

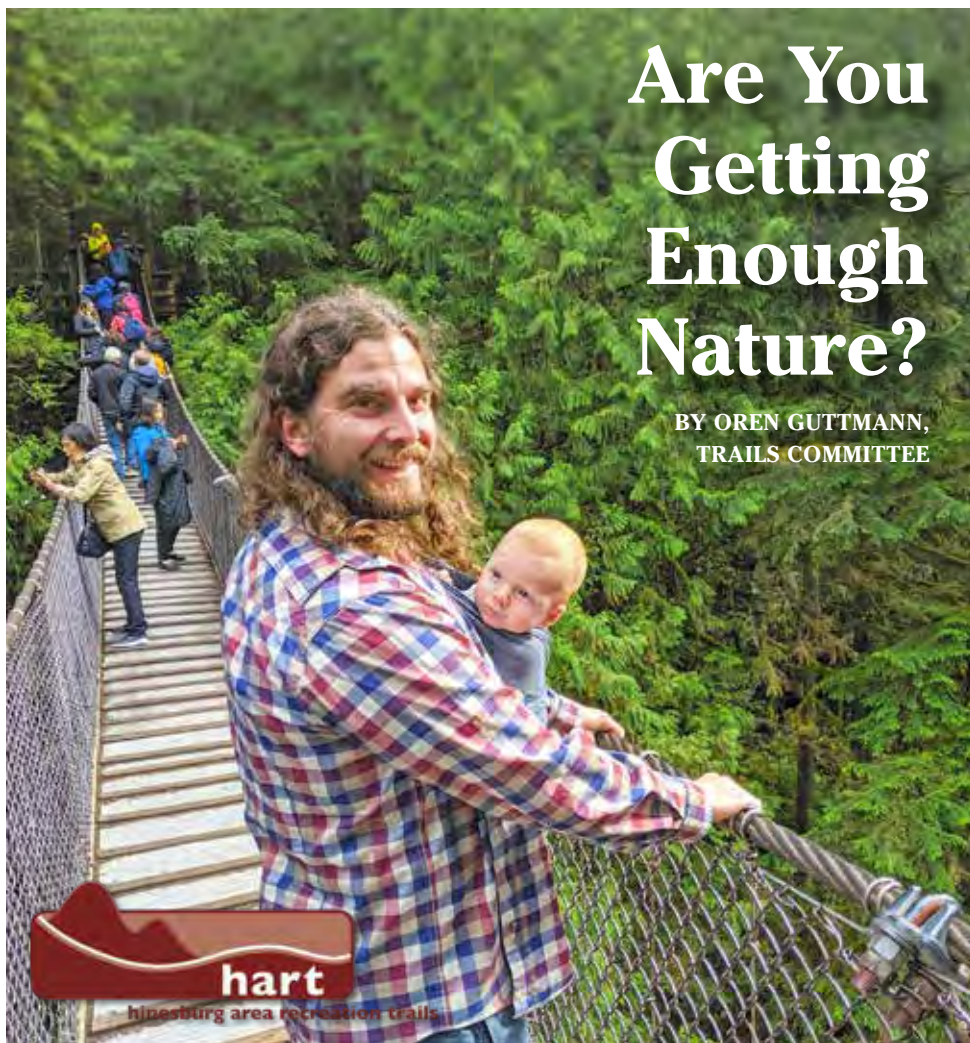
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## Are You Getting Enough Nature?

BY OREN GUTTMANN,  
TRAILS COMMITTEE



Oren and his son Everett enjoying the view from a suspension bridge in Vancouver.

**H**ave an ache and need some pain relievers? Doctor wrote a script for upped doses of a medication? Feeling down and need someone to talk to? How about just going outside for a bit?

OK, well maybe nature isn't the cure-all I'd like it to be, but recent research shows a clear link between exposure to natural environments and peoples' reporting of better overall health and well-being.

### How much nature do you really need?

A study reported in the June 13, 2019 edition of Nature ([tinyurl.com/Nature120min](https://tinyurl.com/Nature120min)) indicates spending a minimum of 120 minutes a week is needed to significantly increase the number of participants who report good health or high well-being. This was true for healthy adults, older adults and those with long-term health issues. The study confirmed that results were consistent for adults across the socio-demographic spectrum and accounted for things like employment/relationship status, dog ownership, sex, age and ethnicity.

Here in Hinesburg this dose of nature should be pretty easy for almost everyone to get, right? With all of these trees and forests around, let alone most of

## INSIDE...

### HFD Does Halloween

**Page 8:** See the photos from this year's Hinesburg Fire Department Halloween party.



### CVU Sleep Out

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### Service Directory & Calendar of Events

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## Hannaford Decides Not to Pursue Project

### STAFF REPORT

On the evening of Friday, November 22, Hinesburg Director of Planning and Zoning Alex Weinhausen received an email from Tyler Sterling, the Manager of Real Estate Development for Hannaford Supermarkets. It read,

"Please be advised that Hannaford has decided to terminate its permitting efforts for a new store in Hinesburg. We filed notice to that effect with the Environmental Court this afternoon."

The nine-year debate regarding Hannaford's proposed store on Commerce Street seems to have come to an end.

Friday night, when Weinhausen and the Selectboard were asked for comment, Weinhausen stated, "We haven't had time to discuss this

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## CVSD School Board Honored

### FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Champlain Valley School District board of directors received recognition on Nov. 7 for exceptional school board leadership. A large group (we

think our board has the most attendees!) was attending the Vermont School Boards Association Conference, Nov. 7 and 8 at Lake Morey. We are thankful for their dedication and commitment to the CVSD schools, students and families.



CVSD board members receive their award.

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I'm so happy to receive the digital version of the Record!

Even though (after a quarter century) I moved out this year, Hinesburg — and especially its people — will **always** hold a very special place in my heart. I'm just overjoyed to be able to keep in touch this way.

Thank you very much!

Marc Rendino

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# Town News

## Town Clerk and Treasurer

BY MISSY ROSS

Tax payments have now been processed and I want to thank everyone for their good humor during what is sometimes a stressful time for people. Property taxes in Vermont are very high and we are lucky that the state enacted the property tax adjustment system to assist those people whose tax burden is above their ability to pay based on household income. This has enabled many people on fixed incomes or with lower household incomes to stay in their homes and has helped to ease the tax burden on many middle-income families as well.

Town Meeting Day and the presidential primary are just around the corner on March 3, 2020! Vermont's presidential primary always coincides with Town Meeting Day and will undoubtedly be a very busy election. Ballots for early voting for the presidential primary will be available beginning Jan. 18 if one is inclined to either request the ballot by mail or come in to the office to vote early. The ballots for town meeting, on the other hand, won't be available until Feb. 12. This is because federal elections have a requirement that ballots be available a minimum of 45 days before the election so that overseas and military voters will have adequate time to request and return their ballots. You can kill two birds with one stone by waiting until the local ballots are available, so that you can either receive all the ballots by mail in one envelope, or come in to the town clerk's office to do all of your voting at once. If you choose to receive the presidential primary ballot before the local ballots are available, we can mail you the local ballots once they have arrived. This is going to be a very busy and exciting election year.

Vermont implemented same-day voter registration in 2018. We encourage you to register to vote prior to election day in order to expedite the process. You can easily check your voter registration status and change your registration to your current town of residence as well as update your address by going to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us) and reviewing your information.

This convenient website should reduce the number of voters who are registering on election day.

Town Meeting Day will take place on Monday night, March 2, in the CVUHS auditorium at 7 p.m. This is where the voting on the municipal budget will occur. The following day, March 3, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for Australian ballot voting for both the federal and local elections. The local ballot will include races for selectboard, town clerk and treasurer, library trustee, town moderator, cemetery trustee, school director for Champlain Valley School District, and Peck Estate trustees.

Those selectboard members who are up for reelection this year, should they choose to run again, are Tom Ayer and Merrily Lovell. I am up for reelection to a three-year term for town clerk and treasurer and do plan to run again. It has been an honor to hold this position of trust for the town for the last 18-plus years and I hope to continue for another three-year term. For anyone who might be interested in running for any positions that are up for election, I will post an updated petition on the town website. The deadline to file a petition to run for one of the local offices listed above is Jan. 27 by 5 p.m. Petitions must contain the signatures of 30 registered voters in the town of Hinesburg.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 802-482-2281 ext. 223 or shoot me an email at [mross@hinesburg.org](mailto:mross@hinesburg.org).

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

RACHEL KRING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HINESBURG COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

In the U.S. today millions of families report that they would not be able to cover an unexpected expense like an emergency room visit or a major car repair. Food is one place in the budget where many families will make cuts in times of hardship, and food insecurity can happen to anyone.

The households we serve at the Hinesburg Community Resource Center Food Shelf are typically confronted with choices between food and utilities, food and healthcare or food and housing. Food insecurity harms health, the ability to learn, and productivity in the workforce.

Community food shelves fill an immediate need, but the benefits for people who receive food assistance also last well beyond the initial help of having enough to eat. Long-term benefits for children include less risk for chronic health conditions and better academic outcomes. Food shelves also provide a sense of hope and community for those who are struggling or alone, especially for seniors or for those who feel isolated by generational poverty.

Taking care of those in need has a long social and religious tradition in many cultures, and that tradition is strong in Hinesburg. We have found that many people in our community support efforts to provide food to neighbors in need because they feel fortunate to be able to help others, because they have been helped at some time in their own life, or because they realize that it doesn't take much for a family's circumstances to change drastically. We get to experience the amazing generosity of this community every day and feel lucky to be doing this work in our special town.

Our mission is all about neighbors helping neighbors, and this holiday season, we urge all of our neighbors to do what you can to help a fellow Hinesburger — volunteer, donate, mentor, check in on someone who lives alone — knowing that we all might have to ask for help from our neighbors at some point!

## Winter Weekend Playtimes

BY ALEXANDRA KONCEWICZ, COORDINATOR, HINESBURG FRIENDS OF FAMILIES

Winter weather is here, so let the kiddos burn off some energy at Friends of Families' Saturday morning winter playtimes to be held at Hinesburg Town Hall. The playtimes are 10-11:30 a.m. on the following dates:

Dec. 7  
Jan. 11 and 25  
Feb. 8 and 22  
March 7 and 28

Little ones from birth to age 5 with a care giver can enjoy toys, gross motor activities, a craft project, snack and circle time. Care givers can enjoy a hot beverage and some socializing with friends and neighbors.

All of this is FREE and open to families from any town, no registration necessary.

These events are weather dependent as there is no snow removal at Town Hall on weekends. If we need to cancel we'll do so the day before, so please stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates: [facebook.com/hinesburgfof](https://facebook.com/hinesburgfof).

Sponsored by Hinesburg Community Resource Center's Friends of Families Program. For more information, please call or email Alexandra Koncewicz at 802-482-4946 or [koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org](mailto:koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org).

# Legislative

## Lt. Governor's Newsletter

BY LT. GOVERNOR DAVID ZUCKERMAN

Last month I had the opportunity to spend time at the Climate Encampment. I listened to youth as they shared real fear for their future and their demands for meaningful action to address the climate crisis. As a small business owner/farmer and father, I am excited for such leadership and join our youth in demanding action now.

I also spoke at the Energy Action Network event at Champlain College. This event was an opportunity for elected officials, advocacy organizations and activists to come together, assess where we are, and propose ideas to address the climate crisis. There are Vermonters of all stripes collaborating for a carbon neutral future.

Despite the governor stating support of our statutory climate and comprehensive energy plan goals and creating a climate action commission to identify a plan to meet these goals, we are falling radically short. In fact, our climate pollution has risen, dramatically. We must get serious.

I believe the first step in reversing this trend is to create a system that will build accountability into the goals that we set. The Climate Solutions Caucus

(comprised of more than 80 current Vermont senators and representatives) and our environmental and energy allies have proposed legislation for a Vermont Global Warming Solutions Act. Neighboring states, like Massachusetts and New York, have enacted similar legislation and the results have been dramatic.

You can learn more about what a Global Warming Solutions Act could do and why we need it, below.

## Global Warming Solutions Act

Since 2006, Vermont has had laudable statutory goals to cut carbon pollution, but we are severely short of attaining

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Please answer the need

**Hinesburg Food Shelf**

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

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PO Box 444, Hinesburg, VT 05461

Hinesburg Food Shelf hours are:  
Tuesday nights 5:30 - 7:30  
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Town Administrator Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment, Town Hall. Renae Marshall, Town Administrator [tlashua@hinesburg.org](mailto:tlashua@hinesburg.org) 482-2281 ext. 221.

Town Planner Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m, Town Hall, 482-3619. [hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net). Alex Weinhausen, Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail, [hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net). Peter Erb, Administrator.

Assessor's Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to noon, other hours by appointment, Town Hall. Marie Gardner, Assessor 482-2281 ext. 228, [mgardner@hinesburg.org](mailto:mgardner@hinesburg.org).

Hinesburg Recreation Office - Jennifer McQuin, Recreation Coordinator Town Hall. 482-2281 ext. 230. Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net)

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

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Leave a message for Rachel Kring at 482-4667. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for Friends of Families, and she can be reached at the same number or at [koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org](mailto:koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org). Hinesburg Food Shelf: Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

### WEB PAGES:

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HCS: [hcsvt.org](http://hcsvt.org). Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc. CVU: [cvuhs.org](http://cvuhs.org). CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.

CC: [carpentercase.org](http://carpentercase.org). Library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Town: [hinesburg.org](http://hinesburg.org). Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

[hinesburgbusiness.com](http://hinesburgbusiness.com) - FREE. POST NOTICE OF JOB OPENINGS. POST RESUMES. Sponsored by HBPA.

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

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



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those goals. This is especially noticeable when you compare how Vermont is tracking with some of our neighboring states that have accountability measures in place. The Global Warming Solutions Act would follow the lead of those states by turning our goals into requirements. This would give Vermonters the tools needed to hold our state agencies and leaders accountable to improve our future.

Your support of the Global Warming Solutions Act will help:

- Make Vermont's existing climate goals binding targets and align state government to achieve them.
- Set Vermont on a path toward 20% reduction in climate pollution by 2025 (the goal of the Paris Climate Accord) and toward a target of net zero climate pollution by 2050 at the latest.
- Send a strong market signal that will help catalyze entrepreneurial innovation and job creation.



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## Vermont Fire Departments Awarded More Than \$2 Million in Federal Grants

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont's congressional delegation announced that the Vermont Fire Academy and fire departments throughout the state have received more than \$2 million through 16 federal grants.

The awards are part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, which helps fire departments, fire academies and EMS agencies obtain critically needed equipment and training to better protect the public and first

responders. This year's AFG grants will help departments purchase equipment including air packs, vehicle extraction tools and a fire truck, and it will also fund paramedic training.

"Vermont's first responders are some of the most dedicated public servants we have. They keep our communities safe, answering the call at all hours of the day and night, and they put their own safety on the line in doing so. We are pleased that these federal grants will help departments secure the updated equipment they need and deserve so that they can continue to provide these vital services," said Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Representative Peter Welch (D-Vt.).

The federal grants were awarded to:

Putney Fire Department, \$181,510  
Burlington Fire Department, \$162,273  
City of Rutland Fire Department, \$47,317  
Williston Fire Department (in partnership with Essex Rescue and Colchester Rescue), \$305,209  
Vermont Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety, Vermont Fire Academy, \$124,585  
Peru Fire Department, \$62,039  
Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, \$124,286  
Stamford Volunteer Fire Department, \$9,524  
Springfield Fire Department, \$95,595  
Newbury Volunteer Fire Department, \$106,286  
Grafton Firefighters Association, \$65,238  
Essex Junction Fire Department, \$141,071  
Thetford Volunteer Fire Department, \$118,065  
Readsboro Fire Department, \$85,714  
Poultney Fire Department, \$136,333  
Rupert Volunteer Fire Department, \$264,762

The next AFG application period is expected to open in December. In preparation, FEMA's grant specialists will be hosting workshops in Vermont and online webinars this fall. Each workshop is approximately 2.5 hours long and provides information on the AFG programs, what is new for 2019, and tips to develop and submit a successful application.

The following workshops are planned:

Dec. 2, 6 p.m., Pownal Rescue Squad, 22 Ladd Brook Road, Pownal

Dec. 3, 2 p.m., online webinar. Audio: 800-320-4330; PIN: 174852#. fema.connectsolutions.com/r1\_2019\_afg.

Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Online Webinar. Audio: 800-320-4330; PIN: 174852#. fema.connectsolutions.com/r1\_2019\_afg.

Dec. 5, 10 a.m., Online Webinar. Audio: 800-320-4330; PIN: 174852#. fema.connectsolutions.com/r1\_2019\_afg.

For more information about AFG and to sign up for email updates, please visit [fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program](http://fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program).

## CSWD

### How to Lose 800,000,000 Pounds

BY AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
SECRETARY JULIE MOORE

Garbage. Trash. Waste. Rubbish. For many, these words trigger images of cans and baskets lined with oversized plastic bags filled to the brim with — as Templeton the rat from "Charlotte's Web" would say — a veritable smorgasbord of who-knows-what. The "stuff" that comprises trash is easy to forget because it is no longer wanted or needed, but have you ever truly thought about what's inside those garbage bags?

Staff here at the state's Department of Environmental Conservation think about it every day and, in fact, even go so far as to conduct a waste composition study once every five years. What is a waste composition study you ask? It is exactly as you might imagine — a team of intrepid people don Tyvek suits and rubber gloves and open randomly selected garbage bags to find out what percentage of Vermonters' trash could have been recycled or composted, sorting each item into one of 65 categories. The results are sobering. In 2018 Vermonters sent more than 800,000,000 pounds of stuff to the landfill — that works out to almost 3.5 pounds of garbage per day for each person living in Vermont!

There's no skirting the issue — garbage can be gross. But, at a personal level, trash is simply an assemblage of items that played a role in your life until they were no longer wanted. It starts with the peel that kept your banana fresh until you ate it. It's the leftover grounds from your morning coffee. It's the box that your new computer came in. Whatever the item, you decide where the material will go next — into the recycling bin, the compost pail or the garbage can. Vermont has some pretty impressive recycling rates — 72% of the material that can be recycled is! But that recent waste composition study also found that nearly 20% of the stuff in our garbage bags was material that could have been recycled. And another 20% was food scraps that could have been composted. Taken together, this shows that there are real opportunities to reduce the amount of stuff we send to the landfill by millions and millions of pounds a year.

Nov. 15 was America Recycles Day, a time for us all to evaluate what we throw away

and consider our role in keeping food scraps and recyclables out of Vermont's landfill. Next summer, on July 1, 2020, Vermont's food scrap law will go into full effect. For several years now, restaurants and grocery stores have been asked to separate their food scraps for composting. And starting next summer all Vermonters will be asked to make a similar commitment to keeping food scraps — from coffee grounds and eggshells to apple cores and spoiled leftovers — out of the trash. On the same day, a single-use plastic law will go into effect — supporting a transition to more sustainable products and reducing our need for the hundreds of thousands of single-use plastic bags, straws, stirrers and foam cups, and containers currently thrown away each year.

The success of statewide recycling and composting programs relies on the individual actions of every Vermonter. Using EPA's WARM model, if every Vermonter separated their food waste for composting, it would be the same as taking over 7,000 vehicles off the road each year. The number one thing Vermonters can do to end our trash problem is to generate less waste. This holiday season, plan to feed people instead of landfills by asking your guests to bring to-go containers to take home leftovers. Make a commitment to plan your meals per person to save money and wasted food, and visit VTrecycles.com to find a food scrap drop-off center or food scrap hauler to take the work out of composting your holiday food scraps.

Small steps, like regularly bringing your reusable shopping bags and carrying a reusable water bottle and travel mug, prevent waste from being produced. Once you've mastered one new habit, you can add another.

Waste reduction is not an all-or-nothing endeavor, and small behavior changes can add up to real and positive impacts. With commitment from all of us, reducing waste can become a normal part of life in the Green Mountains — as much as tapping maple trees and hiking Camel's Hump.

*Julie Moore is the secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the state agency with primary responsibility for protecting and sustaining Vermont's environment, natural resources, wild-life and forests, and for maintaining Vermont's beloved state parks. Moore was named to that position by Governor Phil Scott in January 2017.*


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## Police

### Incidents

**Oct. 18:** 12:40 p.m. An officer responded to the parking lot of Lantman's Market for the report of property damage.

**Oct. 20:** 5:30 a.m. An alarm activation was investigated on Silver Street.

10:12 a.m. An alarm activation was investigated on Burritt Road.

6:21 p.m. Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Route 116. No injuries were reported.

**Oct. 21:** 4:55 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Route 116.

**Oct. 22:** 2:20 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Mechanicsville Road.

**Oct. 23:** 3:15 p.m. Officers responded to a single-vehicle crash on Richmond Road. No injuries were reported.

6:40 p.m. Missing juveniles were reported on Bear Lane. The individuals were located.

**Oct. 24:** 9:40 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Mechanicsville Road.

10:30 a.m. An officer responded to Route 116 and Charlotte Road to clear a traffic hazard.

4:30 p.m. Paperwork was served at the request of another agency.

7:10 p.m. A missing juvenile was reported at Kailey's Way. The individual was located.

**Oct. 25:** 9:30 p.m. Officers responded to the Howard Center in Starksboro to assist state police.

**Oct. 26:** 10:16 a.m. A road rage incident was reported in the area of Silver Street.

**Oct. 27:** 9:15 a.m. An alarm activation was investigated at CVU.

11:40 a.m. Property that was stolen, possibly lost, was reported.

**Oct. 28:** 9:09 a.m. An officer responded to Pond Road for the report of a two-vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

4:30 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for the report of a single-vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

**Oct. 30:** 7:50 p.m. Officers responded

to Shelburne Falls Road for a domestic altercation.

**Oct. 31:** 8 a.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road for the report of a two-vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

**Nov. 2:** 7:30 a.m. An officer responded to St. George to assist state police with a domestic altercation.

**Nov. 3:** 7:13 a.m. Suspicious circumstances were investigated on Shelburne Falls Road.

6:30 p.m. An officer responded to Birchwood Drive for a domestic altercation.

**Nov. 4:** 4:25 p.m. Officers responded to the parking lot of Kinney Drugs for the

report of an individual slashing a car tire with a knife. One individual was cited and released for unlawful mischief.

**Nov. 6:** 11:15 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on North Road.

8:30 p.m. An arrest warrant was carried out on North Road.

10:15 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a vehicle problem at Geprags Park.

**Nov. 7:** 1:42 p.m. Officers responded to O'Neil Road for a domestic altercation.

**Nov. 8:** 6:30-9:30 a.m. Officers responded to multiple calls for vehicle slide offs and crashes due to snowy road conditions. No injuries were reported.

4:25 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

6:00 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for the report of an abandoned vehicle.

**Nov. 9:** 7:10 a.m. A noise complaint in

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### THE HOUSEWRIGHT



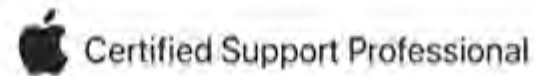
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volving loud music was reported on Route 116.

**Nov. 10:** 3:30 p.m. A report of erratic operation was reported on Silver Street. The operator was identified and a warning issued.

**Nov. 11:** 4:40 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 and Silver Street for a two-car motor vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

4:45 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for a three-car motor vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

9:12 p.m. A 911 hang-up was investigated on Mulberry Lane.

**Nov. 13:** 9:53 a.m. Officers responded to Route 116 and CVU Road for a two-car motor vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

## Fire

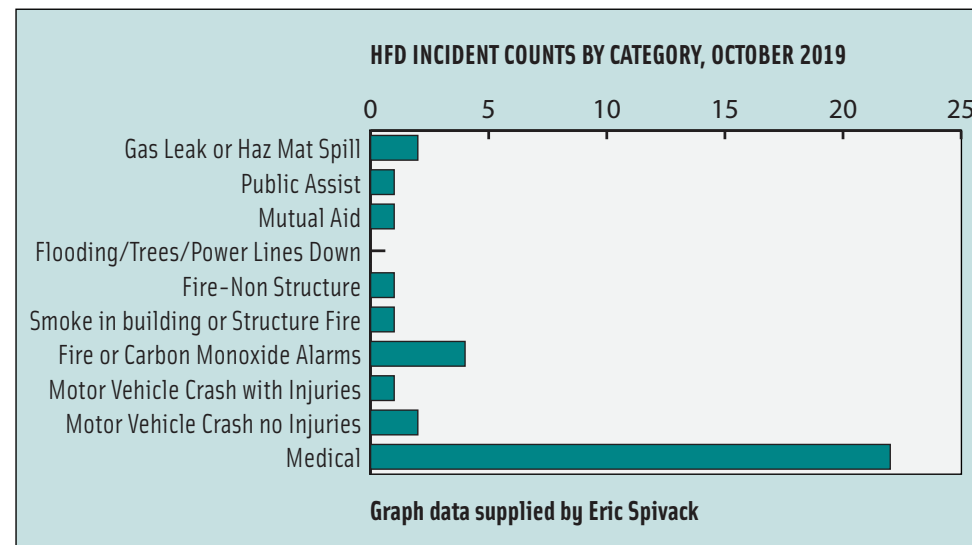
### From Fire Chief Al Barber

Budget season is upon us again, so it's time to reflect on where we've been and where we're headed as a department. What we have seen again this year is a steady increase in calls and the increase in EMS calls for service specifically. As I've said before, we are really an EMS department that does fire calls with nearly 80% of our calls now being EMS related. Unfortunately, we will for the next few years see sizable increases in our budget requests as we try to meet the needs that the community is requiring of us. For a number of years, we have been identifying future needs well in advance of when they would be needed, so that the town budget process could prepare for them. We will have impact fees to help lessen the impacts, but it will require increases in our budget to cover the costs.

**A Couple of Reminders About Winter Time Emergencies** If you need our help please let us know if there are any specific things we should be aware of like slippery driveways, washouts along your driveway, slippery stairways, low hanging trees or anything else that you might be concerned about hindering us getting to you.

If we are responding for a carbon monoxide or fire alarm, please keep your doors and windows closed and exit the building. By keeping them closed it helps us pinpoint where the source of the alarm is coming from much quicker.

As always keep your chimneys clean



*HFD responded to 35 calls in October.*

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

and appliance venting cleared of snow and leaves. 911 Address signs are key to helping us find you. Contact us if you are in need of one.

### Ambulance Update

There's really nothing substantial to report on the ambulance front, the selectboard is still considering where we should head. The department feels that both fiscally and ethically the best direction to go is an ambulance in town operated by the fire department like the one in Williston. While it certainly will mean lots more work, it also means better, quicker service, more accountability; when you're the one in need, an ambulance can't get there quick enough.

We are always looking for volunteers that want to learn something new and be able to apply it to benefit the community, serving the community through the fire department is very rewarding and helpful to the whole community. As we look to the future, we also know we need to increase our EMS staffing to meet our current and future needs. Come join us any Wednesday night to see what it's all about. We always welcome visitors to come see what we're doing to serve the community too.

### Have You Been a Good Boy or Girl?

Santa will be coming to Hinesburg for his annual visit and ride. Watch for Santa riding the fire apparatus around Hinesburg and St. George the evening of

Saturday, Dec. 21.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Santa will be at the Hinesburg Fire Station to visit with everyone and hear your last-minute gift requests.

### Thank You for Food Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual food drive held on Saturday, Nov. 2. We collected and delivered to the Hinesburg Food Shelf 1,186 lbs. of food and \$522.



*Food drive donations.*

### Winter Safety Tips

The calendar says November but the weather says January. Here are a few safety tips and reminders as we get into the cold, snowy weather.

Make sure carbon monoxide and smoke alarms are within date and operating. Test the alarms periodically and check the date. Detectors with a date prior to 2013 should be replaced. The best type of detector is a plug-in or wired with a battery backup and digital readout.

If your detector sounds, and it is not the end of life or low battery alert, call 911 and get out of the building. Please do not wait, especially if it is the CO alarm. CO is odorless and colorless and can cause illness or worse. Please do not open windows and doors to air out the house as this makes it difficult for us to locate the cause of the alarm, if any.

Do you have a generator? Please be sure it is located away from your home. The exhaust from the generator can enter your home through dryer/furnace vents and any unsealed openings in windows or doors creating a buildup of CO inside your home.

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Do not warm your car up in the garage, especially if it is part of your main house. The exhaust has nowhere to go but into your living areas.

Be sure to check outside vents after a winter storm to make sure snow and ice has not built up and is blocking the opening.

Properly dispose of wood stove/fire-place ashes. Wood ash will burn for up to a week in an ash pail, so do not put them in plastic pails, paper or cardboard boxes. Place the ashes in a metal container, bring it outside and dump them in a place where they will not catch anything else on fire.

If you do have a chimney fire, close the damper. If possible, safely remove any burning wood from the fire box and put it outside out of harm's way. Call 911. We can't help you until we get the call.

Please be safe this winter and have a happy holiday season.

## Halloween Party a Success Despite the Rain

Here are a few photos!



Many children and adults participated in the fire department's Halloween party.



Members of Scout Troop 690 and Hinesburg Fire Department carved pumpkins for the Halloween party.

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

## Business

### Shop Local Holiday Raffle

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The holidays just got a whole lot jollier with National Bank of Middlebury's "Shop Local & Win" raffle! National Bank of Middlebury will be giving away \$1,000 per community — \$500 to a local shopper and \$500 to a local business — in local currency (Middlebury Money, Bristol Bucks, Vergennes Green, Brandon Bucks and cash in Hinesburg as they have no local currency).

The bank has always supported shop local efforts and the benefits of using local currency, particularly during the holiday season. This year a plan was devised to reward not only local shoppers but also the local merchants. Participating businesses will be given a poster to display in their window (identifying them as "Shop Local & Win" participants) as well as raffle tickets to hand out to customers when they make a purchase. The customer will fill out their contact information and the name of the merchant and enter their ticket(s). The ticket must be submitted at the NBM branch in the community where the customer shopped. The program is set to launch on Nov. 30 and the drawings will take place Wednesday, Dec. 18. There is no limit on the number of entries which can be made.

"We are really excited to include a benefit for our local merchants. They work long, hard hours and do so much to support community teams and nonprofits. This is a fun way to say thank you."

The bank will also be supporting the many strolls and special shopping events taking place during December with their famous red bags. Hinesburg, Vergennes, Bristol, Middlebury and Brandon all hold special events. NBM provides red happy holidays reusable shopping bags, some of which are seeded with money. "It is great fun to participate in local events and simultaneously reduce our environmental impact. This is our way to say thank you in the communities we serve and also to hopefully create a little holiday joy."

Come join us in supporting and celebrating our local community businesses!

For additional information or for merchant sign-up please contact [ddonahue@nbmvt.com](mailto:ddonahue@nbmvt.com) or call Donna Donahue at 802-388-1985 or Jonathan Connor at 802-388-0884.

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## Recreation

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### Hinesburg Recreation Youth Basketball

The youth basketball program is for grades K-6 and held in the HCS gym. K-2 coeds 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.

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, 10:00-11:15 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@gmail.com](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmail.com) or 802-482-2281 ext. 230.

### Second Annual Young Crafters Fair

Calling all young crafters! We invite you

to join us for the Second Annual Young Crafters Fair at the Hinesburg Town Hall on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are a young crafter or artist with products to sell, you should contact us to reserve your table today. Maybe you and a friend could share a table? If you are a supporter of youth arts, creativity and fun — come get a jump on your holiday shopping! There are sure to be amazing, one-of-a-kind pieces for purchase! Please contact Kerry Lake or Chris Billis with questions about the event. We can be reached at [kerrylake1@gmail.com](mailto:kerrylake1@gmail.com) or [cbjb@gmavt.net](mailto:cbjb@gmavt.net).

### Hinesburg Children's Choir

The Hinesburg Children's Choir continues with CVU senior Kianna Ayer and junior Maya Phelan co-directing this year's program. We are thrilled to have this dynamic duo to continue this musical tradition geared toward our youngest singers. Please plan on a concert performance to culminate this program in the first week of May.

**Who:** grades 2-4. **When:** Tuesdays, Jan. 21 through May 5. **Where:** Danielle Sert's music room. **Time:** 1:45-2:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$75.

### 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: Wednesdays, Jan. 15 through Feb. 19 (six classes). Session 2: Wednesdays, March 11 through April 15 (six classes). **Where:** Art Room. **Time:** 2:45-4:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$120

### 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 or 27). **Time:** 6:6:50 a.m. **Cost:** \$299 per session.

### Snowmobile Safety Course

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 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.

### Valentine Cookie Decorating

Join Maryam Counter of Matryoshka's

Bakery to decorate homemade heart-shaped cookies with scratch icing and Valentine-themed decorations. A new baker with a new spin at a NEW location to keep a long-time favorite activity going strong. Welcome Maryam!

**Who:** kindergarten through grade eight. **Where:** meet in Flex Space at HCS first, then walk to Good Times Café. Pick-up will be at Good Times. **When:** Wednesday, Feb. 12. **Time:** 2:45-3:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$17. **Maximum:** 18 students.

### 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 5 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, 2019-June 10, 2020 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."

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

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**Address:** 69 Ballard's Corner Road, Hinesburg 05461

**Website:** carpentercarse.org

**Email:** library@carpentercarse.org

## Library News

December brings warm things to the library: live music and stories, a new art show with works by John Penoyar and Judi Maculan to the Community Room, and of course new books. Some of the new titles about to hit our shelves include: Edmund Morris' new biography of Thomas Edison, Zadie Smith's new collection of short stories, "Grand Union," and Salman Rushdie's re-envisioning of the Don Quixote story, "Quichotte." "The Starless Sea" by Erin Morgenstern, "Ninth House" by Leigh Bardugo and "Inside Out" (the new biography by Demi Moore) also await your perusal.



Artwork by Judi Maculan (pictured) and John Penoyar are on display in the library through December.

On view in the Community Room throughout December is a collection of colorful new watercolor and acrylic artworks by Hinesburg residents John Penoyar and Judi Maculan. This is the third show of their art in the space, and it sings with color and vibrancy in this season of diminishing light.

Please note we will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25.

## Library Calendar

### Live Holiday Music With the Song Farmers of Hinesburg

**Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.**

We have some exciting news about our upcoming Song Farmers holiday gathering! "Vermont Treasures" host Rachel Hamilton will be here to film a segment for Lake Champlain Access Television. We hope many of you will join us for the festivities and to sing along!



There will be a Song Farmers music gathering on Dec. 5.

### Drop-In Holiday Card Making

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Card making supplies will be available, as well as light refreshments. Join us!

### Mystery Book Group

**Wednesday, Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.**

Do you love mysteries? Join our book group! This informal group will meet in the Community Room on the second Wednesday of each month to chat about the book and snack on pastries. Don't miss it! Learn the title of the latest book at the front desk.

### Holiday Family Gathering and Pajama Storytime

**Friday, Dec. 13, 5-6 p.m.**

Get into your pajamas and join us for a simple craft activity, and then settle in with a cup of cocoa and listen to "The Polar Express" and other favorite holiday stories. Designed for 3-9 year olds and their caregivers, but all family members are welcome! For more information email jen@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878.

### Saturday Storytime

**Saturday, Dec. 21, 10-10:30 a.m.**

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

## 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.

### Tuesday Crafternoons — Learn to Crochet

**Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, 2-3 p.m.**

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### 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.

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**Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

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

## CVU Students Stand (and Sleep) in Solidarity with Homeless Youth

BY MATTHEW PAWLOWSKI  
AND CAROLINE SLACK,  
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

For Vermonters fortunate enough to have been in warm homes last Thursday, the evening most likely passed by uneventfully, save for some slight annoyance at the cold rain thrashing against their windows.

But for about 55 students and a handful of adults at Champlain Valley Union High School, the night of Nov. 21 is one that will likely stay with them for a long time.

As the sunset lit up the evening sky, students pitched tents on the cold, soggy ground behind the school, preparing to brave the night in solidarity for homeless youth.

"Every day, we go to school, we go home, we go to bed," said Brooke Smith, a junior from Hinesburg participating in the Spectrum sleep-out for the second year in a row. "We take for granted the comforts we have. If anything, tonight's a wakeup call for those of us that have the choice to sleep out tonight, because for some, that choice has been made for them."

Junior Claire Goldman from Hinesburg was taking part for the first time.

"I don't think people realize [homelessness] is all around us. This issue is almost hidden in Vermont," she said.

The Spectrum sleep-out fundraiser supports Spectrum Youth and Family Services in Burlington, a nonprofit that serves at-risk youth ages 12 to 26 and their families by providing for basic needs such as housing, life-skills coaching, and counseling.

Senior Mia Brumsted of Shelburne, who has organized the sleepouts for the past three years, said the experience is an opportunity to, for one evening, step into the shoes of what homeless youth must endure every day, even if it means being uncomfortable.



Sleepout organizer CVU senior Mia Brumsted and Spectrum Youth and Family Services Executive Director Mark Redmond at the Nov. 21 sleepout at CVU High School. Photo by Caroline Slack.

"I think it's great that we're doing this so close to Thanksgiving," Brumsted said to the group as they gathered for the night. "Because after tonight, we're all going to realize a little bit more of what this lifestyle is actually like and recognize the things that we take for granted."

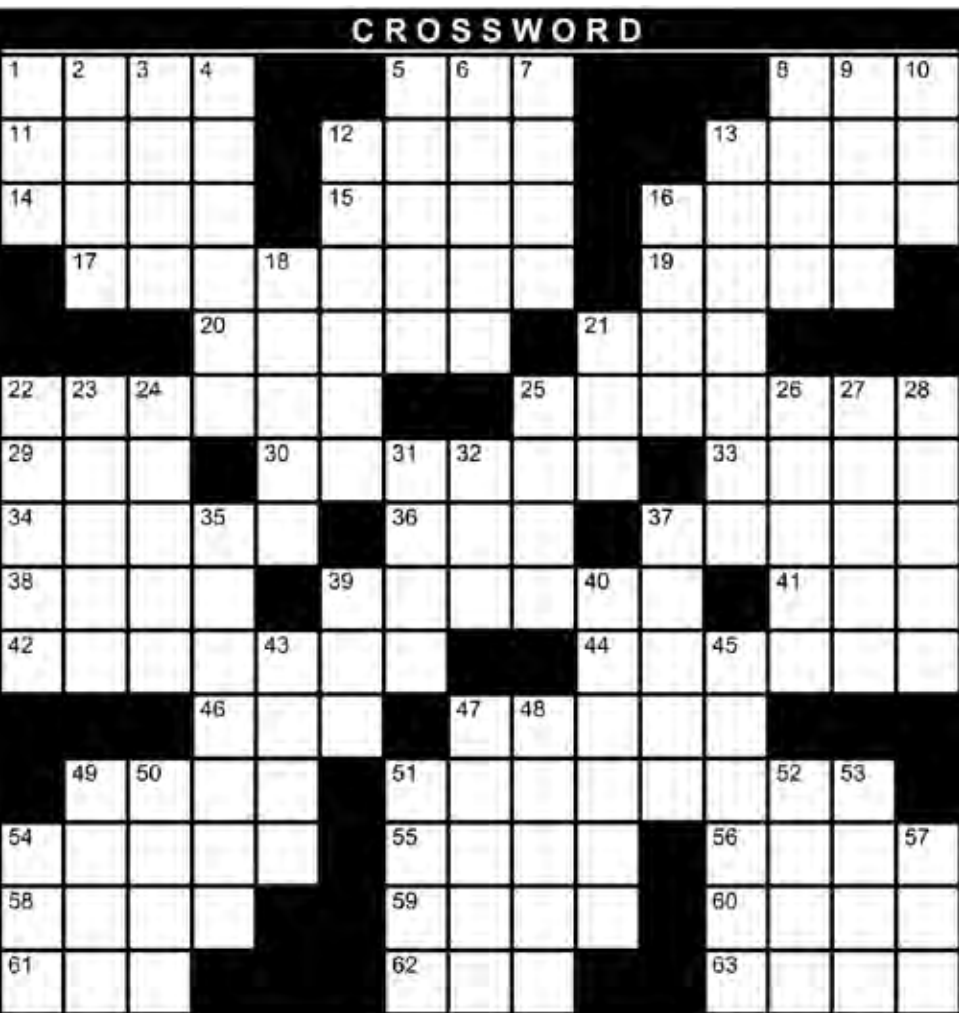
When morning came, students broke camp and headed into school for the day. "Some people have to do this every day for years and that's their reality. Recognizing that is important," Smith said.

In attendance that evening was Spectrum Executive Director Mark Redmond who commended Brumsted for her leadership. "It takes one student or teacher that really believes in it to get it going, and Mia was that one person," he said.

Spectrum began sleep-out fundraisers about eight years ago, the effort growing each year. Organizers said they hoped for the CVU event to bring in \$5,000 through donations participants collected and from the CVU community at large.

Learn more and support Spectrum online at spectrumvt.org.

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1. Observation point's attraction
5. Included for large parties?
8. 252 gallons of wine
11. Soprano's song, e.g.
12. Pakistani tongue
13. Word with foster or health
14. Lancelot and Mix-a-Lot
15. Unstable particle
16. Orangutan, biologically speaking
17. \*Car safety invention
19. Caspian Sea, e.g.
20. They flock together?
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25. \*Bakelite was first one made from synthetics
29. RNs' org.
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34. "To Kill a Mockingbird" protagonist
36. Columbus Day mo.
37. Unlock
38. Without, in Paris
39. Limestone landscape forms
41. Broke bread
42. \*Synthetic for a diabetic
44. Putin's currency
46. \*Willis Carrier's invention conditioned it
47. \*Aspartame-based sweetener
49. Hard tale to believe
51. \*Scuba diver's gear
54. "It's still Rock and Roll" to him
55. The Colosseum, e.g.
56. Stage part
58. Bohemian
59. Gold coating
60. Fishing rod attachment
61. Sticky stuff
62. Make a choice
63. Big Bang's original matter

DOWN

1. Military hospitals
2. Fleur-de-lis
3. Irish word for Ireland
4. Sushi restaurant "burner"
5. Set straight
6. Objects of worship
7. Fourth down option
8. \*Little Willie or T-34
9. Egg on
10. Opposite of paleo-
12. Perugia region
13. Make less refined
16. Court bargain
18. Touch of color
21. Antediluvian
22. Low in La Scala, pl.
23. Relating to Quechuan people
24. Unstable mesons
25. Four-legged friends
26. \_\_\_\_ Ligation
27. All worked up
28. Apple leftovers
31. Multicolored horse
32. \*Acronym that revolutionized TV-watching
35. But not always
37. Like some suspects?
39. CrÈme de cassis plus wine
40. Like Ferris Bueller
43. Monet's water flower
45. Out of focus
47. Provide with gear
48. Cover with a story to tell?
49. Beginner
50. Charlie Parker's sax
51. Golden Fleece ship
52. Season to be jolly
53. High school club
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# Education

## Five Myths and Truths About the School District's Budgeting Process

FROM THE CVSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Myth: All decisions around budgeting are made at the central office.**

Truth: There's quite a detailed process that helps inform decisions.

The larger community is invited each fall to share its thoughts and provide input at the Community Budget Forum and via an online survey. Faculty and staff are asked for their ideas and input in each of our buildings. The Champlain Valley School District leadership team meets with school-based leadership teams for instructional service planning meetings. The district principals, special education directors and superintendent meet monthly at CVU to discuss factors impacting the budget. All of this information is taken into consideration. Presentations are made to the school board starting in November and into January. Finally, the school board adopts a proposed budget that is presented to voters on Town Meeting Day.

**Myth: The community is not involved in the budgeting process.**

Truth: We welcome community input in many ways.

The Community Budget Forum officially kicks off the fall budgeting cycle in October each year. We also collect input via surveys and at all of the school board budget meetings. The next meeting is on Nov. 19 with special education as the focus topic. For a full schedule of the meetings, see below or visit cvsdt.org/budget.

**Myth: Principals count the votes on Town Meeting Day for the school district's budget.**

Truth: The ballots are counted by town

officials in each town.

While some believe that our principals are closely connected to the budget count, they are waiting at home like many of us to hear the final outcome.

**Myth: Each school has its own budget.**

Truth: We are a consolidated district and have one budget for the whole district.

Specific elements are broken down by school to allow for local decision-making and to ensure that each school retains its individual identity. Most elements of the budget are managed at the district level. The district has realized over \$600,000 in savings and cost avoidance since consolidation, as well as a savings of time through efficiency. For example, consolidation allows principals to spend more time on educational leadership and less on financial and operational activities.

**Myth: The budgeting process only happens between October and January.**

Truth: We budget year-round.

The fall budget cycle is the time when the district puts numbers to the strategic allocation of resources. But the important work of the board is done year-round where organizational goals are defined to actionable priorities. For example, in 2018 the board had a goal of providing educational equity across the district. But it quickly realized that its members did not have a common definition of equity. Time was scheduled over the next year to discuss in-depth what was meant by "equity" and how the board could prioritize resources in the next budget cycle to move the district toward this goal. Another board goal is providing an excellent education to our students. But turning this into specific, actionable budget priorities would take more than one meeting in the fall. Multiple meetings spent reviewing and discussing academic data led to the development of strategic priorities that are being addressed in the budget this year.

### Upcoming Budget Meetings

Dec. 3: Instructional Program



Rice Memorial High School Principal Lisa Lorenz greets a delegation of female youth ice hockey players from Kazakhstan for a spooky Halloween skate at Cairns Arena on Oct. 30. The girls skated with Rice's Girls' Prep Hockey team.

Dec. 17: Operations and Maintenance

Jan. 7: Summary and tax implications

Jan. 21: Final Approval of Warnings

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

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## Rice Memorial High School Welcomes Students From Kazakhstan

FROM PRESS RELEASE

In an effort to bridge the gap between the small state of Vermont and other cultures of the world, Rice Memorial High School welcomed a group of Kazakhstan students to come spend the day at their school in October.

The experience gave both the Vermont students a taste of life outside of what is a fairly homogenous population, while also giving the Kazakhstan students a sample of what an American education is like.

The Kazakhstan group traveled to the United States through the Youth Leadership through Sport program,

funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs/Sports Diplomacy and coordinated by PH International, an international nonprofit based in Waitsfield. The group was made up of high-school-aged female hockey players who were able to skate with the Rice Girls' Prep Hockey team. The two teams made new connections and bonded over their favorite sport ... hockey!

The students also spent half of their day in Rice classrooms. Here, the group met with members of Rice's Refugee Outreach Club who shared and brainstormed community service projects. They also learned about the education system in the U.S., while making connections with students and faculty.

The group especially enjoyed connecting with one of Rice's cafeteria servers, Tsiala Williams, who is from Kazakhstan's neighboring country — Georgia. She was delighted to serve their lunch and translate, giving the Kazakhstan translator a much-needed break.

"It was very interesting to visit such a school and to make new acquaintances, find out how children study there and what projects they participate in. It was also very nice to meet the girls' hockey team. Visiting the school inspired me a lot," one of the delegates, Galina Savenkova, said.

Another visitor, Natasha Skurzinskaya, had a similar response to the trip.

"The girls were just super, and they all met us comfortably at the school. It was an experience that will be remembered by all," Skurzinskaya said.

The trip, coordinated through International Admissions Specialist Heatherly Allard and Rice Principal Lisa Lorenz, was all part of a strategic plan to bring international culture to the halls of Rice Memorial High School. Currently, Rice has 23 international students from eight countries including Canada, Honduras, Spain, China and Gambia.

"Understanding Vermont's demographics, the realities they present, and keeping Rice vibrant is always top of mind for me and our administrative team," Lorenz said. "One way of tackling the challenges Vermont's demographics bring is to build our international student presence. Our international students enrich Rice simply by virtue of who they are and where they are from. We, in turn, enrich their lives by welcoming them into the Rice community and for many of our families, our homes."

# Organizations



Middle- and high-school-aged youth helped "put some gardens to bed" for the winter and built a greenhouse at the community gardens in Starksboro.

## Hinesburg Youth Project Fundraising Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Hinesburg Youth Project is a service-oriented group that includes middle and high school students and has been active for five years. The group works hard all year to raise money to go on service trips. The trips so far have included working with organizations supporting food insecurities in New York City, social justice issues in Boston, hurricane relief in Puerto Rico and assisting at a rural poverty organization in Maine. This year the group is heading to South Dakota to explore the rural poverty challenges on the Pine Ridge Reservation to become more educated on the difficulties our indigenous people face. The upcoming events for HYP in December are listed below.

### Holiday Music With HYP

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. at the United Church of Hinesburg**

Our Hinesburg Youth Project will be presenting a relaxing and festive evening of holiday favorites with a variety of musical selections. Our very talented youth will be performing both instrumental and vocal pieces that will get you

ready for the holidays! Admission is by donation.

### Holiday Cookie Walk Sale

**Saturday, Dec. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the United Church of Hinesburg, Osborne Parish House.**

To benefit Hinesburg Youth Project's service trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in June 2020

Take the stress out of the holidays ... let the Hinesburg Youth Project do your holiday baking! Take a stroll around tables loaded with fancy, homemade holiday cookies and select what you want. Cookies will be boxed and sold for \$8 per pound. Makes a great gift!

## 4-H Youths Compete in Communications Contest

FROM UVM EXTENSION PRESS RELEASE

Vermont 4-H had a strong presence at the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contest, Oct. 27 in South Windsor, Connecticut, with 29 youths taking part in the various competitions, including Vivienne Babbott and Emily Lang of Hinesburg.

The annual event serves as a warm up for delegates competing at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky, in November. It was open to 4-H'ers from the six New England states and New Jersey.

Horse judging took place at Prince Charles Enterprises, a horse breeding and training farm. For this contest, participants judged six classes of horses and provided oral reasons for two.

Nomad's Adventure Center was the venue for the quiz bowl, hippology and communications contests and the oral reasons part of the judging contest. The latter included public speaking and individual and team presentations.

Two Vermont teams competed in each contest. 4-H'ers on the A Teams earned a spot on the delegation heading to Roundup. B Team participants excelled at state horse events this year, but did not make the cut for Kentucky.

In judging, the A Team placed third overall with a second-place finish in oral reasons and third place in classes. Three team members placed in the top 10 for individual high scores. McKenna White, of Whiting, was sixth; Emma Cushman, of Barre, seventh; and Grace Parks, of Essex Junction, was ninth.

McKenna also placed fifth for classes and tenth for reasons. Emma was seventh for reasons and eighth for classes. Grace was first for reasons. Jordan Bombard, of Duxbury, came in ninth in classes.

The B Team came in second overall in



At the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contest, Oct. 27 in South Windsor, Connecticut, the Vermont B Judging Team finished second in competition. Team members (from left) were Olivia Campbell, Randolph, and Vivienne Babbott and Emily Lang, both from Hinesburg. (Photo by Amanda Turgeon.)

judging and for classes and third in reasons. Vivienne Babbott, of Hinesburg, was the second-highest overall individual, second in classes and fourth in reasons. Olivia Campbell, of Randolph, was the third-highest individual, first in classes and ninth in reasons. Fellow teammate Emily Lang, of Hinesburg, was eighth in reasons.

For information about the University of Vermont Extension 4-H horse program, contact Wendy Sorrell at wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

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## ► Organizations

*continued from page 13***Area 4-H'ers Recognized for Their Achievements**

More than 80 area 4-H'ers and their family members gathered at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction on Nov. 3 for the annual Chittenden County 4-H Achievement Dinner and Awards Night.

The event celebrated the achievements of 4-H club members in the past year in project work, community service and leadership. Several adult volunteers also were recognized for their years of service as club leaders.

Members of the Whispering Pines 4-H Club in Westford were the hosts for the evening, helping to decorate and organize games for attendees to play. Club member Eva Joly of Essex Junction gave a talk, "The Amazing Race," about a 600-mile endurance horse race in Mongolia. She presented this talk again

while competing in the horse communications contest on Nov. 9 at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Kentucky.

Certificates of Participation were given for a minimum of six to eight hours of work in a specific project with Certificates of Excellence for eight or more hours of project work including presentations beyond the club level.

To earn a medal, the 4-H'ers must have previously earned a Certificate of Excellence in that project, be enrolled in the project for more than two years and participated beyond the club level. Certificates of Continued Achievement are presented for continued medal-level achievements after receiving a medal.

Recipients include those listed below.

**Medal**

Dairy: Lena Ashooh from Shelburne  
Poultry: Adrien Toneatti from Huntington

**Certificate of Excellence**

Communications: Samantha Blackmore from Charlotte

Community service: Samantha Blackmore from Charlotte  
Horse: Samantha Blackmore from Charlotte and Greta Friesen from Hinesburg  
Leadership: Vivienne Babbott from Hinesburg  
Science: Samantha Blackmore from Charlotte

**Certificate of Participation**

Arts and crafts: Samantha Blackmore from Charlotte  
Dairy: Sophie and Whitley Pidgeon from Charlotte and Ellie Ramirez-Richer from Shelburne  
Horse: Olivia Osekoski from Hinesburg  
Leadership: Lauren Bentley from Richmond  
Life skills: Adrien Toneatti from Huntington  
Maker tinker: Adrien Toneatti from Huntington  
Photography: Vivienne Babbott from Hinesburg and Samantha Blackmore from Charlotte

In addition, these 4-H'ers were among those who earned a Certificate of Participation for submitting complete 4-H record books: Ella and Neika Haire, Allison Huestis and Piper Thompson, all from Hinesburg; and Chloe LaMarche from Starksboro.

To learn more about the University of Vermont Extension 4-H program in Chittenden County, contact Rose Garritano at [rosemarie.garritano@uvm.edu](mailto:rosemarie.garritano@uvm.edu) or 802-651-8343, ext. 505.



Hinesburg 4-H'er Greta Friesen, standing with her project horse, Smudge, received a Certificate of Excellence in the horse project at the Chittenden County 4-H Achievement Dinner and Awards Night held on Nov. 3. Greta is a member and current treasurer of the Midnight Riders 4-H Club. (Photo by Beth Friesen.)

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**Water Matters: Landowners Learn Preventative Practices After Halloween Storm**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The sixth annual Water Matters educational program on Nov. 7 at Hinesburg Town Hall was well-timed, coming a week after the Halloween rain storm that dropped anywhere from 3.5 to 5 inches of rain in Hinesburg. This year's program was focused on how landowners can take action to reduce the adverse effects of too much water running too quickly off the land into the streams and rivers that dominate the Hinesburg landscape.

The impact of the storm on the hill roads and driveways and in the village and low-lying parts of town reflects Hinesburg's topography and historic land uses. The unfortunate effects of steep public roads and private driveways with undersized culverts and straightened stream channels resulted in severe erosion washing out access, sending excess sediment down into the flat valley of the village, and extreme flooding that also caused road closures. In some sense the flooding that occurred in the village demonstrates that the LaPlatte still has access to its floodplain and the volume of water can be dispersed over the wide valley without substantial damage to major infrastructure. Most of the roads and driveways in Hinesburg and throughout Vermont were built in a time when there was little understanding of the long-term consequences of channelization, sediment transport, river dynamics and the importance of access to floodplains. Today the effects of climate change with 15-30% more rainfall over the last 60 years, larger and more frequent storms and more droughts highlight the deficiencies of our infrastructure. The Lewis Creek Association's Ahead of the Storm program is designed to help landowners evaluate and implement practices utilizing optimal conservation practices that consider the effects of climate change.

On loan from the SeaGrant Program at UVM was the Stream Table that allowed the audience to simulate a stream and manipulate flowing water and its interaction with landforms, small model houses and trees, demonstrating how erosion accelerates as the channel



The SeaGrant Program at UVM loaned a Stream Table for the Water Matters educational program on Nov. 7

straightens, the velocity changes or structures impede the flow.

The evening program included a brief report from Dan Albrecht from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and Karen Bates from the Department of Environmental Conservation on the Tactical Basin Planning process. Kate Kelley, program manager for LCA, described the Water Quality Monitoring program for the LaPlatte River, Patrick Brook and other streams that flow into Shelburne Bay, and the effects of too much phosphorus entering the lake.

Jessica Louisos an engineer at Milone & MacBroom presented a variety of strategies that homeowners can use to evaluate and implement stormwater treatments that can help reduce erosion on driveways and roads, lower long-term maintenance costs and improve water quality.

Louisos also gave a brief explanation of how the recent Beecher Hill Brook floodplain restoration project withstood the Halloween storm and was pleased to report that it had successfully withstood the 50-100-year storm event. The grading and structural components of the project had been completed about a week before the storm hit, and although there was some erosion in the floodplain, the huge volume of water in the brook had access to its floodplain and was able to function as it had been designed. The erosion occurred because there was no vegetation on the recently graded soil. The 2020 spring planting of over 400 trees and shrubs will help stabilize the floodplain and future flooding should not result in erosion.

The PowerPoint presentations with lots of useful information is available on the Lewis Creek Association website at [lewisecreek.org](http://lewisecreek.org) and the entire

evening's program was recorded by Vermont Community Access Media and can be viewed on Channel 17 under the title "Water Matters Landowner Steps to Ahead of the Storm." The program was sponsored by Responsible Growth Hinesburg, Lewis Creek Association and the Hinesburg Planning Commission.

**Give the Gift of Love to a Deserving Senior this Holiday Season****Be a Santa to a Senior Kicks Off in Hinesburg**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The holiday season is also the season of giving and a time to share smiles with those around you. As you gather to drink hot cocoa and sing carols with family and friends, it's important to remember there are seniors in your community who would love to celebrate, too. However, many seniors live alone, without someone to share this special time.

Home Instead Senior Care is once again offering the community a chance to spread joy to local seniors. Through the Be a Santa to a Senior program, community members can give a senior a special holiday gift. Since the program's inception in 2003, the Be a Santa to a Senior program has mobilized more than 60,000 volunteers, provided approximately 1.2 million gifts and brightened the season for more than 700,000 deserving seniors nationwide. Program organizers in Vermont hope to collect over 1,000 gifts again this year.

"The Be a Santa to a Senior program is all about including seniors in the joy of the holiday season," said Tim LaBeau, owner of the Shelburne Home Instead Senior Care office. "A simple gift shows them they are a loved and vital member of our community."

Be a Santa to a Senior is a true community program, with generous support from businesses, nonprofit organizations, retailers, numerous volunteers and members of the community. This year, the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Chittenden and surrounding counties has partnered with Kinney Drug as well as several senior care

agencies and facilities including: Age Well, Genesis, Green Mountain Nursing Home, St Joseph's Home, UVM — Home Health and Hospice, Elderwood Nursing Center, Birchwood Terrace Rehab and Healthcare, Our Lady of Providence, Cathedral Square, Allenwood and Pillsbury Manor South, Ethan Allen Residence, Converse Home, Sterling House, Allen Brook Memory Care, St. Albans Healthcare and Rehab Center, CarePartners Adult Day Care Center, Lamoille Day Health Service and Copley Terrace. The agencies have identified seniors who will receive gifts through the program this year.

It's easy to help. Visit participating Kinney Drug locations (see the list of locations below) and look for the Be a Santa to a Senior tree on display through Dec. 4. The trees will be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors' first name or code and gift suggestions. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it to the store with the ornament attached. There's no need to worry about gift wrapping — community volunteers and program partners will wrap and deliver the gifts to local seniors in time for the holidays.

"While it may seem like a small act of kindness, it can really make a difference for someone this holiday season," said LaBeau. "Watching seniors open the gifts they received through Be a Santa to a Senior and seeing the smiles and appreciation on their faces is one of my fa-

vorite parts of the holiday season."

Be a Santa to a Senior trees will be located at the following Kinney Drug locations:

10212 Route 116 in Hinesburg  
115 Monkton Road B in Vergennes  
308 Shelburne Road in Burlington  
82 Pearl Street in Essex Junction  
3 Centre Drive in Milton  
97 Morrisville Plaza in Morrisville  
84 Executive Drive in Shelburne  
1653 Williston Road in South Burlington  
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**Christmas Day Meals**

FROM HANDSVT PRESS RELEASE

In collaboration with Age Well, Burlington School Food Project, Michelle Charron, Elks Lodge, Penny Cluse Café and Temple Sinai among many others, Helping and Nurturing Diverse Seniors is helping to provide both a delivered hot meal and a sit-down dinner on Christmas Day. "We're not sure if the need continues to rise or the word is just spreading,"

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# Sports

## That Championship Season

### CVU Fall Athletes Bring Home Hardware

BY EMMETT GARTNER,  
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Champlain Valley Union High School student athletes this fall delivered excitement for their fans until the final whistles and buzzers, taking home seven Division I state championship titles.

Boys' golf started the championship season run in mid-October with soccer, cross-country and volleyball teams following suit.

CVU Activities Director Dan Shepardson modestly shared his admiration and pride when reflecting upon the impressive fall athletics season.

"We are fortunate to have a financially well-established community that provides students the opportunities to play high school and travel sports," Shepardson said.

*"A lot of our parents provide these opportunities."*

In addition to the community support, Shepardson praised the team dynamics fostered by coaches and students alike.

"We have great coaches who understand the game and understand developing a culture of success that is predicated on doing the right thing," he said.

This culture creates an atmosphere of teamwork, comradery and support for one another among the student athletes.

"When you do all of these things — with some luck — then good things happen," the activities director said.

Winter season sports are already getting underway. Redhawks hockey was to begin Nov. 22 with a girls' match; basketball dates on the schedule start Dec. 5. CVU alpine and Nordic skiers are in training ahead of their race season while gymnasts and wrestlers look forward to their meets being in full swing after the holidays.

Find the current athletics schedule online at athletics.cvuhs.org with game dates, times, venues as well as roster details.

### CVU Fall Sports Recap

#### Girls' Cross-Country

After a commanding performance that won them their 11th DI state championship, CVU girls' cross-country continued their season's dominance at the New England championships in Manchester, Connecticut, where they claimed their third regional title of the last four years.

Out of some 260 runners, junior Alicia Veronneau captured 10th place finishing 18:51, junior Alice Larson (19:12) ranked 28th, sophomore Jasmine Nails (19:14)



State Champions CVU Boys Soccer Team



State Champions CVU Girls Soccer Team



State Champions CVU Girls Volleyball Team

came in 30th.

The team heads to the Northeast Regionals at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, New York, on Nov. 30.

#### Boys' Cross-Country

The boys' cross-country team emerged from the DI state championship in Essex victorious, scraping by a narrow victory and swiping the title from under the Hornets' noses. CVU responded to first and second-place finishes from Essex runners with a slew of CVU runners. CVU first-year Matthew Servin at 17:15 placed fourth, then came junior Caleb Nye in seventh place, sophomore Drew Buley in ninth and junior Gavin Schaaf placed 12th. On Nov. 9, the team went on to place 19th at the New England championships in Manchester, Connecticut.

The Redhawk girls' win continues their DI domination, having won eight of the last nine state championships.



State Champions CVU Boys Volleyball Team

match at the Quechee Club. Senior Nate Godbout led with a 74 followed closely by Evan Forrest with a 76, Alex Leonard at 76 and Kyle Rexford's 78.

The win was the second top finish in a row after CVU boys won the 2018 title. CVU finished 10 points ahead of second-place Rice Memorial High School.

#### Girls Golf

Now in its fourth year as a program, CVU girls' golf led by seniors and captains Taylor Hoar and Courtney Vincent secured a noteworthy fifth place in the Vermont DI championship.

#### Girls Soccer

For the third year in a row, CVU girls' soccer seized the DI state championship, defeating No. 3 Colchester 4-1 in the title match on Nov. 2. The top-seeded, undefeated Redhawks had fans on the edge of the bleachers at Burlington High School after a scoreless first half. Josie Pecor scored two goals in the second half along with Catherine Gilwee and Gillian Magnier.

The Redhawk girls' win continues their DI domination, having won eight of the last nine state championships.

#### Boys Soccer

CVU boys' soccer successfully defended their DI title, winning a second state championship in a row, shutting out No. 6 seed Mount Mansfield Union, 3-0. The intense finale to the 16-0-1 season for the Redhawks came at Burlington High School. Team captains Cullen Swett and Jonah Roberts connected for two of the shots with a third landed by Jami Lashua.

The boys landed in the final matchup after eliminating Brattleboro Union, 7-1, in the semifinals and Burr and Burton, 7-0, in the quarterfinal game.

The title win marked the first time the program has won consecutive championships.

#### Boys Volleyball

No. 1 seed CVU boys' volleyball captured the DI state championship this season for the fourth time in as many years. A standout performance from Jacob Boliba helped close out the 3-0 set win against No. 2 seed Essex High School.

Following wins against No. 8 Rice Memorial High School in the quarterfinals and No. 4 Lyndon Institute in the semifinal, the Redhawks' championship game capped off an undefeated season.

#### Girls Volleyball

Seeded at No. 2, the CVU girls' volleyball team came away victorious in what proved to be an electrifying DI state championship game versus No. 1 seed Essex High School. In a 16-14 fifth and final set, the Redhawks brought down the undefeated Hornets.

The final rounded off a 15-2 season for the Redhawks, following victories against No. 7 Lyndon Institute in the quarterfinals and No. 3 South Burlington in the semifinals.

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

## Mix It Up with the HBPA!

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](http://hbpavt.com), [info@hbpavt.com](mailto:info@hbpavt.com) or 777-0369.

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# Calendar

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Hinesburg Fire Station. November Craft Fair. Join the Hinesburg Firemen's Association for a second Fall Craft Fair. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hinesburg Firemen's Association.

## 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.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts; network with other local wordsmiths; and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop in the Carpenter-Carse Community Room. Snacks will be provided. To submit a piece of writing for others to review and enjoy before the group meets, email LauraWisniewski at [bhy@beecherhillyoga.com](mailto:bhy@beecherhillyoga.com).

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Energy Committee. 3rd floor conference room.

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, 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. 3rd Floor, Town Office.

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

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

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

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

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Town Forest Committee. Ground Level Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

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

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

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

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

First day of winter.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6

**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, JANUARY 7

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Community Writers' Group. See entry for December 3.

**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, JANUARY 8

**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, JANUARY 9

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

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

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Town Forest Committee. Ground Level Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

**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.

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

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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 20

## ► Christmas Day Meals

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said HANDS Executive Director Megan Humphrey. “But between the meal delivery and sit-down dinner, we’ll be providing at least 700 meals and giftbags this year,” she continued.

Dinner will be held on Christmas Day from noon to 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 925 North Avenue in Burlington. The event is free and open to the public, all ages are welcome. “There will be a special gathering at 1 p.m. for seniors, complete with live music by Roni Lesage and a really fun raffle,” explained Elks organizer Michelle Charron. If adults 50 years or older need transportation, please call Megan Humphrey at 802-864-7528 or email handsvt@gmail.com.

To reserve a FREE hot meal (ham dinner or vegetarian lasagna) delivered to a senior’s home, 50 years and older, on Christmas Day in Chittenden County, please call Age Well at 802-865-0360 from Dec. 2-19. After Dec. 19, call Megan Humphrey at 802-864-7528 or email handsvt@gmail.com.

Special thanks to Age Well, Burlington School Food Project, Michelle Charron, Elks Club, HANDS, Penny Cluse Café, Temple Sinai and so many generous people and businesses who contribute to this community effort. For more information or to donate, please check handsvt.org.

## Holiday Fair at Lake Champlain Waldorf School

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Friday, Dec. 6, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 359 Turtle Lane, Shelburne.

Free to attend, some activities cost \$1-\$5.

Bring magic and wonder to your holidays! The Children’s Fair, on Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., includes delightful activities: crafts and gift making for kids, candle dipping, music and performances, and the Crystal Cave of the Snow Queen and King. The Artisan Market will be open Friday evening from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and all-day Saturday with over 50 local artisans selling honey, candles, pottery, wool, jewelry and an incredible selection of toys and Waldorf dolls. Lake Champlain Waldorf School alumnus Solomon Bayer Pacht of Farmers & Foragers will be offering a menu featuring local ingredients for lunch at the fair. Get all your holiday shopping done while supporting local artisans. See a list of vendors and activities for kids on our website at lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org/event/holidayfair.

Contact Lindsay Francescutti if you

have any questions at lindsayf@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org.

## Audubon Vermont News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

### One “Sweet” Gift

Do you want to help protect birds and their habitat? Looking for a unique gift? With our Adopt-a-Maple program you can support Audubon Vermont’s Bird-Friendly Maple Project as well as our Bird-Friendly Maple Education Programming. Maple sugarbushes are inherently good for birds, but forests that are intentionally managed with birds in mind are even better!

For \$75, your name (or the name you designate) will be attached to a maple sap bucket for the 2020 maple sugaring season. You can purchase this gift for yourself, friends or family. We will even ship it to you (for an additional charge). You will also receive a “sweet” bundle of products from Audubon Vermont:

- Custom maple name plaque attached to a sap bucket in Audubon’s Bird-Friendly Sugarbush
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- One pint of Audubon Vermont’s maple syrup (available for pick up at the Green Mountain Audubon Center)

- One family-sized sugar on snow bowl, redeemable at 2020 sugar on snow parties

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Adopt-a-Maple as a gift for someone else: tinyurl.com/AdoptaMaple-gift.

### 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.

**Early-Winter Bird Monitoring**  
Thursday, Dec. 12, 8-10 a.m.

Find out who’s sticking around for winter and see how they’re getting along. This is a special weekday morning bird monitoring with Green Mountain Audubon Center Director Kim Guertin.

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

**New Year New Bird Monitoring**  
Thursday, Jan. 9, 8-10 a.m.

Find out who’s sticking around for winter and see how they’re getting along in the snow and cold.

We typically finish our monitoring route by about 10 a.m., but you can leave earlier if necessary. Donations to Audubon are appreciated. vt.audubon.org/donate. Please check our Facebook page if in doubt about the weather. We’ll post an update if the forecast looks iffy: facebook.com/AudubonVermont. If you require accommodations or have questions about accessibility, please contact Audubon Vermont at 802-434-3068.

## Events at the Birds of Vermont Museum

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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

**Bird Monitoring Walk**  
Last Saturday of the month, Nov. 30 and Dec. 28, 8-9 a.m.

All birders (current, experienced, newbie and would-be) welcome! Attend our monthly monitoring walk outdoors on the museum’s trails in forest and meadow. Afterwards, we share bird-friendly coffee indoors at our viewing window.

Most fun for adults, older children. Please bring your own binoculars, dress for the weather. We go out the last Saturday of every month. Free, donations welcome. Preregistration is nice but not required. museum@birdsofvermont.org or call 802-434-2167.

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

## Local Grange Makes Comfort Pillows

SUBMITTED BY  
DARCLEENE LEWIS/WEDGE

Beacon Light Grange #557 recently completed 10 comfort pillows. They were donated to Vergennes Nursing Facility. The Grange, based in Richmond, Vermont, has members from Hinesburg, Huntington, Richmond and Milton. Beacon Light Grange is a service organization and does several projects like this each year. Beacon Light Grange will be working on blankets for Project Linus in Vermont next.



Beacon Light Grange #557. Front row: Elanor Isham, Betty Hahoney, Ann White, Hilde Devino. Back row: Ellie Lawyer, Jane VanLandingham, Betsy Emerson.

For more information on the Grange email dblewis@uvm.edu.

## Free Program on the Basics of Dementia

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION  
PRESS RELEASE

The Alzheimer’s Association is presenting a program on the basics of Alzheimer’s and other dementias on Monday, December 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Access CVU, 369 CVU Road in Hinesburg. The program is free and open to the public.

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia offers general information about the impact of Alzheimer’s; the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and Alzheimer’s Association resources.

This program is free, but registration is requested. To register, or for more information, please visit access.cvuhs.org or call 802-482-7194.

### Alzheimer’s Association

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s®. Visis alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

# Outdoors

## Winter Wildlife Ecology and Forest Management Walk at the Hinesburg Town Forest

Saturday, Dec. 21, 1 to 3 p.m.

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Join Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County forester, and Andrea Shortleeve, wildlife biologist for Vermont Fish & Wildlife for a free, public walk of an active timber harvest at the Hinesburg Town Forest. This walk will highlight winter wildlife ecology, wildlife tracking and the active forest management underway at the HTF, and how this work at the HTF is expected to influence wildlife habitat and behavior.

The HTF is an 864-acre property owned and managed by the town of Hinesburg and the Chittenden County forester since the 1950s. It is a beloved resource used by people from all over the region for hiking, mountain biking, bird and wildlife watching and other activities.

To join the walk, meet at 1 p.m. at the plow turnaround at the end of Economou Road, Huntington. Be prepared to spend two hours out in the elements, including some walking over uneven and slippery surfaces.

## Forest Soils

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Some would argue that as a forester, it’s my job to manage trees. However, I think that the forest, the whole system, is a forester’s true responsibility. Forests include trees but also other resources like wildlife and their habitat, air, water, carbon and more. The responsible and sustainable management of forests requires you to zoom out in space (to see how your actions affect all parts of forests and the broader landscape) and time (to see the long-term implications of your actions), and then zoom in to consider and conserve all the individual resources that make the growth of forests possible. One such underappreciated, but foundational, resource that supports healthy forests is soil.

Besides providing the physical material that trees need to grow in, soils provide two basic resources that trees need: water and minerals. Trees use water in photosynthesis and to transport materials up and down their stems, and use minerals like calcium and magnesium to grow and defend themselves. Too much or too little water, too few minerals, or soils with the wrong pH (too acidic or too alkaline) can limit tree growth.

The size of soil particles — the little pieces that make up soils — has a big influence on soil quality. Our largest, or coarsest, soil particles are sands and gravels, and our smallest, or finest, ones are clays and silts. Loams are mixtures of different particles. Soil particles hold on to minerals until trees can absorb them, and finer soil particles — which have more surface area relative to their volume — use their extra surface area to hold on to more. For this reason, finer soils are often called “enriched” and are able to grow trees faster. However, as those of you in the Champlain Valley know, soils with too many fine clay particles can become saturated with water, which is bad for tree growth.

Soils hugely influence the trees you’re likely to find on a given site. Species like sugar maple, basswood and white ash have adapted to do well on enriched sites, dominating where soils are moist, less acidic and more minerals are available. Red oak, beech and hemlock are more competitive on sites where soils are drier, more acidic and less minerals are available. Most tree species can grow on a wide variety of different sites, but are adapted to do the best under certain conditions.

In Chittenden County the story of our soils is dramatic. About 13,500 years ago a glacier, which had been covering Vermont, retreated northward. As the glacier melted, the Champlain Valley was filled with an enormous glacial lake called Lake Vermont, and then (after about 1,500 years) a brackish inland sea called the Champlain Sea. Around 10,000 years ago, water levels receded to about what they are today, but these two bodies of water had made their mark, causing tons of soil particles to be deposited throughout the Champlain Valley. In general, silt and clay had been deposited in areas covered in deep water, whereas sand and gravel were deposited on coastlines, deltas and streams.

As a result of this, we have soils in Chittenden County which are influenced by bedrock, glacial deposits and lake/sea deposits. These diverse parent materials — essentially the rocks that break down to create soil particles — lead to the formation of a diversity of soils with different drainage, pH levels and available nutrients, which will ultimately grow different types of forests.

While much of our soils formed long ago, humans have influenced them in the relatively recent past. Historical records in Vermont describe massive soil loss, erosion and degradation in the 1800s and early 1900s, as about 80% of our state was converted to pasture. Further soil degradation has occurred through pollution, acid deposition and development. In the woods, poorly managed infrastructure and logging has led to soil compaction and erosion on historic logging trails throughout the county.

Healthy soils are integral to our ability to grow healthy forests. In the course of forest management, it is critical that we protect our soils; from operating in areas with wet or sensitive soils only when they are frozen, to leaving lots of dead wood on the forest floor to build soil and mitigate erosion, to creating

stable, well-designed and well-drained forestry roads and trails. For more information on protecting soils in the course of forest management, check out the resources at VTCutWithConfidence.com.

*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.*

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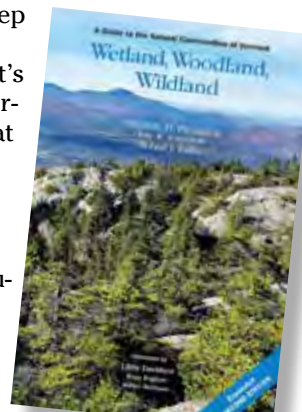
“Wetland, Woodland, Wildland: A Guide to the Natural Communities of Vermont” is well-known to anyone curious about Vermont’s forests, wetlands, mountaintops and shores. A completely updated second edition is now available.

This new second edition, co-authored by Elizabeth Thompson of the Vermont Land Trust and Eric Sorenson and Robert Zaino of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, incorporates recent scientific research about the state’s natural communities and includes descriptions of 17 newly recognized natural community types. With photographs, line drawings and user-friendly writing, the new edition brings each natural community to life on the page. These updates will better inform amateur naturalists and professional scientists alike.

“Natural communities help us understand nature. When people can see patterns across the landscape, they have a better appreciation of nature and a heightened sense of responsibility to protect it,” says co-author Elizabeth Thompson.

Natural communities are also important for the conservation of plants, animals and habitats in Vermont. “They’re places our native species thrive,” said co-author Eric Sorenson. “If we understand and conserve all our natural communities, we will keep those species abundant. That’s why all three organizations that collaborated on ‘Wetland, Woodland, Wildland’ use natural communities in their work.”

The book is published by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, the Nature Conservancy and the Vermont Land Trust, and it is distributed by Chelsea Green Publishing. It is currently available for order online (vtfishandwildlife.com/wetland-woodland-wildland) and is for sale in local bookstores.



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# Arts & Leisure

## Hinesburg Community Holiday Concerts

BY RUFUS PATRICK

The Hinesburg Artist Series annual Holiday Concerts will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg. The concerts will be at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The South County Chorus, In Accord, and the Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick will perform a variety of traditional and contemporary holiday music. Performers in this concert include many of your friends and neighbors as well as musicians from Chittenden County and beyond. The performances will feature selections from “Messiah,” “Eight Days of Light” by Judith Clurman and David Chase, “Children, Go Tell it on The Mountain,” “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” featuring Margaret Roddy on clarinet, and a rollicking arrangement of “Ring Those Christmas Bells.”

The orchestra will present “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and “Jingle Bells Forever.” We hope you will join us for the traditional singalong and enjoy our musical contribution to the



Director Rufus Patrick rehearses the South County Chorus in preparation for the December holiday concerts.



Director Rufus Patrick and accompanist Tim Woos rehearse members of the South County Chorus in preparation for the December holiday concerts.

holiday spirit.

The concerts are free, with donations gratefully accepted. Also, please bring a nonperishable food item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

Visit the Hinesburg Artist Series Facebook page or the website [Hinesburgartistseries.org](http://Hinesburgartistseries.org).

## Social Band Celebrates Winter in Song

BY AMITY BAKER

Social Band presents a concert combining ancient and modern-day songs and carols to honor this season, rich with the contrasts of light and dark, outer cold and inner heat. Join us for this contemplative and celebratory evening of song.

### Deep Midwinter: Songs From Winter's Heart

**Saturday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. — United Church of Hinesburg**

**Sunday, Dec. 22, 3 p.m. — Charlotte Congregational Church**

Social Band, Burlington's lively band of singers, presents its annual winter concert series unapologetically smack dab in the middle of the holiday hubbub. There is no better time to join in song then when we are collectively yearning for a time to be still, to listen, to sing, to reflect and to celebrate.

Social Band tells the story of this beautiful, rich, yet stark season with beautiful carols you may have never heard, contemporary works by Vermont composers that spur the imagination and local pride, stirring songs from the American shape-note tradition and joyful sing-alongs that allow each and every one of us to sing in community.

Social Band weaves together poetry and song to create a sometimes thoughtful, sometimes joyful, sometimes irreverent hour of choral music. The group strives to draw upon the strengths of classical and folk traditions, and offers a performance that is both refined and a direct expression of feeling — feeding listeners' hearts and heads. Encouraging composition has been part of Social Band's mission from the outset, and much of its repertoire comes from Vermont composers — many of them members of the group. Social Band is directed by Amity Baker.

Advance tickets: \$15 online at [social-band-dec19.eventbrite.com](http://social-band-dec19.eventbrite.com).

Day of the concert: \$18 online and at the door.

All of our venues are wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit [social-band.org](http://social-band.org), find us on Facebook, or call 802-355-4216.

# People

## Hinesburgers Join the Snelling Center for Government's Vermont Leadership Institute

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Snelling Center for Government is pleased to announce that **Brent Demers** and **Debora Rolland**, both of Hinesburg, have been accepted into the Vermont Leadership Institute Class of 2020. Demers is currently the assistant director of operations-logistics at City Market in Burlington. Rolland is currently the director of philanthropy at Lund in South Burlington.

They join 21 other leaders from across the state in an intensive program that attracts participants from the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Having embarked on their leadership journey during Opening Retreat in September, the class of 2020 will convene for a total of 19 seminar days across eight sessions. The Vermont Leadership Institute seeks to give participants the information, tools and inspiration to make greater contributions to their organizations, communities and Vermont. Associates engage in self-reflection, explore important issues of systems thinking, public policy, equity, diversity and more and, in doing so, become immersed in some of the most important issues facing Vermont. This year marks the 25th year of the Vermont Leadership Institute, and upon graduating in June 2020, Demers and Rolland will join more than 600 graduates who are making a difference in Vermont: leading innovative businesses, creating award-winning nonprofits, serving in the legislature and state government, and volunteering in their communities.

To learn more about the Vermont Leadership Institute and the Snelling Center's other professional development programs, please visit [snellingcenter.org](http://snellingcenter.org) or call 802-859-3090.



Brent Demers (above) and Debora Rolland (below) have been accepted into the Vermont Leadership Institute Class of 2020.



The Snelling Center for Government is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to fostering responsible and ethical civic leadership, encouraging public service by private citizens, and promoting informed citizen participation in shaping public policy in Vermont.

## Hinesburgers Graduate from Snelling Center for Government's Early Childhood Leadership Institute

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Snelling Center for Government is pleased to announce that John Mejia, Jessica Riley and Andrea Sambrook, all of Hinesburg, have graduated from the Early Childhood Leadership Institute. The commencement ceremony for the class of 2019 was held on Oct. 19 at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee.

Mejia currently works at the University of Vermont in Burlington. Riley is currently a preschool teacher for Head Start at JFK Elementary in Winooski. Sambrook is currently the director/owner of Annette's Preschool in Hinesburg.

As participants in the ECLI, they joined 25 other leaders from around the state for six overnight sessions with 12 seminar days between May and October. The commencement ceremony featured a keynote address by Let's Grow Kids CEO Aly Richards and reflections by ECLI Director Mariah McGill. Richards shared



Jessica Riley.



John Mejia.



Andrea Sambrook.

her appreciation and hope for the early childhood field, encouraging the graduates to take their leadership and deploy it in the field to realize the power in early childhood. McGill congratulated the class for their accomplishments in completing the program and highlighted the importance of relationships that will sustain them for the work ahead.

The ECLI is a unique leadership and personal transformative institute, initiated in 2014 to stimulate enthusiasm for and effective participation in efforts to improve early childhood work in Vermont. The class of 2019 became the fifth graduating class with Mejia, Riley, and Sambrook joining a professional network of more than 1,000 Vermont Leadership Network Alumni, including more than 125 graduates of the ECLI who are leading home- and center-based programs, creating innovative services for children and families, and volunteering in their communities.

For more information about the Early Childhood Leadership Institute and the Snelling Center for Government's other leadership development programs, please visit [snellingcenter.org](http://snellingcenter.org) or call 802-859-3090.

# Commentary

## Winter Driving in Vermont: R U Ready?

BY BILL SCHUBART

I was hurt. I always thought of him as my friend. He couldn't stop laughing long enough to utter a word. Evidently, I had said something funny when I called him, but I had no idea what I'd said that would trigger such spasms of hysteria.

Still unsure of what triggered this loss of composure, I put the phone on speaker and set it on the table to finish my coffee while he tried to regain his composure in a flurry of uncompleted sentences. John is normally business-like and responsive. He's always been there for me in the past: oil changes, overdue inspections, welding a tin can over the leaks in my tail pipe, or putting the inspection sticker over the ding in the windshield.

I'd only called to ask if he would put my snow tires on today. “December 11,” he finally managed through his laughter and hung up still chortling. He called later in the day to apologize and amend the tire change date to Dec. 13.

My calls to four other garages yielded either a chuckle at my naivete or a short shrift answer mentioning a December date. Not a fan of abuse, I gave up and entered Dec. 13 on my scenic calendar from the same local garage.

I moved to Vermont in 1947 and have driven cars since I was 12, legally since I was 16. Living in Morrisville, winters were harsher than they are here in the Champlain Valley — “lake effect,” I believe they call it. We routinely had snow up to the windowsills and most Februaries we got a few days of temperatures in the 28-34 below zero range. My grandfather, Clovis Couture, had the town contract to roll the backroads with his huge wooden-stave roller with a bench on top pulled by a team of horses. He had only retired his roller and invested in snow plows a few decades before I arrived in town with my mother in 1947.

Few could afford two sets of tires and most people just drove on what they had until the tires no longer had a visible tread. Safety inspections were required even in my childhood but they were more negotiable in those days. Most people used chains for serious winter driving and every car trunk had a spare tire (usually a bald one), a jack, a set of tire chains, a log chain for pulling the neighbor out of the ditch and jumper cables. There was no AAA that I recall. If one careened or spun out into a ditch or field, one called on the nearest farmer. Farmers knew that neighbors helped rather than charged their neighbors. It worked both ways then.

Cars were rear-wheel drive then and performed much better in snow and ice. Front-wheel drive became more common in the late 70s and set back winter driving considerably.

My first half-dozen cars were well-used Volkswagen Bugs that I bought for a few hundred dollars and drove into parts cars. Rear-wheel drive with the engine's

weight sitting squarely over the rear axle, they were like tractors and could go almost anywhere.

One winter I was going from Lincoln to a wedding in Waitsfield and the shortest route was the McCullough Turnpike (Route 17) over the Appalachian Gap, a challenging road in winter. The heater boxes on early VW Bugs were the first thing to rust away, so I had no heat. At the very top on the west slope is a very steep final climb that runs above a pond that locals claim is filled with wrecks. I was maybe a hundred feet from the small parking lot at the top and desperate to make it over, as the way around would have me miss the wedding and the reception. My trusty Bug began to spin and I couldn't gain any traction on the sanded black ice.

Finally, in desperation, I got out of the car, leaving the rear wheels spinning in second gear, ran around behind and pushed it. My tires finally found some solid ground and the car continued on up the short distance to the top with me running along behind it. It nosed into a snowbank and kept spinning. I hopped in and drove down the other side and made it to the wedding just before the vows.

So how is it that after 60 years of driving in Vermont I could be so shocked and unprepared for the onset of winter? Our six cords of wood are under cover, but that's because I'm cheap and stay a year ahead by buying green wood. It costs nothing to cure your own wood.

One would think that five months of driving on ice and snow every year would ingrain in us an understanding of how to drive in winter, but we seem to have to learn it all over again each fall.

The first snow brings on a series of fender benders, full-fledged wrecks and even some injuries.

*It's as if we have to learn to drive all over again each winter.*

I can understand the UVM student from South Carolina who expressed total surprise to me when I stopped on the interstate to be sure that he and his friends were all right as they crawled out of the upside-down Jeep Cherokee in the median strip. Even I knew that when they shot by me going 60 miles an hour over black ice that they would not make the next exit. Most of us were driving slowly on the far right keeping our right tires in the snow.

“But I have studded snow tires and four-wheel drive ... I thought this couldn't happen?” the dazed student said, pulling a friend through the window. No one was hurt physically, but the driver seemed hurt at the idea that he (or his parents) had invested in a Vermont vehicle and it had let him down just when he needed it most: going to Stowe to ski for the day with his friends.

*I tried to explain that ice is slippery regardless.*

When you think metal studs, think ice skate blades; they make no difference.

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**Location:** 10580 Route 116

**Phone:** 482-3352

**Email:** unitedchurch@gmavt.net

**Address:** P.O. Box 39

**Website:** ucofh.org

**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m.

**Choir practice:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday

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

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

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

## Lighthouse Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Reverend Ed Hart

**Church Phone:** 482-2588

**Home Phone:** 482-2588

**Email:** lighthousevt@aim.com.

**Website:** LBCvt.homestead.com

**Location:** Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

**Address:** P.O. Box 288

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

**Sunday Evening Service:** 6:00 p.m.

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

## Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

**Pastor:** Reverend David Cray, SSE

**Pastor's Residence:** 425-2253, 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.

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

**Communion at Home:** Call Parish Office, 482-2290

**Confirmation Coordinators:** Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

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

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

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

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

## Community Alliance Church

**Pastor:** Scott Mansfield

**Phone:** 482-2132

**Email:** info@hinesburgcma.org

**Web:** hinesburgcma.org

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

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

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

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

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

## Williston Federated Church

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**Address:** 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

**Phone:** 878-5792.

**Website:** steeple.org

**Minister:** Rev. Paul Eyer

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

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

## Trinity Episcopal Church

**Address:** 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

**Church phone:** 985-2269

**Church email:** info@trinityshelburne.org

**Website:** trinityshelburne.org

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

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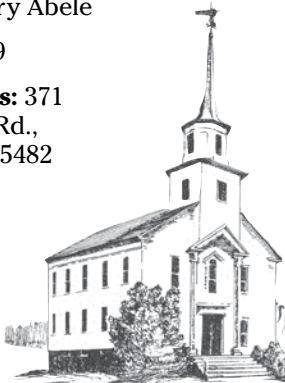
**Pastor:** Rev. Mary Abele

**Phone:** 985-3819

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

**Services:**

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



### ► Commentary

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There are two ways to drive on ice, one is not to, the other is at the speed of a box turtle.

Be warned ... winter is just beginning. Mark your calendar next July to get an appointment to have your snow tires mounted in late October ... and remind me to do the same.

## Channeling the Pilgrim Experience

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Thanksgiving weekend gives the nation good pause for the right reason and us a chance to catch our breath with family and friends, or have that last day deer hunting, unless you like to shop on Black Friday or have a favorite craft fair in mind.

*Most everyone has had their day at Cape Cod, returning home to tell a beach tale or two.*

However, talk of Cape Cod without a thought of the Pilgrims is like Thanksgiving without a turkey or cranberry sauce.

Cape Cod is a big place geographically with a wide swath between the north and south shores, followed by bays on the west side and a seriously exposed ocean front to the east in the thinning forearm extremity after the elbow. How one actually knows they've been to the Cape is uncertain. Anne thought she had been a few times. I had not until a particular weekend in November of 2012. Anne and I are typically homebodies. Mindful of heavy traffic funneling on and off the Cape in summer, we jumped at a chance for an off-season visit.

Although spur-of-the-moment, we were also acting on a long-harbored intention to visit Pam, a friend and former resident of Hinesburg. Anne and Pam bunched kids together on occasion back in the day. We arrived at the inn after hours in the dark. We let ourselves in. The old house was stately with liberalized accommodations such as a shared hall bathroom and an unexpected sky light in the top floor room, which one squinted through at a chilly Orion constellation by night or was blinded by blazing sun in the morning. Pet-friendly meant the inn had a dog walk out back. Daylight showed the inn was nicely set in from the road among oak trees, the dominant species on the Cape.

This Saturday morning, Anne and Pam planned to put plants to bed for the winter in Wellfleet. I had lighthouses on a list to see, plus a few sights, so I set off up an empty Route 6 traveling through parts of the Cape Cod National Seashore. My interest was sparked by an article in the Burlington Free Press New England Section (Aug. 7, 2010) titled "Tower Marks Mayflower's First Landing." The Pilgrim Monument stands at the very end of the inward-curling tip of the Cape. Built in 1907, the imposing 252-foot-high granite monument was accessible and easy to ascend.

Ramps instead of steps rose along the four inside walls. Towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were represented by stone blocks set flush into the walls you walked by, each town name and charter date carved into the face of a block. If one didn't have a handle on the panoramic lay of the land and surrounding sea, you got one at the top. I spotted a manmade dike below. Not discouraged by the caution signs, I hiked the length of the dike to gain a path to Long Point and Wood End Lighthouse locations.



*The message in a bottle before its second voyage.*

A simple monument at the end rotary where I parked marked the Pilgrims' first landing on that spot, Nov. 11, 1620. I was a day shy of the 392nd anniversary. The Mayflower sailed onto Plymouth Rock, their famed mainland location, days later. I drove out on Province Land Road to the Ranger and Old Harbor Lifesaving Station where I set out on another walk to Race Point Lighthouse, tracing the arc of a great circle all the while keeping firm sand underfoot. The sea water was really green but transparent. A throng of gannett birds on the wing folded their diving bodies into spears then dropped into the sea like arrowheads, catching schooling fish below. I had the late afternoon sun over my shoulder on the return, for which people gathered to watch at the water's edge.

Anne and I met back at the inn. Gary had gone clamming earlier and was now shucking clams and scallops in his kitchen in Wellfleet when we arrived later. He was known to compete in the annual Wellfleet Oysterfest shucking contests. Clam chowder was simmering on the stove. Pam baked scallops and cod. The dinner complimented the day's experiences and gave testimony to the bountiful native fisheries.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Anne shared with me what she learned of Wellfleet the day before, a working harbor town, pointing out where the commercial shellfish patents lay off Mayo Beach. Then onto the Pilgrim Monument for my second visit, Anne's first. Because it was Veterans Day, veterans were admitted free. On the grounds, workers were rigging strands of outdoor Christmas lights that stretched from the top of the tower to the base. Pam mentioned the annual Christmas lighting ceremony was up and coming. Next stop was Highland Light, also called Cape Cod Light.

About noon we stopped for pizza at a tidy concession. You'd think church was in service on account of the silence inside. The Patriots were playing and all eyes were glued to the flat screen. The



*Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor by William F. Halsall.*

Marconi site, famous for sending the earliest wireless messages, had a beautiful view. Anne saw gannetts and a surfacing whale following the shore line. One person commented that the whale was a shark but erroneously since our distance from the water called for the use of the binoculars in hand. Sharks had become an obsession of sorts as the unpopular protection of the growing sea lion population attracted great whites to the local waters.

We walked Marconi Beach which stretched forever without another soul or manmade structure in sight. The bluffs and beach scene resembled a conceptual illustration of the new post-Ice Age shore. Down on this sand plane with an ever slightly sloping beach, I spotted a bottle carried in on a wave of frothy water. It wasn't your everyday bottle — tall, wide, rectangularly shaped and capped. The cap was wrapped by turns of electrical tape.

*And yes, there was a message in the bottle.*

A small parchment was rolled and tied with a piece of wooly green yarn.

The message read "Roses are red and violets are blue ..." Besides the short poem, a family name and an address to a township south of Boston to contact, the contents also included several pieces of green beach glass, two polished stones, a musket ball for ballast, and a diamond-shaped glass bead. The electrical tape was high quality, wrapped by strong hands, suggesting the finished package was a father/daughter project.

Had I been more intuitive and less excited about finding the squeaky-clean messenger bottle, I would have hurled it back into the water immediately. As it happens, I wrote the family within three days of my intention to return the bottle to the ocean via the outgoing tide at Breezy Point, New York City. That peninsula beach community suffered flood, fire and storm surges from Hurricane Sandy just weeks prior. So, I'd soon be back on the Atlantic seaboard showing up to help out with other volunteers. Taking a minute to relaunch the message in a bottle would put it back on an unknown course as well as be a welcomed distraction (again) on

### Crossword Answers

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my end. Reasonably the interrupted message in a bottle was first cast off by a family of Red Socks fans as I never did receive a response.

In 2012 we experienced Cape Cod, the place. I didn't truly fathom the Pilgrim story until I read "Mayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick in 2014. The book cover shares a rendition of William Formby Halsall's painting of the Mayflower on her arrival in Plymouth Rock (1882). In youth we're sort of imbued with a short version of the story; however, as in the subtitle to "Mayflower" — "A story of Courage, Community, and War" the whole story is very much every bit of that.

### ► Enough Nature

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us living on a dirt road seemingly in the sticks, isn't that sufficient? Well, just living in and around nature, or indirect exposure, doesn't seem to be enough. The optimum amount of nature is about 120 minutes of direct exposure and living in close proximity only helps us to get that necessary amount.

What does direct exposure really mean? Do you need to be exercising in some fashion, hiking, running or biking while taking in the trees? No! While exercise has its own proven mental and physical benefits and exercising in nature may have its own benefits over indoor or urban locations, this study indicated that even sitting passively in a natural setting provides its own set of psychological and physiological benefits.

The Trails Committee facilitates access to nature by maintaining and expanding our trail network through our dirt roads and forests, so access and use is both easier and more enjoyable. From going for a hike, reading the StoryWalk in Geprags Park, studying the ferns in our town forests or volunteering to maintain a section of trail, there are many right ways to get your dose of nature. What gets you out into the woods? Better yet, what stops you from getting out in the woods? Let us know so that we tackle projects that will make a positive change in how you access our trails and ultimately receive the health benefits of getting out there.

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# BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

## New Batteries in Town Save Consumers Money

JESSICA SAVAGE, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

The buildings resembling shipping containers full of stacks of batteries in Hinesburg make a slight buzzing sound if you listen closely.

The new utility-scale battery system on Pond Brook Road contains a collection of batteries housed in two large, concrete structures, explained Jake Brown, spokesman for the Vermont Electric Cooperative.

The fenced-in system is generally quiet, but if one were to walk by or through it, a faint electric buzz can be heard emitting from the structures, Brown said.

These batteries are the utility's new development intended to store renewable energy to be deployed into the grid during peak load times, Brown said. "Their main purpose is to avoid buying expensive energy at peak times," he said, adding that since the batteries were put in use July 20, the electric co-op has saved more than \$90,000.

The battery system allows the utility to use stored power when the demand for electricity is at a peak and when electricity prices are highest. It is the company's first battery storage project developed for storing power made from renewable sources such as solar and wind power.

Brown said the project is "a revolutionary concept that will very much change the grid in terms of how renewables are integrated."

**Though battery storage technology is relatively new and can be quite expensive.**

Brown said it's exciting for power companies to now benefit from both the innovation and the falling costs of this technology.

Chuck Reiss heads the five-member Hinesburg Energy Committee, an advisory group to town officials that also works to educate the public on energy

issues. He said the battery installation is important as the state works towards a goal of using 90 percent renewable energy by 2050.

Hinesburg supports reaching the statewide goal, Reiss said. Battery storage can play a critical role in reaching this goal. Storing renewable power will help achieve grid stability with intermittent generation, Reiss said.

**It's innovation like battery storage, combined with other measures that will help achieve the 90 percent goal.**

Reiss pointed to continued expansion of solar panels to generate power and installation of more energy-efficient heat pumps to warm and cool homes and buildings across Vermont as ways the state can make the shift.

Reiss acknowledged that the Vermont Electric battery project is "successful in that it is functional," helping the publicly owned utility keep costs down and making its grid more resilient.

However, Reiss noted that the facility does not directly help individual households beyond the benefits that come from a more resilient grid system. Reiss said he hopes a future project involving battery storage could benefit individual homes.

Brown said the project is just the beginning of exploring the use and application of battery storage technology. Ultimately, Vermont Electric will continue to learn more about energy storage technologies to better respond at peak times when power is expensive, Brown said.

Although it wasn't involved in this battery project, Encore Renewable Energy has worked on battery storage elsewhere in conjunction with its large-scale community solar installations.



VEC CEO Rebecca Towne at Hinesburg battery installation

Chief Development Officer Derek Moretz points out that the integration of solar into power generation increases the need for storage that battery technology provides. "Batteries can harness peak solar production and push it into evening hours when it is most valuable," he said.

Encore's Chief Executive Officer Chad Farrell noted that the industry needs to move toward establishing more storage sources close to where energy is generated, such as the Hinesburg battery project. "In the age of climate change, which brings an increasing number of extreme storm events, it is all about resiliency. And the most resilient form of energy is one that is generated at the point of consumption," Farrell said.

Vermont Electric Cooperative serves about 32,000 members in 75 Vermont communities. It is the largest locally-owned electricity distributor in Vermont. VEC collaborated with project partners WEG Electric Corp. and Ormat technologies to develop and install the battery facility.

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### ► Hannaford Project

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or formulate any comments. The Planning & Zoning office is referring all media inquiries on this to Renae Marshall [Town Administrator]."

Since the Hannaford proposal has been in the works for about nine years, there are many references to it in the Hinesburg Record archives, available at [hinesburgrecord.org/past-issues](http://hinesburgrecord.org/past-issues). The front-page headline for the January 20, 2011 issue was "The Proposed Hannaford Supermarket" with articles by Weinhausen and then-Zoning Administrator Peter Erb. Letters to the Editor mentioned Hannaford in the October 20, 2011 and January 19, 2012 issues, among many others. The October 23, 2014 issue has a front page article titled "Hinesburg to Vote on Water System Expansion" that mentions Hannaford.

On February 13, 2018 ([tinyurl.com/HinesburgHannaford2018](http://tinyurl.com/HinesburgHannaford2018)), The Burlington Free Press published an article titled, "Hannaford tries again with new Hinesburg plan" which stated that, "The Hannaford supermarket group filed a slightly revised application in January for a 36,000-square-foot grocery and pharmacy in Hinesburg, seven years and two months after it first applied to build the store. The revision comes after a Vermont Supreme Court ruling in November reversed an Environmental Court confirmation of Hinesburg's Development Review Board 2012 approval of the original plan."

Most recently, in a Front Porch Forum post on November 22, Weinhausen wrote, "I'm guessing my FPF post about the upcoming December 4 hearing on proposed Official Map revisions and Zoning Regulation revisions might have left some wondering, who are following the contested Hannaford project. To clarify, the proposed Official Map revision has NO bearing on the Hannaford project that is still under appeal in the court system. The Hannaford project will be reviewed by the courts using the existing Official Map - i.e., the version in place when they made their application."



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