. We will then explore the rich woods around Green Mountain Audubon Center to pursue the distinctive and delicious mushrooms on the ForageCast, including yellow foot chanterelles, lobster mushrooms, matsutake and porcini. Participants will receive a September ForageCast handout for the region, steering us toward a safe, targeted and fruitful foray. We will also discuss guidelines for ethical wildcrafting. The workshop will culminate in a tasting of delicious wild mushrooms!

Fee: Audubon Vermont members \$35; nonmembers \$40. Audubon Vermont membership: vt.audubon.org/join. Register online at tinyurl.com/mushroomhunt2.

Events at the Birds of Vermont Museum

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Birds of Vermont museum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. For more information, call 802-434-2167, go to birdsofvermont.org/events or email museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Bird Monitoring Walk

Saturday, Aug. 31, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28, 8-9 a.m.

Join experienced birders on the monthly bird monitoring walk on the museum's property. Great activity for adults, older children and somewhat more experienced birders. Please bring your own binoculars.

Free, donations welcome. Please preregister by emailing museum@birdsofvermont.org or calling 802-434-2167.

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Outdoors

Look Out for Swallowwort

Invasive plant species is destroying native biodiversity at an alarming rate

BY LYNN FURNO

Though there are many invasive plants common to Vermont, some species have flown under the radar. These uncommon species are considered “early detection plants.” One uncommon invasive plant is swallowwort.

When I moved to Hinesburg 28 years ago, I discovered two small vines. I tried digging them up, but to no avail — the roots were too deep. Not knowing they were swallowwort, an invasive plant, it was ten years later when they caught my attention again. The lower limbs of my cedar tree had died, and upon investigation, I discovered more of these sinuous vines under the tree strangling the branches! Determined to remove them, I tried a dose of Roundup, but it resisted even that. Each year, I'd find more vines despite my efforts. Then, for a period of time, the gardens were left unattended.

Five years ago, I returned to the gardens, and found that the swallowwort (still an unknown plant to me) had spread to eight new locations. Furiously, I dove into plant identification books and articles online. Once I knew the name, a whole backstory came to life — from Canada to Pennsylvania and beyond, gardeners and landowners lamented the presence and impact of this innocuous looking vine.

“Nothing else grows, not even grass”

Swallowwort is two species (black and pale: botanical names *Vincetoxicum nigrum* and *Vincetoxicum rossicum*). Only black swallowwort has been reported in Vermont. Other names for these plants include black dog-strangling vine or Louise's swallow-wort. It grows in any soil conditions (forests, meadows, marshlands and roadsides). You can spot shoots in spring, growing vertically until collapsing under its own weight. Trying to stay upright, it latches onto nearby plants or creeps along the



Swallowwort leaves and seed pod (above) and swallowwort as it first emerges (below).



ground, twisting and climbing over anything in its path. Look closely and you'll see the leaves grow opposite each other along the stem, and are oval shaped, with a dark green sheen. Tiny, deep purple (black) or light pink (pale) star-shaped flowers give way in late summer to seed pods akin to those of milkweed, only smaller.

I and others are concerned about the presence of this plant for reasons beyond a few dead cedar branches. Swallowwort reduces biodiversity of native plants, invertebrates, AND vertebrates! The vines release chemicals hindering growth in other plants, reduce the integrity of important habitats like grasslands, choke out new growth in forests, and spread along roadsides. These chemicals can repel or kill native



Note the distinctive twining nature of the swallowwort as it wraps itself around stems of existing plants.

herbivorous insects and mammals. Of particular note are its impacts to monarch butterflies. Adult monarchs mistake swallowwort for milkweed, lay eggs on it, and when hatched the caterpillars are unable to eat or are poisoned by the swallowwort and die.

Through my research I found this article by Julie West of Henderson, New York:

“I want to give you an idea of what it's like when swallowwort invades. To me, it's like my land has cancer and I feel an overwhelming sense of helplessness as I watch it spread.

“Nothing else grows, not even grass.

“When swallowwort takes over an open field, there are no more wildflowers.

“No daisies, milkweed, dandelions, Queen Anne's lace, not even chicory or thistles. It can climb eight to 10 feet high. It will smother and kill [shrubs]. Swallowwort is so aggressive here in Henderson that this took just a few short years.

“Swallowwort has no natural enemies to control its spread. The plants show no sign of damage from insects, and there is no indication that deer or any other animals eat it. Swallowwort can only be controlled when it is recognized early and it is still just a plant here and a plant there.”

Sound bleak? I've also found in my research success stories and reasons for hope. There are things we can all do, that you can do, to help.

First and foremost, be on the lookout for new plants on your property that you don't recognize. The key is to encourage ourselves and others to identify those unknown plants. For this early detection of swallowwort, we can all learn how to identify it so we can take action while it's in the early stages of establishment (vtinvasives.org/invasive/swallowwort-black).

“Swallowwort can only be controlled when it is recognized early and it is still just a plant here and a plant there.”

We can learn how to control the spread. New growth is fairly easy to dig up. The plant also spreads by seed, so cut off flowers or pluck seed pods, but be sure not to compost or otherwise risk it spreading to other parts of your yard! You can cut this plant to ground level, starving the roots and hindering its spread. Pulling/burning only encourages vigorous growth and digging older plants is difficult because the roots are deep and will break.

Never mow or Brush Hog an invasive when it has gone to seed. Herbicide treatment can be effective in some instances, but it requires continued application over several years.

Small groups of organized people can have a huge positive impact. In Ogunquit, Maine, a local committee has successfully held pod-picking days as part of their work to remove the population of swallowwort. Though the plants have been there for over 20 years, eight annual picking days have removed over 6,000 pounds of pods, all which otherwise would have seeded and continued the spread of the plants. Each year, there is less to pick (which in this case is a good thing)! The group's motto is “little by little, a little becomes a lot!” The group is motivated by their passion to protect the monarch butterfly, and keep pollinator-friendly vegetation thriving along the coastal parts of town.

My hope is that these stories of struggle against the devastating effects of this invasive plant paired with stories of success will lead to education and action. Hopefully, we can all take steps to control its spread, while we look for ways to restore our gardens and native habitats.

Be on the lookout!

If you find swallowwort, please take pictures and report it here: vtinvasives.org/get-involved/report-it.

LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest Public Walk to Showcase Restoration Projects

Public Also Invited to Comment on Forest Management Plan

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On Sept. 28, the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee and the Chittenden County forester will host a public walk on the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest, a 301-acre conserved municipal forest owned by the town of Hinesburg since 2007. The purpose of this walk is two-fold: to seek input on the upcoming management plan for the LHTF and to raise awareness of current restoration and management efforts there.

The management plan for the LHTF is a document, updated every 10 years,

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Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00-6:30 p.m. CVSB School Board Meeting. Champlain Valley Union H.S.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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, SEPTEMBER 3

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@beecherhilluyoga.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, SEPTEMBER 4

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. .

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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, SEPTEMBER 12

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, SEPTEMBER 17

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, SEPTEMBER 18

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, SEPTEMBER 25

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, SEPTEMBER 26

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, SEPTEMBER 27

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See Sept. 3 Calendar entry for more details.

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, OCTOBER 2

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.

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which addresses management concerns and recommends actions to address these concerns over the next decade. A major focus of the next 10 years at the LHTF will be the control of invasive exotic plants, and the restoration of floodplain and wetland natural communities, with a goal of improving wildlife habitat, water quality and ecosystem health.

To participate in the Sept. 28 public walk, meet at 10 a.m. at the LHTF parking area on Gilman Road in Hinesburg, ready to spend a day outdoors in any weather. Participants will tour the southern section of the LHTF from 10 a.m.-noon, have a picnic lunch (please bring your own) and then join Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County forester, and Will Dunkley of Trout Lily Forestry Services to discuss invasive species control until 2 p.m. The walk is free and open to all.

Some of the restoration and management topics that will be highlighted on the walk include:

- The LHTF features unique forested and wetland natural communities, and open areas of historic floodplains. Forested portions are infested with woody invasive exotic plants (primarily shrub honeysuckle and common buckthorn), while historic floodplain/

wetland areas have failed to naturally revert from hayfield to forest due to several factors, including the presence of exotic invasive reed canary grass and a regionally high deer population.

- In forested areas, revenue from forest management at the Hinesburg Town Forest (Hinesburg's other town forest) is funding invasive species control work to improve forest health, diversity and wildlife habitat.
- Additionally, the Nature Conservancy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife partners are launching projects to restore the floodplain/wetland sections of the LHTF, with an overall goal of improving water quality, wildlife habitat and overall ecosystem health. These projects will include several experimental approaches, such as plantings of native species, site preparation through plowing, the installation of deer enclosures and active invasive species control. These projects are designed to be a model for other floodplain restoration projects.

The 2009 management plan for the LHTF, and soon a draft of the 2019 management plan, can be found at hinesburg.org/lhtf. Comments on the plan can be given via email at townforest@hinesburg.org, or in person at a Hinesburg Town Forest Committee meeting, the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hinesburg Town Hall.

Walking the Russell Family Trails (Trillium Hill Farm)

BY GEORGE DAMERON, MEMBER, HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE

Since my adolescence, I have always looked on forest, field and meadow as a refuge, a place of solitude, an escape from the pressures of daily life. For this reason, the words of William Wordsworth, written in 1798, have always resonated with me: "Therefore am I still / A lover of the meadows and the woods / And mountains; and of all that we behold / From this green earth; of all the mighty world / Of eye, and ear, — both what they half create, / And what perceive; well pleased to recognize / In nature and the language of the sense / The anchor of my purest thoughts, the nurse, / The guide, the guardian of my heart, and soul / Of all my moral being" ("Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey"). Those of us who live in Hinesburg are indeed very fortunate to have at close proximity many miles of trails through "meadow and woods." Indeed, though living close to the largest metropolitan center in Vermont, we have access to many varied landscapes and forested trails. Of all the many places to walk and



hike in Hinesburg, my favorite remains the trails closest to my house in the village: the Russell Family Trails. They are located on the Russell Family Farm, also known as Trillium Hill Farm.

The Russell Family Trails is one of six trail networks on private and public land within our town (see the Hinesburg Area Recreational Trails website for complete trail maps). The largest trail system is, of course, the Hinesburg Town Forest Trails that has 837 acres and 18 miles of trails, which is just east of the village. Acquired over time between 1936 and 1958 and located in the foothills of the Green Mountains, the town forest was originally the location of many working farms before the middle of the 20th century (traces of which



The meadow off the Russell Family Perimeter Trail in August (Trillium Hill Farm) Photo by G. Dameron.



Looking south from the Russell Family Perimeter Trail (Trillium Hill Farm). Photo by G. Dameron.



The overlook on the Russell Family Perimeter Trail (Trillium Hill Farm). Photo by G. Dameron.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE BEATLES

ACROSS

1. Patsy, e.g.
6. Olden-day aerosol can propellant, acr.
9. Between generations
13. Reduction/oxidation portmanteau
14. ____ Tsu
15. Page or Grable
16. Out in the open
17. Legal org.
18. Often-missed humor
19. "Nowhere man, the world is at your ____"
21. "___...love was such an easy game ____"

23. "___ time at all, all you gotta do is call..."
24. "One more than The Beatles
25. 2019, Year of the ____
28. Shell and its contents
30. Showing on TV
35. Mars, to the Greeks
37. "On a ____" or carefree
39. Rock bottom
40. Asian weight unit
41. Gladiator venue
43. Site of Leaning Tower
44. Zero calorie sweetener
46. Arab ruler
47. Zac Brown Band's 2008 hit
48. Tight-____
50. H or O in H₂O, e.g.
52. ____ the season!
53. Word type
55. Booking photograph
57. "___...take a sad song and make it ____"
60. "___..., it's been a long cold lonely winter"
64. 2 halves of a diameter
65. Sis' sibling
67. Sign of a saint, pl.
68. Financial backer
69. Summer mo.
70. "___..., but you can ____ how to play the game"
71. Pressure inducer
72. Born, in society pages
73. Synchronizes, for short

DOWN

1. Gator's cousin
2. To the left, prefix
3. Footnote word
4. Norman Bates' Mother
5. Opposite of extinct
6. Decked out
7. "Like The Four
8. Raccoon's South American cousin
9. "___...listen to my story all about the ____ who came to stay?"
10. Dwarf buffalo
11. Small and weak
12. Stratego piece S
15. Deliver via Keystone
20. Spiral-horned African antelope
22. Spermatozoa counterpart
24. Supervisor
25. "Yesterday" star
26. Baghdad resident
27. "Faster!" to a horse
29. "___...and if she's beside me I know I need never ____"
31. Wholly engrossed
32. "The ____," Dostoyevsky's novel
33. One born to Japanese immigrants
34. "Jojo left his home in Tucson, Arizona for some California ____"
36. Dueler's blow
38. Opposite of purl
42. Something in the air
45. Dal seed
49. Anonymous John
51. Street artist's masterpiece
54. City-like
56. Sticky
57. Misery cause
58. U2 guitarist
59. Wedding cake part
60. Venetian magistrate
61. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit
62. Narcotics agent
63. Singular of gentes
64. Drake's genre
66. Parisian way

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Managing for Carbon

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

As the effects of climate change on our world become more and more apparent, it is increasingly important to manage our forests to not just withstand these impacts, but to help mitigate them. Vermont's forests are a carbon sink, capturing (or sequestering) more carbon than they emit. In the course of forest management, many foresters seek to increase their ability to sequester and store as much carbon as possible. While wrapping our heads around carbon dynamics can be tricky, it is important to understand the important role that forests play in protecting us from the worst impacts of climate change.

As trees grow, they capture carbon diox-

ide out of the atmosphere, turning it into biomass (wood and leaves) and releasing oxygen. Carbon sequestered by trees can be found in several places: as wood in living trees; in dead standing and fallen trees; and once dead wood has broken down, in forest soils. As wood decomposes it also releases carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere, though our forests sequester much more carbon than they emit. While you may think that most of the carbon in the forest must be stored in the trunks and branches of our massive trees, in temperate forests (like those in Vermont), it is estimated that up to 50-60% of a forest's carbon is stored in its soils.

Interestingly, young forests sequester carbon more rapidly than older forests (they grow faster), but older forests store more carbon than younger forests. These seemingly opposite facts have fueled divergent management strategies. The former fact has been used to justify aggressive logging, while the latter has been

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used to justify a hands-off approach. The picture is further complicated when you consider the benefits of wood products as part of the mix. Because dry lumber stores about double its mass in carbon dioxide equivalent, building our houses, buildings and other durable items out of wood fixes carbon in the long term. Using locally harvested and processed wood for building materials, heat and energy also mitigates the need for less carbon-friendly materials shipped from farther away (which will release more carbon dioxide as part of the shipping process). So, while we know that over time unmanaged forests probably store more carbon than managed forests, there are other carbon benefits to harvesting wood through active forest management.

How can we increase carbon sequestration and storage in our forests? In a word, encouraging “diversity” — many different ages, sizes and species of trees — is a good place to start; more diverse forests generally store more carbon than less diverse forests. Vermont’s land use history has resulted in forests which generally lack diversity, old trees and soil carbon, as compared to the forests that probably existed here prior to European settlement. Active forest management can help forests regain these features more rapidly, increasing diversity while harnessing the sequestration benefits of young, fast-growing forests and the storage benefits of old forests, all while producing an output of forest products. Retaining dead standing trees, dead wood on the forest floor and biological legacy trees — trees that will never be harvested — in the course of forest management will further help our forests store more carbon. All of these features will also create more vibrant wildlife habitat, and forests which are more resilient to the disturbances that may become more frequent as our climate changes.

Because of how important to climate change mitigation our forests are, it is also important to protect their health so that they may continue to help us sequester and store carbon, in addition to cleaning our air and water, and providing habitat and refugia for our wildlife, forever. Encouraging the resilience of our forests by managing for forest health, controlling invasive exotic plants and keeping forests undeveloped and unfragmented will help keep forests healthy, in turn helping them sequester carbon and mitigate the effects of climate change in the long term.

For more information on forest carbon storage see:

Forest carbon storage in the northeastern United States: Net effects of harvesting frequency, post-harvest retention and wood products; a 2010 paper from Forest Ecology and Management by Jaren Nunery and William Keeton.

Also look at Vermont Forest Carbon: A Market Opportunity for Forestland Owners a paper published in 2018 by the Spatial Informatics Group, the Carbon Dynamics Lab at the University of Vermont and the Vermont Land Trust, by William Keeton, William VanDoren, Charles Kerchner and Mackenzie Fuqua.

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People

Hinesburg Life Scout Completes Eagle Project

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Jake Potter, currently a Life Scout in Troop 690 in Hinesburg, completed his Eagle Scout project on June 1, 2019. A crew of scouts and parents helped build two raised garden beds to benefit the Williston Federated Church, where Jake has been attending church since he was born. A huge thank you goes out to Scoutmaster Norman Smith; Assistant Scoutmasters Ed Matthews and Seth Zimmerman; Eagle Scout Sam Zimmerman; Boy Scouts Cody Potter, Ronald Spivack and Jackson Tellstone; and parent volunteers Dana and Fran Potter and Barb Powers for taking the time to assist on the project and for seeing it through to completion. Pastor Paul Eyer and Tony Lamb from the Williston Federated Church were instrumental in getting this project started.

To start, the existing garden was weeded and old fencing was removed. The garden was then leveled and two 4 feet by 8 feet cedar raised garden beds were constructed and filled with fresh topsoil, which was delivered from Paquette Full of Posies in Williston. Additionally, 50 feet of fencing was installed around the perimeter of the garden.

In order to become an Eagle Scout, several qualifications set forth by the Boy Scouts of America must be met. For example, the Boy Scout must be active with their troop for at least six months



Jake Potter and Pastor Paul Eyer.



Life Scout Jake Potter in front of his completed Eagle Project.

after becoming a Life Scout, have references that prove they live by the Boy Scout oath and laws in their daily lives, earn at least 21 merit badges, serve in a leadership position in the troop, and develop and create a service project. Jake joined Cub Scouts back in 2010, and has since climbed the ranks to Life Scout. He has earned 30 merit badges, is serving as the senior patrol leader in his troop and is starting his sophomore year at Champlain Valley Union.

Hinesburg Teen Swims Across Lake Champlain

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Geo DeBrosse, age 15, swam across Lake Champlain on Aug. 13 as part of his eighth-grade graduation project from Hinesburg Community School. He researched all the variables involved in a long-distance lake swim, then planned it for after his summer swim season, waiting for a good lake forecast — calm/light winds. The conditions did not turn out as forecasted, so there were more waves than was ideal, but Geo persevered.

He started at Port Kent, New York at 7 a.m. and touched Vermont sand at 10:45 a.m. at Delta Park, Colchester.

His dad, John DeBrosse (of Colchester), was in one boat, and his mom, Suzie McCoy (of Hinesburg), was in a second boat with neighbors Mark and Nikoli Holly. Geo’s good friend Seb Jacobs paddle boarded alongside him the entire way.

Geo is a competitive swimmer and swims for YMCA Dynamo in the winter and for Burlington Tennis Club in the summer. He placed first in the state for 50-meter fly in his age group at the state



Geo DeBrosse swam across Lake Champlain on Aug. 13. Assisting him was his friend Seb Jacobs on a paddleboard.

summer swim championship meet at Upper Valley Aquatic Center. He also placed third in 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter fly.

He’ll attend CVU this fall as a ninth grader in the Fairbanks House.

Recent Graduates

Two Hinesburg students received degrees from Vermont Technical College in May. **Kirsten Bird** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business technology and management. **Celina Hopwood** graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in architectural and building engineering technology.

Heidi Dessert of Hinesburg graduated from the practical nursing program at Vermont Technical College in the spring of 2019.

Miles Lamberson of Hinesburg graduated after majoring in sociology and minoring in Spanish at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Lamberson, the child of Paul Lamberson and Ruth A. Burack-Lamberson, is a 2014 graduate of Vermont Commons School.

Charles Yarwood of Hinesburg earned a degree from Drew University in New Jersey at its 2019 commencement.

Higher Education Honors

Fahari Achinda of Hinesburg, a student at Northern Vermont University, was named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2019 semester. Students who achieve between a 3.50 and 3.99 semester average are placed on the dean’s list.

The following Hinesburg students have been named to the Champlain College dean’s list for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the Spring 2019 semester: **Erin Beaudry**; **Kiley Copeland**, majoring in computer forensics and digital investigations; **Madison MacMahon**, majoring in creative media; and **Dakota Siple**, majoring in early childhood/elementary education.

Kimberly Cribari of Hinesburg excelled during the Spring 2019 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the dean’s list at Hofstra University

Shea Dunlop of Hinesburg has been named to the University of Hartford dean’s list for Spring 2019.

Eliot Heinrich of Hinesburg was named Outstanding Senior in Computer Science at UVM’s College of Arts and Sciences awards ceremony held on May 17. This award is given to the top senior computer science major at UVM based on their academic performance as well as their

commitment to the field of computer science.

Linnea Johnson of Hinesburg won the Outstanding Senior Award at UVM’s College of Arts and Sciences awards ceremony held on May 17. The award honors students at UVM who embody a combination of theory and activism.

Jeremy Margi of Hinesburg has been named to the Champlain College president’s list for the Spring 2019 semester. Students on the president’s list have achieved a GPA of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Margi is majoring in management information systems.

James Mcallister and **Joshua Trombly**, both of Hinesburg, were named to Northern Vermont University’s president’s list for the Spring 2019 semester. Students who achieve a 4.0 semester average are placed on the president’s list.

Esther Moran of Hinesburg was named to the Spring 2019 dean’s list at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes full-time students with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

Eileen Needham of Hinesburg achieved dean’s list honors during the Spring 2019 semester at Vermont Technical College. Needham is pursuing an associate degree of applied science in the veterinary technology program at Vermont Tech. Dean’s list honorees must achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA for the semester.

Zaza Quatt of Hinesburg was named to the dean’s list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2019 Spring semester. Quatt is in the illustration program.

William H. Solow of Hinesburg was recently named to the highly selective dean’s list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2018-19 academic year. Solow earned a semester GPA of 3.78 or higher this spring to be included on Colby’s dean’s list.

Annie Wernhoff of Hinesburg won the Virginia Clark Prize for Outstanding Senior in Linguistics at UVM’s College of Arts and Sciences awards ceremony held May 17. The award is given annually to an outstanding linguistics graduate. This award exemplifies academic success, research ability and overall excellence in and enthusiasm for the study of language.

RMHS Honor Roll

Lisa Lorenz, principal at Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington, announced the following Hinesburg students achieved honor roll status for the fourth quarter: Second Honors: **Elizabeth Stevens** Honorable Mention: **Luke Stevens**

Commentary

Vermont Can Make a Difference on Mass Shootings

BY BILL SCHUBART

Since the national opinion writers have thoroughly covered the president’s role in stoking the violence we experienced earlier this month, we can agree that the next election offers us all the opportunity to repudiate his “thoughts and prayers” response to the violence he has encouraged. But there are two elements that ignite such violence and only one is our national leader. America’s saturation with 270 million guns is the other.

Vermont must look to its own role in the carnage and do better. We have among the laxest gun laws in the country. We also have one of the lowest per capita homicide rates in the country, but the opposite is true of our suicide rate. For decades Vermont homicides occurred largely within families. Sourced drug transactions accelerated the rate somewhat. A good year would be 12 murders, and a bad year would be 20. Chicago sees that on a weekend. Clearly, our lax gun laws are not affecting our crime rate, as gun rights proponents correctly point out.

But Vermont is not an island. The Gilroy Garlic Festival shooter bought his gun in nearby Nevada, as its sale was banned in California. In our national carnage, no state is an island. A drug dealer delivering \$10,000 worth of fentanyl to Rutland can double his earnings by buying handguns here cheaply and easily and going back to sell them in New York City.

In fairness, we have tightened our gun laws somewhat. Gun ownership transfer laws are more restrictive. Sales to minors now require completion of hunter safety course training. New sales of large-capacity ammunition feeding devices and bump stocks, which turn a semi-automatic effectively into an automatic, are prohibited.

However, to imbue the policy debate with any meaning, I believe it’s more realistic to understand a gun as a tool rather than as an abstract right. Guns are used for killing animals or humans. Other than target practice for sport, they serve no other purpose. The deterrent myth for open carry defies all scientific data, and law enforcement agencies indicate that the presence of a gun usually gins up violence rather than deterring it.

I was raised with guns and took the National Rifle Association riflery courses when I was 8. My parents gave me a Winchester.22 long rifle when I was 10, after I had earned the first four NRA medals: Marksman, Pro-marksman, Marksman first-class and Sharpshooter Bar 1. I still have hunting weapons in our home today. Our property is the only land in our neighborhood not posted. Even though my wife and I are not hunters, we welcome hunters of all kinds, and one local deer hunter has a deer stand in our woods. Man has so disturbed the balance of nature that active

game management through controlled hunting has become an imperative.

But guns are also for killing people. A deer rifle can kill a person as easily as a handgun, but not as easily as an AR15, a military weapon designed to kill as many people as possible in the least amount of time.

Imagine if the Gilroy, El Paso or Dayton shooters had a 30.06 deer rifle. They would have killed far fewer people before being killed or apprehended. Put simply, there is no reason for nonlaw enforcement or nonmilitary American citizens to be allowed to own or carry automatic or military weapons. Any hunter committed to the skill and sport of the hunt is going to rely on his or her acumen, not automation, to get their game.

We’re a laughingstock internationally.

New Zealand has a strong hunting culture and within days of their white nationalist rampage, the New Zealand parliament was implementing new laws prohibiting the sale of assault weapons. Have we become so complacent about the weekly tragedies we see that we can’t take action to control the sales and ownership of weapons designed for military use? Is our obsession with gun ownership so absolute that we’ve come to accept the weekly slaughter of our citizens?

Just before he died, Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens wrote that the 2008 Heller decision (District of Columbia v. Heller) was the biggest mistake the Supreme Court made during his tenure. The Heller decision struck down sensible provisions in the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 as unconstitutional. That law banned citizens from owning handguns, automatic firearms or high-capacity semi-automatic firearms as well as prohibiting possession of unregistered firearms.

If we Vermonters can think more clearly about our role as part of a federalist system and a global marketplace, we might think beyond our commercial and political interests and put in place an absolute ban on the sale of assault weapons just as other concerned states have. We would also implement background checks and purchasing delays to ensure that would-be killers and people considering suicide do not get the opportunity to act on their impulses and have time to consider the consequences or seek help.

Ironies abound in all this. The lion’s share of mass shootings are domestic white nationalist terrorists as the FBI has declared, not hordes of foreigners crossing our borders as our president insists. Data show that our cities are becoming safer than our suburbs and rural areas. The NRA, the principal lobbying organization of the arms industry is collapsing amid financial and governance disarray, as its once core membership of sportsman and hunters abandon it.

Hunters will and should hunt. Homicidal racists should be denied access to weapons, and suicides should be deterred. Let’s forget the thoughts, prayers and bouquets and end the carnage. And we can start here at home.

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Religion

United Church of Hinesburg

An Open, Welcoming, Affirming and Reconciling Church

Pastor: Rev. Jared Hamilton

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: 10580 Route 116

Phone: 482-3352

Email: unitedchurch@gmavt.net

Address: P.O. Box 39

Website: ucofh.org

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Choir practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday

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

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

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

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Council Chair: Allan Monniere 578-8572

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff: 482-3066

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

Weekend Masses:

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

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

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

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 434-4782

Religious Education (CCD): Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades K-8. Registration is required.

The 9th and 10th grades (Confirmation Years) meet once a month. This is a two-year program. Watch Sunday bulletins for dates and times.

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

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

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

Senior Meals: Will be served from noon to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards, board games and door prizes. Cost is \$4.00 donation. Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (parish office) or 434-4782 (home). Caretakers are

welcome. Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. For more information, call the parish office at 482-2290.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

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

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

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

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

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

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

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

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

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.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Non-Denominational Service

Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele

Phone: 985-3819

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

Services:

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

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The Mary Powell and the Stiletto

BY ROGER DONEGAN

The panache of the late Ralph Nading Hill often surfaces in print media about Vermont today. Hill was a Vermont historian, an author of many books, a chairman of Green Mountain Corporation, a senior editor of Vermont Life and a special agent in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps in Europe during WWII. Hill was instrumental in getting the Shelburne Museum to purchase the Ticonderoga. The steamship, the last of her type, was laboriously hauled over land and meticulously preserved at the museum. A paragraph in one chapter of Sidewheeler Saga: A Chronicle of Steamboating (1953), begins with: "Then there was the dainty queen of the Hudson, Mary Powell." Hill's book is in Carpenter-Carse Library in its special collection, and is dedicated to the Webbs.

"The Mary Powell was a fast boat...she never raced — she didn't need to."

The Mary Powell operated on the Hudson River from 1861 to 1917 between Kingston and New York City. She earned the moniker of Queen of the Hudson because of her speed and elegance. Locals held that the sound of the ship's bell was punctual enough to set clocks by, a significant claim considering the ebb and flow of tides in the lower Hudson. The Mary Powell was built as a passenger day steamer rather than for both freight and passengers. She was known as a good family boat to travel on. Despite the ship's 286-foot length, Hill used the word "dainty" to describe the Mary Powell. For comparison, the Ticonderoga is only 220 feet long. In the second part of Hill's "Sidewheeler Saga," he describes the journey of a traveler from New York City to Montreal in 1875. The traveler first debarked in Albany for a train to Lake George Village to board a lake steamer for the northern town of Ticonderoga. In Ticonderoga, the traveler then boarded a small shuttle train to another waiting steamer at the south end



Partial scene of Mary Powell passing under Storm King Mountain.

of Lake Champlain which carried them to Rouses Point. Once in Rouses Point, the traveler again boarded a train, this time to Montreal. The Ticonderoga Steamer was completed in 1906. The ship was the last in a line of 29 steamers that plied Lake Champlain for almost a century (Ticonderoga: Lake Champlain Steamboat by Richard M. Strum, 1998).

Hill's book mentions a high-speed steam yacht that attempted to pass the Mary Powell on a run in 1881, managed to pass her, but the Mary Powell crept up and up... That race was reported as "inconclusive" in the morning paper. A page on the Mary Powell on the Hudson River Maritime Museum's website states, "a number of newly built yachts were brought to the Hudson and run alongside the Mary Powell to test the desired (contract) speed of the yacht..."

The Hudson Maritime Museum is careful to avoid inferring whether or not the Mary Powell was ever beat. The omission is noticeable. A poster in the museum's exhibit that expands on the ship's artifacts emphasizes that "The Mary Powell was a fast boat... beating all other boats with no special effort. She never raced — she didn't need to."

I first became aware of the Mary Powell legend as a participant in the Great Champlain-Hudson Paddle of 2009. The event celebrated the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain and Henry Hudson's dual discoveries. The 192-mile paddle began at the confluence of the Hudson and Champlain Canal near Fort Edward, New York. I camped overnight on the grounds of the Hudson River Maritime Museum partly in order to be close to this legendary ship. My personal account of 113 miles of the paddle, titled "37 Leagues to the Zee," can be

found at hudsonrivergreenwaywatertrail.org.

Tracing the development of steam propulsion at various regional museums can occasionally present some surprises. Walking through the exhibit hall at the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island in 2017, I happened upon the story of the Mary Powell and the USS Stiletto, which truly is a significant help in understanding even present-day propulsion. The Herreshoff brothers had a reputation for small boat design and construction. They produced intricate, compact steam engines that rivaled internal combustion engines in size and complexity.



Lunette centerpiece of Mary Powell initials saved from paddlewheel cover.

Lined up bow to bow with the Mary Powell near West 22nd Street in Manhattan on June 10, 1885, the Stiletto surged ahead and completed a 30-mile race upriver in 77 minutes with a two-mile lead. "The Mary Powell Beaten," declared the headline in the New York Times on the following day. The Stiletto's water tube boiler was confined to a seven-by-seven-foot space in a wood hull no more than 11 feet wide and 94 feet long. She had a stub stack and a minimal above water profile that was dwarfed by the wide platform multi-deck superstructure of the Mary Powell which towered beside the Stiletto. The Mary Powell's walking beam engine — partly visible and in motion above the topmost deck — drove her two churning side wheels. The Stiletto's out-of-sight stern propeller pushed its cylindrical hull through the water like a knife.

Looking to The Future: Taking Over Route 116

Town Meeting Day attendees this spring engaged in a long discussion about modifying the crosswalk near Lantman's store exit. Hinesburg has little say on it because state transportation engineers control what happens on Route 116, selectboard Chair Phil Pouech explained, pointing out that the transportation agency has pushed back on requests for crosswalks, street trees, speed limit changes and other traffic calming or walker enhancements. "The state transportation department's priority is to move vehicle traffic quickly, which conflicts with Hinesburg's priority of a safe and walkable village," Pouech said. Instead, Pouech would like to revisit the idea of Hinesburg taking over Route 116 through the village. "I expect there will [be] some additional cost to the town, but the improved quality of life and safety may be well worth it," Pouech said.

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Whether the Stiletto was named due to its resemblance to a dagger or to deliberately sound menacing is not known. However, fitted with a bow-mounted torpedo tube, the USS Stiletto eventually became the U.S. Navy's wooden torpedo boat No. 1. This hull type may not be the progenitor — nor even remotely related — to patrol torpedo boats, like JFK's PT-109, that were used a half century later in WWII. Nevertheless, the Stiletto was a harbinger of the development of a different sort of U.S. Naval ship.

Compared to European navies, the U.S. was late to develop torpedo boats. In 1892 when the U.S. had two torpedo boats, France had 220, England 186, Russia 152, Germany 143 and Italy had 129. Their prevalence and threat were countered by the production of torpedo boat destroyers. These came to be called destroyers, which "were a larger faster version of torpedo boat, carrying several rapid firing guns large enough to destroy its thin-skinned prey" ("Bath Iron Works: The First Hundred Years," by Ralph L. Snow, 1988).

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Transportation in Hinesburg: Creating a More Walkable Village

BY RICHARD WATTS AND CULLEN PARADIS, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Andrea Morgante used to know every single person who walked past her house. “But now, from about 5:30 in the morning there are different groups of people walking,” she said. “Later, it’s kids going to school and the CVU runners. And in the evening, it’s parents pushing their strollers, couples walking their dogs.”

For 41 years Morgante, 67, has been working to promote a more “walkable” Hinesburg. For 27 of those years, she did so as a member of the selectboard. “Walking is a way to experience all your senses,” she said. “And it’s a great way to meet different people, [to] give a friendly hello.”

Jon Slason, 37, moved to town about four years ago. “Our decision to live ‘downtown’ — within walking or biking [distance] to the dentist, doctors, grocery store, school, library and sport fields and hiking trails — allows our four-member family to survive on one car,” Slason said. “The luxury of being able to access all these activities within a short 15-minute walk or less is no less than amazing.”

Cars, of course, are the dominant way people get around town with more than 10,000 passing through Hinesburg each day, some starting in town, but most passing through.

What would it take to make Hinesburg a place where more people could drive less and walk more? Town planners, transportation professionals and citizens have many ideas. Here are some of them.

Sidewalk Projects

Morgante points out that people like to walk in places they feel safe, and sidewalks can make a big difference. In the 1980s, sidewalks on both sides of the street between Lantman’s Market and Hinesburg Community School had com-

pletely deteriorated. The town fixed those and then built a sidewalk to Kelly’s Field.

But safety is not enough, walks also have to be interesting. In the early 1990s, Morgante wrote a transportation grant that brought the short recreation path from the post office to Mechanicsville Road — re-purposing a bridge from Turkey Lane and adding trees and benches along Patrick Brook.

A few years ago, the town added the sidewalk along Mechanicsville Road.

And currently underway is a sidewalk between Commerce Street and Riggs Road into NRG Systems. A sidewalk between Papa Nick’s Restaurant and Pizza and new housing units just south of the village along Route 116 is coming next.

The biggest and most important upcoming project would put a sidewalk on the north end of town, along CVU Road all the way to the intersection of North Road and Texas Hill, passing by the Triple L Mobile Home Park. An initial study put the cost over \$2 million.

Another sign of the town’s support of walkers: the Hinesburg Highway Department plows all the sidewalks in the winter.

Car Traffic

Despite Hinesburg’s efforts to increase safe walking, travel in the town is still dominated by cars.

More than 10,000 cars pass by Lantman’s every day.

As a result, infrastructure investments often favor car traffic over pedestrians, according to Rolf Kielman, 73, a member of the town’s planning commission and a 35-year town resident. “As a town, we’ve got to stop incentivizing the use of



The 116 commuter bus outside of town hall. The bus allows bikes and parking is free.

automobiles and switch our attention to incentivizing walking, biking and public transportation. That will require more dense and diverse growth that is configured near the center of our village, with services available to those of all ages,” Kielman said.

Density and New Development

People drive due to the distances between home, work, shopping. More housing near town services can allow people to drive less and walk more, Kielman said. The town’s planning commission has been working toward those goals. Several upcoming projects may do just that.

Probably up first, according to town planners, is a new NRG Systems manufacturing plant proposed for the corner of Riggs Road and Route 116. The development review board will devote its entire Sept. 3 meeting to reviewing plans for the plant, which could employ as many as 165 workers.

When it comes to housing, the DRB has given preliminary sketch plan approval to the Hinesburg Center’s second phase, the cluster of houses and businesses off Farmall Drive. Plans call for 82 new housing units in a mix of single-family and multi-family homes and a 39-unit apartment building with offices and businesses. The project still has two more DRB approvals and needs additional water and sewer allocations.

The Haystack Crossing project, between Route 116 and the new soccer fields, is the biggest proposed project in Hinesburg’s future. The massive residential, office and light industrial development calls for 200-plus new living units and a mix of businesses and stores. It also has sketch plan approval, but still needs additional DRB approvals and water and sewer allocations.

To connect these two developments, a new road is planned that would run parallel to Route 116, connecting Shelburne Falls Road with Charlotte Road. The aim would be to reduce traffic on Route 116 and provide a pedestrian path to the library and other businesses at CVU Corners.

There are several other projects in the works that will bring additional housing to Hinesburg’s village, including plans to grow the Meadow Mist project on the south end of the village toward a total of 23 units and plans for 18 more housing units on Mechanicsville Road.

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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 rmmarshall@hinesburg.org.

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The empty field at the corner of Riggs and 116 is the site of a proposed new manufacturing plant by NRG Systems. Workers are moving to relocate the utility poles to prepare for a sidewalk from Riggs to Commerce Street.