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CVU Redhawks Lead the Pack at the Special Olympics Penguin Plunge

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On Saturday, Feb. 1, Vermont Special Olympics held its 25th annual Penguin Plunge on the Burlington waterfront. The largest school group to take part in the event were the 155 students and staff from Champlain Valley Union High School, including the entire 26-member girls' basketball team. Together, they raised \$34,990.

Peter Booth, the CVU staff member who organizes the school's penguins for the event, was the top individual fundraiser with contributions of \$4,621.

This was the eighth year CVU participated as a school and the eighth time the school won the event's "Cool Schools Champion" honor. At the CVU Winter Carnival this Friday, Special Olympics will present the school with a trophy,

Booth said.

The plunge happened shortly after a group of Danish exchange students arrived at CVU. Booth said seven or eight of them along with their host students and chaperones took part. "I know that being a part of our group and experiencing all the school/community spirit on that day has been a real memory maker for the Danish kids," Booth said.

Other teams from the Champlain Valley School District included 30 plungers from Hinesburg Community School who raised \$8,093.

A 60-member team from Williston schools raised \$15,786 and Shelburne Community School's 28 plungers collected \$7,316, according to event organizers.

The event overall drew 1,197 participants and raised \$610,000. The nonprofit's mission is to support those with intellectual disabilities by promoting inclusion through sporting competitions.

The fundraisers from the school teams are still open online and accepting contributions online through the end of February at tinyurl.com/findpenguinplungers.

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CVU for the eighth year in a row won the Cool Schools Champion honor for its team that raised \$35,000 for Vermont Special Olympics at the Feb. 1 Penguin Plunge. Photo by Joe Grabon.

Maple Season Approaches

A Father's Legacy Remembered

FROM PRESS RELEASE

David and Michele Palmer own and operate Palmer's Sugarhouse, family owned for 79 years. The one and only location is in Shelburne, Vermont.

Palmer's Sugarhouse is a special place; rich in history, community, hard work and love.

The Vermont tradition began in this family when David's grandmother, Marjorie Palmer, an enthusiast of life and educator, began tapping maple trees as a source of sugar during World War II when sugar was rationed throughout the United States. Marjorie was passionate about maple and became known as the "maple lady," in Vermont. Throughout her life, Marjorie was well known in the area by local students to whom she taught the basics of maple and shared her maple treats. At the age of 89, Marjorie was nominated by the Vermont



Marjorie Palmer, 1998.

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VT House, Senate Pause to Salute Seven CVU Fall Championship Teams

BY LISA SCAGLIOTTI,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

It's not every day that the state Legislature stops in its tracks to salute dozens of high school athletes. But on Jan. 24, the Vermont House and Senate passed seven joint resolutions to honor the seven sports teams from Champlain Valley Union High School that won their state championships last fall.

A few days later on Jan. 28, the boys' volleyball team made the trip to the State House in Montpelier to hear the reading of their resolution and to accept the honor on behalf of their fellow athletes.

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Letters

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Green Mountain Solar Moving

Dear fellow Hinesburg residents,

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to our wonderful community that's helped us grow. Hinesburg has been our home from the start, when I opened up shop from my house, then the last two years operating out of the Aubuchon Plaza. We have thoroughly enjoyed the people and your never-ending support for our growing business.

In that time, we've grown drastically and our office space needs have as well. Unfortunately, we could not find a space in town to fit our needs at the moment.

We aren't going far! We're moving a short 15-minute drive to 96 Commerce Street in Williston. As a resident of Hinesburg, the business and I will continue to provide our neighbors and friends.

Our hope is to one day return to the town we all know and love to a community that has watched us flourish. Thank you all again for your support!

Paul Lesure and the team at Green Mountain Solar

MacKinnon for School Board

Dear Hinesburg Voters,

I am asking for your vote to re-elect me to the school board for the Champlain Valley School District.

Some of you have known me since I was first elected to the Hinesburg School District Board of Directors in 1995. For those of you new to our community, I have served on the school boards for the Hinesburg School District, the Chittenden South Supervisory Union (which oversaw shared school services across five towns and the high school), and I chaired the CSSU Act 46 Study Committee that examined the pros and cons of consolidating six districts into one, which we presented to voters in 2016. Voters overwhelmingly supported consolidation, and I was elected to the new Champlain Valley School District board.

The CVSD board oversees policy, budget and leadership for approximately 4,000 students, over 800 employees, six school campuses and a more than \$80 million annual operating budget.

I believe consolidation is working favorably for our students. What we have seen in just a few years is that a larger district can adapt more readily to changes in enrollments, staffing and statewide policy. We are continuing to build practices to better ensure equitable opportunities for all students across the consolidated district, with a lot of cross-school collaborations supporting continuous improvements.

I want to continue to help with our transition to this new system by serving as one of your two Hinesburg-elected school board directors on the twelve-member board. (You re-elected Ray Mainer last year, and my name is now on the ballot for a three-year term.)

You can vote on Town Meeting Day by Australian ballot or you can vote early in the town clerk's office from now until the day before the election.

Colleen T. MacKinnon, Ed.D.

Merrily Lovell for Selectboard

I served with Merrily on a search committee for a new town administrator and again for a new chief of police, and in both cases found Merrily to be a thoughtful, hardworking contributor. In her first three-year term as a board member she's volunteered to represent the town on other important committees and in-

vested the time to attend Selectboard training workshops. Responsibly serving on the Selectboard requires a significant time commitment and Merrily has proven that she is willing to make that commitment. Perhaps most significantly, Merrily is respectful of others and understands that the most important part of communication is listening and considering all points of view. She has earned our trust and support for re-election. Please vote on March 3 and join me in supporting Merrily Lovell for another term on the Selectboard.

Jonathan Trefry

Merrily for Selectboard

I am writing in support of re-electing Merrily Lovell to another 3-year term on the Hinesburg Selectboard.

Merrily has been a very thoughtful, respectful and hardworking member of the board during her three years serving us. It has been so rewarding in the current national political climate to see how much importance Merrily places on reaching consensus with her fellow board members and in listening to their views, and the views of residents of Hinesburg, when making important decisions impacting us.

In addition to Merrily's values in her decision-making, there is one other important reason I will be voting for Merrily — she is a woman. Too many decisions in our society have been made and continue to be made by male-only or male-dominated boards, and I believe a woman adds tremendous value to all discussions and decisions. I very much want to see Merrily's voice continue on the board, even if she only represents 20% of the board members — that is better than 0%!

Most importantly, please be sure to vote on March 3, and I hope you will join me in voting for Merrily to continue having her voice and perspective on our town's future.

Carl Bohlen

Merrily Lovell for Selectboard

Merrily Lovell has done a terrific job on the Selectboard! I will be voting for her, and I urge others to vote for Merrily so that she can continue her excellent work on behalf of our town. I have found Merrily to be a calm, steady influence within our community. She listens carefully and tries to be fair to all points of view. She is respectful, even when others don't agree with her position. Having served with Merrily on the Conservation Commission, I can vouch for the fact that she works hard. She is diligent and focused on practical solutions to the vari-

ous needs of a growing town. Merrily is a strong force on the board, and I hope she will continue to represent us in the coming years.

Meg Handler

In Support of Merrily Lovell

I am pleased to support Merrily Lovell in her re-election to the Selectboard for the three-year term. It was a privilege to serve with Merrily for the last two years of my tenure on the board as she shared her strengths as a careful listener, being prepared and organized to engage in genuine dialogue that allowed the board to function respectfully and collaboratively in the decision-making process.

Merrily is deeply committed to listening to all points of view and to sharing her thoughts and opinions. The ability to listen and learn are vital to serving on the board where decisions affect individual citizens, town employees, committee volunteers and set the tone of the community day to day and into the future.

Over the past three years Merrily has educated herself through serving on various sub-committees, talking with officials from other towns and gathering background information. She does her homework and brings a calm and compassionate voice as she presents her findings to fellow board members enabling all to better understand the issues and make decisions.

As the Hinesburg Selectboard faces the challenges and opportunities presented by development it will be important to have board members who are capable of understanding the present and future implications of growth. We can trust Merrily to do the research and always provide citizens with the vital information needed to make educated decisions.

Merrily values decision-making that is based on inclusion, transparency and respect. I hope you will join me in the re-election of Merrily to the three-year term on the Selectboard.

Andrea Morgante

Support for Merrily Lovell

Dear Hinesburg neighbor,

I'm writing to give support for Merrily Lovell, an exemplary member of the Hinesburg Selectboard for the past three years. I'd like her to stay on the board and hope you'll join me to insure her continued good service to our town.

Merrily is not your usual politician. She represents no singular faction. She is an advocate for what's best for our town. She doesn't lose her cool when people disagree with her ... she's a rational listener who pays attention to all sides and then works with others to develop solutions that benefit all in our community. Merrily is a woman on our Selectboard, the only woman running in this election. She's thoughtful, deliberative and compassionate for the people in our town and the physical resources comprising Hinesburg. We need a woman on our five-member Selectboard, and Merrily brings a calm integrity to the task of governing. She is a fine human being who gently goes about representing all of us equitably.

We have several candidates who posture as environmental leaders. Merrily was a biology teacher. She knows the importance of science as we move to quickly reduce our use of carbon fuels. Merrily

was firm in her opposition to a Vermont Gas pipeline that slashed through our town's Geprags Park. This tract of land was donated by the Geprags sisters for natural recreation ... not for use by a utility creating outdated infrastructure for carbon fuels. Merrily is to be commended for acting on her beliefs and in a manner that she felt was in our town's best interests. She supported equally distributing the Vermont Gas funds between the Geprags Park and the recreation fields (\$190,000 went to the rec fields and \$60,000 to the Geprags Park) She did not vote against the recreation fields. It was that simple.

So review our candidates for the governance of our town and give serious consideration to Merrily Lovell. She is thoughtful, well-informed and listens to all sides. She is a worthy representative of our community and what it stands for.

Rolf Kielman

Mike Bissonette: An Environmental Candidate?

Mike Bissonette, as chair of the Selectboard, along with Tom Ayer, entered into an undisclosed agreement (not even the other SB members knew about it) with Vermont Gas Systems. They tried to sell VGS the right to trench through the western side of Geprags Park for \$75,000.

This (illegal) agreement was discovered by a group of citizens which opposed VGS' installation of a gas transmission pipeline in Vermont. The Hinesburg Conservation Commission allied itself with this group (of which I was also a member) to challenge it. Solely because of the efforts of the HCC and this group, VGS agreed to auger underneath Geprags Park. Also because of the efforts of the HCC, VGS offered to pay the town \$250,000. Most of that money (\$191,000) went to the Bissonette ballpark, actively supported by Bissonette and Ayer, and despite objections from the HCC.

Even though Chairman Bissonette called me before the SB to answer for what he and Tom Ayer believed to be a conflict of interest on my part, it became clear that I was not the one involved in a personal conflict of interest. When Bissonette's term ended, Merrily Lovell, then a member of the HCC, ran against Mike — and won.

After losing, Mike, along with four of his friends and political allies, applied for membership to the HCC. They were all appointed, and with their instant majority voted Mike as the new chair. Most of them quit or stopped participating in the HCC soon after joining. Mike has also since quit the HCC.

Although an adequate administrator of meetings, Mike showed no interest, nor willingness to participate, in the environmental projects undertaken by the HCC. In fact, when Mike first joined the HCC, I asked him if he was willing to learn about environmental issues. He replied: "To a degree ..." I don't know why Mike joined the HCC in the first place, but I know there is only one environmental candidate for this seat: Merrily Lovell.

Bill Marks, former HCC member for 27 years

Bissonette for Selectboard

I am proud to endorse Mike Bissonette for the Hinesburg Selectboard. For six

years, I had the pleasure of serving as chief of police when Mike was serving on the board. I found him to be knowledgeable and receptive to the needs of the police department. Although he did not always agree with my requests, I could count on him to listen with an open mind. As a taxpayer, I was always comfortable that his goals were consistent with the sustainability of the town.

Mike has over 20 years of volunteer service to the town including school boards, Selectboard, town commissions and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. Mike has significant experience to once again serve on the Selectboard. I clearly believe that Mike is the best candidate for the future of Hinesburg.

Frank Koss

Ayer for Selectboard

Serving as a member of your Hinesburg Selectboard has been an honor. Having lived my entire life in Hinesburg, it has been rewarding to help the town through some difficult issues. It's even more rewarding to have a hand in setting us up for a very bright future. There is more to do and I have more to offer, so I am asking for your vote as I seek re-election to a two-year term.

I am proud of what we've accomplished during my time on the board. When I began my first term, much of our infrastructure was neglected and inefficient. The highway garage, police department, municipal water system and lack of recreation space are valuable town assets that have been vastly improved. I have been fortunate to work with countless members of our diverse community to ensure that these necessary improvements were supported by the taxpayers. There is always more to do, but these projects have been crucial for moving Hinesburg into the future.

We need to implement all aspects of our Town Plan which balances the need for some growth, especially in our designated growth areas, with conservation of wild areas and our quality of life. My goal going forward will be promoting responsible yet steady growth to improve our grand list and provide good paying, local jobs. Stagnant growth like we have seen over the past several years is beginning to impact the town's ability to provide services without significant tax increases to existing taxpayers. Broadening the tax base is the best strategy for providing employment opportunities, housing availability and maintaining the services our citizens have come to expect.

Hearing people at meetings, reading emails and having private conversations is the best part of being a selectman. Effective communication is how I know I'm best representing the community. It either brings new perspective or solidifies your thoughts and positions. Your words of support tell me I'm on the right track. With your vote on Tuesday, March 3, I will continue to work for you and in the best interests of our special town.

See you at the polls,

Thomas Ayer

In Support of Jeff Tobrocke for Selectboard

We have an opening for a fresh face on our Selectboard someone who has served the community well in other ca-

pacities, both professionally and as a volunteer. Jeff has been a teacher and administrator at CVU for many years and has experience in Burlington to draw on as well. As an instructor, he has taught a generation of kids how to make things, things that work and that give them mastery of meaningful skills. He is, as I have reason to know, a beloved teacher. His own children grew up here and still live in and contribute to the community. That "Hinesburg future" is where I believe we need increasingly to put our focus and Jeff, equipped with experience and energy, would add that to the talents of the existing Selectboard. I urge you to vote for Jeff on March 3.

Kate Schubart

In Support of Jeff Tobrocke

I am pleased to support Jeff Tobrocke for the two-year term on the Hinesburg Selectboard.

As a local educator for the past 30 years Jeff understands the needs of a broad spectrum of our community. As the general population of Vermont ages, Hinesburg is fortunate to be attracting young families. Jeff can help guide changes in Hinesburg to create a dynamic community for all ages and maintain the traditional qualities of a small town that has made it so attractive.

Hls experience as a classroom teacher and administrator will enhance the Selectboard as an effective body to tackle the issues facing the town.

From the need to upgrade the waste water facility to providing emergency services, Jeff can contribute his skills as a creative problem solver.

Please join me in voting for Jeff Tobrocke for the two-year term. Ballots are available now from the town clerk or on Town Meeting Day, March 3. Polls are open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Andrea Morgante

Jeff Tobrocke for Selectboard

I am so pleased that Jeff Tobrocke has decided to run for a seat on the Selectboard He is a great resource, and I am excited to support him. Jeff is a wonderful and innovative teacher at CVU. He has partnered with other teachers to provide unique experiences for students, reaching out into the community and working with the natural surroundings at CVU. As a member of the Conservation Commission, I have worked with Jeff on volunteer projects. He is a terrific communicator and conveys his energy and enthusiasm for getting things done. Jeff will be a terrific resource for connecting young people to the town of Hinesburg. And no one can get people excited about a new idea like Jeff. I encourage everyone to support Jeff Tobrocke! Hinesburg would be so lucky to have Jeff as a member of the Selectboard.

Meg Handler

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Commentary

Volleyball Anyone?

BY BILL SCHUBART

On Vermont Public Radio's "Vermont Edition" show Friday, Jan. 31 Governor Scott, responding to a barrage of listener and interviewer questions about how he will address Vermont's challenges, kept answering with "Show me a plan," and "Where's the plan?"

Good question.

Imagine a volleyball court with three sides, a triangular net with equilateral sides, three teams, and multiple balls being thrown back and forth between the three sides. This may help you see how the government, nonprofit and for-profit sectors juggle society's needs.

The balls swatted from side to side are the current social, environmental and economic challenges, kept airborne by deep divisions in our philosophy of governing.

Arguably, two of our most important needs are public education and health care.

Under both the Vermont Constitution and the federal Constitution, public education in Vermont is the sole responsibility of the government. Meanwhile, as we adjust to a declining student population and to students being siphoned off by private and religious schools — paid for in part by tax-funded vouchers — our expectations of schools expand. Private academies can pick and choose their ideal customers, while public schools must welcome all comers. Schools today are expected to remediate the impact on children of multiple "adverse childhood experiences" such as homelessness, hunger, abuse, emotional disorders, addicted parents and lack of access to health care, all problems that should be addressed upstream by the three sectors working together. Such cross-sector efforts do occur but are largely uncoordinated. If business, philanthropy and government looked strategically at the challenges in public education today, we could surely find more effective and cost-efficient solutions.

Health care, another vital service for Vermonters, also hangs in the inter-sectional airspace. In the '80s, Vermont decided not to issue certificates of need, essentially operating permits, to for-profit hospitals, although many clinics, dentists, group practices, and urgent care centers are, in fact, for-profit businesses. Some clinics, like the Open Door Clinic in Middlebury, are nonprofits. Like public schools, nonprofit hospitals have an "obligation to treat" anyone presenting — businesses don't. And health insurance is available from both for-profit and not-for-profit companies. This mash-up of business, government and nonprofit sectors largely provides Vermonters with quality health care, but it's often limited to those who can afford it.

Some sectors try to work together, but their collaborations are rarely strategic or coordinated. Challenges in the broader social safety net: homelessness, hunger, lack of access to health care, inadequate public transportation and child care bounce between the three sectors, with government assuming certain functions and contracting to businesses and

nonprofits for others. Many businesses do their share, opting to pay livable wages and contributing to health care coverage, child care and retirement. But even with all three sectors chipping in to fight homelessness and hunger, the combined effort is still inadequate to meet the needs of too many Vermonters and child care capacity is declining.

On the predatory side, corrections have traditionally been a government function, but years of politically and even racially motivated criminal justice practice filled our government prisons to overcapacity, leaving the business sector to enter the market. Vermont has about 250 prisoners housed in a for-profit prison in Mississippi with limited oversight or accountability by the Vermont Department of Corrections. "Concierge prisons" have opened in the West for those who can afford their luxuries — a prime example of laissez-faire politics. Economic development bounces ineffectively between all three sectors.

Traditionally, the government sector has managed the design and oversight of public education, a postal system, state and federal highway networks, public safety, the national defense, the criminal justice system and legislative and judicial systems. Teddy Roosevelt added environmental and monopoly regulation. Franklin Roosevelt added power generation and distribution and economic development, both now shared to varying degrees with the business sector. FDR's signature addition was Social Security. Nixon and others favored adding health care, but that still remains under debate 50 years later, available only to those who can afford the insurance. About 20,000 Vermonters have no health insurance and many who do, can't afford the copays.

Neoliberals and conservatives argue passionately for the privatization of the postal system, corrections, education, the national parks, public safety, highway management, Social Security and even the national defense which currently uses contracted mercenary forces to a limited degree. They believe that minimal government will produce the best social and economic outcomes and that the business sector — read, deregulated, low-taxed capitalism — is a more powerful delivery system than government, leaving unmet objectives to the philanthropic sector.

Liberals tend to have greater trust in government, but want a government free of influence-peddling money. They advocate for additional government programs that require either realignment of current government expenditures or additional taxation, making the case that simply touting a thriving economy, the benchmarks of which are stock market indicators and employment figures, ignores the real-life struggles that the employed have keeping up with lagging compensation growth and accelerating living costs.

But sadly, at this point in our history, the liberal-conservative spectrum is evaporating in heat generated by those on both sides who have despaired of democracy's capacity to achieve anything on their behalf.

This is self-defeating. We have the resources but lack leadership and strategy. We must agree on how to use Vermont's powerful government (\$6.1 billion), business (\$32 billion gross domestic product), and nonprofit sectors (\$6 billion) most efficiently and effectively to make

Vermont a more secure place to live, while setting new rules for collaboration and accountability.

Governor, we have no plan and no plan for even making a plan. Who's leading?

End of the Consumer Economy

BY WILL PATTEN

At the end of World War II, the United States began to build an economy based on consumerism. It started with modest homes in the suburbs, refrigerators and automobiles. Then came television, which acted as electronic billboards that showed us everything we needed to buy to "keep up with the Joneses." Stuff that we didn't need for money we didn't have. But then came credit cards and the feeding frenzy took off. We could buy today and pay tomorrow.

A consumer economy sounds like this: more and more people buying more and more stuff more and more often. And paying for it later. Gross domestic product is the measure of how successful we are at doing that.

It is no surprise that we are now a nation built on debt: mortgage debt, credit card debt, student debt, government debt. And that is why we are so frantically pursuing economic growth. We are dependent on tomorrow's dollars to pay for today's consumption.

But, alas, today there are not more people buying more stuff more often and economic growth eludes us.

The Boomers, who control 75% of our wealth, are not buying: they're down-sizing. The millennials, Gen Xers, Gen Yers, and Gen Zers know what the Boomer consumers have done — and the damage it inflicted on the earth — and want no part of it. Climate change is making it hard to believe in tomorrow. Birth rates are down.

Those that argue that lowering taxes, or raising taxes on the rich, or increasing our state population to 700,000 are not confronting the fact that the consumer economy is dying and we have to change all of our 60-year-old assumptions.

The obstacle to reordering our assumptions and adopting strict priorities is the difficulty of abandoning the old ones. So, we continue to talk about creating jobs when there is no one to fill them instead of talking about transitioning people into more promising economic sectors. We introduce hundreds of new laws and programs in the legislature every year instead of clearing out the old ones. We talk about growing the economy instead of figuring out how to live with the one we have.

Here are some things we can do right here in Vermont.

- Establish a permanent strategic planning office and board that is independent of our political calendar and market forces in order to define and articulate shared values and priorities. We have spent vast amounts of money studying problems and issuing reports only to see them disappear in the rush for reelection or the crush of lobbyists.

- Establish a means of measurement that reflects the all-around health and happiness of our citizens and tracks our progress toward accomplishing our priorities. Gross state product does not do that.

- Optimize our governments. Vermont has 733 local governments as of 2002: 14 counties, 47 municipal governments, 237 townships, 283 public school districts and 152 special districts to deal with fire or solid waste or other needs. They are all funded by tax payers. Meanwhile there are more than 100 counties in the U.S. with bigger populations than Vermont.

I believe the public is very aware of the urgent need for changes. I want to believe that something will be done about it. Real change never happens from the top down.

Some Annual Town Reports Are Keepers

BY ROGER DONEGAN

The annual town report that hit mailboxes in mid-February is a bellwether of better things to come. It is a sure reminder that Town Meeting Day is just around the corner, that the great arc of the seasons is slowly turning in the right direction, and that the mailbox is still standing and is likely to survive the last knocks of winter. The annual report epitomizes the town's best efforts up to the end of the completed fiscal year, and is the town's best foot forward with a new budget and an official warning of the articles. The annual report is the optimum communication, not in theory, but on paper in black and white, offline at least.

Article 15 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting proposed the town give 30-day(s) notice that the annual report would be available for voters to obtain, one way or another, instead of the town distributing the report by bulk mailing it to residents of Hinesburg. Not surprisingly perhaps, that article, according to the minutes, was defeated on a voice vote. Each Hinesburg Annual Report, 2007 through 2018, are linked on the town's website. In contrast, the latest annual report inclusive of the 2020 Town Meeting warning with new articles, isn't available three weeks before Town Meeting Day. It stands to reason then, that receipt of the latest annual report via postal delivery best satisfies the purpose and the letter of the law.

Snail mailing the annual report meets my needs.

Besides warning of town meeting and articles does appear in the classifieds of local newspapers 30 days before. Once it is received at my house, and until the conclusion of Town Meeting Day, the new town report becomes my go-to publication on top of the kitchen table. As a resident, I also have an appetite for the unofficial items sometimes added to the report that reflect local interests, which enhance the format, or that simply fill a page that would otherwise be half empty page. These additions have taken the form of thank you's to employees for long-term town service, as memorials, as iconic photos of Hinesburg places, and as copy of paintings of local subjects by local artists, to describe a few. I recall some annual reports as favorites.

The 2002 Annual Report cover featured an 1855 photo of the Dow Woolen Mill building formerly located by the Old Mill Stream Bed and Breakfast off Mechanicsville Road. Consistent with the cover, other content included a short history "The Mills of Mechanicsville." A duplicate article of this appeared years later in the Hinesburg Record under the

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

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

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

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

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

WEB PAGES:

hinesburgrecord.org. The Hinesburg Record news, contact information, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town calendar.

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

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

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

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

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

482-3589Laurie Place
Place Road, Hinesburg*"Not a Hair Out of Place"*

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auspices of the Hinesburg Historical Society on March 22, 2012. Other vintage photos in the 2002 report included a Mechanicsville grist mill, followed by one of a creamery taken in 1818 located at the same roadside high spot and intersection the Hinesburgh Public House now occupies. An enlarged version of this photo covers a prominent wall inside the restaurant. Patrick's Saw Mill on the site of today's Iroquois Manufacturing facility; the Murray Excelsior Mill; and a sensationally fire-engulfed creamery, circa 1909, bookends the handful of mill photos. The 2002 Annual Report was a keeper.

The 2011 annual reports cover debuted the celebrated three gear symbol for the town's 250th anniversary (1762-2012), and designed by the HHS. This report was distributed by mail on time for Town Meeting Day in 2012 as is current practice, and served as the kick-off for the yearlong 250th anniversary. This report is a favorite of mine as well.

One can interpret the symbolism of the



The three gear logo celebrated the town's 250th anniversary.

three meshed gears in the present tense too, as the wheels of local government in motion, for instance. My first inclination was to view the three gear symbol as representing the history of Hinesburg. Evidence of former mill sites surrounds us. In the words of Jean Minor of the HHS: "The first record of industry in town was a small dam built around 1790, at the outlet of Lake Iroquois to provide water power for a saw mill" (Hinesburg Record, Dec. 12, 1988). Often a sawmill was the first building erected by early settlers of a new town. The need for additional mills in town meant prospecting for other places to impound water. The "reservoir dam" that forms upper and lower Lake Sunset was installed in 1867.

Other everyday reminders of the mills that once dotted the Vermont landscape abound. If you drive in one direction, you will see the historic marker by the falls where Irish Hill Road becomes Falls Road just over the town line in Shelburne. The marker reads: "The Falls on the LaPlatte River ... site of the first industries in Shelburne, circa 1765." An interpretive trail sign at the nearby handicap parking space speaks to the former carding and cloth making mills. Driving around the corner and turning on LaPlatte Circle brings one to additional parking and the trail head. And if you happen to return via Route 7 passing by the Shelburne Museum's fence line, one can see an overshot waterwheel integral to the Prescott/Shepard "up & down" sawmill.

The variety of real-life mechanical gear arrangements is infinite, from simple rack and pinion to hopelessly complicated configurations of multiple gears and shafts, even those that drove the works of Hinesburg's historic mills. Hinesburg's 250th anniversary three gear symbol is a simple work of art craft. And sometimes, as it is said, life does imitate art.

Town News

Hinesburg to Consider Budget, Ambulance Service

BY MERYL BRACONNIER, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Hinesburg voters will convene at 7 p.m., Monday, March 2, in the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium to vote on the proposed 2021 budget and a plan to create a town-wide ambulance service.

The Selectboard's proposed 2021 fiscal year town budget of \$4,195,243 reflects an increase of \$231,704 or 5.85% from the \$3.96 million spending plan that voters approved last year.

General government operations account for \$1.85 million. The next largest category – about 25% – is the highway budget at just over \$1 million which includes funds for a part-time employee and an increase of \$5,500 for brush cutting, according to Town Administrator Renae Marshall.

The police department's budget of \$606,783 represents 15% of the total; the Fire Department accounts for 10% at \$434,503. The proposed budget for Carpenter-Carse Library is \$225,487, the same from this year's budget, according to town officials.

Increases are attributed mainly to higher costs of employee health care coverage, wage increases and the repairs and maintenance to the fire department's building and vehicles, Marshall said.

Voters will consider these items in Articles 2 through 7 at the evening meeting March 2.

Two articles ask voters to consider contributions to various service organizations. Article 8 is a request for \$21,000 for the Hinesburg Community Resource Center, an increase of \$8,000 over this year.

Article 9 lists seven proposed appropriations to agencies and organizations including \$6,500 for UVM Home Care & Hospice, \$4,000 for Age Well, and \$1,000 each for the Committee on Temporary Shelter, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Vermont Family Network.

With Articles 10 and 11, voters will decide how to handle ambulance service for Hinesburg now that St. Michael's Rescue will end its contracted service with the town at the end of June.

Since learning of that important change, town officials have investigated several options. They have considered the costs and responsibilities of operating Hinesburg's own ambulance service and those associated with contracting out this service from neighboring towns with existing rescue services.

"Article 10 includes the total cost of the two combined services that are willing to provide ambulance transport service to Hinesburg," Marshall explained in an email. "Regardless of which path we ultimately choose, we are likely going to need to contract out for the duration of FY21, so we need to ensure we have the funds available."

Article 11 asks voters if they would like to further pursue the formation of a Hinesburg ambulance service. If approved, it would put that question to a

vote by Australian ballot in November.

According to Marshall, Australian ballot is not normally used for public questions but the Selectboard wants to include voters in this decision. That led to asking voters at Town Meeting Day whether it should be put to a vote later this year.

Article 12 authorizes tax payments for FY21. If all of the financial articles pass, town officials calculated that the tax rate for FY21 would be \$0.5579 per \$100 of property value. That would work out to \$1,115.81 on a home valued at \$200,000; \$1,673.70 on a home valued at \$300,000; and \$2,231.60 on a home valued at \$400,000.

On Town Meeting Day, March 3, voters will cast paper ballots to elect town and school district officers. Three seats on the Selectboard will be decided along with one Champlain Valley School District board seat.

Polls will be open at Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Before March 3, voters may cast a ballot early in person at the town clerk's office or request a ballot by phone at 802-482-2281 or online at sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting.

Town Clerk Melissa Ross said her office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, but on Monday, March 2, it will close at noon for staff to prepare for the town meeting.

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Voters to Decide a Majority of Select Board in Election

BY NICKIE MORRIS, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

When Hinesburg voters go to the polls on Town Meeting Day, March 3, they will have the job of deciding who will hold three of the town's five Select Board seats.

Board member Tom Ayer's two-year term is set to expire, and challenging him is Jeff Tobrocke. Michael Bissonette is running against incumbent Merrily Lovell for her expiring three-year term. In addition, Michael Loner is running uncontested for the remaining two years of a three-year term from which Aaron Kimball resigned.

Loner, 49, has lived in Hinesburg for nearly 12 years since moving from St. Albans with his family. A real estate agent, he is also a member of the Champlain Housing Trust board who is passionate about affordable housing.

"Hinesburg needs to be a bit more proactive in determining what's the level of growth we want and how do we make it happen, and how do we afford affordable housing in that growth," Loner said, stressing the importance of Hinesburg's

tax base.

"Affordable housing is not necessarily all about low income housing the way people think it is, but it's an intelligent mix of low income, affordable, and market based housing. Town budgets will increase every year to pay our staff, and if we don't keep growing proportionately and gaining taxpayers, Hinesburg will become very unaffordable, and I don't think anybody wants that," Loner said.

The other Michael on the ballot is former Select Board member, Michael Bissonette, 61. He stressed the importance of solving issues connected to Hinesburg's wastewater system.

"We're kind of stuck in neutral with the wastewater issue and we need to decide what to do there and get it done, so that we can allow ourselves to follow a town plan and provide the services that the growth would help pay for," Bissonette said.

He's vying for the seat held by Merrily Lovell. After teaching biology full-time before her first term on the Select Board, Lovell has nothing but hope for the future.

"I've really enjoyed working with this group of people, there's a lot of respect and listening to each other's point of view, when the meeting is over members hang around because they just want to talk to each other, it's an honor and pleasure to be apart of," Lovell said.

Running against eight-year board member Tom Ayer, who could not be reached for comment in time for this publication, Tobrocke, 52, also brought up the importance of adequate wastewater infrastructure to the town.

"Something pressing is ensuring we have sufficient wastewater treatment facilities. With two breweries in town contributing a lot of waste to that system, as we move forward, we have to determine what kind of businesses can we accommodate, and grow the town at a responsible and environmentally stable rate," Tobrocke said.

Voters will also fill other offices on the March 3 ballot, none of which have any contests this year.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Melissa Ross is unopposed for three-year terms for both posts. Colleen MacKinnon is also running unopposed for a three-year seat on the Champlain Valley School District board of directors.

Frank Twarog is uncontested for another term as town moderator; Glenn Place is the only candidate for cemetery trustee, as is Gill Coates for Peck Estate trustee.

Three spots are open for library trustee with just two candidates – Katherine Kjelleren and Paul Lamberson – leaving an opening for a write-in. The office of town agent has no takers with a blank spot on the ballot.

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 3 or voters may cast an early ballot at the town clerk's office.

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Senate Update Helping Homeowners

BY TIM ASHE, VT SENATE PRESIDENT

It's no secret that, like many northeastern states, Vermont faces difficult demographic challenges. In a state with an aging population, we'll need more younger workers in the coming years to have a healthy tax base and to provide the services many older Vermonters rely upon.

There is no silver bullet that will fundamentally shift our demographic trends. However, there are tools to help bend the curve, and using them to address affordability barriers facing younger Vermonters makes good sense.

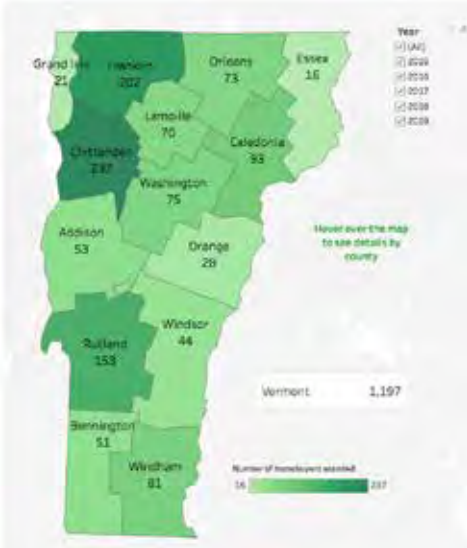
An area we've made some progress in this regard is in the cost of first-time homeownership.

In 2015, when I chaired the Vermont Senate's Finance Committee, my committee members and I worked with the House and the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to establish a down payment assistance program to help young families buy their first homes. The program provides up to \$5,000 for down payment or closing costs in the form of a 0% loan, with no payments due. The money is repaid when the home is refinanced or sold.

Thanks to the great work of VHFA, the program has now helped 1,197 households purchase their first homes. The

program has resulted in home purchases in 174 different towns in every county in Vermont! In Hinesburg, nine young families have benefited by this housing affordability initiative, while 228 other young families have used it to buy their first homes elsewhere in Chittenden County.

We know young people face economic pressure in the form of student loan debt and high housing costs. The down payment assistance initiative is an example of the progress we can make when we bring concrete strategies to the affordability challenges facing younger Vermonters.



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CSWD

Statewide Food Scraps Campaign Launches: Let's Scrap Food Waste!

Eat what you buy. Compost the rest. This month, Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation launched its "Let's Scrap Food Waste" campaign to raise awareness of the upcoming July 1, 2020 food scrap ban. Visit scrapfood-waste.org to view their commercial featuring CSWD's own Dan Goossen (Green Mountain Compost). The website also offers great information on your options and tips to reduce your food waste.

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Police

Incidents

Jan. 11, 2:45 p.m. Suspicious activity was investigated on Lagoon Road.

Jan. 12, 4:45 p.m. Suspicious circumstances were investigated on Buck Hill West.

6:25 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Swamp Road.

9:30 p.m. An officer assisted Shelburne Police with a call on Route 116.

Jan. 13, 5:42 p.m. A 911 hang-up on Magee Hill was investigated.

6 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for a two-car motor vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

Jan. 15, 5:25 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116. The operator was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Jan. 16, 6:41 a.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for the report of a school bus off of the roadway.

9:40 a.m. Officers responded to Richmond Road for a vehicle off of the roadway.

9:45 a.m. Officers responded to Charlotte Road for a vehicle off of the roadway.

11:11 a.m. Officers responded to Hollow

Road for a vehicle off of the roadway.

11:35 a.m. Officers responded to Richmond Road for a vehicle off of the roadway.

6:30 p.m. An officer assisted with a medical call at Kelly's Field Road.

9:20 p.m. A subpoena was served on behalf of the state's attorney's office.

Jan. 17, 1:12 p.m. A noise complaint involving a motor vehicle was investigated on Commerce Street.

Jan. 18, 2:10 p.m. An officer responded to reports of erratic operation by a motor vehicle on Route 116.

Jan. 19, 1 p.m. An officer responded to Texas Hill Road for the report of a vehicle off of the roadway.

Jan. 20, 11:40 a.m. An alarm activation on Commerce Street was investigated.

7:05 p.m. An officer responded to Birchwood Drive for a noise complaint involving gunshots.

Jan. 21, 11:40 a.m. Emergency services were dispatched to a residence on Kelley's Field Road for an unresponsive female. A death resulting from natural causes investigation was conducted.

3 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprints for employment purposes.

Jan. 22, 6:30 a.m. Officers responded to Richmond Road for a motor vehicle accident involving a deer. No injuries were reported.

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Jan. 23, 2:40 p.m. Kinney Drugs reported theft of merchandise.

Jan. 24, 2:50 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for the report of a missing juvenile. The juvenile was later located without incident.

Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m. An officer responded to reports of erratic operation by a motor vehicle on Route 116.

3:10 p.m. Officers responded to Tyler Bridge Road for a verbal altercation.

Jan. 26, 9:26 a.m. An officer responded to Jourdan Street for the report of trespassing.

11:15 a.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for a single-vehicle crash.

2 p.m. A stray dog was found on Shelburne Falls Road and brought to the animal control officer.

6 p.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of a possible

burglar.

Jan. 27, 12:15 p.m. Officers assisted the student resource officer at CVU with a juvenile problem.

5 p.m. An alarm activation was investigated at Kelley's Field.

5:50 p.m. An officer assisted the Hinesburg Fire Department with a chimney fire on Gilman Road.

10:15 p.m. An officer responded to a burglary alarm at Lyman Meadows.

Jan. 28, 6:05 a.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for a single-vehicle crash.

10:35 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle lockout on Commerce Street.

Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m. Officers investigated the report of a vehicle passing a school bus that had activated its red lights. The report advised that a child was in the roadway at the time of the incident.

11:37 p.m. A burglary alarm activation of Commerce Street was investigated.

Jan. 31, 1:45 p.m. An officer responded

to Fox Meadows for a resident that had dialed 911.

10:10 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute. Upon arrival a neighbor advised the dispute was over drug use.

Feb. 1, 11:20 a.m. Officers responded to North Road for the report of a suicidal male in possession of a firearm.

Feb. 2, 1 p.m. A late reported domestic assault was reported and investigated.

Feb. 4, 8:55 a.m. An incident involving road rage and threatening behavior was reported and investigated.

12:05 p.m. An officer investigated a two-car crash on Commerce Street. One of the vehicles left the scene of the accident.

6:45 p.m. Officers responded to Jourdan Street for a domestic fight.

Feb. 5, 7 a.m. A vehicle was stopped on Route 116 for passing a school bus which had activated its red lights. The operator was ticketed.

Feb. 6, 9:08 a.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for the report of a single-vehicle crash.

11:12 a.m. A subpoena was served on behalf of the Chittenden County States Attorney's office.

Feb. 7, 2:05 p.m. An officer responded to Commerce Street for a single-vehicle crash.

2:25 p.m. A burglary alarm activation was investigated on Kailey's Way. **9:21 p.m.** An officer responded to Charlotte Road for a single-vehicle crash. **11:45 p.m.** A burglary alarm activation was investigated at Cedar Knoll Country Club.

Feb. 8, 6 a.m. A burglary alarm activation was investigated on Kailey's Way.

6:05 a.m. A burglary alarm activation was investigated at Cedar Knoll Country Club.

Feb. 9, 1:25 a.m. An officer responded to a crash on Richmond Road. It was a single-vehicle rollover.

12:25 p.m. An officer assisted with an attempt to locate an individual.

8:45 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Hillview Terrace.

Feb. 11, 7:40 a.m. Emergency services were dispatched to a residence on Sunset Lane East for an unresponsive male. A death resulting from natural causes investigation was conducted.

6:05 p.m. Officers responded to Ledgewood Lane for a citizen dispute. We received a report of threatening behavior involving a firearm by an unidentified male.

Feb. 12, 8:20 a.m. A single-car crash was investigated on Shelburne Falls Road.

6 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for a two-car motor vehicle crash. **7:30 p.m.** A domestic complaint involving a custodial dispute was taken.

Fire

Compression-Only CPR



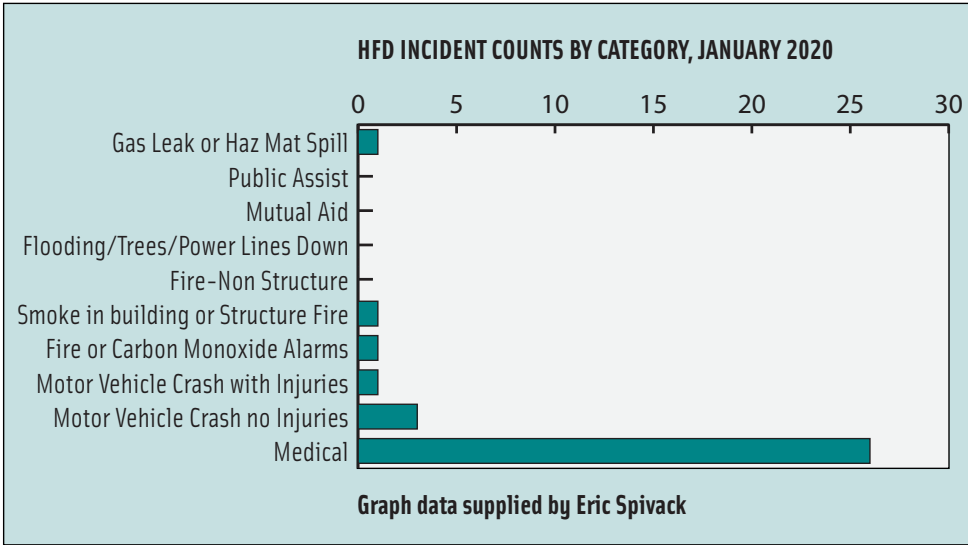
On Saturday, Feb. 1, the Hinesburg Fire Department sponsored a compression-only CPR clinic. Twenty-five residents stopped by the station bringing the total to 175 who have learned this life-saving technique.



Carbon Monoxide Detector

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, as the department was arriving at Lake Iroquois for training, HFD was dispatched to Strawberry Hill Road for a report of a carbon monoxide alarm sounding. Dispatch advised that all residents were evacuating the building. Engine 1, Engine 3 and Med 100 responded.

On arrival, firefighters donned their self-contained breathing apparatus and entered the building with the four-gas meter. Shortly after entering, the meter went into alarm mode, reading 30 parts per million of CO. Crews continued to check the house, finding readings of 60 ppm



HFD responded to 33 calls in January.

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

on the second floor. The readings in the basement were lower.

Firefighters checked all appliances and areas around the duct work looking for any leaks. No leaks were found and the house was ventilated using the positive pressure fan. Once readings were back to zero, a crew rechecked the building and area around the furnace. It was determined the cause was near the furnace which may not be functioning properly. The homeowner was instructed to contact his burner company.

While firefighters were checking the house, EMS met with the residents to make sure no one was feeling ill or suffering effects of carbon monoxide exposure, of which there were none.

The 12 responders were on the scene for 45 minutes.



On Wednesday, February 12, two members of the family stopped by the Hinesburg station to thank the department for our response. A post-incident inspection revealed cracks and loose areas within the chimney and the furnace was malfunctioning. The owner stated the furnace was repaired and a chimney liner was being installed.

Business

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FROM PRESS RELEASE

To the casual passerby, they look like ordinary new housing developments. But for the families who move into their new homes at Creek's Edge in Williston and

sponded, with other members standing by our station. Hinesburg's tanker was released from the scene at 2:12 a.m.

From the Chief

BY HINESBURG FIRE CHIEF AL BARBER

Thank You for Your Support

The members of the fire department would like to thank everyone for your support. We are very dedicated to serving the public in your times of need regardless of the circumstances. We know that we usually see you mostly in your time of need, but we really enjoy connecting with you once that time has passed.

Budget Support

This year we are requesting the first full-time employee for the fire department. This employee will have many duties including fire/EMS responses during the day. There are many other duties that the person will be responsible for, including but not limited to preplanning emergency responses, daily equipment checks, battery changes, safety committee meetings at schools and daycares, building walk-throughs for response planning, general equipment maintenance and repair scheduling, and scheduling trainings for fire and EMS.

This position is very important for a few reasons, namely daytime responses to fire and EMS emergencies. This person will really be a support person for the department volunteers. Because of the number of responses, it is taking more and more time to keep everything in tip-top shape ready to be put into service. The more time volunteers need to spend doing noncritical work, the more burnout will occur and loss of membership happens; there is just not enough time in a volunteer's life to get everything done. We need to allow the volunteers to focus on responses and training and not the everyday maintenance jobs. A healthy volunteer squad needs a support person to allow them to thrive.

A Five-Year Plan Since 2006

Since 2006 the fire department has had a strategic plan in place to help the community plan for the future needs of the department. This plan not only has a five-year plan but also a 10-year plan, and it has always been on our website at hinesburgfd.org. Over the past 12 years of the plan's existence it has been pretty much spot on for its projections in anticipation of how the community needs would grow. It is derived by extensive research using many sources for the data used to produce the document; some of

these sources are the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Vermont Department of Health, Chittenden County Regional Planning, census data, building permits from our community as well as from surrounding communities, other local fire department experiences, other community development review board growth data and any other data points that would help us with the project growth, calls for service increases and anything which might contribute to shaping our future needs.

Ambulance Service

The need for an ambulance in Hinesburg has been well documented. Many talk about a regional concept, we are already engaged in a physical regional operation, but not on a fiscal level. We have mutual aid agreements on a county level in place and used daily for both fire and EMS operations. When we plan for future needs in the fire service, we talk to all of our mutual aid partners so we aren't duplicating equipment, and are only purchasing when it's necessary, same with EMS on a district level. Currently Hinesburg is the one community which is having a large impact on the EMS system in the district because of our call volumes and anticipated increases coming as the town begins to expand.

Ready Now


As a department we are ready to operate an ambulance for transporting patients now. The only way we can improve outcomes of our citizens' medical needs is to transport them quicker; time saves lives especially if you are having a stroke or heart attack. We firmly believe that the ambulance service, once in service, will generate enough reimbursements that it will have little effect on the bottom-line cost to the fire budget. Local control is very important when a community wants to have input on how a department or service is run.

Recap

We are ready to serve the community, yet again, at the next level of service as our community grows in the volume and frequency of calls. In the future, as noted in our strategic plan, we will need a new station and a quint fire truck, (a pumper with a hydraulic ladder) when and if the community grows. We do expect that within 10 years, we will have a much larger full-time staff again when and if the community grows.

I always welcome questions from those we serve in the community, please feel free to contact me at Chief@hinesburgfd.org or give me a call 802-777-2240.

Follow us on Facebook at HinesburgFireDepartment and be sure to visit our website hinesburgfd.org.



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- Estimated completion date: 2022

"We are committed to providing comfortable, affordable housing options to our homebuyers, and building to Efficiency Vermont new construction standards helps us keep that commitment," said Alan Norris. "The technical support we've received along the way from Efficiency Vermont experts has been extremely valuable to the success of our project."

Creek's Edge, Williston

- Developer: Snyder Homes
- Size: 22 single-family homes, 13 attached town homes
- Price: \$440,000 to \$480,000
- Energy efficiency: 18%-28% less energy use than a home built to current code
- Estimated completion date: 2020

"To remain competitive is critical. We constantly strive to improve our product at all times, and one of the ways we ensure that is by designing and building to Efficiency Vermont's higher energy standards," said Chris Snyder of Snyder Homes. "I believe that we are building better homes, and that by building to these standards we are investing in the Snyder Homes brand."

Hinesburg Efforts Receive Support from VEC Fund

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont – An initiative to expand community playgroups for young children and another to support the growth of local news coverage – both Hinesburg-based initiatives – both received support recently from the Vermont Electric Co-op's Community Fund.

The Hinesburg Community Resource

Center's Friends of Families coordinates local playgroups and received \$750 to continue the delivery of these services.

"Playgroups foster a 'sense of place' or affiliation in a community, especially for families who are new to town or new to parenting," said Rachel Kring, the executive director of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. "We hear many stories from families who met life-long friends in playgroups or were able to engage in other community activities and programs because of connections made at a playgroup," she said. "Our playgroups provide a nurturing environment to support children's social and emotional wellbeing, as well as early learning," Kring said.

The other recipient, the Community News Service, will receive \$500 to support a collaboration with the Hinesburg Record to boost community news coverage. Specifically, the effort will include hiring a professional editor to support students to provide substantive multimedia content for the local news outlet.

"The overall goal is to ensure the paper remains a vital part of the community, providing information and engaging readers," said Richard Watts, director of the Center for Research on Vermont which coordinates the Community News Service.

The VEC Community Fund is a voluntary program supported by VEC members who choose round up their electric bills, donate their patronage capital dollars, or make one-time donations to the fund. The fund then makes grants to local organizations that support economic security, energy education, emergency and disaster relief, and community development.

About Vermont Electric Cooperative

Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC), established in 1938, is a non-profit, member-owned electric distribution utility that provides safe, affordable, and reliable electric service to approximately 32,000 members in 75 communities in northern Vermont. Nationally recognized for innovative and advanced use of technology, VEC is the largest locally-owned electric distribution utility in Vermont. www.vermontelectric.coop

Community Bank N.A. 2019 Donations Total More Than \$2.6 Million

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Throughout its more than 150-year history, Community Bank N.A. has remained committed to giving back to the communities it serves. In 2019, the bank's annual charitable giving reached more than \$2.6 million in sponsorships, donations and grants, with its branches across New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Massachusetts donating to more than 2,500 local organizations.

"Going the extra mile for our neighbors is a fundamental part of our values," Community Bank N.A. VP, New England Regional Manager Anita Bourgeois said. "As our name suggests, one of the important missions of our bank is to support the well-being of the communities we serve and where we work and live. We're more than just your local teller or banker — we're your neighbors, friends, maybe even family. We want to help give our region a better tomorrow."

Each individual branch follows the passions of its employees and customers to support causes that are important to its community. In addition to awarding corporate donations, branches often host fundraisers and collection drives as a way for employees, customers and community members to participate in the charitable giving.

In Vermont, Community Bank N.A. supported a variety of organizations, including the DREAM Program, Special Olympics Vermont, Dragonheart Vermont, Pathways Vermont and King Street Youth Center.

"We're extremely proud to have been able to help so many organizations last year," Bourgeois said. "We're honored to serve Vermont and be a part of this community. With 2020 underway, we're looking forward to continuing our tradition of giving back."



DREAM Program: 18 Community Bank N.A. team members joined members of The DREAM Program at Camp DREAM for a work day and to present a \$15,000 donation.



Pathways Vermont (left to right): Community Bank N.A. Commercial Banking Officer David Blow and Pathways Vermont Development Director Patrick Gallagher.

On top of its charitable giving, Community Bank N.A. employees also volunteer their time to local nonprofits and charities in need. In 2019, team members committed more than 10,000 hours to giving back.

Community Bank N.A. operates more than 240 customer facilities across Upstate New York, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Vermont and Western Massachusetts and has been serving its communities for more than 150 years. It has been ranked among the top 12 best banks in America by Forbes magazine since the list began publishing in 2009, and was most recently ranked 10th in 2020. For more information on the bank, visit cbnanews.com.

Community Bank N.A. is a Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.



King Street Center (left to right): Community Bank N.A. Trust Officer Sean Houghton presents a \$5,000 donation to King Street Center.

Recreation

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Register for activities at hinesburgrec.com.

Hinesburg Recreation Department T-Ball

Co-ed K&1

Tuesdays and Thursdays April 28 through June 4, 6-7 p.m. Millie's Field, Bissonette Recreation Area. **Cost:** \$40 by April 3, \$50 after. Deadline: April 17.

2020 Little League Baseball

Baseball registration closes on March 13 at 11:59 p.m. Season dates: May 2 through June 6. Fees by league: Pee Wee/T-Ball (LL age 4-5 years old), \$35.

A (LL age 6-7 years old), \$60. AA/AAA (LL age 8-10 years old), \$75. Major (LL age 11-12 years old), \$75.

To register, please go to shelburnelittleleague.com.

2020 Little League Spring Softball

Softball Registration closes on March 13 at 11:59 p.m. Season Dates: April 4–June 3. Fees by League:

Minis (LL age 5-7 years old), \$60. Minor (LL age 8-9 years old), \$60. Major (LL age 10-12 years old), \$75.

To register, please go to shelburnelittleleague.com

Boys and Girls Youth Lacrosse

Boys third and fourth grades, fifth and sixth grade, and seventh and eighth grades. Girls third and fourth grades, fifth and sixth grade, and seventh and eighth grades. Some indoor time may start as early as March 23. Outside practices officially begin after April break, unless specified. Please plan on two mid-week practices and two-game jamborees on Saturdays (boys) and Sundays (girls) from May 2 through June 7. A \$30 U.S. Lacrosse membership found at us-lacrosse.org is mandatory to register for this program. Practices may be in Hinesburg, Williston or Charlotte. Dates and times are contingent on coaches and field space.

Note: All CVU district players must register in their respective town — i.e. Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne or Williston. Sorry, no nonresident registrations. At the close of registration, these town rec departments are committed to work together, when feasible, to ensure each child has an opportunity to play. Thanks for your understanding.

Cost: \$80. Registration deadline is March 8 at 11:59 p.m. Please note all league registration is done in March.

Co-Ed K-1-2 Lacrosse

Sundays, May 3 to June 7 (no practice on May 24), 8:30-9:30 a.m., at Millie's Field, Bissonette Rec Area. **Cost:** \$40 by April 3, \$50 after. Registration deadline is April 17.

Mini Shooting Stars Soccer Sessions

Cody and Maeve O'Neil will share the love of the game and teach foundational soccer skills. For 3-5 years old. Sundays,

May 3 to May 31 (no practice on May 24), 4-5 p.m., at Millie's Field. **Cost:** \$45. Shooting Stars T-shirt included.

Horseback Riding During April Vacation

Looking for something during April vacation? Come spend part of the day at Livery Stables. Enjoy an hour of horseback riding with a lesson, learn basic horse care and grooming. Braid a mane, feed, brush, water and groom along with learning the full routine of a horse barn! Wear boots with a heel, clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and bring your lunch and water bottle. You may even feed the horses their lunch!

Grades K-8. Monday to Friday, April 20 to 24. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. Half day 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or full day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Cost:** Weekly: half day \$300 or full day \$350. Daily options at \$60 for half days and \$70 for full days available. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

After-School Horseback Riding

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

Grades K-8. Tuesdays, April 28 to June 2 or Fridays, May 1 to June 5. Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. Tuesdays, 2-4:30 p.m. and Fridays, 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays \$235 and Fridays \$135. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com. Maximum: 9 participants.

Middle School Riders Club

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

Grades 5-8. Mondays, April 27 to June 8. No class on May 25. Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. 3-5 p.m. **Cost:** \$195.

Safe Sitter Courses

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

Grades 6-8. Classes are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in each location.

Williston: Friday, March 20. Register at

willistonrec.org
Shelburne: Saturday, April 11. Shelburnevt.org
Hinesburg: Thursday, April 23 in first floor conference room at Town Hall. hinesburgrec.com
Charlotte: Saturday, May 16. Recreation@townofcharlotte.com

\$60 for residents, \$65 for nonresident. Eight student maximum.

After-School Junior Golf Program With Coach Ryan

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

Mondays, April 27 to May 18. Grades K-8. Cedar Knoll Golf Course. 3:30-5 p.m. **Cost:** \$95.

Summer Fun for Kids: Recreational Track and Field

Children learn the basics of running, jumping, throwing and relays. Each week they warm up with Parisi Speed School instructors and then practice their different events. There are local meets with other rec departments and a state meet Saturday, July 18 at St. Johnsbury Academy. A great program for children who love to run, jump and throw. Practices at CVU, unless the track is being redone. Alternate location will be Williston Central School. Instructors are program director Elise Seraus, parent and student volunteers, and Parisi Staff.

Ages 7-14 years, as of August 31.

Mondays and Wednesdays, June 17 to July 18, 6:15-7:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$50.

Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables

Join Kim Johansen and staff at Livery

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

Age: 6-12 years. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. Camp Week 1: Monday-Friday, June 15-19. Camp Week 2: Monday-Saturday, June 29-July 4 (includes participation in Hinesburg July Fourth Parade). Time: 8 a.m.-12 p.m. or 8 a.m.-4 p.m. **Cost:** \$300 for 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and \$350 for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Week 2: \$300 for 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and \$400 for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Be sure to pack a lunch, a snack and a drink as well as boots.

Tennis Lessons With Myles

Join Hinesburg tennis enthusiast Myles Peterson for introductory to intermediate tennis lessons.

For children 6-12 years old. Monday to Thursday June 22-25. Session 1 for beginners: 4:30-5:45 p.m. or Session 2 for intermediate players, 5:45-7 p.m. Location is HCS tennis courts. **Cost:** \$85.

Global Premier Soccer Vermont Camp

GPS Vermont will offer a half- and full-day soccer camp program Aug. 3-7 behind Hinesburg Town Hall. All programs will include age-specific soccer training and games to help players improve in a positive environment.

GPS Juniors ages 4-6 years old is 9-10:30 a.m., \$70
Half-Day Technical Training Program for ages 7-14 years old is 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$135
Full-Day TTP for ages 7-14 years old is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$190

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

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Email: library@carpentercarse.org

Calendar

Classical Encounters

Tuesday, March 3, 4:30 p.m.

Hear Henry and Nathan Wu present an exploration of classical music and its history, power and beauty. Featuring works for piano, violin and cello by Bach, Mozart, Saint-Saëns, Elgar and more.

Live Music: Jam With the Song Farmers

Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m.

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

Women's History Movies

March 6, 24, and 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate with cinematic odes to remarkable women! Contact the library for film titles. All films are rated PG-13. Bring your own picnic or register for pizza - contact jill@carpentercarse.org

Monthly Book Group

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

This informal group will meet in the Community Room on the second Wednesday of each month to chat about the current book. Refreshments served. You can reserve a copy of the latest book at the front desk of the library

It's a Toy Swap!

Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.-noon

What happens to toys when the children who loved them get older and move on

to new playthings? Do they gather dust in a garage or closet, becoming lonelier with each passing year?

We believe that there is still magic in these toys! Don't let it be forgotten. A new child's imagination will help it come back to life. Give your gently used toys a second chance at our Toy Swap.

Let's make it easy for children to find the magic in these toys — please help by making sure the toys you share are clean and ready for a new child. We cannot accept any toys that are broken or missing pieces.

Each family may bring in up to five clean, complete toys and swap them for others. Some toy suggestions: blocks, games and puzzles that aren't missing pieces, building sets, imaginary play sets, stacking/sorting toys, push/pull toys, dolls and musical instruments.

Toys will only be accepted on the morning of the swap, beginning at 10 a.m. The swap will start at 10:30 a.m. and run until noon.

Adult Coloring

Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.-noon

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

Vermont Women and the Civil War

Friday, March 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Vermont's remarkable Civil War battlefield history is well documented, but little has been written about how Vermont Women sustained the home front, ran farms, worked in factories, wrote and edited anti-slavery newspapers, worked in hospitals and in some cases joined regiments. Author and historian Howard Coffin will present this story from women's letters and diaries that describe life in Vermont during the war. Email jen@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878 with any questions.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, March 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.

Family Game Night

Friday, March 27 5-7 p.m.

Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share and join us at the library for Family Game Night! We will provide table and floor space and a selection

of kid-friendly games. This is a great way to get together with other families and share your favorite games! Email jen@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878 with questions or ideas.

Weekly Programming

Hands and Needles

Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

Youngster Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

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

► Maple Season

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Maple Sugar Makers Association, as Vermont's first female sugar maker ever to be inducted into the Maple Hall of Fame, for her work and involvement in the maple industry.

David's father, David F. Palmer, was a dairy farmer at the same property that Marjorie began her maple career, and worked side by side with Marjorie throughout his life. When Marjorie was no longer able to operate the sugaring operation, David F. Palmer became the sole proprietor and operator of the sugaring operation until his sudden passing in 2011. David F. Palmer's dream was to have the largest sugarhouse in Chittenden County and he realized his dream. He moved his operation from his mother's sugarhouse in 2007 to its current location, where he had a dairy farm.

"My father's passing was a pretty vulnerable period in my life but we forged on and continue to pass this tradition to our three daughters, Lilly, Paige, and Chloe," said David. "Sugaring is a constant connection to the people who taught me, my grandmother and my father." Throughout the sugaring season their children are helping produce syrup, preparing for customers and taste-testing all the products, just as David did when he was a child.

Palmer's Sugarhouse is unique from others; its authenticity speaks for itself. Everyone is welcome to join them for a true Vermont experience.

The magic of their sugarhouse is felt as soon as you enter the property, with the aroma of maple boiling, steam blowing up through the cupola, the fresh smell of maple syrup when you exit your car, the smiles of family and friends in the sugarhouse and all the sweets you can imagine.

The authenticity of Palmer's Sugarhouse has received local, regional and national attention. In 2018 a Hollywood production studio rented the sugarhouse to film scenes of a movie with a Vermont maple sugaring theme. Palmer's Sugarhouse has earned fame through the Boston Globe nomination and has nominated locally as the best sugarhouse in Chittenden County. On Feb. 8 of this year, Andrew Zimmern and a national TV network filmed with David and Michele for two days to highlight this maple family on a national network airing in October.

Palmer's Sugarhouse's "sugar on snow"

Youngster Movement and Music

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

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

Crafternoon!

Thursdays, March 12, 19, and 26, 3-4 p.m.

All students ages 7-13 who have some experience with crocheting can plan to join us on three Thursdays after school for another round of Crochet Club with our resident crochet expert, Carol Bloomhardt. We will do some review, then move along and add new techniques. Please plan to bring a crochet hook if you have one — we will provide one for you if you don't. Space is limited so please email jen@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878 to reserve your spot!



Palmer's Sugarhouse on Falls Road and some happy patrons.



parties season runs from March 7-April 19 and provides much to do: maple samples, live music, watching the boiling process, taking a leisurely horse-drawn sleigh ride, and letting the kids visit their farm barn to see their goats and chickens. Take a stroll in the woods to see the remnants of Marjorie's original sugarhouse surrounded by historic massive maple trees. They offer maple pancake breakfasts all season from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and of course sugar on snow parties from noon-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Bring snowshoes, cross-country skis or boots to use trail system, pass by their pond, and enjoy the outstanding vistas of the Adirondack Mountains.

Outside of the maple sugaring season, the sugarhouse has been used for a number of events: weddings, birthday parties, fundraisers, network meetings, private parties, tours and more.

"When you think maple, you think Palmer's Sugarhouse."

This is what David and Michele hear all the time.

Visit Palmer's Sugarhouse at sugar time, March 7-April 19 every Saturday and Sunday. Like them on Facebook for weekly updates and special events throughout the season.

Palmer's Sugarhouse is located at 332 Shelburne Hinesburg Road, Shelburne, just over the town line from Hinesburg. Call 802-985-5054. EAT.LOVE.MAPLE.

Education

CVSD Capital Construction Bond on This Year's Ballot

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

On the ballot for Town Meeting Day, March 3, not only will there be articles about the school district's proposed budget, fund balance and school buses, but there will also be an article about the proposed capital construction bond. We will be providing more information about the other articles in upcoming posts, but we wanted to share details about the proposed bond with our communities as soon as possible. We hope to answer some immediate questions below. More information about the proposed budget and bond can be found on the Budget page of the Champlain Valley School District website, cvsdt.org/budget.

What is the process used to determine capital improvements? How does it get determined what work fits in the regular school district operations budget and what needs to be on a bond?

Long-range capital maintenance plans and priorities for each school are developed and refreshed by the district's property services team. These plans are reviewed each September with building principals for completeness on maintenance items and any additions related to instructional delivery.

The CVSD property services manager and district chief operating officer review the list in October determining which items can be:

- funded through the operational budget
- funded with existing construction funds
- grouped with other for potential biennial bond requests

Priorities are reviewed with facilities managers and building administration.

The entire five-year plan is reviewed with the Finance and Facilities committee during budget development. A summary of the capital projects is reviewed with the board during the operations budget presentation.

CVSD is a consolidated district. What does that mean for homeowners in each of our towns?

The school buildings in all of our towns are now the responsibility of the entire CVSD community and deferring these necessary maintenance repairs will only delay them to another year when they will be more expensive. The proposed bond is projected to cost a homeowner

\$10 per year for each \$100,000 of assessed value before accounting for income sensitivity adjustments or common level of appraisal.

What is included in the proposed bond? How are schools in all of our towns impacted?

At Hinesburg Community School, we are addressing deteriorating parking lots and sidewalks, and upgrading the air quality on the second floor of the main building.

At CVU, the bond will fund energy efficiency improvements in the 1981 wing, pay for overdue field drainage improvements on two natural grass fields as well as resurfacing the 15-year-old track.

At Shelburne Community School, funds will be used to bring the cafeteria's kitchen into compliance with current code and to repave the parking and drop-off/pickup lot on School Street.

And at Allen Brook School, the bond will fund a fire alarm system upgrade that's needed for the current life/safety code as well as additional multiple improvements needed to improve security.

The remainder of the bond will focus on critical repairs and upgrades at Charlotte Central School that are necessary to maintain the health of students and staff and to eliminate an astonishing waste of energy. The project consists of sealing the envelope of the main classroom wing — new windows, doors, insulation and cladding — and replacing the existing, outdated air handling units with high-efficiency energy recovery ventilators. We encourage everyone to go to the CVSD Capital Construction website and view the presentation shared on Jan. 21, 2020, by Dore & Whittier Architects. There you will find infrared photos where you can almost see gallons of fuel oil being wasted as heat flows out through single-pane windows and uninsulated structural beams.

Additional information can be found on the Capital Construction website, linked from the CVSD Budget page. cvsdt.org/budget.

Why are voters just hearing about this bond proposal now?

The CVSD board has committed to putting the district on a path to a sustainable capital funding strategy to minimize costs and stabilize tax impacts. After a period of catching up, the vision is to present district voters with consistent, small investment requests — stewardship bonds — prioritized to eliminate the need for the large construction projects we have seen in the past, and which our neighbors are experiencing now. In the short-term though, the investment requests will be a bit higher as we clear up deferred maintenance problems.

Our physical assets are managed by a team of highly-skilled, and very busy, facilities managers. One of the CVSD

school boards first acts after consolidation was to centralize the facilities' team in order to achieve operational efficiencies and take advantage of economies of scale. The board also addressed how to manage and prioritize capital needs.

While Shelburne Community School and Williston Central School had significant deferred maintenance problems that were addressed with their recent bonds, the CVSD board has directed that we respect the tax burden already in place in our community by holding the cost of the first phase of the Charlotte project to a minimum. We are not alone in facing the reality of a backlog of deferred maintenance as Burlington (\$70 million), Winooski (\$58 million), South Burlington (\$209 million) and in fact, the rest of Vermont, are all struggling to maintain school facilities in the face of the 13-year moratorium on school construction aid. We are grateful that our own needs are on a much smaller scale.

Five Things to Know About the Proposed CVSD Budget

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

For more information, please view our flyer at bit.ly/CVSDBudgetFlyerFY21, our web page at cvsdt.org/budget or email us with questions at CVSDboard@cvsdt.org.

1. How Voting for Our Schools Works

On or before Tuesday, March 3, voters will be asked to approve one budget for all public schooling in the Champlain Valley School District. CVSD

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An informational meeting for the bond will be held at Champlain Valley High School in Room 16Q at 5PM on Monday March 2, 2020.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BOND

As a consolidated district, residents in all CVSD towns share responsibility for all district facilities. This includes approving and paying for all bonds.

\$6M BOND PROPOSAL NEEDED FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE UPDATES INCLUDES:

CHARLOTTE CENTRAL SCHOOL \$4.5 M

- Building Efficiency - Envelope, insulation, and ventilation improvements

WILLISTON: ALLEN BROOK SCHOOL \$90,000

- Fire alarm system upgrade to current life/safety code
- Multiple improvements to improve security situation in open concept school

HINESBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL \$395,000

- Repave parking lots and fire lane - potholes and uneven surfaces create trip / fall hazards
- Replace sidewalks / curbs - identified by our insurance carrier as a safety risk
- HVAC upgrades to 7 / 8 wing - air quality in second floor space is poor and detrimental to learning

SHELBURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL \$380,000

- Repave School Street parking lot, drop-off & pick up area
- Kitchen mechanical upgrades to meet current building codes

CVU HIGH SCHOOL \$545,000

- Replace windows in 1981 wing
- Install drainage systems to 2 natural grass fields
- Repair and recoat track surface to enable continued use for meets

DISTRICT-WIDE \$90,000

- Address stormwater improvement projects required by new state rules.

TAX IMPLICATIONS

Estimated Increase in Tax rate: \$0.1 per hundred dollars

• Annual home for \$100k home: \$10
• Annual home for \$500k home: \$50
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includes Charlotte, St. George, Williston, Shelburne and Hinesburg. Voted ballots will be brought to a central location (CVU) and co-mingled (all town ballots mixed together) prior to being counted by representatives from each town from the Board of Civil Authority.

2. Why the Budget Is Increasing

The proposed budget is increasing by 4.4% this year. It covers salary increases, a 13.2% increase in the cost of health insurance, and increases in the cost of goods and services at the rate of inflation. The budget also reflects higher special education costs, which are partially offset by state revenues. More specific information about the budget can be found on the website.

3. Within the Budget, CVSD Is Strengthening Programming and Supports for Students

CVSD is focused on improving early literacy outcomes, increasing STEM opportunities and supporting students who come to school with social-emotional struggles. School counselor and administrator roles are being restored at CVU to best meet the needs of — and to support — all students.

4. Rising Property Values Are a Significant Contributor to Increasing Tax Rates

Property tax rates are based not on the

budget increase but on the increase in the net cost per equalized pupil. CVSD is fortunate to have a slightly increasing equalized student count which, when coupled with the board's conservative fiscal plan, lowers the community's tax exposure to 3.2%. Changes in the state funding calculation lower this even more to a one-cent increase on the equalized tax rate. Offsetting this good news is a two-cent decline in the consolidation incentive our district receives.

The largest impact on local tax rates is the common level of appraisal, which is the adjustment the state makes to assessed property values so they reflect current market values. Property values in our community are continuing to rise and the adjustment is applied to the tax rate.

5. Other School District Articles on the Ballot

There are several procedural votes that are taken at the CVSD board of directors' annual meeting. This will be held on Monday, March 2, at 5 p.m. in CVU room 160, and all are welcome. On Tuesday, March 3, besides the budget, the board is asking for approval to apply \$725,000 of the fund balance — or the district's financial reserves — as revenue which lowers the tax rate. There will also be an article for voters to approve the purchase of three new school buses. With the help of a state grant, two of these buses will be among the first electric school buses in Vermont. And finally, the board is asking for support for a \$6 million capital construction bond. We have a website set up to provide information about the proposed bond. This can be accessed via the school district's website: cvsdvt.org.

Residents can view a list of where and when information about the proposed budget for 2020-2021 will be shared and

presented in our communities on the school district's budget webpage: cvsdvt.org/budget. All meetings are open to the public. You can attend any meeting, regardless of the town in which you reside.

Remember, you can vote early!

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

CVU Students Help Make-a-Wish Come True

CVU PRESS RELEASE

CVU's Principles of Business class is hosting the 13th annual Family Formal, a friendly and fun dance that brings families together. The event is primarily targeted toward children in grades K-5 (older and younger children are welcome), who will attend the dance with a significant adult in their lives or with their family. The dance will be held in the CVU cafeteria from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Tickets will be sold for \$25 per adult, \$10 per child. The class goal is to raise \$5,000, which will be donated to the Vermont Make-a-Wish Foundation. To purchase tickets, you can order online at tinyurl.com/FamilyFormal2020 or contact tdickinson@cvsdvt.org.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont is a nonprofit organization that serves the entire state of Vermont. This organization grants wishes to children between the ages of 2 to 18 years old who are dealing with life-threatening medical conditions. Their purpose is to grant the wishes of children to enhance the human experience with optimism, strength and happiness. Fulfillment of a child's wish can be a meaningful and heartwarming experience, beneficial to both the child and family. An average wish costs nearly \$10,000. The organization receives no state or federal funding and is solely funded by generous donations by individuals, corporations, small businesses and special events. Every dollar donated is one well spent. For this reason, please consider attending the Family Formal and helping make a child's wish come true.

Principles of Business is a class at CVU that focuses on building students' management and business skills. A major part of the class is developing a sense of social responsibility in future business people. This event is the direct result of all the work and commitment put in by the Principles of Business students: Aiden Achilles, Gregory Bliss, Kayla Carroll, Sophia Channell, Lizbeth Cintron, Tyler Diemer, Ty Dousevicz, Ryan Eaton, Liam Heininger, Jessica Ke, Finnegan Lahey, Emma LaPierre, Alex Leonard, Jack Mahar, Cameron Martin, Joey Merola, Emilio Paredes-Gutierrez,



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Donovan Richardson, Giacomo Sinopoli, Andrew Strobeck, Courtney Vincent, Dylan Walker, Cassandra Woodson and Olivia Zubarik. The class is taught by Tamie-Jo Dickinson.

CVSD Offers Publicly Funded Pre-K

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

Champlain Valley School District offers publicly funded prekindergarten (pre-K) for children between the ages of 3 and 5* who reside in the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston. Now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year.

What Is Publicly Funded Prekindergarten Education?

Publicly funded prekindergarten is defined as:

- Ten hours per week (for 35 weeks) of developmentally appropriate early learning experiences that are based on Vermont's Early Learning Standards.
- Children who reside in Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston and who will be 3, 4 or 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020* and are not attending kindergarten, are eligible for universal pre-K funding from CVSD. Funding is limited to 35 weeks during the academic school year (September 2020-June 2021).

*Please note that children must be at least 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 to qualify for prekindergarten funding.

What Should CVSD Families Know About Universal/Publicly Funded Pre-K?

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

- The state tuition rate paid to community-based private pre-K providers on behalf of CVSD children attending prekindergarten during the 2020-2021 school year is \$3,445.

How Do I Apply?

- If your child is going to attend a qualified prekindergarten program outside of the school (in the community), you will have to enroll **both** with the community program/provider (for your child's place in the program) and with your school district (to ensure pre-K funding for your child is sent to the program). The full registration packet is available on CVSD's website at: earlyedcvsdvt.weebly.com/uploads/3/8/9/2/38925317/2018-19_elp_registration_packet-final.pdf. • If you would like information about pre-K programs offered in a CVSD school, contact your local school about the enrollment process.

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

\$82.4 Million Budget, \$6 Million Bond on CVSD Ballot

BY JENNIFER TRAVERS AND INDIGO GLAZA, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

On Town Meeting Day, March 3, voters in the five communities of the Champlain Valley School District will consider a budget of \$82.4 million and a \$6 million school construction bond.

The proposed budget of \$82,398,769 for the 2020-2021 school year represents a 4.4% increase in spending.

According to district budget materials, one of the district's largest cost increases is health insurance coverage, up 13.2% from the current year. Funding for special education also will see an increase of \$885,514 while increases for early literacy programs, STEM, and social-emotional support total \$247,000.

In addition to the budget, voters will also be asked to approve a \$6 million construction bond that will pay for projects at five schools and address stormwater management in multiple locations.

Most of the bond — \$4.5 million — will be spent at Charlotte Central School for construction and renovations. The school building has sections dating back to 1939 and had its last renovation in 2011, according to school officials. A key goal will be to improve the building's insulation.

Hinesburg Community School is slated for \$395,000 of improvements from the bond. Projects there include attention to the parking lot and structural work on the second floor of the main building.

Another \$545,000 would be spent at Champlain Valley Union High School where one project is to address drainage repairs, and \$380,000 is earmarked for work at Shelburne Community School including upgrades to the fire alarm system.

District's First Electric School Buses

Also on the March 3 ballot is a question for voters to approve spending \$266,000 for three new school buses, two of which would be the district's first electric-powered buses — and some of the first of their kind in the state.

The district said it aims to replace three or four of its 62 buses each year.

The electric buses will be purchased with a combination of district funds and a grant award through the Vermont Electric Bus Pilot Program which aims to improve and update the technology of school districts and transit agencies.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources recently chose CVU for the program along with Barre Unified Union School District, Franklin West Supervisory Union and Marble Valley Regional Transit District. CVU student and Environmental Action Club member Ethan Lisle was involved with the district pursuing the grant funding through this project, according to the grant announcement.

The school district will pay part of the cost of the new buses — about \$100,000 each — with the grant covering the remainder. Electric buses usually cost upwards of \$325,000. The grant money comes from the state's legal settlement with Volkswagen after some of the company's diesel vehicles violated the Clean Air Act.

Another ballot question asks voters to approve allocating a \$725,000 fund balance or operating surplus from toward this year's budget to offset property taxes. A remaining \$1,750,407 would be held to be used in future budget years.

The school tax rate increases by town will vary from a 4.5% increase in Charlotte and Hinesburg to an 8.6% increase in St. George, according to district budget materials. Hinesburg taxpayers can expect an increase in their tax bill of \$65.73 for every \$100,000 of property value.

Voting on the school ballot items will be done on Tuesday, March 3, in each of the district's five communities — Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne and Williston — from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the respective polling places. In Hinesburg, that will be at Town Hall.

On March 2, school district officials will hold the annual school meeting at CVU High School room 160 starting at 5 p.m. That gathering is mainly an informational session regarding the proposed budget and other spending articles on the ballot the following day.

Voters also may cast ballots before March 3 at their town clerks' offices. Early ballots are available by request via phone from town clerks or online at sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting.

More details about the school budget and other ballot items is available on the school district's website at cvsdvt.org/domain/321.

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Sports

CVU Winter Teams Head Into Playoff Season

BY EMMETT GARTNER AND GABRIELLA MARCHESI, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Gymnasts Vault Into Playoffs With First CVU D-I Season Title

The CVU gymnastics team reclaimed their state title, defeating rival Essex on Feb. 15 at the Vermont high school state championships.

CVU's overall score of 143.325 topped the Hornets who tallied 139.300, followed by St. Johnsbury with a score of 125.400. Nine schools competed in the final meet of the season.

In her final floor exercise of her high school career, senior Tali Giubardo won with the day's best score, 9.625. She was the all-around champion, and led CVU to win the crown — earning the Redhawks their second championship victory in three seasons.

Teammates Taylor Hoar, Lauryynn Bombardier and Delaney Miller-Bottoms took fourth, fifth and sixth places respectively in all-around as well.

Coach Madison Bourdeau told the Burlington Free Press that her Redhawks had been on a mission all season, and they all worked hard to win the championship together.

The victory was particularly sweet for Giubardo who came back this season after a year off recuperating from a spinal injury.

CVU Boys' Varsity Hockey

Playing under the shadow of a triumphant season can exasperate the growing pains of any young team, especially one comprised of more underclassmen than upperclassmen, as in the case of the CVU boys' hockey team. The 2-12-2 Redhawks, however, are not discouraged by their relative inexperience.

According to head coach J.P. Benoit, working with a young squad this season has given the Redhawks substantial op-

portunity to build in-game experience across the depth chart and develop team confidence.

"We have been able to get almost everybody on the ice, I can throw anybody we have dressed out there and have full confidence that they are going to be able to execute whatever we need them to," Benoit said.

It is how players compose themselves in these formative times that dictates their potential, and through Benoit's eyes, there is potential success on the horizon: Division I playoffs begin in early March.

"Our record tells you it should be a short run," Benoit said, "but as we have shown in previous years, and with the coaching staff that we have, we will be ready for playoffs. I don't think teams want to play us."

CVU Girls' Varsity Hockey

Youthfulness appears to be a recurring theme in CVU winter sports teams, and the CVU girls' hockey team, hailing in with 10 freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors and four seniors, has seen modest success with their newcomers. Their record is 9-8 as of Feb. 17.

Redhawks head coach Scott Bushweller entered the season with eliminating the "freshmen jitters" as a top priority. "It only took our first game for that to happen, and then they turned into confident hockey players and have improved significantly over the season."

According to Bushweller, freshmen goalie Grace Ferguson, who entered 2019 having never played goalie, is a token example of this adaptation. Since last spring she has been receiving individual training from CVU goalie coach Scott Davidson and former UVM goalie Melissa Black, growing her skill exponentially.

"[Ferguson] is now to the point you would think she has been playing for years," Bushweller said.

Bushweller has a hard time identifying standout performances from the rest of the team this season, saying, "There have been so many that I cannot just list a couple or a few, which is a nice problem to have."

Despite their immense progress since December, the Redhawks still have work to put in before playoffs start in March.

"One area we identified at the beginning of the season we needed to significantly improve is getting off good quality hard shots," Bushweller said, "Through off-

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strength training and working on shooting in practices the girls have significantly improved, which has led to more goals.”

This offensive prowess, and a first year goalie who plays like veteran, will no doubt help CVU’s run in the postseason.

CVU Girls’ Varsity Basketball

Throughout their season, the CVU girls’ basketball team’s mantra on the court has been cautious intensity. A staunch 15-0 record, with a handful of landslide victories by more than 20 points, reveals that their execution of it has been quite effective.

“We always say we play fast, but not reckless,” Head Coach Ute Otley confessed in our interview, “[Our players] transition quickly from defense to offense; they run the break with some real intensity. Teams can’t rest getting back against us.”

As the Redhawks approach the end of an exhausting regular season, veteran players have been called on to ensure that this intensity does not wane.

An abnormally close game against Essex on Feb. 11 saw CVU tied 42-42 in the third quarter, but a fourth quarter rally from senior guard Mekkena Boyd and junior guard Catherine Gilwee secured a 63-46 win.

Both guards broke their career records for points per game, with 23 for Boyd and 19 for Gilwee, and restored team confidence in the process.

“They executed perfectly and put the game away just like that,” Otley said. “It’s really easy to get complacent when your winning games by 35-40 points on a regular basis.”

With playoffs quickly approaching, Otley is focusing on strengthening the team’s depth and reinvigorating their tactics, stating: “We have to have more variety available in our defensive arsenal, we can’t just solely rely on our man-to-man defense. Being creative as you go into the playoffs is pretty important.”

CVU Boys’ Varsity Basketball

A recent dip in form should not distract from the CVU boys’ basketball team’s largely dominant season.

Despite losing several key starters to injuries, including senior guard Jacob Boliba, the team is 12-4 and sits at second place in the Division I standings.

Assistant Coach Matt Saltus recognizes the lessons that their three game losing streak can offer and hopes the team meets them with determination.

“Each of these games had moments in which we could have won or taken more control, and this has both disappointed us but also increased our resolve to continue to improve our skills, teamwork and game plans,” Saltus said.

Aside from overcoming the season’s injury struggles, the Redhawks have displayed their ability to meet adversity with resolution in gametime situations. Saltus attributes that to a composed team mentality that was exhibited in a tough 76-55 win against Rice earlier in the season.

“We began to realize as coaches,” Saltus said, “that this team was not prone to broad emotional swings. They didn’t get too crazily excited when things were

going well, and didn’t hang their heads when the game was not going their way.”

The Redhawks are going to have to keep that composure as they look to advance further in the Division I playoffs than they did last year, which despite overwhelming regular season success, was marred by an upset in the first round.

Saltus and the rest of the CVU coaching staff is doing what they can to ensure that does not happen again.

“Right now we are focusing on finishing — finishing a play, a quarter, a half, a game. Players first need repetition and success in practice in order to have the confidence and teamwork to finish in games.”

CVU Wrestling

The CVU wrestling team is a stone’s throw away from the Feb. 29 state championships, and at 5-5 in dual competitions this season, their chemistry and resilience has thoroughly impressed Head Coach Gunnar Olson.

“Team successes this season have definitely been in the ‘buy in’ with the athletes and their families. There’s more enthusiasm now than there was in early December,” Olson said.

Similar to the CVU hockey teams, the wrestling team is also adapting to a roster full of fresh faces. According to Olson, they have grown into the sport with quick haste.

“Being a team with nine freshmen and several other first season wrestlers, they’ve picked up the sport remarkably well by learning from the veterans. Team spirit is far stronger than I expected at this time of year,” Olson claimed.

One standout wrestler, junior Will Murphy, is especially poised for a run at the championship title, sitting at no. 1 in the all-state rankings as the team approaches the postseason. In addition to his leadership, Olson has also noted contributions from captains Matt Trifaro and Riley Brown in serving as role models for the underclassmen.

CVU Nordic

On Jan. 28, freshman Esther Cuneo came in first place for CVU at the Sleepy Hollow classic. Two weeks later on Feb. 15, Emma Crum snagged a second place win for CVU at the Har’ dack race.

The 2020 state meet was to take place on Feb. 20 and 24 as the Hinesburg Record went to press.

The U16 Championship — a premier championship event for cross-country skiers under 16 years of age — will take place on March 6-8 at the Mountaintop Resort in Chittenden, Vermont.

The Eastern High School Championship, which is the most competitive event of the season, is scheduled for March 13-15. Only 24 boys and 24 girls from each state (Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts) are awarded a chance to compete.

CVU Alpine Skiing

CVU Alpine skiing has had an excellent season, led by Olivia Zubarik, who had a first place finish in the giant slalom race at the Essex Carnival on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

Her first place helped the CVU team to a top finish. The team had its final race on Feb. 13 at Burke Mountain.

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Organizations

Think Spring — Reserve a Plot at the Hinesburg Community Garden

BY KRISTY MCLEOD

It’s never too early to think spring! If you would like to grow organic vegetables or flowers for your family and friends to enjoy, please come join us. Established in 2010, the Hinesburg Growing Together Community Garden has 20 plots, each with two 12-foot by 4-foot wooden raised beds. The plots are located on a sunny, breezy rise of land donated by and next to the Community Alliance Church on Pond Road in Hinesburg.

You’ll find the other gardeners friendly and helpful, along with our two master gardeners (a resource provided through the UVM Extension Service) who are available by phone, email and by visits to the garden to help answer your questions. They will also lead a gardening workshop on a Saturday in March with a chance to do some seed swapping and sharing of gardening experience.

Limited plots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please plan to register as soon as possible. The cost for a plot is \$35 the first year and \$20 in subsequent years. Garden tools are available on-site for sharing.

If you have questions, please contact either of the following community garden members: Kristy at larcresdox@gmavt.net or 802-482-3372, or Grace Link at graceplay@vt04.com or 802-489-6200. To request a registration form, please contact Kristy.



Growing Together Community Garden opening day 2019

Events at the Birds of Vermont Museum

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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

Bird Monitoring Walk

Saturday, Feb. 29, 8-9 a.m.
Saturday, March 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. We share bird-friendly coffee afterwards, indoors at our viewing window. Most fun for adults, older children. Please bring your own binoculars and dress for the weather. We go out the last Saturday of every month. Free, but donations are welcome. Preregistration is nice but not required: museum@birdsofvermont.org or call 802-434-2167.

Potluck Lunch and Board Games

Saturday, Feb. 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Have you played Wingspan yet? We want to, too! Bring some food, and get in touch with a game suggestion if you’d like. We will have several here already! (It will not surprise you to read that most of ours are bird-related/bird-friendly.)

See It. Sketch It. Bird It

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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What do you look for when you look at a bird? How do you remember for later? We’ll show you. Register by contacting the Russell Memorial Library in Monkton. 802- 453-4471

Outdoors

How Do Those Birds Survive Winter?

BY BRET GOLANN, TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBER

One of the special things about winter hiking, snowshoeing or skiing around Hinesburg’s many trails is the connection to winter’s solitude and beauty. But whether we’re in the hills or next to the LaPlatte, we aren’t really alone no matter how quiet it seems. Winter wildlife surrounds and struggles to survive in Hinesburg’s snow-covered forests and fields through the coldest nights. Many earthbound animals grow more fur, add fat and hide under the snow as much as possible. But what about birds in the bitter cold? How do they survive? Here are just a few examples discovered by scientists about the many ingenious strategies that birds use to make it to April.

Be Groupies

Crows often gather in larger flocks as winter approaches. One advantage is that “many eyes” from the flock are more likely to spot food than the eyes of only two or three birds. Flocks help crows share the locations of newfound food sources too. It’s not that they hold formal briefings every morning to discuss food — it’s more likely that the flock follows some members around who found something special by luck. Other birds like chickadees become feeding groupies too. It’s kind of like a big family holiday dinner, except that it lasts for four months instead of four hours. Yikes ... no wonder they can get grumpy around the feeder!

Share When It’s Scarce

Some birds become more willing to share what they’ve found. Sharing a meal helps ensure everyone gets what they need all winter even when they haven’t been lucky in finding food. One example is ravens who loudly defend their food against competitors all summer — including other ravens — but who are much more willing to share in the winter.



Store or Cache It — And Remember ...

We know squirrels do this and then spend the winter stealing food from each other by finding each other’s caches — mostly by luck. But chickadees take caching food to a far higher level. They can cache tens of thousands of seeds a year and place seeds in their own hiding places. Some chickadees have been observed caching 1,000 seeds in a single day.

This caching of seeds would be inefficient for chickadees over their large winter territories — often covering 10 square miles — except for one amazing capability: their memories. Apparently, the chickadee can not only remember where they cached the food, but also what types of food were cached in different locations. They even know which caches they have already eaten, so they don’t waste energy returning to check out empty caches. Wouldn’t it be great if we had those skills for finding our car keys?

How chickadees can remember so much is just as amazing as the skill itself. Colin Saldanha, of Lehigh University, explains in his research that the chickadees’ hippocampus — the part of the brain with memory cells — grows every fall by around 30% by adding more nerve cells to expand memory. And then in the spring the hippocampus shrinks as a kind of memory dump. Researchers believe that the seasonal shrinking of certain brain cells cleans out memories of past food locations from the previous winter. So now the birds can start each winter with a fresh set of memory cells to recall where they put food!

Store it Onboard

Grouse forage in the tops of trees to quickly pick enough buds during the day — in as little as 15 minutes — to have enough food calories to burn and stay warm overnight. The problem is what to do with all those seeds until they’re needed later? Researchers found that grouse have a kind of built-in pantry. It’s

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Calendar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

7:00-9:30 p.m. Town Meeting.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Super Tuesday Elections.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers’ Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! All genres are welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts; network with other local wordsmiths. Snacks will be provided. To submit a piece of writing for others to review and enjoy before the group meets, email Laura Wisniewski at bhy@beecherhillyoga.com.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Daylight Saving Time starts.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 12

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick’s Day.

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, 10997 VT-116, Hinesburg. New members welcome! Contact HBPA President Laura Gurdak at 802-482-2877 or hinesburghair@gmail.com.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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. Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

7:00-8:00 p.m. Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT 05461.

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers’ Group. See Calendar entry for March 13.

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, APRIL 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, APRIL 9

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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a pouch — called a crop — that’s built in as a part of their esophagus to store the extra food.

Be Energy Efficient

We know birds are warm-blooded and have much higher metabolisms that deliver higher body temperatures than humans. Their temperatures vary a lot but the average bird’s body temperature is 105 degrees. It’s especially tough for smaller birds to be energy efficient enough to stay warm by eating available food. How do they do it?

Turn Down the Heat

One biologist, Susan Smith of Cornell University and Mount Holyoke College, says that chickadees are an example of birds that “go into regulated hypothermia that enables it to actually lower its body temperature, in a controlled manner by about 12 or 15 degrees F below its normal daytime temperature.” Lower temperature requires about 25% lower metabolism — the bird’s furnace — and this means less fuel used from fat reserves and daytime feeding.

Natural Heat Exchanger

The above metabolism changes work for the birds’ core body — but what about their exposed skinny legs and feet? Actually, their legs and feet do get very cold. Their foot temperature is regulated to be near the freezing point and may stay cold most of the winter. Bird foot is reduced by constricting the veins that



Chickadee.



Spruce grouse.

carry the blood to their feet — a smaller pipe carries less warm blood and loses less heat. But a chickadee’s feet still get a blood flow which would cause major heat loss except for another engineering feat: they have a natural heat exchanger. The warm blood veins that bring warmth to their feet run next to veins of colder blood returning from the feet to the body. The heat is transferred, so much of the heat that would otherwise be lost to the cold air surrounding the bird’s uninsulated feet and legs is captured and returned without being lost. Many other birds — like ducks — have similar biomechanisms.

Sunning

On sunny winter days, many birds take advantage of solar heat. They do things like turn their backs to the sun and raise their feathers slightly. This allows the sun to heat their skin and feathers more efficiently. Wings may also be drooped or spread while sunning, and the tail may be spread as well. The more surface area birds can expose to the sun, the faster they heat up.

Manage Fat ReservesMany birds of all sizes must build up fat reserves — both as insulation and for extra energy needed to keep their metabolism — their furnace — going strong. This happens both before winter and every day during the winter. University of Alaska Fairbanks biologist Susan Sharbaugh showed that the chickadees gain an additional 10% or more of their body weight each day. Then these birds shiver all night to keep warm, losing the 10% increase that they gained during the day. For a 150-pound human, this would be like cutting their body weight by burning up about 15 pounds of fat from just one night outside. Imagine if humans could do that, but not forage all day long to gain it back like birds do? What a New Year’s diet!

We’ve only touched on a few of the amazing strategies and engineering feats that birds use to survive winter. But even a few examples leave us with more reasons to admire what birds bring to life — both theirs and ours. We hope you’ll find time to experience the ways of winter wildlife and the peaceful beauty on Hinesburg’s trails over the next few weeks.

Wolf Trees: From the Past and for the Future

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

If you’ve ever walked in Vermont’s woods, chances are that you’ve stumbled upon a “wolf tree.” These giants of the forest are hard to miss; massive, gnarled trees with huge lateral branches extending from their trunks. They are called “wolf” trees because they were once standing in the middle of an open field, like a lone wolf. Their unusual form is due to their lonely nature — with no adjacent trees to compete with, they stretched their branches out to reach sunlight in every direction. I think that just about anyone can intuitively appreciate wolf trees’ beauty, the impressive scale of their large size and their old age, but the ecological importance to our forests, which has not always been appreciated, has become increasingly clear.

In any discussion of Vermont’s forests, we must first understand that their present condition has everything to do with human land use. By the early-to mid-1800s, Vermont was 80% deforested, primarily for use as sheep pasture. Scattered trees in pastures were retained for shade or (in the case of sugar maples) for sugaring. The wool industry



Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper leaning against a Westford sugar maple.

in Vermont declined in the mid to late-1800s, and over the following century most of these pastures regenerated into forests (today, Vermont is about 75% forested). While it may seem remote, the legacy of the clearing of the 1800s is still with us; most of Vermont’s forests still haven’t had time to develop the features characteristic of the “old growth” forests that were cleared centuries ago. This includes big, old trees, but also trees of many ages and sizes, dead standing trees, dead wood on the forest floor, soils rich in carbon and organic material and more.

Today, wolf trees are often the only truly old trees in our forests. If you can, imagine what some of these trees have “seen.”



The famous “wolf pine” in Red Rocks Park, South Burlington.



A sugar maple wolf tree in Westford.

Perhaps they were once young saplings, growing in the forest. In the 1800s the trees around them were cleared, and they were left standing alone in endless fields. For 100-150 years they stood with sheep and then cattle grazing around them, and congregating under them for shade on hot days. After all this, young forests regenerated all around them, reclaiming these old pastures. Wolf trees are true legacies, the only living things which have persisted throughout the radical changes in Vermont’s landscape over the past 200 years.

Our remaining wolf trees have also survived early 20th-century forest management practices, which prized the efficient growth of timber above all else. In this management philosophy, wolf trees and other old trees were considered “decadent,” taking up growing space that could be used to produce younger, faster growing, more valuable “thrifty” trees. To this end, many wolf trees were cut or killed just to get them out of the way.

Modern forest science has come to understand the myriad benefits that big, old trees provide. In addition to being visually striking, they provide foraging, nesting and denning habitat for a huge range of wildlife species, from birds to rodents, mammals and their predators. Just as livestock once bunched under them for shade, virtually all wildlife seems to use wolf trees in some way. The emergent understanding of the below-ground connections between trees, facilitated largely by root grafts and fungal associations, suggests that old trees are critical hubs in the midst of a vast subterranean network, and that they even subsidize young seedlings, sharing resources with them. Even in death, old trees have tremendous value, enriching the soil and providing habitat for a wide range of flora and fauna.

As we steer our forests toward a healthier future condition, we need to work with what we have; while wolf trees are not the same as the old trees that may have punctuated the forest 200 or more years ago, they confer many of the same benefits to our forests. While they were once vilified by some forest managers, recognizing the importance of big, old trees is a part of modern, thoughtful, holistic forest management. It doesn’t mean that we should never cut a tree — there is an increasing understanding of the benefits of actively managing our forests to be more like old-growth forests — but retaining wolf trees and a few trees per acre as “biological legacy trees,” whose sole function it is to become big, old trees, in the course of management will ensure that we’re encouraging healthy, vibrant forests for the future.

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.

Woman Hospitalized After Hinesburg Snowmobile Accident

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

Wendy Livingston, 52, of Bristol was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center on Sunday, Feb. 9, with injuries that were not life-threatening that she sustained when a snowmobile

she was riding collided with trees in Hinesburg.

Investigation by Vermont state game wardens revealed Livingston was operating on a groomed Vermont Association of Snow Travelers trail when her snowmobile hit a bump and exited the trail, colliding with several trees. Livingston was thrown from the snowmobile and struck a tree with her hip. She was removed from the trail by Hinesburg Fire Department personnel.

“Snowmobile trail conditions can vary considerably,” said Lieutenant Carl Wedin, the Northwest District warden supervisor. “We urge drivers to maintain a safe speed at all times because obstacles can come very quickly.”

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Arts & Leisure

Hinesburg Artist Series 24th Annual Concert to Feature Composer Dan Forrest

BY RUFUS PATRICK

The Hinesburg Artist Series performance on March 22 will feature Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo." His composition brings to life the global aspect of the traditional Psalm 100 text, "O be joyful in the Lord,

all ye lands," by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. Movements include liturgical Latin, intertwined Hebrew and Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Zulu, Spanish, Song of the Earth (untexted), and a closing movement combining several of these languages with English. The result is a stunning global celebration of joy, as all the Earth sings as one, "omnis terra, jubilate!" In 2018 our concert featured Forrest's incredible work entitled "Requiem for the Living" that the audience thoroughly enjoyed. This year his "Jubilate Deo" is another amazing composition that will again be enjoyed by all who are fortunate enough to attend.

The concert will be Sunday, March 22, 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg.

Music will be performed by the South County Chorus, HAS Orchestra and guest artists under the direction of Rufus Patrick. Guest artists/soloists in "Jubilate Deo" include vocalists Amy Frostman, Amy Patrick, Sarah Cullins, and guitarist Daniel Gaviria. Sarah and Daniel will also perform as 8 Cuerdas Duo. Also featured are violinists Chris Stork and Kimberly Durlfing, performing a violin duet with pianist Tim Woos.

Soprano Amy Frostman is an HAS favorite, having performed in several of our annual concerts. She is a soloist with many local choral groups and is a music educator at Orchard School in South Burlington.

Alto Amy Patrick has also been a soloist in HAS concerts. She attended Plymouth State University where she sang and toured with many choral ensembles. She currently sings in the South County Chorus, In Accord and the United Church of Hinesburg Choir.

Violinist and Vermont native Chris Stork graduated with honors from Mannes, in New York City. He attended McGill University in Montreal Quebec, where he achieved a bachelor's of music and a



(Left to right) soprano Amy Frostman, Director Rufus Patrick, alto Amy Patrick and soprano Sarah Cullins.



Violinist Chris Stork.

master's of music.

Violinist Kimberly Durlfing is based in Montreal, Canada and holds a master's in violin performance from the Schulich School of Music of McGill University and a bachelor's degree in violin performance from the Eastman School of Music.

The 8 Cuerdas Duo is comprised of American soprano Sarah Cullins and Colombian guitarist Daniel Gaviria and is named for the eight "strings" that make up their two instruments as well as the artistic unity that this husband and wife team bring to their performances. They will also be featured as solo artists in Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo." The Burlington, Vermont-based duo recently moved to the Green Mountains from the Andes Mountains of Bogota, Colombia, where both Sarah and Daniel had busy careers as soloists and chamber musicians as well as educators. As 8 Cuerdas Duo, Sarah and Daniel combine their classical training and experience with their love of traditional Latin American and Spanish rhythms folklore. Sarah and Daniel have also been guest soloists in previous HAS concerts.

Please join us for the 24th annual concert. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets will be available for purchase at Flynnitx, the Hinesburgh Public House, Hinesburg Recreation Office and Blue Cottage. HAS would like to thank Lantman's Market for their continuing support of HAS.

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8 Cuerdos Duo – Sarah Cullins and Daniel Gaviria.

News From the Charlotte Grange

BY TRINA BIANCHI

Transition Charlotte will be holding their monthly meetings at the Charlotte Grange Hall (2858 Spear Street) on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings start at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner. For more information about these meetings and Transition Charlotte or to get involved, contact Ruah Swennerfelt at ruahswennerfelt@gmail.com.

On Sunday, March 8, starting at 4 p.m., Pete Sutherland and Oliver Scanlon of Pete's Posse will be presenting "Fiddlers of the Next Generation," a showcase of their current students. As well as being popular and in-demand as performers, Pete and Oliver are passionate educators and this event will provide an opportunity for some of their current students to share their talents and tunes with a wider audience. Hope to see you there! Suggested donation is \$10.

As many of you know, our Grange Hall is

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People

Higher Education Honors

Emma Bissonette, Abby Ferrara and Grace Washburn, all of Hinesburg, have qualified for the Fall 2019 dean's list at the University of Rhode Island. To be included on the dean's list, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.3 quality point average.

Kiley Copeland and Madison MacMahon, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Champlain College dean's list for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the Fall 2019 semester.

Anna Cornish of Hinesburg was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the Fall 2019 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester GPA of 3.4 or greater.

Kimberly Cribari of Hinesburg excelled during the Fall 2019 semester at Hofstra University, New York, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the dean's list. The University of Hartford is pleased to announce **Shea Dunlop** of Hinesburg has been named to its dean's list for Fall 2019.

Emmanuel College in Boston has named **Julia Daggett** of Hinesburg to the dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester. To earn a spot on the dean's list, Emmanuel students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Jillian Lamberson of Hinesburg has been named to the Emerson College dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester. Lamberson is majoring in comedic arts and is a mem-

ber of the class of 2022. The requirement to make Emerson's dean's list is a GPA of 3.7 or higher.

Trent Smith, a senior political science major at Grove City College, Pennsylvania, has been named to the dean's list with distinction for the Fall 2019 semester. Trent is a 2016 graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School and is the son of Kevin and Carol Smith from Hinesburg. Students must have a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 to be eligible for the dean's list with distinction.

William H. Solow of Hinesburg was recently named to the highly selective dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2019-2020 academic year. Solow is the son of Gary Solow and Sharon Henry of Hinesburg. Solow earned a semester GPA of 3.75 or higher last fall to be included on Colby's dean's list.

Hinesburger Wins InnoCentive Award

FROM PRESS RELEASE



Leonard Duffy

InnoCentive, a global pioneer in crowd-sourced innovation, has selected a self-sealing flexible closure technology invented by Leonard Duffy of Hinesburg, Vermont as a winning solution for the Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office Challenge: Improved Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) Protective Closure Systems. CTTSO will have nonexclusive worldwide rights to develop the still-confi-

dential invention for CBR protective gear. The unique technology is also potentially useful for any application requiring an economical, flexible, easy-to-use closure including apparel, footwear, sports gear, safety equipment, packaging, etc.

This is the third InnoCentive Award for Mr. Duffy, owner of Chittenden Research and Development, LLC; a previous design was selected by NASA as a potential closure system for air locks on future interplanetary spacecraft. CR&D is an innovation company solving complex problems with simple geometric solutions and holds patents on several unique innovations in the fastening/closure field as well as housewares. Previous CR&D inventions have been recognized by Popular Science Magazine, Nikkei Marketing Journal, Entrepreneur.com, QVC top 100, NASA Tech Briefs magazine and others. Leonard Duffy is an inventor, artist and architect based in Hinesburg, Vermont.

Hinesburg Resident Named Young Engineer of the Year

FROM PRESS RELEASE



Brandon Martin

Brandon A. Martin, P.E., has been named as Vermont's 2020 Young Engineer of the Year. He is employed as a wastewater resources engineer at Stone Environmental, Inc., an environmental consulting firm in

Montpelier, Vermont. His current work encompasses stormwater design (with

lar basis. The building needs to be insulated and totally rewired inside. The ADA compliance plans include a new handicap ramp; a new, secondary, handicap entrance; a handicap bathroom and remodeled kitchen. We also need a larger parking area.

As a Grange, we hold two rummage sales a year which constitutes our sole income stream. That money is used to keep the hall open and provide for our annual donation of dictionaries for all Charlotte third grade students and new flags for all the veterans' graves in all the town cemeteries. Mike Walker has done an outstanding job of bringing people into the Grange Hall with his monthly music events, and more and more local people are now familiar with this building and hopefully can see the potential in rehabilitating and restoring the hall as a beautiful, useful historic resource for our town.

We will continue to apply for grants, but at this point we need to focus on raising enough money so that we can move forward with the work on the interior windows and entry doors. We need to be able to raise the entire cost of the project so that we can do the work before the grant — which will cover 50% of the entire cost — can be awarded. Anyone interested in donating toward the work on the Grange Hall or helping us raise money so that we can not only save this historic, beautiful building, but also turn it into a viable community resource for generations to come, can contact Margaret Woodruff at Margaret.woodruff@gmail.com or Trina Bianchi at al-chemy@gmavt.net or by snail mail at the Charlotte Grange, P.O. box 54, Charlotte, Vermont.

a focus on green infrastructure), dam removal and stream restoration projects, culvert assessment and replacement, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, illicit discharge and detection and elimination, wastewater design and construction oversight.

Martin served as president of the Vermont Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 2018-2019 and is currently a New England Council delegate. He has served on the board of directors of the Vermont Society of Engineers and is currently the organization's first vice president.

Martin lives in Hinesburg with his wife, Katherine Levasseur, and their six-month old daughter, Josephine. Martin was presented with his award at the annual Engineers Week banquet, on Feb. 21 in South Burlington at the Delta Hotel.

Vermont Engineers Week is sponsored annually by the state's engineering societies, and the Vermont Young Engineer of the Year award is presented to a licensed professional engineer or registered engineering intern in Vermont. Selection of the award winner is made by a committee comprised of the five most recent winners of the Vermont Engineer of the Year award.

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

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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.

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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)

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

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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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Marie Cookson, 434-4782

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

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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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

Worship service:

Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

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

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

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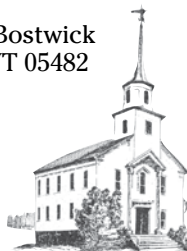
Phone: 985-3819

Mailing Address: 291 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation

Sunday 5:00 p.m.: Music & Spirit



► Local Salons

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Element Nail Salon

Element Nail Salon is far more than just manicures and pedicures. It also offers a wide range of services, including facials, massages and waxing.

Element has excellent reviews among its strong community of loyal customers, and even hosts special events from bridal showers to birthday parties with a bring your own food and beverage policy.



Element Nail Salon
90 Mechanicsville Road
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Hinesburg Hair Studio

Hinesburg Hair Studio is located in the town center and takes pride in being a family-friendly, inclusive salon.

Not only do they offer a range of services, from cut and color to blowouts and styling, but they also focus on being a comfortable place for everybody.

They welcome people of all ages, and are a nonjudgmental, friendly and positive community of hairstylists and customers who "regularly engage in salon-wide conversations, something that I think is unique about our salon," says stylist Laura Bowditch.

The salon's Facebook page boasts playful images of the stylists in costume on Halloween — dressed as classic rockers from the big-hair band Kiss — and also promotes kids' hair care classes run in collaboration with CVU.

Hinesburg Hair Studio
22 Commerce Street #10
802-482-2887

► CVU Senate Salute

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The resolutions were:

- H.C.R. 204 Congratulating the 2019 CVU Redhawks boys' volleyball program on winning a fourth consecutive state championship.

- H.C.R. 205 Congratulating the 2019 CVU state championship girls' volleyball team.

- H.C.R. 206 Congratulating the 2019 CVU Redhawks Division I boys' cross-country championship team.

- H.C.R. 207 Congratulating the 2019 CVU Redhawks Division I championship girls' cross-country team.

- H.C.R. 208 Congratulating the 2019 CVU Redhawks Division I boys' soccer program on its second consecutive Division I championship.

- H.C.R. 209 Congratulating the 2019 CVU Redhawks girls' soccer program on winning a third consecutive Division I championship.

- H.C.R. 210 Congratulating the CVU Redhawks on winning a second consecutive Division I boys golf championship.

The resolutions were offered by local state Reps. Bill Lippert of Hinesburg, Mike Yantachka of Charlotte, Jessica Brumsted and Kate Webb of Shelburne, and Terence Macaig and James McCullough of Williston.

Also listed on the resolutions were Chittenden County state Sens. Tim Ashe, Philip Baruth and Chris Pearson of Burlington, Debbie Ingram and Virginia Lyons of Williston, and Michael Sirotkin of South Burlington.

The full texts of the resolutions also can be found online on the legislative page at vermont.gov.



The CVU boys' volleyball team with head coach Jeff Boliba (far right) visited the Vermont State House where resolutions were passed to honor the seven CVU 2019 fall championship teams. Rep. Mike Yantachka (far left) of Charlotte was a lead sponsor of the resolutions along with other lawmakers from the school district and Chittenden County.



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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Heads Up! Local Salons Cater to the Community with Creature Comforts

BY GABRIELLA MARCHESI AND SUNNY NAGPAUL, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

One of the joys of life in a small town is being able to find just what you need close to home. A handful of local, small businesses have managed to make a name for themselves by taking care of customers who also are considered neighbors.

So it's not surprising that many folks in Hinesburg don't go too far from home when they need a haircut, or are looking for some special-occasion styling or just to treat themselves.

A common theme among the proprietors was that their low-key, quiet, relaxing environments make their salons great places to both work and visit.

Community News Service checked in with some of these entrepreneurs to learn more about their businesses.

Best Little Hair House

Twelve years ago, Andrea Lyman joined the small handful of hair and nail salons in Hinesburg when she transformed her home into the Best Little Hair House.

"There aren't too many salons in Hinesburg, so there is a large variety of people who come in. I have clients from Monkton, Starksboro, Bristol, Underhill, Jericho, South Burlington, Charlotte, Shelburne and Williston," Lyman said.

Andrea has been self-employed in her home on Gilman Road for 12 years and will celebrate her 36-year career in cosmetology this May. She enjoys doing pedicures and all types of haircutting and coloring.

Born and raised in West Burke, Lyman is no stranger to small, close-knit Vermont communities. At 19, Andrea graduated with the O'Brien School of Cosmetology's class of 1984, a school that used to be located on Main Street in Burlington. She then started her cosmetology career in Winooski and worked her way down to

Shelburne before moving permanently to Hinesburg in 1989.

"My kids were raised here and went through the school systems and graduated CVU, and my oldest daughter is a hairstylist too. She manages SmartStyle, a salon in Williston. She has a lot of Hinesburg clientele too," Lyman said.

Over the years of moving, Andrea steadily amassed a following of loyal clientele who have also become her very good friends.

"I have clients who have followed me from everywhere, they don't mind driving. I do enjoy opening the door and having a friend walk in," she said. "This way, it's much more than just a job. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors. It's nice to get to work in a small town."

Best Little Hair House
802-482-2948



Salon INK

Sonia Lamb runs Salon INK in a classic Vermont fashion — inside a classically built farmhouse.

"My husband built my salon. We rebuilt the farmhouse to give client customers service with a relaxing environment. Everything about us is unique and built with love," Lamb said.

Lamb has had a career in cosmetology for 12 years and relocated to Hinesburg from Williston because she believed Hinesburg needed more options for hair

styling. Lamb says that while she enjoys styling children and men, there are few salons in Hinesburg that cater specifically toward them.

"They need another option," she said.

Lamb has operated the salon on Pond Road for nine years and credits the close-knit community of Hinesburg to her success as a hairstylist.

"It's been amazing. The culture is great. Families have been reaching out excited to have another local business in the area," she explained. "It helps when people stay local."

During the week, Lamb is the sole stylist at work, but on weekends she has another stylist to meet the demand.

Salon INK
802-318-8926

Not a Hair Out of Place

Laurie Place has been styling hair out of her home salon for 30 years this year.

She says her clients have seen her children grow up, and often help her welcome her grandchildren off of the school bus.

"It's that homey, quiet, relaxing experience that my clients love," she says.

The salon is called Not a Hair Out of Place which is a play on words in a few ways: after Laurie's last name and also because it is located just off of Place Road.

The salon itself is in a little building off of her garage, offering a peaceful setting, free of the hustle and bustle of a big salon.

Place says she is happy to have found her niche and to have a loyal clientele that enjoys the peaceful one-on-one setting as much as she does.

Not a Hair Out of Place
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- Town Forest Committee
- Trails Committee
- Village Steering Committee

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