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Trash, Recycling Center Poised to Return to Hinesburg

BY EMMETT GARTNER,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Construction is underway near the town garage on Beecher Hill Road to rebuild Hinesburg's trash and recycling drop-off center by the end of this year.

The Chittenden Solid Waste District recently chose a contractor for the project to return the popular drop-off after it closed two years ago ahead of the new town garage construction.

District spokeswoman Michelle Morris

said the Board of Commissioners at its Sept. 25 meeting selected Stewart Construction of Essex Junction to do the work, approving a contract for no more than \$430,000.

Construction began Oct. 1 and Town Administrator Renae Marshall said she finalized a five-year lease for the site with CSWD on Oct. 9. The lease will have an option for renewal with three additional five-year renewal options after that. Under the agreement, the district will pay the

town \$1 per year for the space to run the drop-off.

Hinesburg town and waste district officials began collaborating on plans for the new drop-off center after the previous facility closed in October 2017. The process resulted in a new drop-off center to return to the same spot, designed by Lamoureux & Dickinson of Essex Junction.

The district board chose Stewart from five contractors who bid on the project, Morris said. Their

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Workers prepare for cement pour at 907 Beecher Hill Road for new CSWD drop-off center. Note Hinesburg Town garage in the background.

Restoring Our Brook Trout

Increasing Aquatic Habitat Knowledge and Stewardship in the Lewis Creek Watershed

BY KATE KELLY AND MATTHEW GORTON, LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Lewis Creek is one of Vermont's most ecologically diverse streams. With increasing habitat degradation due to river encroachment by development and roads, land use change and more extreme weather events, the Lewis Creek Association is working with Milone & MacBroom, Inc. to identify important refugia locations to conserve or re-



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Blueprint for Smart Justice

BY DAVID ZUCKERMAN, LT. GOVERNOR

In October, the American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont released its Blueprint for Smart Justice report. This in-depth report looks at the current state of Vermont's prison system. It identifies strategies to reduce the incarcerated population by 50%, increase the use of community-based alternatives and address our disproportionately high racial disparities. Previous studies have shown Vermonters overwhelmingly support criminal justice reform and believe alternatives to incarceration, like drug treatment, mental health services and restorative justice, would do more to prevent crime than longer and harsher criminal sentences.

In 2007, Vermont used a data-driven Justice Reinvestment approach to ad-

dress the state's rising prison population, reduce corrections spending and reinvest savings in strategies to improve public safety. This resulted in a nearly 30% decrease in the number of Vermonters in prison. Building on that success, in 2019 Vermont lawmakers charged the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee to continue this work.

The Justice Reinvestment II Working Group, made up of members from all three branches of state government and stakeholders (including the ACLU), are working with the Council of State Governments to review and analyze our data. Before the end of December, they will create a report for the legislature that identifies trends and proposes legislative changes that will keep Vermont moving with a smarter criminal justice system for all Vermonters.

Highlights From the Report

The report begins, "Over the past five decades, the United States has dramatically increased its reliance on the criminal legal system as a way to respond to substance use disorders, mental illness, poverty, and underfunded schools. As a result, the United States today incarcerates more people, both in absolute numbers and per capita, than any other nation in the world." Although past policies have resulted in reductions to our prison population, the number of Vermonters in prison today is still double what it was 30 years ago.

Below are some highlights from the report.

- Vermont's prisons have some of the highest racial disparities in the country. Although black people made up just 1% of our adult population in 2017, they accounted for 8% of admissions to correctional facilities. Reducing prison population by itself does little to diminish racial disparities.

- Prison admissions for violations of probation, parole and furlough are a key driver of mass incarceration in Vermont. In 2017, an estimated two out of every three prison admissions fell into this category.

- Many in Vermont's prisons are incarcerated past their minimum release date. As of September 2018, 63% of the sentenced population were incarcerated beyond their minimum sentence, by an average of just over two years.

Hinesburg Record Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Hinesburg Record will be held at the home of June Giroux at 327 Charlotte Road on Tuesday, November 12 at 6 p.m. All are welcome! The Hinesburg Record Board will meet at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, approximately 8:00 p.m.

- As of May 2019, 761 incarcerated people (nearly 1/2 of the total) were on Medication Assisted Treatment. This number is a powerful reminder of the need to expand access to alternatives to incarceration, and to make treatment for substance use disorders available to all who need it.

- In January 2019, 23% of the people incarcerated in Vermont were being held pretrial and had not been convicted of a crime. This is despite recent efforts at bail reform and may suggest we need to revisit that topic.

The report also highlights the lack of readily accessible criminal justice data in Vermont as a major barrier to addressing racial and geographic disparities.

Read the full Blueprint Report at aclvt.org/en/blueprint-smart-justice.


Welch Unveils Legislation to Boost International Visits to Vermont

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Oct. 11, with the bustling Stowe Foliage Arts Festival as a backdrop, Rep. Peter Welch unveiled legislation he is championing in Congress to boost international tourism to Vermont. Welch made the announcement at Top Notch during a roundtable discussion with leaders of Vermont's travel and tourism industry.


Welch's legislation, co-authored by Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.), would renew and fully fund the Brand USA program, a public-private partnership that promotes Vermont and other states to international tourists. The program is funded at no cost to taxpayers through a fee on international visitors.

"The travel and tourism industry is a key



The Hinesburg Business & Professional Association (HBPA) will hold its annual Holiday Mixer from **5:30-8:00 p.m. on December 5th** at the Parkside Café. Appetizers, cash bar and give-aways to benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf and AED (defibrillator) fund.

More info at hbpavt.com, info@hbpavt.com or 777-0369.


Hinesburg Business & Professional Association
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driver of Vermont's economy," said Welch. "Promoting Vermont as a four-season destination to international visitors will create local jobs and boost the economy in every corner of our beautiful state. My legislation renews the successful Brand USA international marketing program and locks in a stable funding source that will advance Vermont's reputation as a world-class tourism destination."

"The tourism industry is the heartbeat of the Vermont brand," said Amy Spear, vice president of tourism for the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. "The renewal of the Brand USA program will bolster our international tourism marketing efforts to ensure a thriving industry in an ever-increasing global market."

The Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2019 (H.R. 3851) would reauthorize Brand USA through 2027. In addition, it fixes a funding glitch that is threatening the successful program's existence. Specifically, a 2018 budget deal diverted its funding source to other programs. The Welch-Bilirakis bill creates a stable, long-term funding source by increasing the international visitor user fee used to partially fund the program.

Brand USA has a strong track record of attracting international visitors to the United States. In 2018 alone, its marketing program brought 1.13 million international visitors to the United States, generating an economic impact of \$8.9 billion. According to the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, more than 700,000 international visitors spend about \$175 million in Vermont each year.

Welch convened the Stowe roundtable to hear from Vermont's stakeholders in the travel and tourism industry about the opportunities and challenges they face.

CSWD

Fall Leaf Collection and Drop-Off Info

It's officially fall, and leaves are in full gear launching themselves from the treetops and into your yard. And those once-glorious gardens — they're starting to look a little scraggly, right? Here's what to do with all those heaps of leaves and garden debris.

Acceptable items: non-woody leaf, garden and yard debris only. No plastic bags, branches, rocks, sod, trash or pumpkins.

Essex Drop-Off Center

Special hours for leaf drop-off only:

Sunday, Nov. 10 and 17: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

(also open regular Saturday hours 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

South Burlington Drop-Off Center

Special hours for leaf drop-off only:

Sunday, Nov. 10 and 17: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

(also open regular Saturday hours 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Green Mountain Compost (Williston)

Special hours for leaf drop-off only:

Saturday, Nov. 2: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 and 10: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16 and 17: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Year-Round Facilities

Green Mountain Compost (1042 Redmond Road, Williston, Vermont 05495): This is the best place to bring leaves and yard waste; virtually all leaves collected in Chittenden County find their way here to be made into Green Mountain Compost products! Dumping mechanisms allowed.

CSWD Drop-Off Centers: Leaves are accepted at no charge at all DOC locations (Burlington, Essex, Milton, Richmond, South Burlington and Williston). Limits apply. Note: Williston is the only DOC that allows dumping mechanisms for leaves.

McNeil Wood & Yard Waste Depot (111 Intervale Road, Burlington, Vermont 05401): Limit: Up to six cubic yards. Dumping mechanisms allowed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Police

Incidents

Sept. 14

9:15 p.m. An officer was called to Hillview Terrace where a verbal warning was issued for burning brush without a burn permit.

Sept. 15

11:37 a.m. An abandoned vehicle was reported on Richmond Road.

Sept. 16

4:30 p.m. A residential alarm activation was investigated on Lewis Creek Road.

Sept. 17

9:13 a.m. A police presence was requested at the Hinesburg Community School to assist with a juvenile problem.

Sept. 19

9:55 p.m. A traffic stop involving speed was conducted on Charlotte Road. The operator was cited for DUI.

Sept. 20

8:30 a.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road for the report of a two-motor vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

Sept. 20

11:40 p.m. An officer responded to a noise disturbance in the area of North Road and Hillview Terrace.

Sept. 21

8:10 p.m. Officers responded to Shelburne Falls Road for a verbal altercation.

Sept. 23

9 a.m. An officer investigated property damage reported at Kelly's Field.

1:47 p.m. An officer responded to Wile Street for a citizen dispute.

Sept. 25

11:43 a.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Shelburne Falls Road was investigated.

Sept. 27

12:30 p.m. A theft was reported from a farm stand on Route 116.

6:57 p.m. Officers responded to Mead Farm Road for a citizen dispute.

7:30 p.m. An officer responded to the report of erratic operation of a vehicle on North Road.

9 p.m. Officers responded to Pond Road for an intoxicated individual.

Sept. 30

8:45 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a locked vehicle on Ballard's Corner Road.

Oct. 1

11:20 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Richmond Road. No injuries were reported.

6:40 p.m. An officer served a subpoena on behalf of another agency on Wile Street.

Oct. 2

9:25 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Richmond Road. The operator was arrested for excessive speed.

9:55 p.m. An officer conducted a welfare check on Birchwood Drive.

Oct. 4

7:07 p.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road for a motor vehicle

crash involving a deer. The occupants of the vehicle were not injured.

8:23 p.m. Officers responded to Hawk Lane for a citizen dispute.

Oct. 5

4:42 p.m. Officers responded to the area of Lavigne Hill Road and Buck Hill West for the report of two lost juveniles.

Oct. 7

6:50 a.m. An officer responded to the intersection of Route 116 and CVU Road for the report of a two-motor vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

3:55 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 and CVU Road for a crash involving a single motor vehicle and a pedestrian. Minor injuries were reported.

Oct. 9

10:25 a.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for a citizen dispute.

Oct. 10

8:21 a.m. Suspicious circumstances were reported on Richmond Road.

7:45 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle lockout at Haystack Road.

Oct. 11

5:30 p.m. A theft was investigated on Route 116.

10 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116 near Gilman Road. The operator was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 14

9:45 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Mechanicsville Road.

Oct. 15

7 p.m. Property stolen from a motor vehicle on Route 116 was reported.

10 p.m. Suspicious activity was reported on Hayden Hill West. Investigation revealed garbage had been dumped in the woods.

Oct. 16

7:40 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle lockout at CVU.

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Annual Police/ Fire Food Drive

The annul Hinesburg Police/Fire Departments food drive to benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf will be Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food and donations may be dropped off at the fire station or Lantman's Market.

This year we are putting a challenge out to the community to break the record of 2,100 pounds of food donations. Let's get out there and support this important town program!

Craft Fair

The Hinesburg Firemen's Association will be having a second Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hinesburg Fire Station. A food concession will be provided by the members of the Hinesburg Fire Department.

HFD Visits HCS

On Monday Sept. 30, Engine 1 and Med 100 were parked in front of Hinesburg Community School for the day. No, it wasn't for a fire alarm or drill. It was our annual visit with kindergarten and grades 1 and 2.

The day started with an assembly where we discussed stop, drop, cover and roll; what to do when an alarm goes off; having two exits; and a safe meeting place. A firefighter then dons his fire gear, explaining each piece and showing the items we carry in our pockets. Once the gear is fully and properly on, we then don our air mask and self-contained breathing apparatus. As the children see, we look much different with everything on. With the built-in speaker sys-



HFD visits Hinesburg Central School



tem on the mask and SCBA, not only can our breathing be heard, but we sound much different.

We practice calling out "Fire department. Is anyone here?" To which we expect the response "I am over here!" This is done a few times to teach the children this is one time they are allowed to yell so we can hear them.

As the firefighter removed his equipment, Chief Barber showed the different layers of the coat and bunker pants, explaining how they keep us safe. He showed how, in an emergency, there is a hidden strap that another firefighter can access and drag the injured firefighter out of the building.

The rest of the day was spent outside as classes took turns seeing the Engine 1, Med 100 and the equipment we carry. The pump panel which controls the flow of water was explained, the Jaws of Life and cutters were demonstrated and the equipment in each compartment mentioned. The demonstration ended with each class working together to hold a fire hose, each student taking a turn opening and closing the nozzle, spraying a little water.

What's Next for the Ambulance Service?

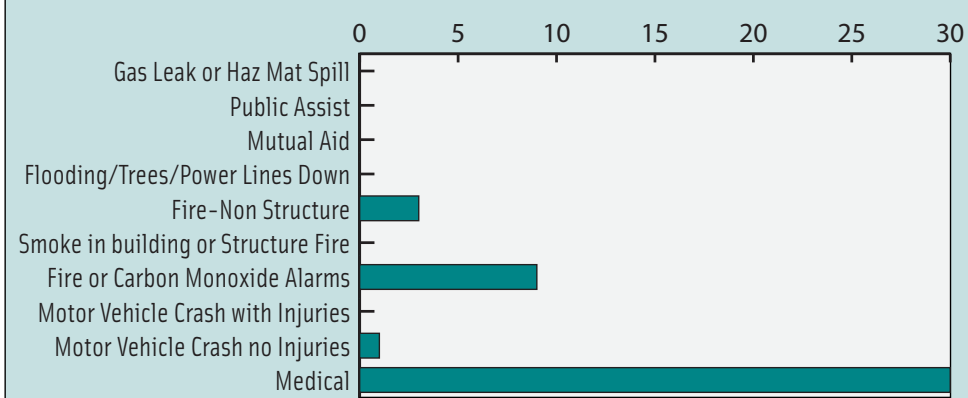
BY AL BARBER, FIRE CHIEF

I would like to share with you what the department envisions for an ambulance service. As noted in last month's article, we are putting into the budget for a full-time, daytime firefighter/EMS-certified person to cover the work which we are unable to complete currently and respond to EMS emergency calls. Lately we have had no EMS coverage during some daytime calls resulting in 15-20-minute waits for someone in need of help, which is a really serious situation. If we get first responders on the scene quickly — regardless of which ambulance we are waiting for (all mutual aid ambulances have about the same average response time) — we can give immediate care and help stabilize the person until transport arrives.

We envision using the full-time day person and a part-time employee to start during the day to respond to EMS and minor fire calls. If the crew is on an ambulance run, we would still have volunteers available to first respond like our police department members and any other members in town until they return. During the night we would still have our usual volunteer cadre to respond with the ambulance. Currently we have first responders, when we move to an ambulance service, they become known as jumpers. They will be the same people with the same training, just a different title. Our training will continue to meet state and national standards as it does today but we will be able to continue our quality care all the way to the hospital.

With the single employee we will not be able to completely offset the costs related to that position. The offset would be achieved thru billing for car crashes and other billable work. If we have an ambulance, we will be able to offset much more of the cost of those positions through billing of insurance companies for those transported. We are fortunate that we have two exceptional benefactors in town:

HFD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, SEPTEMBER 2019



Graph data supplied by Eric Spivack

HFD responded to 43 calls in September.

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

Terry Wilson and Nancy Annisfeld who have pledged to buy our first ambulance. We know that this is a big step forward for the community but this is a necessary step forward for a growing community and one that very achievable.

There has been such a hubbub about regionalization at some of the meetings around the ambulance. We have been regionalized in the fire service since it was formed in 1943, we have been regionalized in the EMS world since Saint Michael's started service to us in 1969. We have been regionalized as a first response squad since 1999 when we were licensed. We are regionalized in training and staffing of ambulance services. Currently you can see a person working one day in one community and the next day they'll be in a different community. We have regionalized dispatch service in Shelburne. We have regionalized standards of care through the national and state EMS office as well as the local EMS District 3 ambulance district, what we don't have is regionalized financial costs. We don't have an ambulance radiologically available to everyone because of the numbers of calls and the overlapping calls. Because we have an ambulance, we are actually a burden to the regional ambulance system. We already share many things through regionalization but the one thing that is not practical to share is the physical ambulance. Sure, we can contract it to other services but you have no guarantee that it will be available when needed and you just paid thousands of dollars for nothing, plus you have no local control of the quality of service or timeliness of that service.

The fire department has always tried to be proactive to ensure the community received the biggest bang for the bucks spent. When you begin to become reactive, you lose proactiveness as a result, and things that should have been planned for but weren't cost much more money. As growth begins in the Haystack Crossing area, we are trying to be proactive. Yes, we will need full-time staff, we need that today, hence the three-year warning that it was coming. We didn't have quite the same lead time on the ambulance, but the department has realized for the last two years that an ambulance was going to be needed, especially with the building of elderly housing and a large block of new housing. We also know that we will need a new station to provide the services needed as well as different equipment for all of this, so please take note of this warning. There are impact fees to help offset the cost, but it will come in incrementally.

Your Support Is Needed

The fire department in Hinesburg is invisible most of the time in town. We aren't out patrolling the highways like the police department or out repairing road or plowing snow like the highway department; we only come out when someone has an emergency. We have a very low profile for the most part, which I think in many ways hurts our credibility. You only hear from us if you, your family member or a neighbor has an emergency. We try to be very self-sufficient doing fundraising for equipment and not asking much of tax payers over the years. Having said that, I think there is also a very small but vocal group that doesn't have any trust in what we say or propose as a department, which harms the whole community and alienates volunteers, many times actually harming the community. The department works as a group, not individuals, we work as a group to decide on what will work best for the community both logically and fiscally.

Please speak up for your volunteers, please support us as we are trying to support you in your time of need. Please contact your selectboard members and rally behind our ambulance proposal. For us to help you, you need to help us.

Thank you for your support.

WOKO Fall Classic

On Sept. 8, WOKO held their annual Fall Classic at the Cedar Knoll Country Club. This event raises funds for local organizations, one of which is the Hinesburg Firemen's Association.

We would like to thank WOKO, Hall Communications, Green Mountain Solar and the teams which participate for their support of local organizations.



Katie Sexton of Hall Communications and Paul Lesure of Green Mountain Solar presented the association with a check for \$1,875.

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Change the Clock, Change the Batteries

It is almost that time when we fall back an hour. Please be sure to change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, testing them after you do. Detectors with a date of 2014 and earlier should be replaced.

If your alarm gives a single intermittent chirp, it is signaling that the battery needs to be replaced. Some alarms that have a digital readout will also indicate low battery.

Please remember, if it is not the low battery alarm, call 911 and get out. Please do NOT open windows and doors as this prevents us from finding the source of the carbon monoxide, if any.

Annual Banquet

On Saturday, Oct. 19, the Firemen's Association held our annual banquet at Cedar Knoll Country Club. This is a chance for members and significant others to get together for a fun evening away from the station.

This year we congratulate and thank Andrew Driver, Rob Iandoli, John Titus, Kathleen Shea and Silas Crawford for five years of service; Lucas Charbonneau and Andrew Giroux for 10 years; Phil Stolz for 15 years; Ed Waite for 20 years; and

Randy Thompson for 35 years. Chief Al Barber reached three milestones. He has 50 years in the fire service, 40 years with Hinesburg Fire and 20 years as Hinesburg fire chief. Diane Barber was presented an engraved vase and flowers thanking her for her many years of support. A special presentation was made to David Estey by the department and his family in recognition of 50 years in the fire service.

There are two awards presented which are decided by secret ballot of the members of the fire department. The ballots are collected and counted by an independent person. This person is the only one who knows the ballot results until the awards are presented at the banquet. These awards are in recognition of persons who their fellow members feel performed above and beyond. This year, Harrison Mead was presented with the Beyond the Call and Liam Benshmer was presented with First Responder of the Year.

The officers presented Matt Rivers with Rookie of the Year and the Chief's Award was presented to Harrison Mead.

Saint Michael's Rescue Service was honored and presented a plaque for their 50 years of service to the residents of Hinesburg and St. George.

W.E. Aubuchon Company and the Hinesburg Aubuchon Hardware were presented plaques for their support of the Hinesburg Fire Department.

The Firemen's Association Presidents Award were presented to Veronica Estey for her work on the Class A uniforms and Katie Charbonneau for her work to promote and plan CPR Day and fundraising for community AEDs.

Business

New Local Cut Your Own Christmas Tree Option

BY ANDY ALDRICH

The Aldrich Tree Farm is pleased to announce the opening of a new choose and cut Christmas tree farm at 2370 Dugway Road, Richmond, Vermont 05477. Hours will be Monday through Friday from noon to dusk, Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to dusk. Open the day after Thanksgiving and continuing through Christmas Eve. (Nov. 29 to Dec. 24). Cash and credit card are accepted.

For more information, go to aldrich-christmastreefarm.com.

We are a proud supporter of Trees for Troops, treesfortroops.org.

Employment Opportunity

SCHIP PRESS RELEASE

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schipstore@myfairpoint.net or call the shop at 802-985-3595.

30th Annual Women's Festival of Crafts

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Buy locally for the holiday season! Shop at over 55 artisans' booths — including Hinesburg artist Lori Yarrow — to find just the right handmade jewelry, art-work, pottery, greeting cards, clothing, recycled and upcycled art, housewares, herbal products, and so much more at the 30th Annual Women's Festival of Crafts. "While we sell our craft, it's also a great chance for mentorship as more established artists can partner with brand-new ones" said organizer Moe O'Hara of recycle moe. The Women's Festival of Crafts will be held on all three floors of Burlington City Hall at 149 Church Street on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, please check the website at womensfestivalofcrafts.com. The event is free and open to the public.



The 30th Annual Women's Festival of Crafts will be on Dec. 1.

VBM Recognizes Vermont's Rising Stars Class of 2019

Outstanding Young Leaders Chosen for Contributions to the Vermont Economy and Their Community

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont Business Magazine is proud to announce the winners of its Rising Stars recognition award. The list is comprised of 40 winners under the age of 40. Award recipients were selected by a panel of judges for their commitment to business growth, professional excellence and involvement in their communities.

"We are thrilled by the response to this initiative to recognize these up-and-coming leaders, this is our tenth year" said VBM Publisher John Boutin. "We received over 240 outstanding nominations this year. The five judges had a difficult time picking the top 40. These young professionals have chosen to make Vermont home. For these young professionals it's not just about business. It's about them making a difference in their communities," Boutin said.

Vermont Business Magazine will honor Vermont's most accomplished young leaders at the Rising Stars dinner on Nov. 7. The dinner will be held at the Delta Hotel in South Burlington. The honorees will also be featured in the November issue of Vermont Business Magazine.

Fast facts: Of the 40 honorees, there are 15 men and 25 women. There are 15 from Chittenden County, eight from Windham County, seven from Rutland County, three from Bennington County, two from Caledonia County, one from Washington County, one from Lamoille County, one from Franklin County, one from Addison County and one from Orange County. The average age of the honorees is 33 years old. The oldest is 39 and the youngest is 25 years old.

Winners of the Rising Stars recognition award include Julia Fields of Hinesburg, Birnn Chocolates of Vermont; and Malimu Dhoor of Charlotte, Sudanese Foundation of Vermont Inc.

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TaeKwon Do KICKS Hosts Women's Business Owners and Crafters Expo

BY KELLIE THOMAS

TaeKwon Do KICKS, which has locations in Hinesburg, Middlebury, Vergennes, Orwell and Shoreham, is hosting its Fourth Annual Local Women's Business Owners and Crafters Expo on Sunday, Nov. 3 at Vergennes Eagle's Club. Master Kellie Thomas is a local women's business owner and strives to empower her students and community, so this event serves as a way to help and support other local women business owners.

More than 40 vendors will be present, including: 3 Little Ladies Design; BellaRose Organic Body; Black Sheep Crafts; Bluebird Fairies; Boots, Class & Sass; Breathing in Wellness; Color Street; Cotey C Creations; DianneZ Designs; Discovery Toys; Dot Dot Smile; Kelly Dragon Nature Photos; KW Vermont Real Estate; Lea Cassidy Photography; Lizard Art; LuLaRoe Lazy River; Magnabilities; Mary Kay; Meg's Glass; Opulenza Designs; Pampered Chef; Paparazzi; Perfectly Posh; Premier Jewelry Designs; Pure Romance; Scentsy; Sew Whimsy; Sugar Maple Jewelry; The Venerable Bead; Trades of Hope; Tupperware; Usbourne Books; Vermont Green Meadows; Vermont Jewelry Creations by Lisa; Zen Dreamscape and more. Vendors will also have raffle donations.

The door fee is \$3, which includes 5 raffle tickets. Proceeds to support TaeKwon Do KICKS scholarship fund. For more information, please call Master Kellie Thomas at 802-377-0476 or email tkdkicks101@yahoo.com.

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Recreation

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Register for classes at hinesburgrec.com

Hinesburg Recreation Youth Basketball

The youth basketball program is for grades K-6 and held in the HCS gym. K-2 coed focus on skills and play in-house, age-appropriate "scrimmages" at stations. Grades 3-6 have one midweek practice and play home and away games within the greater Burlington area through Champlain Valley Recreation Association Jan. 4 through Feb. 15, 2020.

Kindergarten and grade 1 co-eds: Saturdays 8-9 a.m.

Grade 2 co-eds: Saturdays 9-10 a.m.

Grade 3 and 4 boys: Saturdays 10-11:15 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

Grade 3 and 4 girls: Saturdays 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

Grade 5 and 6 boys: Saturdays 12:30-1:45 p.m. and Thursdays 6:30-8 p.m.

Grade 5 and 6 girls: Saturdays 1:45-3 p.m. and Mondays 6:30-8 p.m.

Dates: Dec. 7 to Feb. 8 (K-2 grade), Dec. 7 to Feb. 15 (3-6 grade). **Cost:** early incentive rate of \$45 by Nov. 15 and \$55 after. Deadline is Nov. 29. Please contact Hinesburg Recreation Department if you're interested in coaching or assisting. A volunteer form must be completed prior to the start of the season.

Please note that practice times are proposed and subject to change due to coaches' schedules. If there are changes, you will be notified via email. No practices/games when HCS is not in session. For questions, contact HRD at

hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 802-482-2281 ext. 230.

Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple

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

Who: grades one-four. **When:** Session 1: Wed. Jan. 15-Feb. 19 (six classes). Session 2: Wed. March 11-April 15 (six classes). **Where:** Art Room. **Time:** 2:45-4:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$120. **Maximum:** 10.

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

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one date that works best for your child. Register with the town offering the program.

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

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

GroupFIT 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. We will be outside on the CVU track into the fall as long as the daylight allows. Afterward, we'll return inside the Town Hall.

Where: Hinesburg Town Hall main room. **When:** Dec. 3 to March 12 (no class on Dec. 24, 26 or 31, Feb. 25 and 27). **Time:** 6-6:50 a.m. **Cost:** \$299 per session.

Snowmobile Safety

This course provides the opportunity to earn the certification necessary to legally operate on Vermont's Statewide Snowmobile Trails System. Participants must be present for all classes in order to be eligible for certification. Vermont State law requires that all Vermont snowmobile operators born after July 1, 1983 must take and pass a state approved snowmobile safety course.

Who: Ages 8 years and up. **When:** Dec.

2, 3 and 4. **Where:** Williston Central School. **Time:** 6-8 p.m. **Cost:** is \$15 for residents / \$20 nonresidents.

Please note, enter Williston Central School through the after-hours entrance on the west side of the building. A recreation staff person will meet you on the first night in the hallway to check you in and show you to the program.

Driver Education

Kevin Browne offers this class for students pursuing their driver's license. Students must have their 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 have the option to take a bus that will drop them at the Hinesburg Town Hall.

Where: main room at Town Hall. **When:** March 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26, 30, April 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9. **Time:** 4-6 p.m. **Cost:** \$700. **Maximum:** 25 students. Register online, but checks are payable to Kevin Browne and due to HRD by Feb. 20.

Family Play Group

This playgroup is for children from birth to five years old and their adult companion. You can count on toys, books, songs, activities, projects, snacks and friendships. Start recreation at an early age and connect with other new parents and the community. This is FREE and FRIENDLY! No registration is necessary. Come play, sing and make new friends.

When: Wednesdays, Sept. 4-June 10 following the school calendar. **Where:** main room at Town Hall. **Time:** 10-11:30 a.m. For more information, find us on Facebook at "Friends of Families."

Library

Library Hours Year-Round

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

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

Phone: 802-482-2878

Address: 69 Ballard's Corner Road, Hinesburg 05461

Website: carpentercarse.org

Email: library@carpentercarse.org

Library Calendar

Live Music: Jam With the Song Farmers of Hinesburg

Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m.

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

Mystery Book Group

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

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


Fall Book Group

"How to Break Up with Your Phone: The 30-Day Plan to Take Back Your Life" by Catherine Price
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

It is not too late to join in with this book group! Local media literacy educator and mom, Suzie McCoy, will lead group meetings and discussions on this timely book which is perhaps more aptly titled, "How to Have a More Mindful Relationship with Your Phone."

Is your phone the first thing you reach for in the morning and the last thing you touch before bed? Do you frequently pick it up "just to check," only to look up 45 minutes later wondering where the time has gone? Do you say you want to spend less time on your phone, but have no idea how to do so without giving it up completely? If so, you're not alone!

We'll discover how phones and apps are designed to be addictive, and learn how the time we spend on them damages our ability to focus, think deeply and form new memories. We'll then make custom-

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Hinesburg

Wednesday, November 6 • 6:30pm

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More details at: buttonupvermont.org/hinesburg

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Thursday, November 14 • 6:30pm

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ized changes to settings, apps, environment and our mindset that will ultimately enable us to take back control of our lives. Please join us and feel good about your phone!

Please email Jill or call 802-482-2878 to sign up for the group and reserve a book.

Autumn Centerpieces**Friday, Nov. 15, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Flower designer Betsy Orvis of Rock Meadow Farm will be your guide during this fun fall workshop. Choose from a variety of seasonal materials (many grown by Betsy!) to create a pumpkin centerpiece perfect for your own Thanksgiving table or to bring to your host. Light snacks and drinks will be served.

A materials fee of \$15 is payable to Carpenter-Carse Library upon registra-

tion. Please email jill@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878 to sign up.

Saturday Storytime**Saturday, Nov. 16, 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.

Bees Besieged: A History of Beekeeping**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.**

"The bees are the color; everything else is black and white." Kirk Webster, Bridport beekeeper.

Beekeeping goes back 10,000 years, but bees have been much in the news recently as a multipronged scourge has devastated many of the nation's 2.5 million colonies. Meanwhile, hobby beekeeping has grown exponentially in the country. Bill Mares, writer and a beekeeper for 45 years, will tell of the ori-

gins and evolution of beekeeping, sometimes referred to as "farming for intellectuals," with a particular emphasis on his research in Vermont.

A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Carpenter-Carse Library.

Supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Vermont Humanities Council. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the NEH or VHC.

Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring**Saturday, Nov. 23, 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.

Thanksgiving Break Movie!**Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1 p.m.**

Join us in the Community Room for snacks and a family-friendly, live-action movie about a genie, a magic lamp and an unlikely hero. Open to children of all ages. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Call 802-482-2878 for more details.

Weekly Programming**Hands and Needles****Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon.**

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

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

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

Afterschool Book and Activity Group**Tuesdays, Nov. 5, 12, and 19, 2-3:15 p.m.**

Join us for hot chocolate, snacks and

book discussion! Children ages 11-13 gather to read and discuss a short Thanksgiving chapter book and discuss ways we can express gratitude for people in our community. The last session (Nov. 19) will be dedicated to completing group craft projects for these community members. Sign up for the waiting list by emailing jen@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878 or stop in at the library.

Youngster Movement and Music**Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14, and 21, 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 snack. All are welcome; free.

Tech Time

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

Experiencing a problem with your laptop or personal digital device? Need help downloading an app or podcast? Need a hand figuring out how to log in to your library account? Bring your questions and your device (or use our computers) and we will do our best to troubleshoot with you. Call the library or email Richard at richard@carpentercarse.org to reserve a spot.

Sharpen Your Office Skills With Charleen**Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20, 2-4 p.m.**

Need to work on a resume? Looking to learn how to make Microsoft Office Programs like Word, Excel and Publisher make your life easier? Just want help learning how to use a computer more skillfully? We have a new volunteer, Charleen, who is taking appointments and also has open office hours on Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. If you have a specific project you are looking for help on, you can contact her directly: gal-fridayvt@gmail.com Call the library or stop in to sign up for a spot.

► Recycling Center

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proposal specifically demonstrated "an excellent understanding of the needs of the project, project management and an efficient workflow plan," she said.

Stewart's initial estimate put the project cost at \$424,215, including an added option for a solar array for \$12,915, according to CSWD Executive Director Sarah Reeves.

Plans for the center include an attendant booth, two compactors and a roll-off for overflow recycling. A special waste building will be built for containers to collect electronics, batteries, waste oil and food waste.

The district will also periodically provide its "Rover" for the collection of hazardous waste.

The new design will not have room to collect some of the large items previously accepted at the drop-off such as scrap metal, large appliances and tires.

Hinesburg has a full-time scrap metal operation at Burnett Scrap Metals that waste district officials consider a good option. Other large items are accepted at other district facilities in South Burlington or Williston.

District officials said they also expect to schedule single-material collection events for tires, appliances or other special items not regularly handled at the drop-off.

Parking at the updated center was designed so people could drop off a variety of materials without having to move their vehicles. The new plans have room for 19 parking spots compared to 13 spots previously. That should make visits go more smoothly and significantly decrease wait times, said town Development Review Coordinator Mitchel Cypes.

Residents of any of the waste district's member communities may use the drop-off. The previous center was popular with Hinesburg residents along with us-

ers from nearby St. George, Huntington, Charlotte and Shelburne, officials said.

The construction contract calls for the new center to be built within 90 days. Work on both this project this fall and the previous construction at the new town garage have been designed to minimize impacts on the environment, particularly the Beecher Hill Brook.

► Brook Trout

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store Lewis Creek's brook trout fishery. Refugia are pools of cooler water temperatures within streams, which enable brook trout and other cold-water species to survive periods of higher temperatures during the summer. Refugia can be preserved by leaving logs and other structures in streams, by allowing floodplains and backwaters to exist, and by maintaining riparian shading. These refugia will become especially important with increasing temperatures due to climate change.

The garage and drop-off site are adjacent to Beecher Hill Brook where a restoration project is underway funded through a state grant obtained by the Lewis Creek Association.

Marshall said Stewart will coordinate with the contractor for the restoration project, Milone & MacBroom, so that neither effort gets in the other's way.

This project will build on previous work conducted by LCA, and in the process, will inform and educate community members in the Lewis Creek watershed. Community members and volunteers will be invited to attend a field trip where they will learn about stream ecology and how to protect stream fish and wildlife habitat, even in the face of climate change. This project will help promote community interest in the long-term stewardship of Lewis Creek due in part to the increased knowledge gained by community members.

LCA is committed to improving the quality of fish and wildlife habitat through-

"We'll have good communication going forward and we'll be able to navigate the two construction projects," she said.

Community News Service is a collaboration with the University of Vermont's Reporting & Documentary Storytelling program.



Lewis Creek with riparian shading.

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Education

CVSD Budget Meetings

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

The Champlain Valley School District invites all community members to the CVSD budget meetings. The CVSD school board encourages you to get involved and share what's on your mind as we begin the budget process for the 2020-2021 school year. You are invited to attend all budget meetings. Details can be found on the district website: cvsdvt.org/budget.

Nov. 19: Special Ed

Dec. 3: Instructional Program

Dec. 17: Operations and Maintenance

Jan. 7, 2020: Summary and tax implications

Jan. 21, 2020: Final Approval of Warnings

All events take place at CVU at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted and will be streamed live thanks to Regional Educational Television Network.

Feel free to get in touch with the school board at any time at cvsdboard@cvsdvt.org.

HNS Benefit Dinner

BY CATHERINE HANS

The Hinesburg Nursery School is hosting a Family Night Fundraiser at Papa Nick's Restaurant on Nov. 14, from 4 p.m. to closing. During that time, 20% of the evening's proceeds will go toward our playground redesign. On-site raffle items include a sleigh ride and Christmas tree from the Russell Farm, Thanksgiving turkey or gift card from Lantman's and more. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or five for \$20.

Child Find Notice

Champlain Valley School District (Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston)

FROM CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Champlain Valley School District is required by federal law to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities. The process of locating, identifying and evaluating children with disabilities is known as child find.

Champlain Valley School District schools conduct kindergarten screening each spring, but parents may call to make an appointment to discuss their concerns at any time. As the school district of residence, CVSD has the responsibility to identify and provide services to any child with special needs who may require special education and related

services in order to access and benefit from public education.

If you have, or know of any CVSD resident who has a child with a disability under the age of 21 or a child who attends a private school located in the Vermont towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George or Williston, we would like to hear from you. Sometimes parents are unaware that special education services are available to their children.

Please contact the school principals (Charlotte Central School at 802-425-2771, Hinesburg Community School at 802-482-2106, Shelburne Community School at 802-985-3331, Williston Central/Allen Brook Schools at 802-878-2762) or Director of Student Support Services Meagan Roy at 802-383-1234 or mroy@cvsdvt.org.

Annette's Preschool Brings a Forest Preschool to Hinesburg

BY MEAGHAN LONG, PRE-K TEACHER

It's not a mystery to families and other grownups that kids of all ages learn better and feel better after exploring nature in the outdoors. Freed from the confines of classroom walls, children flourish when they can play and observe without limitations of space and traditionally scheduled time. Anecdotal experiences for seasoned preschool teachers reinforce educational research that suggests children are happier and more attentive when outdoors, grow in their confidence, increase creativity and imagination, learn responsibility, get physically moving and learn how to think differently about their natural surroundings and the living things in it. Following a vision for a more nature-based learning experience (plus the fact that Vermont has an abundance of outdoors), it was not a difficult decision for Annette's Preschool in Hinesburg to support a teacher-led initiative to roll out two full weeks of Forest School during this summer in the little woods at the north end of campus.

During these weeks, rising kindergarteners spent their entire day outdoors in the little woods — a wooded area located within the preschool's three acres — from drop-off to pick-up, including lunch and quiet time! Spending the entire day outside gave campers the time and opportunity to truly live in the wild and enhance their relationship with the natural world by engaging in sensory hikes, going on nature scavenger hunts and building fairy houses. Campers learned environmental advocacy by engaging in conversations about taking care of Mother Nature as she takes care of us, while encouraging family members and friends to do the same! They learned how to use natural materials for play by creating colored paint with mud and making salt dough self-portraits on trees. Children learned safe ways to

play, carry, poke, reach and build with sticks of all sizes, and develop play stories with them where the children were the main characters.

So what did each camper think? One described it as, "the most exciting week I've had in my life." Campers reported feeling strong and empowered after taking part in these activities, with some kiddos saying they were "happy they could heal the earth after it has been sick." "We are a high-quality early childhood education program and we are putting nature at the heart of the program," said Andrea Sambrook, director of Annette's Preschool. "We are committed to supporting the developmental goals of early childhood through experiences with nature, and to help our children care about the natural world and foster empathy for each other as well."

To further support teachers' professional development in this area, Annette's Preschool teachers attended the three-day 2019 Natural Start Alliance conference in Manchester, New Hampshire in August. "This was a transformative opportunity for all of our teachers to learn from hands-on workshops with nature educators about stories, tools, fire and ecology as well as take part in six site tours to other nature-based programs in New England," Sambrook added. Annette's Preschool intends to extend its nature-based curriculum to their infant, toddler and preschool programs and to expand the outdoor classroom in the little woods for year-round play. If you have any questions, they can be reached at 802-482-2525.

Joyful giggles, dirty hands and curious minds filled the little woods behind Annette's Preschool during the early summer days of Forest Preschool.

Seniors Encouraged to Apply for Comcast NBCUniversal Scholarship

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Comcast NBCUniversal is pleased to invite high school seniors to apply for the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program, which recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding community service, exceptional academic performance and strong leadership skills. The award, funded by the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation, is a one-time, \$2,500 scholarship to be used toward undergraduate education-related expenses.

Since 2001, Comcast NBCUniversal has awarded more than \$33 million in scholarships to approximately 30,000 students across the country to help them pursue higher education. Over the last five years, more than 60 students in Vermont have benefited from receiving Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarships, totaling more than \$100,000, to attend University of Vermont, College of St. Joseph, Boston University, Clemson University and dozens of other higher education institutions.

"We believe in developing the next gen-

eration of leaders, and that starts with excelling in the classroom as well as making a positive impact in communities," said Dennis Mathews, senior vice president of Comcast's Western New England Region, which includes Vermont. "We look forward to seeing the incredible caliber of applicants and another great year of recognizing our Leaders and Achievers scholars."

High school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply for the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship. If you wish to learn more about the program, please visit the application website at comcastleadersandachieversscholarship.com. Please direct all email inquiries to leadersandachievers@scholarshipamerica.org or call 800-537-4180. **The application deadline is Friday, Dec. 6** at 5 p.m. EST.

Applicants to the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program must:

- Have a demonstrated commitment to community service, outstanding qualities in character, integrity and leadership.
- Reside in a community served by Comcast or participating NBCUniversal or Telemundo markets. Eligibility will be determined by zip code in the online application.
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2020-2021 academic year.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Be enrolled as a high school senior.
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VSAC Makes Getting All Your Financial Aid as Easy As 1-2-3

The FAFSA, Vermont State Grant — and Now VSAC Scholarships — Are Available Now

FROM VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORP PRESS RELEASE

Financial aid season opened Oct. 1 and filing your applications now will put you in the driver's seat when planning for your education and training after high school.

Once you file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid and Vermont State Grant applications, you'll know what free financial aid you can expect. Financially eligible Vermonters could get as much as \$8,000 — enough to go to the Community College of Vermont tuition free!

Step 1 is the FAFSA. It's online and straightforward to complete — for most people, it takes about 30 minutes.

"The FAFSA is the key, literally the gateway, to all financial aid — federal Pell grants, the Vermont State Grant, many scholarships, institutional aid, work-study programs and federal loans," said Marilyn Cargill, vice president of financial aid services at Vermont Student Assistance Corp. "If you decide not to

fill out the FAFSA, you are very likely going to overpay for your education. Or you may choose not to go, which could be an even bigger, more expensive mistake."

Step 2 is the Vermont State Grant. Once you finish your FAFSA, you can link to vsac.org where you can complete a handful of additional questions to apply for a Vermont State Grant.

Step 3 is applying for any (or all!) of the 150 scholarships for Vermonters, administered by VSAC. Last year, over 3,100 Vermonters received \$5.4 million to continue their studies. A complete list of scholarships and the application are available online at vsac.org.

"When it comes to applying for financial aid, VSAC's got you covered," Cargill said. VSAC hosts financial aid forms workshops in over 50 high schools during October and November; a schedule can be found at vsac.org.

FAFSA Fridays are back, too, where families can call or make an appointment with a VSAC counselor for individual assistance. Call 833-802-VSAC for more information.

Vermont wants to see 65% of high school seniors complete a FAFSA this year, Cargill said. "When it comes to financial aid for education and training after high school, the sooner you file the better."

Need more reasons to file a FAFSA? Check out these incentives:

• If you fill out the FAFSA before Dec. 31, seven Vermont colleges have an extra incentive — an additional \$1,000 FAFSA scholarship drawing when you apply to and then attend one of these schools: Castleton University, Community College of Vermont, Northern Vermont University, Norwich University, Sterling College, University of Vermont and Vermont Technical College.

• VSAC also urges students to complete a FAFSA now to be in the running for one of hundreds of \$1,000 scholarships from the College Board. The College Board will award 200 Complete the FAFSA scholarships every month from October

through December 2019 and 100 scholarships every month from January through February 2020. The scholarship opens in October 2019.

• Share your experiences about the FAFSA on social media and tag @VSAC and #FastFAFSA50. You could win a \$50 gift card in our weekly Fast FAFSA \$50 drawings, October through February.

• And that's not all: VSAC is offering its own incentive to get high school seniors to file the FAFSA. Every high school that has 70% (or better) of their seniors completing a FAFSA will be entered in a drawing for \$1,000 for a school-approved senior class activity. Burr & Burton Academy, Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School and Proctor Junior/Senior High School won the last three \$1,000 drawings.

Berlin Fall Scholastic Chess Tournament

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The 17th Annual Berlin Scholastic Chess Tournament will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Berlin Elementary School in Berlin, Vermont. This is an unrated tournament open to chess players of all abilities from kindergarten through grade 12, where the focus is on fun and sportsmanship. United States Chess Federation membership is not required. Please bring a chess board and chess clock if you have one.

Registration is open from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and the first round starts at 10 a.m. Open to all abilities for kids in grades K through 12. Full details at: tinyurl.com/BerlinVTchess.

Have an ad? 482-7227 or ads@hinesburgrecord.org.

Organizations

Local Water Quality Matters — Individual Action for the Greater Good

Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m. Hinesburg Town Hall

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Precipitation in all forms has dominated the weather reports this past year from the recent large rain events and the unusually long and wet spring. The movement of water across the landscape make us acutely aware of both its ability to create and destroy. Water matters in how we plan our homes, driveways, roads and bridges. How and where water moves across each parcel of land can impact the water quality of the rivers and streams and taxpayer pocketbooks.

2019 is the sixth Water Matters event, an annual educational program spon-

sored by Responsible Growth Hinesburg and Lewis Creek Association that will be held on Nov. 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Hinesburg Town Hall. It will focus on how each of us can take action at our homes, on our driveways and in our neighborhoods to reduce the adverse effects of too much water running off the land quickly into the streams and rivers that dominate our local landscapes. The evening presentation will demonstrate how we can take steps to control stormwater, slow it, spread it and allow much of it to sink into the ground before running onto the driveways and ditches and then into town ditches and eventually overburdening the natural streams and rivers and costing extra dollars to taxpayers.

The event will include a stream table holding sand and water designed to model the movement of water over time. It provides a hands-on experience to help participants understand the function of ditches, streams and rivers and the significance of historic manipulation and the importance of healthy river corridors and floodplains. Come early to experiment with the exhibit. It is a fun activity for both adults and kids. The

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evening will also include short presentations on how local and regional planning agencies are addressing water quality and specifically stormwater.

Jessica Louisos an engineer who has extensive knowledge of our local rivers and streams will present examples of both good and bad driveway designs, culvert placement and sizing, maintenance practices and, most importantly, how homeowners can use a variety of strategies to treat stormwater on their own land.

We will learn how the town of Hinesburg is been working proactively to address stormwater both with regulations that require new private development to treat stormwater, and with improved ditches and road maintenance of town roads. Hinesburg is fortunate that none of its streams or rivers have yet been classified as “stormwater impaired” by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. If the water quality deteriorates due to stormwater, the financial burden to remediate this situation will fall on all taxpayers. While the town is doing its part with

the maintenance of 59.02 miles of road — including 37.65 miles of gravel roads — the challenge is that the construction and maintenance of private roads and driveways are also contributing factors in maintaining water quality. Hinesburg landowners have the opportunity to take action and prevent tax increases for costly fixes by addressing stormwater at its origin in our own backyards, driveways and private roads.

The alarming fact is that most of the impervious surfaces such as private roads, driveways and parking lots in town have been constructed and are maintained without consideration for stormwater impacts on the rivers and streams. State and town stormwater regulations pertain to new developments and only those older developments that required permits. The majority of the 158 private roads (those with at least three houses) account for 30.5 miles of road and provide access to approximately 540 parcels/homes. With an additional 1,500 parcels in town served by driveways, the total length of privately maintained roads exceeds the total length of public roads.

Come learn what you can do to address stormwater runoff on your land and help reduce the environmental and

economic costs that may result from allowing our rivers and streams to become stormwater impaired. As always, the event will offer a wonderful array of tasty treats and opportunity for conversation before and after the program.

Holiday Bazaar

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The United Church of Hinesburg will be holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This has been a tradition for over 60 years and it gets better every year. Come and shop in our grandmother's attic, the jewelry corner, and the arts and crafts center. Our homemade baked goods area includes a delicious array from our local cooks including baked beans, pies, homemade breads, pickles, cookies and fudge, as well as our traditional brown bobbies table. We are sure you will enjoy the selections and the very reasonable prices in all our areas — you will find something for yourself and gifts for others!



Homemade baked goods will be available for sale at the United Church of Hinesburg's Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 23.

Lunch will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and features homemade soups and sandwiches. Each order includes a free dessert, and free coffee is served throughout the day.

For your shopping convenience a local wreath maker will have a variety of Christmas wreaths for sale in our parking lot on that same day.

Our bazaar is held at the Osborne Parish Hall next to the church on Route 116 in Hinesburg Village. So many people tell us it is a great way to kick off the holidays — come see for yourself!

Hinesburg 4-H'ers Take Part in Regional Horse Show

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Fifteen Vermont 4-H'ers, including Emily Lang and Vivienne Babbott of Hinesburg, traveled to West Springfield, Massachusetts, recently to participate in various horse events at Eastern States Exposition.

All events took place from Sept. 18-22. Representing Vermont were eight 4-H delegates with horses and four teen leaders who provided assistance at the horse show but also competed in a separate division for teen leaders from all New England states.

Delegates were Vivienne Babbott, of Hinesburg; Chloe Barewicz, of Jericho; Samantha Blackmore, of Charlotte; Addie Boutin, of Essex Junction; Lauren Hodsden, of Bridport; Lilia Kocsis, of Vernon; Emily Lang, of Hinesburg; and Faith Ploof, of Westford. Anna-Lise Cooledge, of Westford, Wisteria Franklin, of Lyndon Center; Emeillia Gomo, of Chester; and Allison Tourville, of Georgia; participated as teen leaders.

Three other 4-H'ers took part in Horse Activity, a new event this year. Working in teams of two they shot portraits, macros and black-and-white images and made a video about Eastern States. They also created an equine-related educational exhibit and hands-on activity for fairgoers and met with a blacksmith and veterinarian to learn about their jobs.

Participants Jasmine Mooney, of St. Johnsbury, and Grace Parks, of Essex Junction, took second place for their video. Tucker Murdough, of Essex Junction, who teamed up with a partner from Maine, placed fourth. His team also finished first in the hands-on activity.

All members of the Vermont delegation participated in general knowledge and judging contests in their respective divisions. Delegates placing in the top 10 in general knowledge were Chloe Barewicz in second place, Lilia Kocsis in fourth and Lauren Hodsden in seventh. In the teen leader division, Anna-Lise Cooledge, of Westford; Allison Tourville, of Georgia; and Emeillia Gomo, Chester, took second through fourth place, respectively.

Grace Parks captured first; Jasmine



Chittenden County 4-H had a strong presence at the regional 4-H horse show at Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts, Sept. 18-22. Competing at the show were front row (left to right): Samantha Blackmore, Charlotte; Anna-Lise Cooledge, Westford; **Emily Lang, Hinesburg;** and Tucker Murdough, Essex Junction. Back row: Grace Parks and Addie Boutin, both from Essex Junction; **Vivienne Babbott, Hinesburg;** Chloe Barewicz, Jericho; Allison Tourville, Georgia; and Faith Ploof, Westford. (photo by Lisa Muzzey of UVM Extension 4-H.)

Mooney second; and Tucker Murdough, fifth, in general knowledge. For judging, Tucker was fifth, Jasmine was seventh and Grace was ninth. Anna-Lise Cooledge was fourth, Emeillia was seventh and Allison was eighth, in the teen leaders' division.

States also were ranked in judging, combining the top four individual scores for a total score. Vermont came in sixth based on the individual scores of Addie Boutin, Anna-Lise Cooledge, Emily Lang and Tucker Murdough.

Individuals placing in the top five in their respective performance classes were Vivienne Babbott (fourth: hunt seat pleasure; fifth: hunt seat discipline rail); Chloe Barewicz (second: obstacle driving; third: driving discipline rail; fourth: pleasure driving, driving all-around); Samantha Blackmore (third: hunt seat pleasure; fourth: hunt seat discipline rail); Addie Boutin (third: bridge path hack); Lauren Hodsden (fourth: Western all-around); Lilia Kocsis (fourth: Western all-around, Western discipline rail, fifth: Western trail); Emily Lang (third: hunt seat equitation; fifth: hunter under saddle); and Faith Ploof (fourth: hunter over fences, hunter under saddle).

Competing in the quiz bowl was optional with names randomly drawn from a hat to form the teams. Vermont 4-H'ers on the first-place team were Jasmine Mooney, Anna-Lise Cooledge, Allison Tourville; second-place team: Chloe Barewicz, Grace Parks; third-place team: Faith Ploof, Emeillia Gomo; fourth-place team: Lauren Hodsden; fifth-place team: Lilia Kocsis; sixth-place team: Tucker Murdough.

Accompanying the 4-H delegation were Deb Barewicz (assistant barn manager) and Jolene Fontaine (barn manager), both from Jericho; Lauren Hodsden, of Bridport; Lisa Muzzey, University of Vermont Extension 4-H educator; and Mary Fay and Elizabeth Ploof, both from Westford. Fay was formally recognized for her 51st year of participation at the Eastern States horse show and presented with a chair.

For information about the Vermont 4-H Horse Program, contact Wendy Sorrell at wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

Audubon Vermont News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

New Audubon Science: Two-Thirds of North American Birds at Risk of Extinction Due to Climate Change

In October, the National Audubon Society and its state office, Audubon Vermont, announced a groundbreaking climate report, *Survival by Degrees: 389 Bird Species on the Brink*. “Two-thirds of America's birds are threatened with extinction from climate change, but keeping global temperatures down will help up to 76% of them. There's hope in this report, but first, it'll break your heart if you care about birds and what they tell us about the ecosystems we share with them. It's a bird emergency,” said David Yarnold, CEO and president of Audubon.

“Last month, we watched as young people around the globe, and right here in Vermont, rose in protest to demand stronger action to address the climate crisis — Audubon's new climate report supports the urgency of our youth's call to action,” said David Mears, executive director of Audubon Vermont. “As dire as this moment may seem, I find hope in both of these events: we need our youth to inspire and lead as we respond to the unprecedented challenge of global climate disruption, and we need a strong foundation of science to guide our actions.”

Audubon scientists examined climate-related impacts on birds across the continental United States. Using advanced research methods and expanded data sets, the scientists reveal that two-thirds of bird species in North America are at risk of extinction as a result of the climate crisis unless immediate action is taken to curb additional warming.

“Birds are important indicator species, because if an ecosystem is broken for

birds, it is or soon will be for people too,” said Brooke Bateman, Ph.D., the senior climate scientist for the National Audubon Society. “When I was a child, my grandmother introduced me to the common loons that lived on the lake at my grandparent's home in northern Wisconsin. Those loons are what drive my work today, and I can't imagine them leaving the U.S. entirely in summer but that's what we're facing if trends continue.”

In Vermont, many of our favorite bird species are vulnerable a result of the climate crisis including the common loon, the white-throated sparrow and the hermit thrush, Vermont's state bird. The changing climate will negatively impact migratory routes, breeding grounds and food availability for most of Vermont's birds. Another major risk to birds due to the climate crisis are extreme weather events associated with a warming planet, such as the major flood events now increasingly common. These impacts of the climate crisis are in addition to other ongoing threats to birds such as sprawl development and the spread of invasive species, which results in the loss of important bird habitat.

According to Rae Bronenkant, Audubon Vermont's newly minted youth leadership coordinator, “Our own future and the future for Vermont's birds depends upon the leaders of tomorrow.” She continues, “We must empower today's youth with the resources and support necessary to spearhead solutions to the climate crisis.” Audubon Vermont's new Youth Conservation Leadership Program was established to foster the next generation of advocates, scientists and educators as they become leaders within the Audubon network and beyond. We are working with the newly established University of Vermont Audubon Campus Chapter, the first of its kind in the state, and offering shared educational programs with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. Audubon Vermont is building a diverse coalition of community partners dedicated to equipping our youth with the knowledge and skills to drive the transformational change we need to fight climate change.

“We already know what we need to do to reduce global warming, and we already have a lot of the tools we need to take those steps. Now, what we need are more people committed to making sure those solutions are put into practice,” said Renee Stone, vice president of climate for the National Audubon Society.

“Our elected officials at every level of government must hear from their constituents that this is a priority. Audubon is committed to protecting the places birds need now and in the future and taking action to address the root causes of climate change.”

Audubon Vermont has outlined the following steps that Vermonters can take to address climate change:

Reduce the amount of carbon pollution released into the atmosphere. In order to drive down carbon emissions, we will need innovative systemic changes through solutions like putting a price on carbon, and passing legislation to hold the state accountable for achieving state goals.

Reduce your own carbon pollution by lowering the amount of fossil fuels you use for transportation and heating your home.

Ask your elected officials to support

growing the portion of our electricity portfolio generated from renewable sources, and also shifting to the electrification of our heating and transportation sectors. This will reduce overall demand for fossil fuels and keep precious energy dollars in state while saving you money.

Ask your elected officials to expand consumer-driven clean energy development that grows jobs in your community — like solar or wind power, or the use of modern wood heating.

Plant native trees, shrubs and flowers to create bird-friendly places at your home, school and place of work. Birch, serviceberry, dogwood, milkweed and more — these native plant species provide birds with food and shelter.

Advocate for natural solutions, from increasing wetlands to protecting forests and grasslands that are homes to birds and serve as carbon storage banks.

Events

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

Orienteering: UnSchool at Audubon Thursday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn to navigate off trail! Orienteering builds math, problem solving and teamwork skills. Students test their map and compass skills on our orienteering course.

Visit Audubon Vermont's UnSchool at Audubon webpage for a complete listing of dates/topics for the school year: vt.audubon.org/UnSchool.

Monthly session for 6- to 12-year-olds. Parents may drop off students or are welcome to join the program. Five hours of programming, including a 30-minute lunch break. Fee: Audubon Vermont members \$25; nonmembers \$30.

Stick-Season Bird Monitoring Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 to 10 a.m.

Vermont's “stick-season” is a fine time to figure out which birds will be sticking around for the winter. With the leaves off the trees, birds are easier to spot as they forage for late-fall food. We typically finish our monitoring route by about 10 a.m., but you can leave earlier if necessary. Donations to Audubon are appreciated. Check our Facebook page if the forecast looks iffy: facebook.com/AudubonVermont.

November Fest Vacation Days Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 25 and 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

It's that time of year when we start bundling up and bidding farewell to the Vermont foliage and fall's harvests. Come celebrate the season with Audubon in our harvest-festival vacation camp! We will hike, talk turkeys, and explore how animals on the property are preparing for winter through fun, interactive activities. Of course, the festivities will also include crafts, games and apples! Get ready to celebrate fall!

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Outdoors

Public Walk of Active Forest Management at the Hinesburg Town Forest

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

A free, public walk of the Hinesburg Town Forest with Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. The walk will highlight forest management

activities in the HTF, which began last winter and will proceed over the next winter. The goal of this management is to improve the health and resilience of forests at the HTF, increase species and structural diversity in the forest, improve wildlife habitat, capture economic value in mature and declining trees and encourage the growth and development of a healthy forest. This harvest will also seek to improve the resilience of the HTF to climate change, natural disturbances and the invasion of exotic pests such as the emerald ash borer. The operation will be administered by Tapper, working in concert with the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee.

A major objective of this work is to demonstrate modern, responsible for-

est management in an open, transparent and inclusive way, with the goal of improving public understanding of forest management and the quality of management on privately owned forests. To this end, eight public educational events highlighting this work have been held over the last year, both before and during the harvesting, attended by over 200 people. This winter will provide numerous additional opportunities for the public to see the work being done at the HTF and to ask questions and learn about it.

To attend the walk, meet at the plow turnaround at the end of Economou Road in Hinesburg at 1 p.m. on Nov. 3. Be prepared to spend two hours outside walking over uneven terrain and spending several minutes at a time standing and talking. For more information on this or other walks, or the harvesting at the HTF, contact Ethan Tapper at ethan.tapper@vermont.gov or 802-585-9099.



Thistle Hill volunteers replaced an old bridge on the Russell Perimeter Trail.



Trails Committee members and other volunteers extended the boardwalk from the trailhead kiosk to the bridge on the Russell Perimeter Trail.

and near Hinesburg Village.

On the Russell Trails, please admire the newly extended boardwalk from the trailhead kiosk (behind the playing fields at Lyman Park) to the bridge through the cattails. The boardwalk will allow trail users to stay out of the mud when the trail is wet, which is typically a spring problem but also occurs in the fall after heavy rains. Working with our partners in the Thistle Hill neighborhood, we have rebuilt a short bridge that had exceeded its useful life. This new bridge is on the Russell Perimeter Trail in the woods east of the sugarhouse.

Heading north and east from the Russell Perimeter Trail onto the Thistle Hill

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Trail Improvements to Enjoy During Hunting Season

BY LENORE BUDD, TRAILS COMMITTEE

Fall is a great time for invigorating walks — cool, crisp weather and fewer bugs. But it IS hunting season, so trail users should be careful about where they walk and how they dress. **Trails in the Hinesburg Town Forest and the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest are closed to all but hunters on these dates: Oct. 23 to Nov. 1, Nov. 16 to 22, and Dec. 7 to 15.** This is an experiment the Town Forest Committee is trying in an effort to increase deer hunters' success. The goal is to reduce the over-browsing caused by our high deer population, thereby allowing more native seedlings and saplings to survive to become full-grown trees.

But there are many other trails, dirt roads and sidewalks in Hinesburg to enjoy (visit hinesburg.org/hart.html to download trail maps). And, just in time for your fall walking pleasure, the Trails Committee has completed several trail improvements in

Iroquois Soccer is available to children in the towns of Hinesburg, Charlotte, Shelburne, St. George, Richmond, Huntington, Monkton and Starksboro.

Registration for the 2020 Spring Season is now open and an early registration discount is available. ISC is planning to field the following teams:

U6 — Practice Only
U8 — Co-ed Teams
U10 — Boys & Girls Teams
U12 — Boys & Girls Teams

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at 7:30 a.m. in the morning in spring and summer and shift to 8 a.m. in the fall and winter. These walks usually take 45 minutes to an hour.

Vermont Genealogy Library

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Classes

All classes are at the Vermont Genealogy Library, 377 Hegeman Avenue. (Across from the State Police), Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Classes run from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday and are \$10 unless otherwise noted.

The Vermont Genealogy Library's upcoming classes include;

Powerful Research Tools at GenealogyQuebec.com: Nov. 2.
Using DNA Networks to Solve Brick Walls: Nov. 9.
Getting Evernote Off the Ground: Nov. 16.
Using MyHeritage.com: Nov. 23.

Please visit our website, vtgenlib.org/general/upcomingclass.php, for details and directions.

Sports

Iroquois Soccer Club Free Family Day

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Iroquois Soccer Club is hosting a free Family Soccer Day on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Shelburne Field House.

Soccer players in grades K-fifth grade should come ready to play with current/past ISC players and coaches. Families can then watch and register for the 2020 Spring soccer season.

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only or both Monday and Tuesday. Online registration is required.

Events at the Birds of Vermont Museum

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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

Guided Bird Walks

Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 a.m.

Come along on one of our many bird walks! Every walk is led by experienced birders, and you are welcome whether you are just beginning your interest in birds or have decades of scientific research under your belt.

Monthly Monitoring Walks happen the last Saturday of each month. We use these to survey the property, documenting which species are present throughout the year. We meet in the parking lot

Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween.

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Daylight Savings Time ends.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:00-8:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of The Hinesburg Record. 327 Charlotte Rd. Discussion of yearly matters, election of officers, all are welcome. Kevin Lewis at 802-999-2410 for more info.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library. Calling all local writers! Join us for our monthly Community Writers Group! All genres are welcome. Enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop in the Carpenter-Carse Community Room. To submit a piece of writing for them to review email LauraWisniewski@bhy@beecherhill yoga.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, NOVEMBER 6

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, NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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, NOVEMBER 14

Ad & news deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00-9:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Town Hall.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:00-6:30 p.m. Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant. New members welcome! Contact HBPA President Laura Gurdak at 802-482-2877 or hinesburghair@gmail.com.

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, NOVEMBER 20

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.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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, NOVEMBER 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record. Thanksgiving Day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See Nov. 5 entry.

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, DECEMBER 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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30-8:00 p.m. HBPA Holiday Mixer. Parkside Cafe. Appetizers, cash bar and give-aways to benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf and AED (defibrillator) fund. Contact Laura Gurdak at laura.gurdak@gmail.com or 482-2887 for more info.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

Minding Our Own Business(es)

A revitalized Hinesburg Business & Professional Association (HBPA) has a new website and hopes to help you **mind your business** too!

2020 registration begins now at hbpavt.com. Membership includes:

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- Ad discount with The Hinesburg Record
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When you join the non-profit HBPA your tax-deductible \$45 membership fee supports community- and commerce- building endeavors such as the fireworks fund, the food shelf, and acquisition of an AED (defibrillator) for public access.

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► Trail Improvements

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Trails, walkers will appreciate new stepping stones in wet areas along the Sullivan Trail. And heading south from the Sullivan Trail toward Lavigne Hill Road, trail users will benefit from the labors of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. In late September a five-person VYCC crew spent two days installing water bars, turnpiking and stepping stones in a stretch of trail that has often been extremely muddy.

Geprags Park, where there is never any hunting, is also ready for fall hikers. Thanks to the Conservation Commission, fields and trails have been recently mowed by Wahl Landscaping. Trails Committee members and volunteers have lopped back the notorious trail intersections where blackberries, prickly ash and grapevine frequently cascade onto the trails. Because vegetation regrows so quickly on the Geprags trails, the Trails Committee is recommending an increase in the mowing budget so that in the future the trails can be mowed three times per year instead of the current two times.

Another huge improvement that we can't take advantage of quite yet is the sidewalk that is under construction on the east side of Route 116 between Commerce Street and Riggs Road. In 2012 the Trails Committee and Wind NRG Partners submitted a Vermont Bike and Pedestrian Program grant to Vermont Agency of Transportation for a sidewalk extending along Route 116 from Commerce Street all the way to CVU Road. We secured phase one fund-



The long-awaited sidewalk along the east side of Route 116 includes a bridge over Patrick Brook.



A VYCC crew got down and dirty to improve drainage along the Class IV portion of Lavigne Hill Road.

ing for the portion from Commerce Street to Riggs Road. Wind NRG and Jolley Associates provided the required cash match and donated sidewalk easements to the town. And now, after many permitting delays, construction is underway!

So, take a break and take a hike! Wear bright colors. Enjoy an adventure close to home.

The 2020 Vermont Fish & Wildlife Calendar Available

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE
PRESS RELEASE

The calendar is filled with stunning photos of Vermont wildlife, including white-tailed deer, snowshoe hares, great blue herons, red fox, brown trout, common loons, black bears, porcupines, great gray owls and snow geese. It includes photos by many well-known Vermont photographers including Roger Irwin, Daniel Berna, Kurt Budliger, Josh Blouin, Bryan Pfeiffer and Ian Clark.

"100 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in 100 Years is the calendar theme celebrating 2020 as the 100-year anniversary of when the Fish & Wildlife Department purchased its first state wildlife area — the Sandbar Waterfowl Refuge in Milton," said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "The department has purchased close to 100 WMAs over the years, totaling more than 130,000 acres, that provide valuable habitats for wildlife and unique opportunities for the public to enjoy Vermont's fish and wildlife resources through hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife watching."

The purchase and management of WMAs has been primarily funded through the sale of hunting and trapping licenses, as well as federal taxes on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. The department now uses this money, along with other important funding, including the Vermont Duck Stamp fund along with support from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board,

among others, to acquire land for wildlife habitat management benefiting all wildlife and for the public to be able to access and enjoy these areas.

In recent years, public support of the voluntary Habitat Stamp has also helped fund habitat restoration and management on WMAs.

The calendar includes hunting, fishing and trapping season dates for each month, along with beautiful photography, and it makes the perfect gift for any outdoor recreationist.

The calendar is available for \$15 at Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department offices in Montpelier, Barre, St. Johnsbury, Springfield, Rutland and Essex Junction — and with a printable free-shipping order form on their website vtfishandwildlife.com.

The Landscape View

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN
COUNTY FORESTER

While many forest landowners and managers are superheroes in their own right, working tirelessly to protect and support healthy forests, there's a special superpower that a few forest stewards have, one that, thankfully, anyone can develop. I call it the "landscape view," the awareness of how a property fits into our broader landscape. While your ownership may end at the old stone wall, the landscape extends far beyond these boundaries; while your forest may seem small, it is part of a forested landscape that provides habitat for all our wildlife, cleans the air that we all breathe and the water that we all drink, sequesters and stores the carbon that we all produce and does much more. As a landowner, it is normal to be protective of that tree you love or that special place on your property, but it is also important to use the landscape view to understand how these features are part of something bigger.

The first step in cultivating your landscape view is zooming out from tree-scale to forest-scale. Trees are individually important, but are much more so as part of forests, which are dynamic systems that grow and change over time. While the death of trees through natural disturbances or harvesting may seem startling or sad, it is a natural and important part of how forests grow and develop — trees die, but the forest lives on. The landscape view allows you to see how seemingly insignificant issues or unpleasant actions on your property — the harvesting of trees and deer, controlling invasive plants — can contribute positively to the broader landscape.

While trees on your property may seem just fine, forests across our landscape are recovering from wholesale land clearing for agriculture in the 1800s. This created a forested landscape lacking diversity in composition (number of tree species) and structure (ages and sizes of trees) compared to how pre-settlement forests likely were. Diversity is critical; more diverse forests will be more resilient to the effects of climate change, feature better wildlife habitat, and sequester and store more carbon than less diverse forests. Harvesting trees in a thoughtful way can help forests become more diverse while also producing outside benefits: local, renewable resources that decrease our reliance on nonrenewable resources produced under more adverse cultural, social and environmental conditions elsewhere in the country or the world. Periodically generating a little income from sawtimber, firewood and other forest products helps private landowners (who own 80% of Vermont's forests) afford to own land, lowering development pressure and helping forests stay forested.

Use the landscape view to consider the harvesting of white-tailed deer; deer are overpopulated in much of Chittenden County due largely to increases in developed and posted land, in addition to decreasing hunter numbers. We all love deer but deer overpopulation is a serious threat to forest health; their browsing damages young trees and plants, lowering diversity and often increasing the abundance of invasive exotic plants. Deer overpopulation can also create problems for the deer themselves, making them smaller, less healthy and decreasing the quality of their own habitat. I've seen serious negative impacts of deer overpopulation on many properties and have started recommending harvesting deer, especially antlerless deer, as part of a holistic forest management approach. So, while you may not notice deer or their impacts on your land, allowing hunters to harvest deer from your property is important from a landscape perspective.

Finally, take the landscape view when considering the management of invasive exotic plants. Invasive plants pose a massive threat to forest health, out-competing native species and diminishing the benefits that healthy forests provide, from wildlife habitat to water quality. They spread across property boundaries easily, so while your buckthorn infestation may not bother you, it contributes to an extremely serious landscape-level problem. Taking active measures to control these plants, through (on a small scale) cutting or pulling them up or treating them with small amounts of carefully applied herbicide benefits the landscape immensely. You can learn more about invasive plants and their treatment at VTInvasives.org or at vtfishandwildlife.com/node/299.

With all of these issues, taking the landscape view puts your property in perspective. While your forest may be small, take pride in knowing that it's part of something far larger. Making the tough choices and putting in the hard work in your forest helps make the landscape healthy for all of us.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County forester. He can be reached at ethan.tapper@vermont.gov, 802-585-9099, or at his office at 111 West Street, Essex Junction.

Arts & Leisure

Warm Your Heart With "Frozen Jr." at the Hinesburg Community School

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Do you want to build a snowman? Disney's "Frozen Jr." is playing at the Hinesburg Community School on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 23 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

You'll love this heartwarming stage adaptation of the top-grossing animated film of all time! Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf and all of your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie and the real meaning of true love.

The musical includes favorite "Frozen" songs such as "Love Is an Open Door," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" and "Let It Go," as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production. With its empowering message of love and understanding, "Frozen Jr." is sure to melt your heart. This is a great family event that should not be missed.

"Frozen is a story about true love and acceptance between sisters," says Hinesburg resident and director, Niel Maurer. "The show draws on the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. It's really about the hidden potential in all of us." With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, "Frozen Jr." is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

General admission tickets are available in advance at the HCS office or at the box office at performance time.

Hinesburg Artist Series Fall Concert

BY RUFUS PATRICK

You are invited to attend an awesome concert on Sunday, Nov. 3, 4:30 p.m. at Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium. The concert will feature the Hinesburg Community Band and the South County Chorus under the direction of Rufus C. Patrick. The band will present an arrangement of "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite" march, symphonic highlights from "The King and I," and contemporary selections by Patrick Roszell, Roland Barrett and Robert Sheldon.

The chorus will sing "Great Getting' Up Mornin'" by Rollo Dilworth, "Like A Mighty Stream" by Moses Hogan, "Sing Out Your Joy" by Victor C. Johnson and wonderful selections from "Mary



The South County Chorus rehearsing for the Nov. 3 concert. Rufus Patrick director.

Poppins Returns." Our accompanist/pianist Tim Woos will be the featured soloist playing Impromptu Op. 90 no. 4 by Franz Schubert.

Come join us and you will imagine butterflies in joyous flight, pretend that you're a leerie and be able to trip a little light fantastic. The entire family will enjoy amazing music presented by 130 musicians from Chittenden County and beyond. Admission is free with donations gladly accepted. We also encourage you to bring a nonperishable item to support the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

Social Band Dreams

BY AMITY BAKER

As the natural world settles into dormancy, Social Band, Burlington's lively band of singers, is singing on the theme of dreams. Social Band's song and poetry selections will explore dreams in a variety of forms — visionary, aspirational, waking and sleeping, to name just a few. Join Social Band as we lift our voices in song with our heads in the clouds.

"Measure of the Stars" — Songs of Dreams and Visions

• Saturday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Free Library.



Social Band will be performing in Hinesburg on Saturday Nov. 9.

• Sunday, Nov. 3, 3 p.m., Charlotte Congregational Church.

• Saturday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., United Church of Hinesburg.

• Sunday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m., College Street Congregational Church, Burlington.

In this program Social Band will celebrate its inherent musicality by featuring the compositions of three member composers: Don Jamison, Bruce Chalmer and Michael Kellogg. All three composers are full to the brim with poetic sensibilities and skillfully set their own words and the words of Rainer Maria Rilke, Kathleen Raine, W.B. Yeats and Wilfred Owen to lovely and distinctive music. Social Band will also feature the music of Vermont composer Anna Patton as well as songs from long ago.

Unfamiliar with Social Band? This Burlington-based chorus has been up and running for just over 20 years and has sung its collective heart out, sharing vibrant and varied songs from all walks of life with our audiences — using our performances not only to entertain but to engage with our listeners with beautiful ideas, words and harmonies. Social Band performs (mostly) a cappella choral music; encourages new compositions, especially by local composers; and fosters the joyful and thought-provoking expression of music.

Join us as we make living, breathing music with a sense of camaraderie that shines through and has defined us as a social band. Admission is \$15 in advance, \$18 the day of concert. Tickets are available online (no fees) at social-band-fall19.eventbrite.com and at the door. For more information visit, social-band.org or email amity@socialband.org.

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Stay Strong and Independent As You Age by Preventing Falls

VERMONT DEPT OF HEALTH
PRESS RELEASE

Each year, many Vermonters experience a fall, and only half will tell their health care provider, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A fall can cause an injury, limit a person's mobility and independence, and increase social isolation. But although falls are a leading cause of injury and death among people age 65 and older, they are preventable.

Health officials are asking Vermonters to consider: Have you fallen in the past year? Do you feel unsteady when standing or walking? Do you worry about falling? These screening questions can help determine your risk of falling. During September, you can also look for a free assessment by a physical therapist of your fall risk — including balance, strength and walking — by visiting falls-freevermont.org.

"It's important to note that falls are not a normal part of aging, but older adults are at higher risk of falling and becoming injured by a fall," said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD. "They might have weakening muscles, or be dealing with side effects from prescription medications."

The fear of falling can also further limit people's physical activity, making them more likely to fall when they do move around. But there are ways to help prevent falls:

Talk to your health care provider about any past falls, even if they didn't lead

to an injury. Review your medications and any side effects. Consider Vitamin D supplements.

Have your vision and hearing checked annually and update eyeglasses and hearing aids as needed.

Get moving! Try tai chi, which has been proven to improve balance and strength. Find free or low-cost classes at fallsfreevermont.org.

Assess your home environment. You can reduce your fall risk by removing trip hazards, improving lighting and installing handrails and grab bars.

Preventing falls is a key part of staying healthy as we all age, said Camille George, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. "Taking these steps can help us maintain our quality of life as we get older, so we can stay active and independent in our communities," George said.

For more information about falls prevention and healthy aging:

- Vermont's Area Agencies on Aging Help Line: 800-642-5119.

- The Vermont Department of Health: healthvermont.gov/emergency-preparedness-ems/injury-prevention/prevent-falls.

- Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living's Adult Services Division asd.vermont.gov/.

- National Council on Aging ncoa.org/healthy-aging/falls-prevention.

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People

Community Voices

Hinesburg's Gussie Levern: Born in 1918

BY TALI GELENIAN, VERMONT FOLKLIFE CENTER/COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

"I was born and brought up on a farm in Hinesburg," Gussie Levern told an interviewer with the Vermont Folklife Center. "There was eight of us. And we didn't have running water or anything. So, Saturday night was bath night. And water was put on the wood stove in the big wash boiler. And it would take the cleanest ones first. Usually the girls first. Then mom would keep adding some warmer water and it would finally get down to the boys."

The farm had no electricity or indoor plumbing and was about a mile and half walk to the school in town, where Gussie played basketball in the afternoons. A natural born storyteller, Gussie sat down with the Vermont Folklife Center to tell some of those stories. In Saturday Night Bath you can hear Gussie share memories of the childhood pranks that kept her siblings on their toes, including what happened to the last one into that bath on Saturday night.

In Electricity, Gussie tells the story of coming over the top of the hill from school and seeing the barn lit up for the first time. "It was just a spectacular sight," Gussie said. "Every light was on. I'd run a little ways and then I'd cry. I was so excited." The story brings home the importance of electricity for farm families who had previously relied solely on the power generated by horses and humans.

Gussie's tenacity and spirit lead to a rich and meaningful life and career. She graduated from nursing school in 1943 and served in Europe in the Army Nurse Corps. After the war, she was sent to the Czech-Austrian border to care for survivors of the Holocaust. Gussie never forgot her roots and returned to Vermont to live with her husband Leonard "Rosie" Levern in Bristol. After retiring from her fifty-year career in nursing, Gussie continued to pursue creative projects including the carving of apple head dolls. An increasingly rare North American folk art, Gussie supplemented her craftsmanship of carving the apple

heads by sewing their clothing and using a combination of wire and papier mâché to create fully functional dolls.

Gussie passed away on Dec. 6, 2007. The Vermont Folklife Center and the Community News Service celebrate her legacy as a storyteller, nurse, artist and woman with a tremendous sense of humor by sharing her voice and story with you.

Community Voices is a project of the Vermont Folklife Center & the Community News Service. To hear more voices from the Vermont Folklife Center's archives, visit the VT Untapped Podcast at vt-folklife.org/untapped or the website vermontfolklifecenter.org/stories. To learn more about the Community News Service, see communitynews.net.

Jagun – Cory Wedding

Mrs. Helen Jagun and the late Mr. Saturday Jagun of Sapele, Nigeria along with Mr. Rodman W. Cory of Hinesburg, Vermont and Ms. Jacqueline M. Cory of Queensbury, New York announce the marriage of their son, Precious T. Jagun of Burlington, Vermont and their daughter, Rebekah E. Cory of Hinesburg, Vermont.

The couple was married on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, at Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Vermont. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Claire Howell of Dallas, Texas; Ms. Elly Colwell of Wilmington, North Carolina; and Ms. Kiki Byunn of New York City, New York. Groomsmen were Mr. Wowe Enaighan of Burlington, Vermont; Mr. Woyengikuro Yaboh, Burlington, Vermont; and Mr. Abiola Ajaka of Manchester, New Hampshire. Ring bearers were Mrs. Kaitlyn Ajaka and son, Tayo Ajaka, of Manchester, New Hampshire.

The bride walked down the aisle with her father while her stepfather,



Precious Jagun and Rebekah Cory were wed on Sept. 8.

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Michael LaPointe, assisted in the opening of the ceremony. Officiant was the bride's father, Mr. Rodman W. Cory of Hinesburg, Vermont.

Precious is a research assistant in the aerospace lab at the University of Vermont, where the couple met as students, and has earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and is currently completing this December a master's degree in mechanical engineering at UVM. Rebekah is also a graduate of UVM and is employed at the Hilton Garden in Burlington as operations supervisor. The couple resides in Burlington, Vermont.

Higher Education Honors

Rebecca Simons and **Phillip Vickers**, both of Hinesburg, were named to the Summer 2019 student honors list at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes part-time students with a 4.0 GPA.

Jack Dugan of Hinesburg, a member of Ohio Wesleyan University's Theta Deuteron chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta (aka FJI) fraternity, is among the brothers recently earning the 2018 Jordan Bowl for having highest comparative scholarship among the nation's 147 FJI chapters. This marks the Ohio Wesleyan chapter's second national award in two years. The men also earned the 2017 Owen Cup for most improved scholarship.

Obituaries

Remembering Paul Bruhn

BY JEAN KIEDAISCH

Many in Hinesburg, including members of Responsible Growth Hinesburg, were deeply saddened by the death of Paul Bruhn, native Vermonter, founder and president of Preservation Trust of Vermont. PTV, founded in 1980, has been active throughout Vermont, where almost every town has an opera house or a town hall or a general store that PTV helped preserve. However, it would be inaccurate to think it's just bricks and mortar that PTV is interested in; rather, it's how these gathering places help create a vital and vibrant community.

Paul Bruhn put Vermont on the map for practicing a new type of historic preser-



The late Paul Bruhn of Preservation Trust of Vermont.

vation: "I'm pleased that Vermont recognizes historic preservation is economic development," he said. "Injecting new life into old buildings, putting an historic structure back into public use or helping a community supported enterprise like a general store succeed isn't just about preservation, it's about revitalization."

In Hinesburg Village, Paul saw the value of the Town Hall, of the vestry, of Lantman's store. He made himself available to offer expert advice and the wisdom he'd accumulated over the years. Sometimes there was a small grant to get a project started, along with his two pieces of advice: "Remember to have fun" and (tongue-in-cheek) "Don't screw it up!" Paul's sense of humor was infectious; it is perhaps what we will most miss. He leaves us inspired to protect our town and the state he so loved.

Stephen J. Busier

Stephen J. Busier formerly of Hinesburg and Bristol, Vermont passed away unexpectedly at his home in Phoenix, Arizona on April 13, 2019, at the age of 65.

Steve was born in Colchester on April 4, 1954, to Raymond H. Busier and Beulah E. (Berry) Busier, the seventh of nine children.

Steve grew up in Hinesburg, Vermont and attended Champlain Valley Union High School. After graduating in 1972, Steve later joined the Navy in November of the same year.

Steve loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and loved riding his Harley.

Steve is survived by his two daughters: Heidi Busier and Greta Busier, both of Bristol, Vermont. Two grandchildren: Latisha and Aidan Busier of Lehigh Acres, Florida. Brothers: Conrad and wife Sharon of St. Albans, Vermont; Gilman of California; Philip of Weybridge, Vermont; and Brian and wife Kathy of Hinesburg, Vermont. Sisters: Susan Peet and husband David of St. George, Vermont.; Doreen Kendall and husband Doug of South Burlington, Vermont; and Ellen Busier and Marty Therrien of Burlington, Vermont. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Steve was predeceased by his father Raymond, his mother Beaulah, older brother Tim Busier, Steve's son Derek Busier and grandson Justin Traverse.

There was a private service for the family at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph on Oct. 7.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Steve's name to chances4children.org.



Stephen J. Busier

Commentary

Smoke School 101

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Upon hearing that so-and-so is a smoke reader the inclination might be to equate this term along with titles like weigher of coal, fence watcher, and inspector of lumber, shingles and wood. These hold-over titles held sway in previous times, but nowadays are rarely used and smoke reader sounds like one them. In this day of strident environmental opinions, perhaps the municipal appointment of smoke reader will come of age.

Smoke readers do exist. Their job doesn't involve tobacco, vaping, chimney sweeping, acting as a fire warden nor being a smoke jumper. Smoke readers are instead concerned with observing visual emissions of smoke, dust, and other particulate matter. The documentation completed by a certified smoke reader, (formally known as a visible emissions observer or evaluator) can save or lose the day in court, as regulatory fines for opacity violations are of eye-popping sums. As a former utility environmental compliance guy, I must confess that I looked forward to attending certification as a visible emissions evaluator, aka a smoke reader, every six months for over a decade. Because the nearest location for this qualification took place at a park near Concord, New Hampshire, attending always put me within striking distance of the coast and many other outdoor venues such as the Merrimack River Outdoor Education and Conservation Area, especially if I opted to use a vacation day to extend the break from the office. The incredulity of others upon first hearing of smoke school marked my first experience. The certifying outfit's trailer-mounted smoke generator resembles a larger version of a custom-made outdoor pig roaster. This smoke generator was rigged with instruments that read and recorded opacity, the percentage of light transmission, duration, plus the ability to make black or white smoke. It would be set up in a remote location where dozens of people would converge for the morning, the whole day or the next day, depending on how many smoke runs it took for an individual to recertify. Most of the people attending certification were from industrial facilities or environmental agencies in southern New England

One accessed the smoke generator field site in Elm Brook Park which was located near Interstate 89. The standards of white and black smoke for calibrating one's eyes always began promptly at 8 a.m., before the official tests start. On one particular morning, when the sun was coming up, I was early in the area but uncertain of the last mile or two. I pulled over on a side road to check directions. A police car pulled up behind me. After I rolled down my window, the police officer asked what I was up to. I explained smoke school as best I could. He responded, "We've had a couple of robberies in the area. You're driving a vehicle with out-of-state plates. Pull up there, and I'll want to see your driver's license." I was surprised to hear him refer to my Vermont plates in such suspicious manner. After following the officer's instruc-



A smoke school's smoke generator

tions, he walked back to my driver side window and said, "So, you're a volunteer fire fighter or something?" He was doing his job, and I was doing mine.

My former job revolved around 20 core state and federal environmental regulations. There's no wiggle room in air regulations. The Air Quality and Climate Division in the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources issues air operating permits to owners of facilities and processes categorically, or if a system in the case of a heating plant, exceeds a threshold level of a million British Thermal Units use. The division posts copies of Vermont air operating permits on its website. One facility at my former place of employment required an array of state-of-the-art air emission monitoring systems that was mind boggling. One parameter that was measured was that of opacity or how much light is blocked by smoke. My smoke school certification was kept current in the event the 24/7 high tech monitoring system tripped off-line or otherwise malfunctioned. Not every facility's air permit requires the owners to have monitoring equipment or a back-up. Homeowners who burn wood are not regulated, neither are sugarhouses. Residential outdoor boilers had run afoul of the Vermont air regulations because of the amount of smoke they give off at ground level not because they exceed stack opacity limits.

The outdoor session in Concord, New Hampshire is held in early spring and fall, rain or shine, cancelled only for electrical storms. In the event of high winds, a 90-degree elbow of the same diameter can be fitted to the top of the generator stack for streaming test plumes horizontally. Smoke readers are trained to recognize white steam caused by moisture in a smoke plume and to exclude it in reading opacity.

A certifying run in the field includes 25 individual white followed by 25 individual black smoke plumes emitted by the smoke generator punctuated by an order to look away between each plume. At the end of a tedious day, eye fatigue does become a factor as one will have read and then hand scribbled form entries for more than 250 smoke (opacity) samples which includes repeat viewing of the standards. Percent deviation and overall accuracy of 50 smoke reads determines whether one certifies or not.

Besides recording the observed stack emission 25 times, a formal read of an actual regulated facility requires comple-

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Email: unitedchurch@gmavt.net
Address: P.O. Box 39

Website: ucofh.org
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Choir practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: Nursery and story time; Christian Education Kindergarten through 8th grade during academic p.m.

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

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

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

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

Pastor's Residence: 425-2253, 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

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

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

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

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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.

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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Phone: 878-5792.

Website: steeple.org

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

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

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

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

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Non-Denominational Service

Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele

Phone: 985-3819

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

Services:

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

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tion of Environmental Protection Agency VEOF Form 1. This form also requires other data to be entered such as angle of the sun, the distance to stack, the angle of observation, wind speed, sky conditions and wet bulb temperature. This method, Method 9, has been used over 40 years, is anchored in historic high-profile case law, has withstood many court challenges, and has yet to be made obsolete by electronics or technology. Given the amount of time I spent certifying as a smoke reader, I can't pass a stack with a visible emission without taking a look. CVU is a good neighbor and admittedly the smoke emitted from CVU's stack in past seasons wouldn't give a wood burning homeowner reason to complain, but I am surprised not to find CVU's air operating permit posted on the Vermont Air Quality and Climate Division's webpage. Boiler plate permit language being what it customarily is for visible emissions, CVU's permit should mirror what appears in other Vermont high school air operating permits such as Mount Anthony's. This is especially true since CVU is Vermont's largest high school. If it hasn't already tapped into the nearby natural gas line as an alternate fuel for heating, it ought to be considered. And if one really wants to learn about climate issues, reading an up-to-date state air operating permit is one place to begin.

Can Vermont Lose Weight?

BY BILL SCHUBART

As someone who's weighed just shy of 500 pounds and now weighs 200 pounds less, I'm comfortable talking about weight loss. It's often said that Vermont has an affordability problem, but I think it's more helpful to think of it as a weight problem. Like many of us, Vermont's having trouble losing weight. And weight loss is not always about eating less, but often about eating better.

Technology, social needs, and businesses have changed, and our communities with them. Many of our Vermont agencies and institutions, missioned in the past, have yet to respond to these changes.

As our population ages and shrinks (for now) and our birthrate declines, we're having trouble shedding the infrastructure weight put on before small town centers began shrinking. The economic flight from once vital, small towns to urban centers has left lots of once-necessary cultural, administrative and real estate infrastructure in disuse.

But just as the human body defends against weight loss, so does the body politic. A community of 625,000 people sharing 10,000 square miles with few near-term growth prospects can and must right-size itself, making more effective use of its income and assets than we currently do.

This is not about affordability, or lower taxes, or all the worn anti-government retreads. It's about having the courage to look at and assess what's changed, and what's likely to change even more, agreeing on emerging priorities, reordering funding priorities and creating a more sustainable, responsive and visionary economy in the government and nonprofit sectors. It's sometimes called creative destruction, but it's really about strategic thinking backed up by data, and then developing a consensus

on a consolidated vision (by the way, consensus does not mean that everyone has to agree!), courageous leadership and reinvestment.

For example, we have 14 critical-access hospitals when what we need is more accessible and cost-efficient community clinics with primary care doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, pediatricians, and geriatricians and fewer specialists and hospitals.

Vermont has 264 school districts and needs perhaps 14. We have four public colleges, two of which are struggling to survive. Why not reinvent them to meet the current needs of our broader learning population and our economy? Without closing campuses, we could satisfy — more cost-efficiently — the emerging market for a new universe of learners, as well as those seeking new skills in a rapidly changing economy.

We spend \$88 million a year on seven correctional facilities. That's for a total state and federal prison population of about 1,800 prisoners — and the number of prisoners is shrinking. By moving investments from incarceration to restorative justice, diversion, mentorship, transitional housing, mental and physical healthcare — as well as eliminating the administrative hurdles that feed prosecution — we could then spend much less on corrections, end the unintended consequence of criminalizing poverty and help prior offenders find their way back into the community.

Vermont has 25 different categories of policing (state, capital, Homeland Security, campus, sheriffs, deputies, constables, etc.) Canada has one. The Burlington area alone has some ten police and fire departments within 15 miles of Church Street, even as statistically, crimes and fires are down. Can we not have much more cost-efficient Chittenden County Police and Fire Departments with central dispatch integrated with our state police?

We have multiple public broadcast entities (Vermont Public Radio, Vermont PBS, Regional Educational Television Network, Vermont Community Access Media and community access networks like Orca and Channel 17). Many states integrate these under one administrative infrastructure, preserving diverse content resources but consolidating technology and administration.

We have 6,000 nonprofits, including five cultural nonprofits (history, humanities, arts, folklife), each with their own real estate, administration and technology. Should we not be exploring options for collaboration? How many of our nonprofits are mission-driven, business-driven or ego-driven?

Our combined state and local governments employ 50,000 people (40,000 of those as full-time employees), 26%

more than the national average or 16% of all Vermont jobs. I am grateful for the employment provided by the state to Vermonters but is all that energy and productivity focused on our areas of greatest need? Do we know?

All of these institutions fill or have filled a vital need in Vermont's growth and culture, but change demands reconsideration and redesign. The taxing and philanthropic capacity of Vermont has limits, which means we need to reallocate our investments more wisely.

I grew up in Morrisville, a town of about 2,000. I was deeply affected by my community, but it's different today and its needs have changed. Back then the retail community drove much of downtown activity, along with the Grange, the library, a museum, four churches, a golf course, a hospital and later an airport. In 2019, only the barest threads of retail persist, although the core elements of social adhesion and community gathering places remain strong. When we made our semiannual trips to Burlington, the first sign of the city on Route 2 was an active farm that is now a hotel and conference center and then UVM. The ten surrounding towns were discrete communities, not suburbs as they are today.

In general, we must redirect more of our resources toward the causes of our downstream costs — take preventive measures to strengthen the social safety net, health care affordability, affordable housing and early education. We can do so by strategically aiming revenues toward emerging priorities and away from waning ones — spending to prevent rather than repair.

A guiding term is population health, the goal of which is to invest upfront in the health and well-being of the entire population in order to prevent the much more expensive costs of treating those sickened by disease, poverty and addiction.

We've made a good first stab here in Vermont with our commitment to move from fee-for-service to accountable care as the basis for health care remuneration. But there is more we can do. Vermonters suffering from homelessness, mental health issues, addiction, poverty or who are uninsured, account

for a significant number of emergency room and urgent care admissions; these are far more expensive in the long run than the preventive investments we could make. If we refocus our investments upstream, our considerable downstream costs will diminish in time.

We must stop being reactive and instead systematically gather data, learn from successful policies and programs elsewhere, listen to one another and then devise and execute plans that fill today's needs.

Most of what I was told about weight loss was hokum. Over many years and failures, I learned it's less about how much we eat than what we eat that makes us healthier. If we don't address our weight problem, our health will continue to decline.

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Hinesburg's Food Scene: Small Town, Big Variety

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Despite Hinesburg's small-town size, it boasts a surprising variety of restaurants with a wide range of cuisines to choose from. Here's a look at some of the establishments serving up breakfast, lunch, dinner and more with a little flavor of their stories and what folks at each café and restaurant had to say about their place in the community.

Bucky's Pub

Bucky's is the newest restaurant in town serving great pub fare in a family-friendly atmosphere just behind the library.

Hinesburg's newest

The pub also doubles as a big game reporting station and is open 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Parkside Café

The newly renamed Parkside Café is both a restaurant and a café serving breakfast food, pastries and coffee in the morning, lunch in the midday and dinner, now with a sit-down bar with a number of beers on tap.

Proprietor Eric Mikkelsen said that he hopes it will serve as a place for "anyone looking for either a large family event or just hiding away with a computer and coffee and everything in between."

Casual dining

He described how the restaurant "rolls over" from being a casual breakfast place to a more typical restaurant in the afternoon, which is the latest development in Parkside's evolution from the original Bristol Bakery.

Papa Nick's Restaurant and Pizza

Just around the bend at the south end of the village is Papa Nick's, one of Hinesburg's long-standing eateries. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner with a focus on Greek and Italian food, this restaurant is known for its pizza and comforting, diner-like atmosphere that locals have considered a favorite for nearly 30 years.

Diner-like feeling

According to co-owner Voula Zontanos, it's a "family place where you can dine in and dine out. People say it's the heart of the community. We see three generations of folks coming in," she said of the family operation she and her husband Nick founded in 1990. "People come here because they like the consistency."

PHinesburgh Public House

With its outdoor deck and in-house piano performances, the Public House has a distinct feel, both thanks to its food and its true pub atmosphere. "Most people describe it as a family place," said managing partner Alex Dziurzynski, who talked about both the kids and adult menus and how the restaurant serves above and beyond your typical pub fare.

True pub atmosphere

"We try to keep up with our name," he explained. "A public house is meant for the entire public — not high end or low end, just quality food."

Good Times Café

Another Hinesburg staple, Good Times Café is an "artisan pizzeria with a hint of New Orleans Cajun," according to its website. In addition to pizza, the restaurant is known for its soups and sandwiches, and an extensive dessert menu. Some changes may be coming to the eatery in the near future.

Artisan pizza

"The business is for sale, so we're looking for a transition," said co-owner Tracy Applin, while also emphasizing the restaurant's "strong connection with the community."

aisley Hippo Sandwich Shop

Tucked in the corner of the Estey Hardware shopping center, Paisley

Hippo fills a niche with big sandwiches for lunch. The shop's wide variety of sandwiches has become a favorite for students at nearby Champlain Valley Union High School and their families, according to Manager Johnny Dang.

Big on sandwiches

"We try to keep a reputation — people come here and expect the same thing," Dang said. "Hopefully in the future, we'll expand to more locations and have a greater variety of foods."

As for right now, the Hippo is best known for its cheesesteaks.

Dragon House Restaurant

Dragon House Restaurant offers Chinese takeout and dine-in options and is open 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. all week long.

Takeout for all

A deeper dive on this local favorite coming soon!

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