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Hinesburg Supports Its Local Businesses in the Era of COVID-19

BY MELISSA LEVY

COVID-19 has created challenges for all of us, including the small businesses around us. The Hinesburg Economic Development Committee was started to support small businesses by loosening the pay-

back terms for two businesses that have loans through the Hinesburg Revolving Loan Fund. The state of Vermont recently allowed town revolving loan funds to use those funds to provide grants to small businesses suffering as a result of COVID-19.

The HEDC then developed the Hinesburg Business Economic Recovery Grants to provide up to \$5,000 to Hinesburg businesses impacted by the COVID-19 virus. Businesses needed to be located in Hinesburg and to have been impacted by COVID-19, through loss of business, loss of employees, being forced to close, etc. Additional scoring criteria included:

1. What was the degree of loss compared to normal monthly revenue?
2. Had they already received other funds (Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans)?
3. Were they forced to close or was business just slow?
4. How many employees were impacted?

Grant applications were reviewed by the HEDC, working closely with Town Administrator Renae Marshall. Recommendations were presented to the selectboard for approval. Overall, grants totaling \$63,300 were provided

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Stuart Deliduka of Element Nail Salon

Hinesburg Drop-Off Center Reopens

New Hours, Limited Materials and Temporary Fees

CSWD is pleased to announce the much-anticipated opening of the Hinesburg Drop-Off Center which happened on Saturday, July 25. This brand-new facility replaces the former Hinesburg DOC, which closed to make room for construction of the adjacent Hinesburg town garage.

This next generation DOC boasts a more efficient layout, new compactors for trash and recycling that sit below a "tip wall" for safer and easier customer access, and a solar panel to help with the site's electricity needs. "We're ex-

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New Community Project Receives \$1,500 Grant

FROM PRESS RELEASE

New Community Project is pleased to announce it has received a \$1,500 grant from the International Paper Foundation. These funds will support the Starksboro Area Food Justice Initiative.

New Community Project's Food Justice Initiative addresses the environmental and social justice issues of food waste and food insecurity where they intersect in the community. The program combines food rescued from grocery stores with organic garden produce grown at NCP's Sustainable Living Center and the Starksboro Community Garden. These funds will be used to purchase the supplies needed to expand NCP's gardens in order to in-



Gabi and Daisy, two New Community Garden interns in the gardens last year, create the amount of produce delivered to the food pantry. More than 120 people a month visit NCP's food pantry, which serves people every Sunday afternoon in partnership with the First Baptist Church of Starksboro.

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LETTERS

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Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but reserve the right to edit based on available space. To the extent possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for discussions of statewide, national, and international issues.

With these cautions, please keep those letters rolling in. Send them via email to news@hinesburgrecord.org, mail them to The Hinesburg Record, P.O. Box 304 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or deliver them to the Record drop box on Charlotte Road.

A Healthy Lake Does Not Need Healing

I would like to respond to the letter by Kurt Schulz, DVM regarding the milfoil issue on Lake Iroquois (“Healing Lake Iroquois and Growing Our Youth,” June 25, 2020). I have lived on the lake for 13 years, and I am an avid sculler and former collegiate rower. I have never encountered any problems rowing, and the milfoil has never interfered with my enjoyment of the lake. I wholeheartedly agree about the numerous benefits of rowing that are discussed in the letter, but it is important to understand that the lake is not just about recreation. We have a beautiful natural community on the lake, including multiple species of plants, fish, amphibians and birds, and, for the second season in a row, a breeding pair of loons. While the milfoil may be a nuisance to some, it is not dangerous. The lake is not “sick” and does not need to be

“healed.” Like many other community members, I support milfoil mitigation through nontoxic means only.

David Kaminsky

Lake Iroquois Health & Safety

It’s been suggested that Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) in Lake Iroquois poses an existential risk to the lake and its native species. EWM arrived at Lake Iroquois in 1990. As an invasive species, it has displaced some native plants in the lake. It can grow only in the lake’s littoral areas — shallow spots where sun can get to the bottom of the pond. The lake is rich in nutrients, going back over 100 years ago when most of the shoreline areas were agricultural pastures. Today, runoff from development — roads, buildings and grassy shorelines — continue to contribute phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment to the waters. The extent of EWM infestation varies annually.

Notably, there is less EWM this year than last. Shady, forested shorelines inhibit the EWM which thrives on sunshine. In some parts of the lake’s littoral areas, lily pads predominate, and in others it is native pondweed.

Most of Lake Iroquois is free of EWM. Much of the lake bed drops off quickly and no weeds grow there. Rowers, paddlers, kayakers, canoers and swimmers can enjoy the lake. It’s easy to stay away from the weeds. EWM is not toxic and poses no health risk to humans.

We continue to learn about lake ecology. Recently, the Vermont Shoreline Protection Act adopted a set of best practices as standards for shoreline development. These standards may help reduce lake nutrients and sediment. The adverse effects of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) can be minimized with better shoreline management.

EWM can be addressed as well. EWM came to Lake Iroquois on boats (and may now be spread to other lakes from Lake Iroquois). EWM is spread around the lake annually by fragments of the plant, severed by propellers, that grow roots and blow around the shoreline. Hand-pulling around a lakefront cottage can eliminate the EWM, especially

if the shoreline has some trees. The EWM would be far easier to control if it weren’t for all the fragments.

Stakeholders in the Lake Iroquois’ water quality can do something about this: make sure each dock owner knows how to get out in the open water without churning up EWM, and building a pathway from the public access so propellers coming into the lake can also get out cleanly to the open water.

Despite the challenges of overcoming our agricultural past and other harm caused by residential development, Lake Iroquois is fairly clean. There are no industrial or other toxic chemicals in the lake, natural fish populations are robust, plant life thrives, there are blue herons, bald eagles and for the second year in a row, a loon family.

For rowers who want to train on the lake, once you carefully get out into the open water, there is plenty of room for training alongside others who are using the lake for recreation. The biggest safety risk? [And this from someone who owns a power boat.] It’s power boats, not milfoil.

Daniel Sharpe

Update on Weeds at Lake Iroquois

I am writing to update your readers on the status of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Lake Iroquois this summer. Despite very hot, dry conditions, the milfoil situation is excellent. I invite all of you to come see for yourselves! Divers report a very low incidence of milfoil, and Lake Iroquois has experienced no algae blooms to date. The water is clear and clean!

Nature has a way of balancing itself, when left alone, without human interference. Eurasian Water Milfoil is still present, of course, along with an abundance of native plants, including water lilies and others. But milfoil is not choking out the other plants nor is it interfering with peoples’ enjoyment of this beautiful lake.

Plants provide essential food and habitat for all the wildlife living in and around Lake Iroquois, and we have strong evidence that wildlife is thriving! Lake Iroquois’ mating pair of loons produced two babies again this year, and they are getting big! We also have a pair of herons along with eagles and osprey, seen frequently diving for fish

in the lake.

Please come visit Lake Iroquois to appreciate its natural beauty. And please let our state and local officials know that herbicides are not a solution to nuisance weeds in the lake.

Meg Handler

Thank You

Dear Hinesburg friends and neighbors,

Thank you to all of the voters who participated in the Hinesburg Democratic, Republican and Progressive primary elections. I am grateful that I have been given the nomination for the Democratic Party for the general election, and salute Christina Deeley for her active election campaign. I look forward to participating with Sarah Toscano, the Republican nominee, articulating where we agree and where we differ in our views. Over the next few months, I hope that we can move forward in the general election campaign in a way the allows us to disagree where necessary, but to not have to be disagreeable. I look forward to hearing from Hinesburg folks throughout the campaign. Sincerely, Bill Lippert

Bill Lippert

Concerned About School Reopenings? Another Way to Earn a High School Diploma

Vermont schools are preparing for September openings amid COVID-19. School administrators, in consultation with staff, families and public health officials, have been working hard to reinvent our educational systems in ways that provide students with rich learning while keeping students, staff and the public safe. While some schools are looking at returning to in-person classes, others are planning to continue virtual instruction; most are expecting to use some combination of in-person and virtual instruction. Social distancing and frequent sanitizing will be the new

normal in schools. Some students will adjust easily and thrive in this new normal; some students will struggle.

Families are seeking alternatives for their students. If they have means, they may choose to dip into their pockets to hire private teachers for their children or small “pods” of children from a few families. Vermont is experiencing a significant uptick in parents applying to homeschool their children. Articles about unschooling an informal learning practice that advocates for learner chosen activities have been appearing in the national press.

Vermont’s educational system provides alternatives. For students 16 years old and older, Vermont Adult Learning is one of those alternatives. Vermont Adult Learning offers a flexible pathway for students to earn a high school diploma via free services tailored to their individual learning needs. With a range of options, from tech center courses to independent studies, students work with an academic advisor to craft an educational pathway that meets their goals and learning needs while also meeting their high schools’ graduation requirements. We provide small classes, one-on-one supports and intensive academic advising, allowing for career exploration and bridges to continuing education or the workforce. We work closely with the high school throughout the process and, in the end, students earn their diploma from their local high school.

Every student deserves a quality education tailored to their unique needs and goals. Providing that is challenging in the best of times. As Vermont’s educational community works to restructure our systems to continue providing services in a world changed by a global pandemic, Vermont Adult Learning and Vermont’s other adult education providers are here to help ensure as many students as possible get the education they deserve.

Our passion to help students succeed drives our work. We are here to help, one aspiring student at a time. Find us at vtadultlearning.org.

Hal Cohen, executive director, Vermont Adult Learning

TOWN NEWS

Planning and Zoning Updates

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN, HINESBURG DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Haystack Crossing Preliminary Hearings Closed

Haystack Crossing (phase 1) is a development proposed by Black Rock Construction that is currently under review by the Hinesburg Development Review Board. Located in the village area, on the west side of Route 116 (north of Kinney Drugs, south of UVM Medical on Shelburne Falls Road), it

is the largest development proposal Hinesburg has ever seen. It is a mixed-use project (residential, commercial, light industrial); 176 dwelling units (50 of which would be congregate, senior housing); 12,860 square feet of commercial/light industrial; 7,356 square feet of light industrial; and 10,000 square feet of senior support space. The 126 non-congregate housing units would include 47 single-family residences, 20 attached townhouse units, a tenplex apartment building and 49 units in several mixed-use buildings. It also includes a large central green connected to the town recreation fields, new roads, sidewalks and trails.

On Aug. 4, the DRB wrapped up public **continued on page 4**

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Hinesburg Recreation Office: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m. Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Coordinator, hinesburgrec@gmavt.net, 482-2281 ext. 230.

OTHER INFORMATION

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Williston, Redmond Road; Mon.-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.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: 51 Ballards Corner Road. Rachel Kring, Executive Director, kring@hinesburgresource.org, 482-4946. Alex Konciewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

Hours for **Hinesburg Food Shelf** are Fri. 10:00 a.m. –12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. **HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG**

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 482-2292.

Hinesburg Community School: 10888 Route 116, 482-2106, **CVSDVT.ORG/DOMAIN/9** for cafeteria menu, staff directory, department and team info, calendar, etc.

Champlain Valley Union High School: 369 CVU Road, 482-7100, **VSDVT.ORG/CVUHS** for calendar, cafe, staff directory, student portal, etc.

Carpenter-Carse Library: 69 Ballards Corner, 482-2878, **CARPENTERCARSE.ORG** for library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Business & Professional Association: business directory, membership, news and events. **HBPAAVT.COM**

Connecting Youth: Chittenden South community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people. **SEEWY.INFO**

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COVID-19 Financial Impact on Vermont

REP. BILL LIPPERT, HINESBURG
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Over the past several weeks, there have been several news accounts about the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Vermont and Vermonters. I have found myself trying to put these accounts into perspective, and offer information here from several sources, which I hope begins to help us understand the full impact for Vermont.

Of course, the COVID-19 pandemic is certainly not over, and the financial and personal impacts will continue to grow.

I want to bring together here several reports, which demonstrate the profound impact of COVID-19 on state revenues and expenditures, as a result of the governor's state of emergency and the resulting mandated business closings, laying off of workers and necessary

state and federal assistance to businesses and workers. I also want to review the significant level of federal assistance to Vermont and Vermonters.

COVID-19 Impact on State Revenues

The first figures are from the recent report to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee on the projected impact on state revenues:

Earlier this spring, state and legislative economists predicted that Vermont revenues would drop roughly almost \$200 million. The newly revised revenue report, from mid-August, indicates that due to receipt of delayed or deferred taxes from the last fiscal year, and with some adjustments that were made to freeze expenditures and hiring, the state will face about a \$66 million deficit as we reconvene on Aug. 25 to complete a full year budget. This is still a very significant deficit, and may require major budget adjustments. By the time this is printed on Aug. 27, the governor

will have presented his proposed annual fiscal year 2021 budget that has to take into account this drop in projected revenue.

In addition, both the state and legislative economists predict ongoing significant drops in future revenues over the next several fiscal years.

Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds for Vermont

A second set of figures that have made the news in the past months, is the fact that Vermont has received \$1.25 billion in federal CRF. These funds were appropriated by the Legislature immediately prior to our recess on June 26, and signed into law by Gov. Scott. The administration has been in the process of distributing these dollars, all of which, by federal rules, must be spent only on COVID-19 related expenses or losses (not including state revenue losses) with all expenditures having to be accounted for before Dec. 30, 2020.

Vermont once again has benefited tremendously from the work of our delegation in Washington who have lobbied successfully to establish a "small state minimum" for states like Vermont with

low populations. Note that the \$1.25 billion CRF funds (billion, not million!) appropriation to Vermont averages out on a per capita basis to \$2,000 per capita, while 40 plus other states, averaged a per capita appropriation of \$388.

State Auditor's Office: Total Federal Funds to Vermont for COVID-19 Impact

The third set of figures are provided by the state auditor's office, and track ALL of the federal dollars that Vermont has received to date to address the COVID-19 pandemic. These figures show that Vermont as a state, plus direct payments to individual Vermonters, have altogether totaled \$4.6 billion to address the effects of the pandemic. For the full report go online to tinyurl.com/VTCovidExpenditures.

The financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on individual Vermont businesses, nonprofit institutions and individual Vermonters' lives, has been profound. But it is clear that without this infusion of significant federal dollars to Vermont (with perhaps more on its way

once the president and Congress act) Vermont and Vermonters lives would have experienced an even more devastating impact.

The pandemic is not over. The impact, financial and personal, of COVID-19 continues to play out. It will take years for Vermont's economy to recover. Some businesses and institutions will not survive the pandemic's financial impact, and many others will struggle to remain solvent. Families and many individuals continue to depend on local, state and charitable resources to get by and survive. But, nevertheless, it is clear that federal resources being directed to Vermont and Vermonters, sometimes in disproportionate per capita amounts, have allowed us collectively to survive a much more devastating financial impact.

Please feel free to be in touch with questions or comments on this or any other topics:

Rep. Bill Lippert, 2751 Baldwin Road, Hinesburg, Vermont 05461 BillLippert@gmavt.net.

Statement of Rep. Welch on the President's Attack on the Postal Service

FROM PRESS RELEASE

"President Trump is again trying to cheat and steal the election right in front of our eyes. This time he is using the Postal Service as his tool to attempt to destroy our democracy. The president is leaning on his mega-donor, hand-picked Postmaster General to cripple the Postal Service by removing critical sorting machines, firing expert career professionals and changing policies that have long ensured that the mail is delivered on time. He is doing it all at a time when a record number of Americans are expected to vote by mail.

"Make no mistake—President Trump's attack on the Postal Service is an attack on our democracy. This week the House will return to pass the Delivering For America Act, which I have proudly co-sponsored, to force the president and his cronies to maintain the level of service at the United States Postal Service that is needed to protect the lives, livelihoods and our democracy that rely on it. We cannot let the president cripple the Postal Service and make it more difficult and less safe for Americans to vote this November."

CSWD



Food Scrap Waste — A Marathon, Not a Sprint

BY ALISE CERTA,
CSWD MARKETING &
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

So much is happening at CSWD! I am not sure where to start. Facilities are reopening, more materials are being accepted, and the July 1 food scrap ban is upon us. I'll focus on the food scrap ban here.

With COVID-19, we missed spring and seem to have landed smack dab in summer. Many residents have reached out to us with questions about what to do with their food scraps after July 1. To help, we created this web page that's chock full of easy-to-find answers — cswd.net/scrapfoodwaste.

There are three things to keep in mind about this new requirement to keep food scraps out of the trash:

This is a marathon — not a sprint. Remember when we didn't recycle? Now, it's like second nature. Though many of us have been separating food scraps from trash for years — decades, even! — for many of us, it's brand new and more than a little daunting. This is a process. The July 1 date gave us a

place to start.

Composting your food scraps in your backyard is not your only option. You can drop those scraps off at a CSWD Drop-Off Center or Green Mountain Compost, arrange for them to be picked

up at your home, or grab a Green Cone and start "digesting" in your own yard. We can help — visit cswd.net/scrapfoodwaste.

Keep calm and carry on. CSWD is here to help you learn what works for you. Ask us questions (acerta@cswd.net), visit our website or watch our videos (youtube.com/c/CswdNet/videos)!

Keep an eye out for more on food scraps in your local papers, on TV and of course in social media. We're getting the word out!

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lic hearings and testimony on the Haystack Crossing project's preliminary plan review. This review began in February, and included nine public meetings. The DRB is now deliberating, and should have a decision on the preliminary plan application by Sept. 18. This is the second step of a three-step subdivision review process. The final review will include additional public hearings — i.e., more vetting and more opportunities for public comment.

Several issues were discussed during the preliminary review. Some were resolved and others will require further design work or consultation with the selectboard and town staff. Some of the key issues discussed include:

- Residential/commercial mix and sequencing
- Fire protection for two three-story buildings
- Affordable housing components
- Municipal impacts and streetscape design
- Southern access/connection
- Solar gain requirements, renewable energy density bonus and energy efficiency
- Traffic impacts
- Stormwater control and Patrick Brook impacts

General information about the project is on our website at hinesburg.org/planning/haystack-crossing. You can find project plans and detailed information on our Dropbox file sharing site at tinyurl.com/HinesburgHaystack. Mitch Cypes (development review coordinator, mcypes@hinesburg.org, 802-482-4211) is your resource for information. Feel free to contact Mitch with questions.

Hinesburg Center 2 Preliminary Hearings Begin Soon

Just south of the Haystack Crossing project, south of Patrick Brook and north of the Farmall Drive and Fredric Way neighborhood, another development is proposed. The Hinesburg Center 2 project proposes additional mixed-use development west of Dee Physical Therapy and Blue Cottage. The preliminary plan review for this project is slated to begin at Sept. 15 DRB meeting.

Although substantially smaller than the Haystack Crossing project, the Hinesburg Center 2 project is significant. Its first phase proposes 20 or more dwelling units, new roads, sidewalks and drainage improvements to the green space north of Fredric Way. Connectivity with the proposed Haystack Crossing project to the north is also planned, but may not happen in the first phase of the project.

We will be posting more information about this project to our website. Until then, contact Mitch Cypes for plans and any questions.

Zoning Permits Needed

A reminder that a zoning permit is needed BEFORE you start construction. Adding on to your house? Installing a shed? Putting on a deck or porch? Finishing your basement? Be sure to contact the Planning and Zoning Office ahead of time. We will let you know if a zoning permit is needed, and help you obtain any necessary permits as expeditiously as possible. Forgot to get a permit for a project you already started? Let us know, and we will make sure your project meets the zoning requirements, and help you get a more costly after-the-fact permit. Recently, we had

an unusual situation where someone began work on a new house prior to getting a zoning permit. This can be extremely problematic if there are set-back issues that require changes after construction has begun. Plan ahead and be in touch! Zoning permit information and application instructions are available on the Planning and Zoning page of the town website.

Bissonette Fields Update

BY TOM GIROUX

Hope you all are well and using Hinesburg's great facilities at Bissonette Fields to get some outdoor time in, and enjoy all it has to offer. Sorry we had to close for a couple of weeks during the hot streak, but it was necessary due to the fields' burned conditions, and our desire to keep this gem cost efficient. Please remember it is a public park, with a lot of children playing on it. For this reason, if you're going to use the fenced-in Little League field to let your dogs off of their leashes, please don't let them dig holes in the infield and around the fence lines. Please don't let them use this area as their bathroom. Please pick up after them. Thank you very much.

We continue to mow the walking paths along both sides of the river. So you can go from the middle of the parking lot and walk east, which will take you to Route 116, where you can cross the road (please be very careful during rush hours), and get on the sidewalk to the village. Or you can take the path at the end of the driveway, go south over a bridge, and then follow the path all the way to Kinney's where you can again connect to the sidewalks. These walks will give you all an opportunity to not only get some exercise, but also

give you a chance to walk through our quaint little town and all of its amenities. Enjoy!

Returnables to Benefit our Fields

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to all who continue to drop off their returnable bottles and cans at the little red barn, just off of Route 116, south of the village. We have made arrangements with Hinesburg Redemption, which is located at the shopping center across the road from the fire department. To be more energy and time efficient, you all can now drop off your returnables directly to Hinesburg Redemption, where they will take a note and forward the proceeds to us. Just mention that you are donating to Bissonette Fields. If you prefer, you can continue to drop them off at the present location, but we thought this would save us all a step in the process. Thanks again for your continued support.

Hinesburg Recreation Give Thanks

The Hinesburg Recreation Commission would like to give big public THANK YOUS to Bob, Steve and David at Giroux Body Shop for continuing to let us use their facilities to work on our lawn tractor. We would have a much harder time giving it a good cleaning, changing the blades, greasing up everything, etc., etc., without not only the use of the shop, but also without Steve and Kyle's assistants.

Thanks also need to go to Cedar Knoll Country Club for always sharpening the mowing deck blades. Either Tom Ayer, or someone from his staff, does a fantastic job year after year. They play a major role in keeping Bissonette Fields looking so nice. Couldn't do it without you all!



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POLICE

Incidents

June 21 — 8 a.m. An officer responded to the parking lot of Lantman's Market for a suspicious male. That male fled the scene upon arrival of the officer but was later located and trespassed from the premises.

June 23 — 4:40 p.m. Officers responded to Birchwood Drive for a citizen dispute.

7:15 p.m. A disabled vehicle on Mechanicsville was approached by an officer. Upon approach the operator fled the scene on foot. The passenger stated she did not know why the operator left. The operator was not able to be located and the vehicle was towed. The operator was located the next day and ticketed.

June 25 — 6:11 p.m. Officers responded to Mead Farm Road for a citizen dispute. One individual was cited for aggravated disorderly conduct.

7:30 p.m. A single-car crash was reported on Silver Street. The vehicle left the scene prior to arrival by officers. Damage to a street sign was found.

June 26 — 7:15 p.m. Officers respond-

ed to Palmer Road for an ongoing neighbor dispute.

June 30 — 5:40 p.m. Officers responded to Jourdan Street for a domestic dispute. One individual was arrested and cited for domestic assault.

8:30 p.m. An individual was trespassed from a residence on Hillview Terrace.

July 2 — 6:20 p.m. A harassment by phone was reported and investigated.

8:25 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116. The operator was cited for driving with a criminally suspended driver's license.

July 3 — 2:25 p.m. A single-car crash was investigated on Gilman Road. The operator left the scene prior to the arrival of officers. The operator was later identified, located and ticketed for multiple offenses.

July 4 — 9:05 a.m. An assault on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

4:30 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for a citizen dispute.

8:05 p.m. An individual operating a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle at high speeds on Route 116 fled from officers after officers attempted to conduct

a traffic stop. The individual was not located.

July 5 — 9:50 a.m. A Hinesburg officer responded to a domestic dispute on Shelburne Falls Road. Shelburne police officers were called to back him up. One individual was arrested and cited for domestic assault.

July 7 — 12:20 p.m. Two loose dogs on Pond Road were caught and brought to the Hinesburg animal control officer.

July 13 — 8:55 p.m. Suspicious circumstances were reported and investigated on Route 116. An individual was later cited for contributing to juvenile delinquency.

July 14 — 8:25 a.m. Officers assisted other agencies in a pursuit of a suspicious vehicle. That vehicle was later located after the operator had fled on foot.

5 p.m. A suspicious individual on Richmond Road who matched the description of a wanted person was reported. That individual was located and questioned. Despite not being able to provide identification and leaving the area, it was determined he was not the individual in question.

6:50 p.m. A suspicious individual on Richmond Road who matched the description of a wanted person was reported. That individual was located and taken into custody. Custody was later transferred to the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department.

July 16 — 5:45 p.m. The report of a dog biting a cyclist on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

July 18 — 6:35 p.m. 116 Wine and Spirits reported an attempt to purchase alcohol with fake identification. That individual was located and cited.

July 19 — 6:51 p.m. A burglary alarm at St. Jude's Church was investigated.

July 20 — 4:35 p.m. A citizen dispute on Route 116 was investigated.

July 23 — 7:20 p.m. Officers responded to a residence on Ledgewood Drive for a reported 911 hang-up.

July 24 — 11:20 p.m. An officer re-

sponded to Birchwood Drive for the report of people yelling and gunshots being fired.

July 25 — 8 a.m. Graffiti on North Road, which said "F*CK THE POLICE" written in red paint, was reported, apparently having been done the night before. The town highway department was notified and removed the graffiti.

9:53 p.m. Officers responded to the intersection of Route 116 and North Road for a single-motor vehicle crash. The driver and single passenger were both pronounced dead on the scene. A crash investigation is ongoing.

July 27 — 11:05 a.m. A citizen dispute on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

Aug. 1 — 6 p.m. A theft at Firehouse Plaza was reported.

Aug. 4 — 7:52 a.m. An officer investigated a burglary alarm at Papa Nick's restaurant.

Aug. 5 — 5:53 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash with no injuries was investigated on Mechanicsville Road.

Aug. 6 — 3:08 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash with no injuries was investigated on Shelburne Falls Road.

3:50 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 116 and North Road was investigated. One operator and one passenger were transported to the UVM Medical Center. Two tickets were issued.

Aug. 7 — 1 p.m. An officer responded to Green Street for a citizen dispute.

Aug. 9 — 9 a.m. A theft on Hollow Road was reported.

Aug. 10 — 1 p.m. A traffic stop for a loud muffler was conducted on Route 116. A ticket was issued and plates were confiscated.

Aug. 11 — 3:20 p.m. Village Auto reported a theft. That theft and the several others reported are being investigated and are believed to be related.

7 p.m. A trespass order was served on behalf of another agency.

FIRE

Events Canceled

It is with concern for everyone's health and safety that we regret to announce that we have canceled our annual Safety Day and Halloween Party. We are looking forward to 2021 when hope to be able to bring both events back.

We wish everyone to be safe and healthy.

Fire Alarm

At 7:47 p.m. July 31, Hinesburg Fire and Fire Response were dispatched to a report of a fire alarm sounding at Kelley's Field. A Hinesburg Police officer was the first to arrive. He reported the resident was out of the apartment and the alarm was caused by burned food.

A Hinesburg officer and an EMT arrived on scene at the same time. While the EMT met with the resident to make sure they were fine, the officer established command and began an investigation.

There was a light smoke condition, with no fire, in the apartment. The crew arriving on Engine 3 was instructed to don self-contained breathing apparatuses and make entry with an extinguisher. The crew found the stove to be extremely hot, and they were unable to open the oven door. There was no fire visible inside or around the stove. The stove was pulled out and disconnected. The carbon monoxide meter showed a slightly elevated level of carbon monoxide.

Additional members arrived on Engine 1 and set up a fan for ventilation. As the outside crew started ventilation, the interior crew went to the apartment next door to check for any smoke or carbon monoxide. This apartment was found to be clear of both.

Two engines, Med 100, and 10 responders were on scene about 30 minutes.

Motor Vehicle Crash

At 9:59 p.m. July 25, Hinesburg Fire, First Response and police were dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle crash on Route 116 by North Road. Dispatch was receiving initial reports of two persons in the vehicle which had hit the guardrail and a power pole.

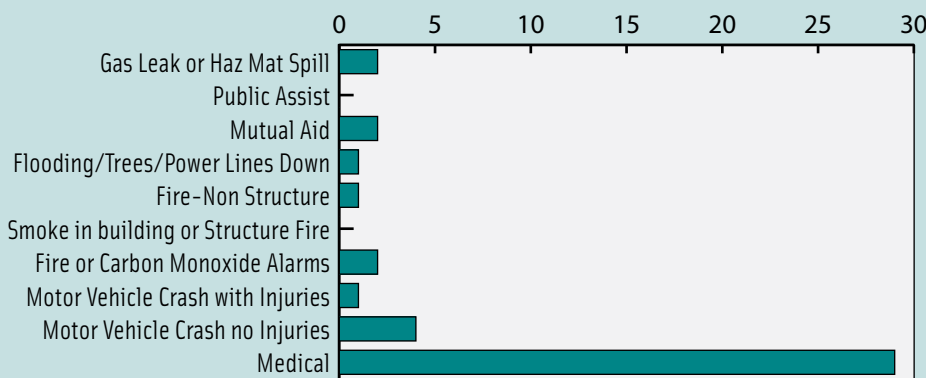
On arrival a vehicle was found off the west side of 116, with the passenger side against a power pole. The pole was broken in two places. It was determined that the vehicle skidded across North Road, hit the guardrail and grass area, and came to rest against the pole. There were two persons in the front seat and a dog in the back.

Green Mountain Power was immediately contacted to shut down power in the area so emergency personnel could work safely. Williston and Shelburne ambulances were already en route to the scene. Starksboro Fire was dispatched to respond with their heavy rescue. Paramedics were located. One responded from her home in Williston and a second responded with Colchester Rescue. Due to the extensive damage and extrication time, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team was contacted and landed in the field across from the scene.

With several emergency vehicles responding, and a broken power pole, Route 116 was closed at North and Gilman Roads. This allowed emergency responders a safe scene access and area to work.

Due to the severity of the crash, both the driver and passenger died at the scene. The emergency responders on scene extend their deepest sympathy

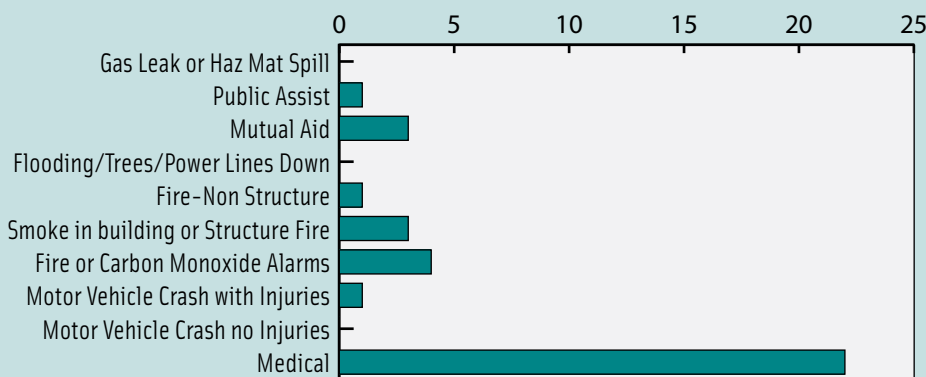
HFD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, JULNE, 2020



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*HFD responded to 42 calls in June and 35 calls in July.
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HFD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, JULY, 2020



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to the family and friends of the victims.

Hinesburg Fire wishes to thank the mutual aid companies — Williston Rescue, Shelburne Rescue, Williston Paramedic, Colchester Rescue, Starksboro Fire and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team for the response and assistance on this call. Mutual aid units were re-

leased from the scene around 11:15.

Route 116 was reopened, and Hinesburg Fire cleared the scene at 1:40 a.m. July 26.

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

BUSINESS

Hinesburg Resident's Company Named One of World's Best by Travel + Leisure

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The tour operator Boundless Journeys founded by Matt Holmes, a Hinesburg resident, has been named to the Travel + Leisure 2020 World's Best Awards. Boundless Journeys is an adventure tour operator with a home office in Stowe and has ranked on this list twice before.

Each year, Travel + Leisure accepts nominations in a variety of categories and surveys readers and the public on their travel experiences from activities to staff to overall value. When voting

ends, the top 10 candidates in each category are recognized with this award.

Holmes was thrilled to get the news. "This endorsement is only possible thanks to our wonderful home office staff here in Vermont and our local guides and partners who all go above and beyond to ensure our guests have an unforgettable experience from the moment they contact us to when they return home. And a huge thanks to our guests for taking the time to recognize what we do by rating us so highly," he said.

The company has a diverse collection of high quality, small group and custom itineraries around the world ranging from leisurely cultural explorations and wildlife safaris to challenging trekking in remote regions — with plenty of easy to moderate walking, hiking and kayaking in between. New trips for 2021 include an 11-day itinerary that combines Slovenia and Croatia, a wellness journey

to Bhutan, and several domestic hiking trips for those looking to stay closer to home — Washington's San Juan Islands, the Adirondacks, New Mexico, and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Find out more at boundlessjourneys.com.

TaeKwon Do Students Still Kicking

BY KELLIE THOMAS

Despite most activities being canceled due to COVID-19, students from TaeKwon Do KICKS have kept on kicking. March and April months were spent doing Zoom classes, which were taught three times a day every week-day. May started the transition of outside group classes. Students have trained at different locations, through the rain and 90-degree temperatures — only canceling if thunderstorms were occurring. These students have been dedicated and working with much support.

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RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

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Hinesburg Recreation Youth Soccer

The Youth Soccer program is designed for children between kindergarten and sixth grade. Kindergarteners focus on age-appropriate skills and activities playing once a week. For first-second graders, plan on one weeknight practice and in-house games on Saturdays. For third-sixth graders, plan on one weeknight practice and a home or away game each Saturday. Game schedules will be announced once the season begins.

*This year, please note all practices will entail a new message of “arrive, play and leave” to minimize the number of people in one area. Players must have a face-covering mask for when they are not participating or if a six-foot minimum is not possible. There will be a brief health screen and temperature check before players can be permitted on the field. Equipment will be wiped down before and after each practice. This year, we will be relying on coaching volunteers more than ever to make this possible! Each coach will have a maximum number of players on their team and will be required to wear a mask at all times. We will have a training prior to the start of the season so that all new protocols can be observed to make this season possible.

Kindergarten: Sundays 12-1 p.m. at Millie’s Field.

Grades 1 and 2 co-ed: Saturdays 9-10 a.m. and Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. at Millie’s Field.

Grades 3 and 4 boys: Saturdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. at Millie’s Field.

Grades 3 and 4 girls: Saturdays 12-1 p.m. and Thursdays 6-7 p.m. at Millie’s Field.

Grades 5 and 6 boys: Saturdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Ayer Field.

Grades 5 and 6 girls: Saturdays 3-4 p.m. and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Ayer Field.

• Please note that scheduling is based on minimizing the number of people at the facility. Parents/spectators are asked to maintain a minimum distance of six feet apart.

• If you or someone you are with are experiencing flu-like or respiratory symptoms such as fever, coughing or shortness of breath, please do not enter the recreation area.

• If you or anyone you are with have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or traveled to a high-risk area, please do not enter the recreation area.

• Please note, there may be changes in the schedule or timing, along with various updates that could impact this program. Please be sure to check your emails and ensure that your contact

information is up-to-date with your account at hinesburgrec.com.

Dates: first through sixth-grade program runs Saturday, Sept. 12 to Saturday, Oct. 17. Kindergarten program runs Sunday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Oct. 11. **Cost:** \$40 by Aug. 28 and \$50 after. Deadline is Sept. 8.

After-School Riding

Enjoy horseback riding lessons and so much more with Kim Johansen at Livery Stables. Lessons are for beginning to early intermediate riders. All COVID-19 protocol must be adhered to at all times. Riders shall wear a mask or face covering if a six-foot minimum distance is not possible. Riders must comply with all rules and be able to understand the protocol or may be asked to leave to maintain the safety of the space. At the time of print and until otherwise announced, students will 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. Any updates or changes will be communicated as needed. Thanks for being flexible during these ever-changing times!

Who: Ages 8-14. **When:** Tuesdays, Session 1: Sept. 8-29, Session 2: Oct. 6-27, Session 3: Nov. 3-24. Fridays, Session 1: Sept. 4-25, Session 2: Oct. 2-23, Session 3: Oct. 30-Nov. 20. **Where:** Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **Time:** 3-5 p.m. **Cost:** \$160. **Maximum:** five participants. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

After-School Junior Golf Program with Coach Ryan

Junior golfers are the future of our game and PGA Professional Ryan Taraskiewicz works diligently teaching children the importance of life skills through the use of golf as a tool. Ryan has developed exceptional junior golf programs and he wants to bring his experience to your child. At the time of print and until otherwise noted, Hinesburg Community School students may ride the bus to Cedar Knoll Golf Course. Equipment is available to use at no extra charge, but will be designated for one player for the duration and is properly sanitized. All COVID-19 protocol will be adhered to, which means players will wear a mask or face covering when a minimum distance of six feet is not possible along with following directions for hand washing and appropriate distance between players. We ask for everyone’s patience and flexibility for possible changes or updates.

When: Session 1: Tuesdays, Sept. 8-29. Session 2: Oct. 6-27. Session 1: Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 1. Session 2: Oct. 8-29. Session 1: Fridays, Sept. 11-Oct. 2. Session 2: Oct. 9-30. **Where:** Cedar Knoll Golf Course. **Ages:** 6-14 years. **Time:** 3-5 p.m. **Cost:** \$220.

Remote Piano Lessons

These 20-minute private Zoom lessons are taught by Andrea Haulenbeek or Mary Beth Bowman for beginner to advanced intermediate students. Participants must have a piano or keyboard, along with a Zoom option. Beginner students would need an adult to assist with lessons. Classes follow the school year calendar, broken into first semester (September to December) and second semester (January to May). Students retain their lesson day and time for the entire school year and subsequent years, unless they choose not to continue. Enrollment is based on availability. If there are no openings, you will be placed on a wait list and offered a date and time as available. A spring recital via Zoom celebrates a year-long commitment by students and instructor.

Who: Grades 2-8. **When:** First semester lessons begin the week of Sept. 8 through the week of Dec. 14. **Where:** Remote learning via Zoom. **Cost:** \$22 per lesson and billed per semester.

Online registration is not available for this program. Please contact HRD at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net to inquire about openings or to be placed on the wait list. Thanks!

Literature and the Arts

Join Susan for a creative approach to exploring children’s literature. Through the use of fine art, movement, assemblage, drama and music, students will experience and explore quality children’s literature that is silly, thought-provoking, creative and caring.

Who: Grades 2-5. **When:** Wednesdays, Sept. 16-30. **Time:** Session 1 is 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and Session 2 is 1-2:30 p.m. **Location:** Town Hall Field. **Maximum students:** 8. **Cost:** \$60.

► TaeKwon Do Students

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port from their families and have been able to still earn new belts, and some received the amazing rank of black belt and participated in the annual Break-a-Thon. The week everything shut down was the week students were supposed to break their boards to earn their pledges, which went to support local fire and rescue squads. Hinesburg students, combined with KICKS’ other

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Library News

As I repeatedly check the calendar to confirm that autumn is around the corner, I have some library updates for you. First and foremost, we remain open by appointment. We ask you to call us at 802-482-2878 to make an appointment or email us if you are shy: library@carpentercarse.org. Computer appointments and printing (which you pick up later and pay for) are also available. We also have three state parks passes, bikes for loan, passes for the Local Motion Bike Ferry to South Hero, and a telescope and sewing machine you can borrow. Some of these items are harder to carry home than others, but we are happy to loan any of them out to you. Contact us if you need additional information about loan periods or details.

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Antiracist Reading Club

We are delighted to have the support of Vermont Humanities in their Vermont



The library has multiple copies of the books “Hate U Give” and “The New Jim Crow.”

Reads Program and we have multiple copies of Angie Thomas’ book “The Hate U Give” available for the community to borrow and read. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. when we will convene digitally to discuss the book with our partner library, Dorothy Alling Memorial Library in Williston.

In addition, thanks to the support of Library Friends, we have multiple copies of Michelle Alexander’s book, “The New Jim Crow” available for check-out. We are hoping to have a few other scheduled virtual book discussions on antiracist book titles, give us a shout (or email or call) if you are interested and want to be alerted to upcoming book club events on the subject.

Summer Reading Program

Everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program can stop in at the library to choose a free book. A

display of many different books is set up to the right of the circulation desk, so please come in and help yourself to a reward for all the great reading you did this summer! The display will be there until early September. If you would rather not come into the library, let us know, and we’ll choose one for you and leave it on the curbside cart.

StoryWalk at Geprags

We have installed a new StoryWalk at Geprags Park. This one is titled “Beyond the Pond” and includes some beautiful illustrations. So take a walk with your family and enjoy a great story outdoors!

New Adult Books:

As the reading season continues apace, we have a wealth of new books for your perusal. I am most excited to read the new Isabel Wilkerson book, “Caste,” which promises to be illuminating and well-crafted (if her previous book, “The Warmth of Other Suns” is

any indication). “Caste” was just chosen by Oprah’s book club as their next selection. I’m also excited for the new book by Helen MacDonald (who wrote “H is for Hawk,” that gorgeous book about handling grief by deciding to train a goshawk?!) I saw her read from this new collection of essays, “Vesper Flights” at Breadloaf last year, and as expected she was hilarious in addition to exposing me to other nature writers I hadn’t heard of (the UK is another continent, after all). I don’t have room here to talk about everything else I’m excited about but I will just make a list of some other great new ones in house or scheduled to arrive soon: “Utopia Avenue” by David Mitchell, “Lost & Found Bookshop” by Susan Wiggs, “What you Wish For” by Katherine Center, “Breath” by James Nestor (who was interviewed by Terry Gross recently), “Erosion” (essays) by Terry Tempest Williams, “We Ride Upon Sticks” by Quan Berry, and “The Desert Notebooks” by Ben Ehrenreich. New titles by Beatriz Williams, Clive Cussler, David Rosenfeld and Joyce Carol Oates are also available. Any book or media



item that appears as available in the catalog can be checked out to you curbside, just contact us.

Loads of new award-winning junior and young adult fiction are also in house (All the Green Mountain Book Awards and Vermont Middle Grade Book Award Winners are on display!). We encourage reading outside your grade level (especially you, my fellow grownups). As per usual, we encourage you to stay safe, stay home and stay reading.

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Live Music: Jam With the Song Farmers of Hinesburg

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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.

Book Talk With Rik Palieri**Saturday, Sept. 5, 2 p.m.**

Rik Palieri will chat with Beth Royer, library director, about his new book, "BANJO MAN: The Adventures of an American Folk Singer." Rik Palieri is a Hinesburg resident (and is home much more than he's used to because of this global pandemic, which has really thrown the wrench in the lifestyles of touring musicians). Rik has a host of stories to share about his world travels as a folk singer and about the mentors who helped him steer a course into the life of music he's enjoyed. We may try to get him to share a song or two. It should be a fun event. Email us or check our usual channels (carpentercarse.org, Instagram and Facebook pages) for the Zoom link.



Rik Palieri and Peter Seeger at the 1980 Festival of Blueberries in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Photo by Robert Yahn.

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

The hand quilters have been meeting in the library garden, located on the side of our outdoor space that is closest to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. You might even be able to snag a little sage for your recipes if you join them (and the herbs in the library garden continue to thrive). 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.

Monthly Book Group**Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m.**

This informal group meets in the library garden on the second Wednesday of each month to chat about the current book. September's selection is "Track of the Cat" by Nevada Barr. You can reserve a copy of the latest book at the front desk.

Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring

Can anyone truly color their way to calm in this moment? Let me know if it's working for you. We have photocopies of some kid's coloring pages in our foyer which you are welcome to take.

Adults, if you need other resources, let us know and we can set you up with a coloring kit curbside.

Storytime

After a couple months of scheduled Zoom Storytimes, Jen has decided to move the party back to a filmed experience that you can watch at your leisure. You can find the latest and greatest by visiting the storytime archive on our website: carpentercarse.org/blog/video-storytime-archive or by emailing Jen jen@carpentercarse.org to subscribe.

► New Community Project

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Pete Antos-Ketcham, NCP's Vermont Sustainable Living Center coordinator said, "NCP's Food Justice Initiative brings together NCP supporters, volunteers, interns, service learning groups, food pantry clients and community members to grow low-carbon, fresh organic produce for our neighbors while fostering greater food resiliency and security for our community in the face of increasing economic inequality and climate change. Support from local businesses and foundations [is] essential as we redevelop our local food systems and we are grateful that the International Paper Foundation is joining NCP as we seek justice and ecological healing as the foundation for building a more peaceful world."

The International Paper Foundation awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. Donna Wadsworth manager of communications noted, "We are happy to play a small part in the important work that New Community Project is doing. Their Food Justice Garden is a great example of what a small group of dedicated people can do to make a difference in their community. Teaching gardening and a culture of giving back by involving young people is as important as the food they produce and share with those who need it."

New Community Project is a small nonprofit organization with a big goal: to change the world. We provide resources that challenge us, experiences that change us, and a community that gives us hope.

Our focus is on environmental sustainability and social justice, both of which are essential for a peaceful human community. Learn more at newcommunity-project.org.

The International Paper Foundation is one of the ways International Paper strives to reach its vision to be among the most successful, sustainable and responsible companies in the world. Started in 1952, the foundation annually provides millions in grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to address critical needs in the communities where its employees live and work. Funding priority is given to programs related to its signature causes: education, hunger, health & wellness, disaster relief and initiatives that improve the planet. For more information, visit ipgiving.com.

► Hinesburg Drop-Off Center

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cited by all the improvements we were able to make on such a small footprint," said Josh Tyler, CSWD director of operations, adding that the district expects to reduce truck travel and associated labor impacts by approximately 50% just by replacing the old roll-off "boxes" with the new recycling compactor. That translates into less local truck traffic, less wear-and-tear on the roads and a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

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Food scraps (30 gallons max) — included in trash fee; \$1 per bucket (up to five gallons) without trash

Leaf and plant trimmings (one pickup load per day) — no fee

Electronic waste — up to seven items per day; a grocery bag of small miscellaneous electronics counts as one item; no fee

Used engine oil — up to 15 gallons per day in containers of two gallons or less; no fee

Oil filters — up to five per day from residents only; businesses must use the Environmental Depot; no fee

Household batteries — one gallon per day; no fee

Lead acid batteries — up to five per day; no fee

Fluorescent bulbs — up to 10 straight, circline, U-shaped per day; compact fluorescent (spiral) bulbs no limit; no fee

Mercury-containing thermometers and thermostats — up to five per day; no fee

Propane tanks, 20-lb. tanks or smaller — up to five per day; no fee.

No appliances, scrap metal, tires or wood

No bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, etc.

CSWD's Richmond and Burlington Drop-Off Centers remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Visit the CSWD Drop-Off Center page at tinyurl.com/CSWDdropoff to read our COVID-19 Facilities Reopening Plan, which outlines the many considerations informing our reopening process.

► Hinesburg Supports

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to 18 Hinesburg businesses, who were extremely grateful for the assistance.

Laura Gurdak, of Hinesburg Hair Studio, said, "Thank you guys for doing this! I just spend \$100 on hand sanitizer that might not last us more than a couple weeks! The grant will really help us move forward. It is so humbling the generosity and kindness around us. I'm glad most people have used this opportunity to support and be kind to each other!"

Matt Sayre, of Shrubbly, "That's great news! Thank you so much for your continued support and the time you all are putting into this voluntarily. I truly appreciate it!"

Ruchel St. Hilarie, of Bucky's Pub, "Oh my goodness that is FANTASTIC news, we have been extending our personal line of credit to keep paying the expenses but can't sustain that for much longer. Please convey our thanks to anyone involved. We greatly appreciate the support from the town."

Michelle Rushford of National Integrity Roof Testing: "I cannot express my gratitude enough. I'm just starting my company, only three years in, business was doing great. I had doubled in sales and had so many quotes out for 2020, then nothing. I have invoices from my vendors I cannot pay, equipment that I haven't been able to make payments for, and my customers are paying me two to six months late. We haven't been able to send a crew out for months. My hope is that things pick up soon. It is the first time ever owning my own business, woman-owned! I have always worked for other companies. You have given me an amazing opportunity to catch up and hopefully emerge stronger. I am eternally thankful for your generosity."

Stuart of Element Nail Salon, "Wow. Thanks for the update and good ... check that, GREAT news ... Happy Happy Joy Joy! We know there are LOTS of others who are also in need, and with fingers and toes crossed we hope we will be able to open soon. Very humble and thankful."

Megan Jensen of Astrocreepers, "Thank you so much for your time and consideration! This is a blessing, and will help keep the business alive."



Laura Gurdak, of Hinesburg Hair Studio



Matt Sayre, of Shrubbly



Megan Jensen of Astrocreepers



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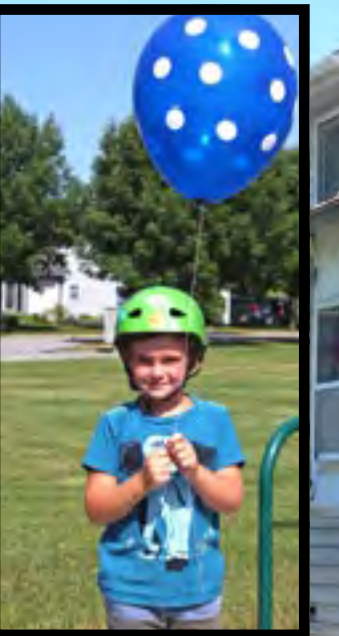
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EDUCATION

A Note About COVID-19 From the CVSD Nurses

FROM CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

The CVSD school nurses are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school. We want to provide some guidance on how we can do this as safely as possible. Here are our current general recommendations:

- Model and practice mask-wearing with your children. Staff and students will be required to wear masks in CVSD buildings. CVSD will be distributing two reusable, cloth masks to each student. When attending school, students should arrive wearing a mask and have a spare mask. If an additional mask is needed during the school day, there will be cloth and disposable masks available in offices, classrooms and health offices. In approved circumstances, a face shield may be worn instead of a mask. If you believe your student can not wear a mask/facial covering, please contact your school nurse. More information: tinyurl.com/CDCmaskguidance.
- Discuss and model social distancing. Social distancing will be observed in CVSD buildings and grounds in accordance with guidance from the Vermont Department of Health and the Agency of Education. More information: tinyurl.com/CDCsocialdistance.
- Demonstrate and practice proper handwashing techniques. Students and staff will be expected to practice hand hygiene upon arrival to school, prior to eating, after using the bathroom, when moving from one physical space in the building to another, after using a tissue for coughing or sneez-

ing, after treating a cut or wound. More information: tinyurl.com/CDCwashhands.

- Practice and model the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (>60% alcohol).
- In general, only students and staff will be entering buildings.
- Food cannot be brought into the school for sharing and/or celebrations.
- Water fountains will not be available. Please send in a water bottle with your student.
- Students will not be allowed to come to school if they have signs or symptoms of COVID-19: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea.
- Students should not come to school if they have been in close contact with a person who has, or is suspected of having, COVID-19. Contact your school nurse for guidance on when your student can return to school.
- Per Governor Scott's executive order, students must follow quarantine guidelines when traveling to certain counties in other states.
- If your student becomes sick with COVID-19 signs and/or symptoms during the school day, they will be dismissed promptly. For younger students, the expectation is that they will be picked up within approximately 30 minutes. For older students who are unable to drive or walk home, the expectation is that they will be picked up within approximately 30 minutes.

Guidelines and protocols may change based on guidance from the Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Agency of Education. We will communicate changes as soon as we are able. Please reach out to your school nurse with questions and concerns (emails and phone numbers can be found on the school websites).

Superintendent's Message

BY SUPERINTENDENT ELAINE PINCKNEY

Dear Family and Friends,

The big news this week (Aug. 13) is that the Department of Health and Agency of Education have relaxed their rule around social distancing. For students under the age of 10, the new guidance allows between three- and six-foot social distancing. At CVSD, we will still start school in hybrid mode for all of our students for at least the first few weeks. We believe that we can meet the social distancing guideline at three feet, but we have many other issues we need to work on before we bring our K-fourth/fifth students back for in-person instruction full-time. Opening in this measured way allows us to make sure that all our systems are operating efficiently and effectively. We need to know that we can coordinate health checks, temperature checks and bus pickups and drop-offs within a reasonable amount of time. We need to manage food delivery to classrooms and figure out supervision of students for this timeframe. We need to teach our students the importance of social distancing, mask-wearing and good hygiene practices. Most importantly, we need to build confidence in our faculty and staff that we are operating in a safe environment. Starting in hybrid mode will provide us with these assurances and poise us to have a successful in-person option. It will also provide the practice we need in case we would need to revert to hybrid or remote education during the school year. None of us wants to imagine this will happen, but we will all be better off if we're prepared for this eventuality.

While we are checking and fine-tuning our systems, we will be working on our plan to provide full-time, in-person instruction for our youngest learners.

This planning will occur locally and in collaboration with our regional partners. We will develop criteria and a plan for measuring the success of our hybrid model and our readiness for in-person instruction. I will let you know as soon as we have a timeline in place.

I hope you were able to attend the Community Town Halls that each of our schools hosted this past week. If you were not able to attend, you can access the videos on the CVSD Reopening website as well as the local school's website. You will get very good, explicit information about the hybrid and remote plans.

The work on developing outdoor education opportunities for all of our students continues. A K-12 group of teachers and administrators is meeting regularly to determine what is needed at each site to provide both an outdoor space for academic instruction and the materials and equipment needed to do outdoor education. This K-12 group is inspiring. They are passionate about this work and the results will benefit our students now and when we're all back in school full-time.

CVSD Superintendent Elaine Pinckney to Retire June 2021

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

After 20 years of service in the Champlain Valley School District, with the past 15 as superintendent, Elaine Pinckney has announced her intention to retire in June 2021. Superintendent Pinckney informed the board on July 21, 2020, during an executive session.

"I am very grateful for having had the privilege to serve such a forward-thinking organization, one in which lifelong learning and a focus on personal and institutional growth are at the core," she wrote in her letter to the board. "I was drawn to this vision from the start and continue to be inspired by it to this day. Over the years, I have been enormously blessed to work with passionate, dedicated board members, outstanding administrators, and a top-notch faculty and staff."

Superintendent Pinckney has led the largest school district in the state, pre-



Superintendent Elaine Pinckney has announced her intention to retire in June 2021.

viously known as Chittenden South Supervisory Union, through significant change during her tenure. Prior to consolidation in 2017, she brought cohesion to the 4,000 student district by developing a joint mission statement, creating systems

among the four K-8 schools that all fed into the same high school and created a monthly unified meeting for the six individual school boards. Superintendent Pinckney's commitment to quality education of the students guided the district through the multiple financial challenges of Acts 60 and 68 and the 2008 recession. She was named the Vermont Superintendent of the Year in 2013.

"We have been incredibly blessed to have had Elaine as our district leader for fifteen years. Her collaborative leadership style, systems thinking, strong communication skills and focus on what is best for each student has transformed education in CVSD. Her impact on our district can't be overstated," wrote Lynne Jaunich, board chair.

Superintendent Pinckney summed up her letter by reassuring the board and the CVSD community that she is eager and ready to lead the district for this final school year of her tenure. She will share regular newsletters and updates, work collaboratively with the district and school leadership teams, visit schools and reach out to the community for input and feedback, especially as we face the challenges of one of the most unusual school years upon us. She noted, "I look forward to serving CVSD and its member communities during this final year. I am still energized by the work and continue to be inspired by my colleagues. 2020-2021 will not be without its challenges, but if past history is any indicator, we will figure it out together and work collaboratively to ensure the best possible outcome."

Elaine has served as a trustee for the Vermont Superintendents Association, a member of the American Association of School Administrators Governing Board, a member of the Governing Board for the Northeast and Islands Regional Education Lab, District Management Group Superintendent Strategy Summit member, and on the board of directors of the Stern Center. She previously served as Vermont's deputy commissioner of education and principal in Morrisville, Stowe and Williston.

The board will begin a search process immediately.

ORGANIZATIONS

Local 4-H's Among 4-H State Day Exhibitors

FROM UVM EXTENSION PRESS RELEASE

Chittenden County 4-H was well-represented at this year's 4-H State Day, which was organized as a virtual event with 109 entries sent in by 82 4-H members, including two from Hinesburg.

4-H'ers from throughout the state were invited to submit entries by video or email in 16 different categories including tabletop exhibits, demonstrations, photography, posters, action exhibits, stage acts and technology, among others. These were evaluated on a number of criteria including presentation, creativity and workmanship with feedback provided to the exhibitor.

"Just a few months ago none of us could have imagined that we would be social distancing and that major events in the 4-H year, like State Day, would be canceled," says Allison Smith, University of Vermont Extension 4-H Youth Learning Experiences coordinator. "Taking this event online was a new endeavor for all of us — staff, volunteers and youth."

"However, as the exhibits poured in, 4-H'ers led the way in their excitement, innovation and ability to adapt quickly to change. They took their illustrated talks into the field, added music to their team demonstrations and exercised new skills in photography and videography to creatively capture their communications and public speaking projects."

Local participants who took part in this UVM Extension 4-H event included:

Hinesburg: Greta Friesen (public speaking: "The Adventures of Horse Girl"); Olivia Aosekoski (poster: "Arthritis in Horses")

Charlotte: Samantha Blackmore (photo: "A Day in Salerno")

Richmond: Rowan Beeman (poster: Parts of an English Saddle); Kate LaMantia (poster: "Parts of an English Bridle")

Williston: Alex Montgomery (group stage presentation: "Staying Connected While Apart" with members of her club, the Flying Hooves); Liam Palmer (tabletop exhibit: "Los Lobos del Rio — Giant River Otters of the Amazon")

To learn more about 4-H in Chittenden County, contact Rose Garritano at rose-marie.garritano@uvm.edu or 802-651-8343, ext. 505.



Hinesburg 4-H'er Greta Friesen's entry in the public speaking category of the annual 4-H State Day was titled, "The Adventures of Horse Girl." (photo: courtesy of UVM Extension 4-H.)

Changing of the Guard for the Charlotte Shelburne Hinesburg Rotary

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On Friday evening, June 26, the leadership of the Charlotte Shelburne

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OUTDOORS

Hinesburg Town Forest Committee Trail Closure Announcement

BY THE HINESBURG TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

At our July 23 meeting, the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee voted to dedicate both the Hinesburg Town Forest and LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest (LHTF) exclusively to hunting for specified periods of the 2020 deer hunting season.

In order to promote the effectiveness of the hunt, the HTF and LHTF are closed to all nonhunting activity during these dates.

Oct. 2-4 (first weekend of archery season for antlerless deer)

Oct. 23-Nov. 1 (archery and muzzle-loader season for antlerless deer)

Nov. 14-20 (first week of rifle season)

Dec. 5-13 (muzzleloader season includes antlerless deer)

The committee received email comments from more than 100 users of the forests, in addition to oral opinions from 10-15 members of the public attending our July 9 public meeting. We're pleased that so many users took the time to thoughtfully and respectfully express their views about the hunting proposal and the impact of trail closures. A significant majority of those responding opposed restricting recreation during the fall and especially during the month of October. Many expressed concern that stay at home and social distancing restrictions this year only increase the importance of keeping the forest open to all users. No one on the committee disagrees with the importance of the town's forests for the spiritual and recreational opportunities they provide to an increasing number of users. That fact made the decision of whether to close the town forests for periods during the hunting season difficult.

Ultimately, the committee's first responsibility is to the health of the forest itself. An excerpt from the management philosophy section of the town's Forest Management Plan states that, "All uses and management must be compatible with sustaining water quality, wildlife

habitat and general ecosystem function and health over the long term." For further discussion on why we made this decision to help protect the ecosystem. Please read Ethan Tapper's letter to the Town Forest Committee at tinyurl.com/TapperLetter. The committee's decision is not about choosing one user group over another; rather it is about balancing uses in an effort to maintain the long-term health of the forest.

The committee's decision about exclusive use during parts of the hunting season is focused on reducing the deer population in an effort to mitigate the impact that browsing deer have on the early successional growth and understory regeneration in the forest. For more information about the history of deer management in Vermont and the problems an overpopulation of deer cause for an ecosystem read Ethan Tapper's article at tinyurl.com/TapperArticle. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department introduced revised hunting regulations for the 2020 hunting season that include rule changes specifically directed at decreasing the number of antlerless deer in areas of the state where there is an overabundance of deer. Chittenden County is one of those areas. Unfortunately, antlerless deer can only be taken during the archery and muzzleloader hunting

periods which occur in October and December. Nick Fortin, deer management project leader for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, recommended closure dates based on historical deer harvest records on the state, regional and local level.

The adopted proposal closes the trails for 12 days in October, a reduction of 9 days from the proposal originally being considered. The reduction reflects the committee's response to feedback from the public, acknowledgment of the extraordinary challenges the coronavirus has created and the increased importance of access to the trails. Users should also know that at a meeting in June, the committee chose to postpone the timber harvest planned for the 2020-2021 winter season, specifically to keep more of the forest open for recreational use during this stressful time.

Additional public comment should be addressed to townforesthvt@gmailvnet. Input from hunters regarding their hunting experience in the HTF and LHTF both last year and this year will be helpful to the committee in our attempt to responsibly manage the forests. Please use the above email address. Insights will be kept confidential. Thank you.

Summer Means Quiet Change Around Hinesburg's Trails

BY BRET GOLANN, TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBER

There have been plenty of warm, sunny days on our trails this summer. It's great that so many more of us are out on Hinesburg's trails enjoying the summer beauty, flowers and solitude or sharing it with friends and family.

Along with the warmth, I've noticed that it often seems quieter on the trails this summer. It sure isn't for any lack of chipmunks and squirrels running around. My dog is getting lots more exercise trying to chase them as my arm gets sore from holding her back on the leash. But the wildlife in general seem a bit quieter — especially during the hot afternoons. One annual reason for the quieter times along the trails is that birds have finished staking their territories. The lucky ones found their mates and have largely finished raising their families for this year.

But the birds are only part of the reason. Another reason for quiet woods and fields is that animals, like humans, are affected by the heat. Whether it's wildlife or humans, most of us quiet down when temperatures spike upward. Some good news is that heat often helps insect eggs and the insect populations to grow, giving smaller animals more to eat and spreading more energy throughout the food chain. And warmth plus moisture can mean more vegetation for wildlife to eat. Plus there's less erosion and less wear on our trail surfaces when it's dry — mostly. But more heat also cuts both ways since insect growth means more pests too. Plus it can dry everything out, stress animals and plants and slow growth as we saw this summer. So warm, sunny days are "a rising tide floats all boats" situation ... except when it goes too far.

Heat also means behavior changes for our wild friends — whether in woods or fields. Animals can't go to the beach or sit in front of air conditioners, so how do they cope? There are several common strategies. To avoid overheating many animals dig cool burrows using natural air conditioning from lower soil temperatures to hide out and beat the heat. Some examples of these diggers are moles and voles plus woodchucks and skunks who generally stay put in their underground burrows during hot days.

For wildlife that can't dig, hiding is a common alternative. We know that in spring, cold-blooded animals require lots of warming sun to survive in spring temperatures. But many cold-blooded animals are also at risk from too much warmth in summer. Some — like snakes, lizards, turtles and frogs — won't last more than a couple of hours in the hot summer sun. They need to find shade and shelter under logs and leaves — or in water — to regulate



Porcupines finding each other.



Cedar waxwing panting.

their internal body temperature and avoid overheating. A few weeks ago, I moved a wood pile and found three garter snakes chilling under the bottom row of logs. I was sorry to disturb them but they headed under the nearby woodshed, so all seemed well.

Some wildlife take digging and hiding a step further and actually move toward a kind of dormancy. Scientist calls this estivation. It isn't hibernation — more like a deep sleep that lowers their body temperatures as metabolism slows. Mostly it's cold-blooded animals, but even some warm-blooded species use this strategy in hot weather.

But not all are digging, hiding or sleeping. In August porcupines are looking for mates. They may be at their most active, engaging in noisy behaviors in cooler evenings during late summer. Porcupines, noisy? When it comes to mating rituals, porcupines make a lot of noise around working things out. Males often argue over females of course. They use a wide variety of calls including moans, grunts, coughs, wails, whines, shrieks and tooth clicking. But much of the porcupine racket comes from trying to impress the females. Males even perform elaborate dances! Mating in fall may seem unusual but, as with deer and moose, the porcupine's gestation period is longer — about seven months. So all this is to be ready for raising a family in early spring.

Birds also have their strategies. Aside from wading and splashing in shallow water, we sometimes see them walking around with their beaks open. Open beaks often mean that they are panting to lose body heat. They also fluff their feathers or hold their wings out straight to improve ventilation and cool down.

So even though the woods and fields may seem quieter on hot days and especially in late summer, there's a lot going on around Hinesburg's trails if we look and listen closely.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27,

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1,

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

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

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2,

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

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, SEPTEMBER 7,

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, SEPTEMBER 8,

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYFec3JkQT09MeetingID:85303058417> Password: 321494. Dial by your location +1 929205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9,

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,

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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,

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

5:30-7:00 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. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,

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

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17,

6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Zoom Meeting. lewiscreekorg@gmail.com. Join Zoom Meeting<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/897199053?pwd=NTdncHVzSFVzGZF3NUlVKy8yRUZuQT09MeetingID:897199053> Password: 716233 Dial by your location +1 301715 8592 US (Germantown) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 929 205 6099US (New York) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 897 199 053 Password: 716233.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21,

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23,

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, SEPTEMBER 24,

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5,

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, OCTOBER 6,

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner

► Changing of the Guard

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Hinesburg Rotary was passed to the hands of the new president, Christopher Davis of Charlotte. He is succeeding Keith Walsh of Shelburne who has been president of the CSH Rotary for the past year. In his acceptance speech President Davis congratulated the members of the club on the many projects they have undertaken in

the Rotary tradition of "Service Above Self," and predicted many new ways the club will tackle projects to benefit its communities. Also taking new roles in leadership of the club are Carrie Fenn of Charlotte, the newly elected vice president, and Susan Grimes of Shelburne, the new president elect. CSH Rotary is currently meeting via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning. For information go to [CSHRotary.org](https://www.cshrotary.org).



Pictured, left to right at socially safe distance are Carrie Fenn, Keith Walsh, Susan Grimes and Christopher Davis. Photo by Linda Gilbert.

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Foresters for the Birds

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

In 2008, Audubon Vermont and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation teamed up to create a program called “Foresters for the Birds.” The idea of this program was that, while there is a lot to love about Vermont’s forests — from the way they make our state so beautiful, clean our air and our water, and support our local communities and economies with renewable forest products and awesome recreational opportunities — many people especially love, value and connect with birds. Foresters for the Birds sought to highlight how forests support rich, diverse populations of birds and how good forest management can support and improve habitat for them. This program has been so successful that it has been expanded to other states in the northeast and is under development in the southeast and Pacific Northwest.

As part of this project, a list of birds called “The Birder’s Dozen” was created. These are 12 charismatic and easily identifiable birds with a range of habitat requirements. Keeping an eye and an ear out for the Birder’s Dozen helps you identify whether or not your area features the diversity of habitat types and conditions required by most of Vermont’s birds. The list ranges from American woodcock, which need young forest, forest openings and alder wetlands, to scarlet tanager, which requires mature forest, to the eastern wood-peewee, which requires canopy gaps and a dense understory.

Vermont and the surrounding region host one the most diverse breeding bird populations in the United States: more than 80 species! This includes both year-round occupants and neo-tropical migrants — birds that overwinter in the tropics and migrate to Vermont

to breed in the summer. According to a 2017 report by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, bird populations in Vermont have declined by 14.2% over the last 25 years, including much more precipitous declines in several species. Forest fragmentation, parcelization and loss, invasive exotic species and climate change are among the many factors contributing to this decline.

So how do we encourage great bird habitat? First, we protect our forests. Forest and ecosystem loss, and the fragmentation of large areas of forest into smaller pieces by roads and developments, are fundamental threats to our birds. Conserving forests and protecting them with smart planning and zoning rules in your communities is a good place to start.

Next, manage for diverse, complex forests. As illustrated by the Birder’s Dozen, some species of birds need a dense canopy, canopy openings (gaps) filled with young trees and shrubs, large areas of early successional forest and forests with trees of all different sizes and ages. We call this type of diversity — trees growing in different ways — structural diversity. Species diversity — trees of all different species — is also critical, because different birds use different tree species for foraging, nesting, shelter and more.

Another thing we can do for our birds is to make sure we keep some big, old trees in our forests. Big trees have many ecological benefits, including providing habitat for all different kinds of birds, from those like nuthatches who forage for arthropods in the trees’ deep bark cracks, to pileated woodpeckers and owls who only nest in cavities (holes) in trees more than 20” in diameter.

We also need to recognize the importance of dead and imperfect trees in our forests. Dead-standing trees (snags), cavity trees, fallen trees and dead wood on the forest floor all provide important bird habitat. The ruffed grouse, for instance, needs fallen logs to “drum” on, and many other bird species use downed wood for cover, foraging, nesting and singing perches. While you may curse the woodpeck-

ers who put holes in your trees, these living and dead cavity trees are often called “wildlife motels,” providing nesting and denning sites for a wide range of birds and mammals.

If you’ve read my previous articles you know that the value of complex forests with big trees and lots of dead wood is not limited to birds. Forests like this are also more like the old-growth forests which once covered much of our state. They store lots of carbon and are resilient and adaptive to climate change. They provide habitat for a huge range of wildlife, from birds and bats to moose and black bears. Responsible forest management with birds in mind can protect and enhance the value of our forests for the birds that we love while making Vermont’s forests holistically healthier in the process.

You can learn more about Foresters for the Birds at: vt.audubon.org/conservation/foresters-birds.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County forester. He can be reached at ethan.tapper@vermont.gov, or by phone at 802-585-9099.

Bristol Pond Gets Help Preventing Additional Aquatic Invasive Species

BY KATE KELLY, PROGRAM MANAGER, LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Aquatic invasive plant species have been present in the Lewis Creek watershed for decades and outcompete native plants by forming dense mats of vegetation. These dense mats impede recreational boaters, swimmers and anglers, and degrade ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Aquatic invasive plants are spread via seeds, roots, fragments, animals and by humans.

Bristol Pond is a popular destination for anglers, recreational boaters and wildlife enthusiasts. As of 2018, there were two known aquatic invasive species in Bristol Pond: European frog-

bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*) and Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*). Therefore, Bristol Pond could function as a point of introduction for the spread of aquatic invasive species in the Lewis Creek watershed and throughout the state. Lewis Creek Association, a local nonprofit watershed group, recognizes the importance of keeping additional aquatic invasive species, referred to as AIS, out of Bristol Pond, as well as preventing spread of AIS from Bristol Pond to other areas of the state.

To this end, LCA applied for and was awarded a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, to survey Lewis Creek, Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond for aquatic invasive species; to create a management plan for these areas; and to fund a boat launch steward to be stationed at Bristol Pond this summer. The boat launch steward greets boaters as they arrive at the pond, and offers to inspect their boat for aquatic invasive species, while also collecting data on where the boat has been and how many aquatic organisms the greeter encounters. The greeter educates boat owners on how to prevent the spread of AIS, which includes cleaning, draining and drying your boat (and other equipment that has been in the water!) before moving to a different water body. This could even include swimsuits and life jackets, which could carry small microscopic organisms like the fishhook waterflea, which was recently found in Lake Champlain.

Next time you are out at Bristol Pond, say hi to LCA’s boat launch steward! You may also run into Matt Gorton, who is contracted to do aquatic invasive species surveys, out on Lewis Creek, Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond. He will be happy to talk to you about what they are finding! You can learn more by contacting Kate Kelly, program manager for LCA, at lewisecreekorg@gmail.com or 802-488-5203.

This project has been funded by an agreement awarded by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to NEIWPCC in partnership with the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

ARTS & LEISURE



“Creature Comfort: Animals in the House” exhibition photo. Courtesy of Shelburne Museum.

Shelburne Museum Reopens

FROM PRESS RELEASE

After closing in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shelburne Museum plans to reopen on July 30. The museum’s 45-acre grounds will be open four days a week along with select exhibition buildings, museum director Thomas Denenberg announced.

“We are excited to welcome visitors back to the museum, and look forward to offering the enjoyment of walking the grounds and viewing indoor and outdoor exhibitions,” Denenberg said. “After spending the past several weeks in preparation, we are confident our visitors will have an experience that is both meaningful and safe.”

To celebrate reopening, the museum will be offering free admission through Sept. 6. Tickets are required, however, and must be reserved online. Masks are also required for anyone age five and up. The museum plans to remain open through Oct. 11, contingent on guidance from public health officials.

The museum grounds and several buildings will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Occupancy limits will apply both indoors and on the grounds. Buildings that will be open include: the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education, Pleissner Gallery and Webb Gallery of American Art.

Exhibitions on view include “Creature Comfort: Animals in the House,” in Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education and “At Scale” an outdoor sculpture exhibition featuring the works of Peter Kirkiles.

For full details related to reopening and COVID-19 related regulations, please visit shelburnemuseum.org.

View a video of Director Thomas

Denenberg welcoming visitors back at vimeo.com/442106158.

Creature Comfort: Animals in the House

A new exhibition at the museum and online

According to a 2017/18 National Pet Owners Survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association, 85 million families, or 65% of all households in the United States, includes at least one animal companion. Experts expect these numbers to continue to skyrocket in the coming years. The statistics worldwide are even more staggering, revealing our species innate need for companionship, a hallmark trait specific to mammals. Our love of animals manifests itself in a myriad of ways in our domestic lives, including interior decoration.

Drawing heavily from Shelburne Museum’s permanent collection and supplemented by strategic loans from contemporary artists and private collectors, this exhibition will explore the creative ways animal forms have been adapted to create a wide range of beautiful and functional household objects. Ranging in date from the 18th century to the present day, the selected decorative art objects explore complex themes related to animal/human bonds, including domestication, emotional connections and ethical treatment. The exhibition will be organized thematically by animal species and displayed in settings designed to evoke domestic interior spaces.

Shelburne Museum has created a virtual version of this exhibit online, where you can move through the space, see the items on display, and view photos and video. View the online exhibit at shelburnemuseum.org/online-exhibitions/creature-comfort.

PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Rachel Atherly and Spencer Clark, both of Hinesburg, were named to the Spring 2020 dean’s list at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes full-time students with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

Max Barron and Zaza Quatt, both of Hinesburg, made the dean’s list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Spring Semester. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean’s list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40; they do not have any grades of Incomplete, D or F; and they have completed, at least 12 credit hours. Quatt is in the illustration program, and Barron is in the mechanical engineering program.

Emma Bissonette, Abby Ferrara and Grace Washburn, all from Hinesburg, have been named to the Spring 2020 dean’s list at the University of Rhode Island. To be included on the dean’s list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 GPA. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 GPA.

Jessie Johnson of Hinesburg graduated from Virginia Polytechnic University with a degree in engineering of science and mechanics (summa cum laude).

Jillian Lamberson of Hinesburg has been named to the Emerson College (Massachusetts) dean’s list for the Spring 2020 semester. Lamberson is majoring in comedic arts and is a member of the Class of 2021. The requirement to make Emerson’s dean’s list is a GPA of 3.7 or higher.

Alexandra Lewis of Hinesburg has been named to the Spring 2020 dean’s

list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the dean’s list that semester.

Madison MacMahon of Hinesburg, who is majoring in creative media, has been named to the Champlain College president’s list for the Spring 2020 semester. Students on the president’s list have achieved a GPA of 4.0 or higher during the semester.

Jessica Utter of Hinesburg graduated from Fort Lewis College in May 2020. Utter graduated with a degree in marketing and communication design.

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom Announces Scholarship Recipients

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Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Eunice B. Farr Incentive Award

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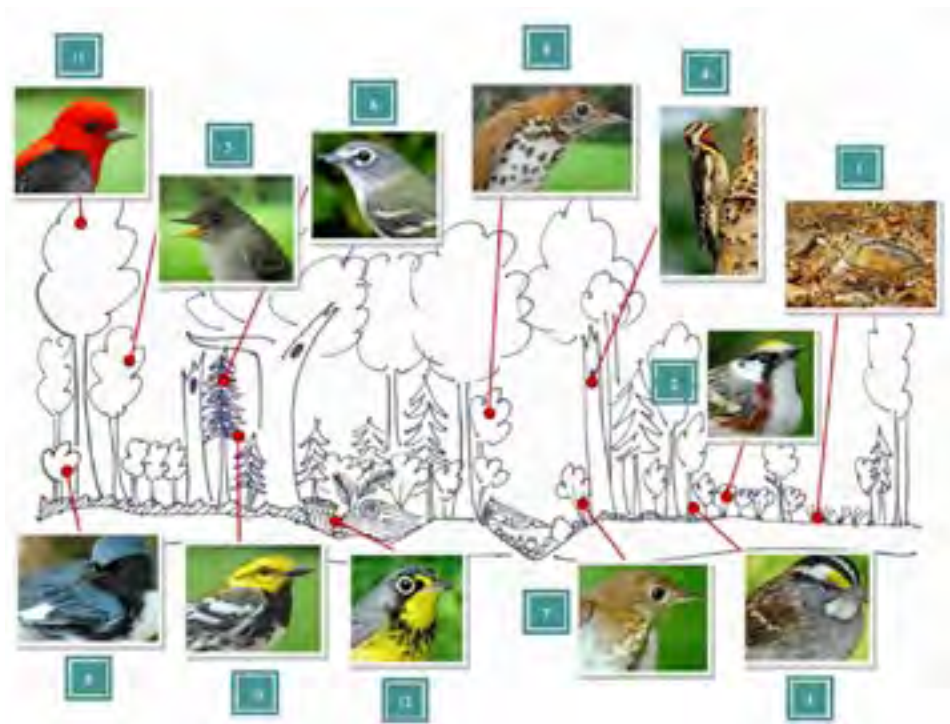
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COMMENTARY

Vermont's Future: We Are Able ... Are We Ready and Willing?

BY BILL SCHUBART

We face a difficult choice in Vermont. Do we struggle to recapture the past and preserve the self-interests designed into it or do we exercise the courage and leadership to step up, face down, and address the simmering challenges laid bare by the pandemic and made more difficult by an inept administration in Washington?

The challenges are familiar. Most Vermonters live with them. They're mostly access problems: health care, education and child care, housing, food, broadband, civil rights, public transportation and living-wage employment.

The tired banner that says our problems can all be solved by lower taxes and less regulation which will spur development fades in our current reality. Like most simple answers, it belies the complexity and risk that real solutions present. Oversimplification is easily consumed like a bag of potato chips — easily swallowed but lacking in nutrition.

We have enough money; we need strategic leadership and shared intelligence. We need to rebalance our state motto Freedom and Unity and reinvest in unity.

Governor Scott has been one of the finest crisis managers in the country and we Vermonters owe him a great debt of

gratitude. Many of us are alive because of his leadership and humility. Like any great leader, he has enlisted and deferred to experts to develop and deploy a plan for the safety of his citizens, and I, for one, am deeply grateful.

But as conditions change, so do the calls on leadership. For Vermont to recover fully and grow again, we must address our endemic challenges. They won't go away with a vaccine or herd immunity.

Various strategic groups are studying how to salvage Vermont's past institutional and administrative infrastructure. But these distract from the need to focus first on Vermonters' real needs. For now, we must ignore existing delivery systems and reimagine how we might deliver these needs more cost efficiently, starting from our people, our families and our communities, not our institutions.

Progress will depend on our willingness to leave ideologies and self-interests at the door and examine how we make governing decisions, especially how we move from costly consulting studies to transformative action. We will need to:

- Ignore the endless "problem statements" and focus on articulated "opportunity statements."
- Abandon the natural inclination to insulate the current infrastructure's self-interests from any change.
- Start by defining the needs of the individual, the family or the community.
- Move our socio-economic investments upstream from remediation and repair to prevention.

Health care is a good example. It's far less expensive to educate Vermonters on how to lead healthy lives, prevent and treat early onset of disease than

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scholarships. "It is a pleasure to award these scholarships on an annual basis. We wish these motivated students the best of luck in their future endeavors," said Eric Haskin, president and CEO of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom. This year's recipients were as follows:

Champlain Valley Union High School — **Brianna Bachinski**

Harwood Union High School — **Laili Iskandarova**

Mount Abraham Union High School — **Sydney Perlee**

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Middlebury Union High School — **Jeffrey Lokatys**

Vergennes High School — **Nathan DeVos**

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it is to repair late-stage disease, especially chronic conditions like diabetes. So why do we have so few primary, pediatric and geriatric doctors and so many specialists? Repairing broken people is a far more lucrative business; ensuring their wellness, however, is less so. A recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Donald Berwick called "The Moral Determinants of Health" expresses this succinctly.

Education and child care both provide other examples. We know enough to move ahead:

- Science tells us that critical brain development begins prenatally and accelerates significantly in the preschool ages.
- Lack of child care inhibits employment and regular income.
- Lack of income complicates housing and food security.
- The homeless, hungry or abused child does not learn normally and will be more expensive to help downstream.

Rather than closing local schools, let's use our knowledge of early childhood learning and begin at birth, making the most of those early child development years. Combine this with early intervention, trauma-informed family care and we will significantly lower the downstream costs of special education, criminal justice and corrections.

What will higher education look like next year? Even as each of the system's component colleges have their own group working to ready their institution for the future, the Vermont State College Board of Trustees has charged a statewide taskforce to design the future of the system as a whole. In addition, the Vermont Legislature created a select committee on the Future of Public Higher Education in Vermont (Act 120). This group is focusing its initial inquiry on the changing needs and profiles of students and their future employers. The vitality of the component institutions and communities remains important, but if the redesign doesn't meet the future needs and financial capacity of Vermonters of all ages, we'll simply be furthering the decline of public higher education in Vermont.

And how does higher education's future tie into other challenges? Can unused dorms become temporary affordable or homeless housing ... alternatives to corrections? Can empty campuses become labs of innovation and entrepreneurship in partnership with business? Most critical, will we have built out the broadband necessary to reduce residency and infrastructure costs as we move classrooms online?

Environmentally, it's vastly cheaper to care for the communities, natural spaces, and working landscapes we have now than it is to remediate the damage we're doing to our soils, water and air with antiquated sewer systems, fossil-fuel emissions and weed killer and chemical fertilizer applications to our soils. We're making significant progress here with the emergence of regenerative agriculture and regional food systems that supply Vermonters at increasingly competitive prices with food grown nearby without the injurious

health impacts of additives and distribution costs from a deteriorating industrialized food supply chain.

In public transportation ... I can land in Stockholm, Sweden, board a train into Stockholm and travel by unmanned light rail to many small towns in Sweden without ever renting a car. Such low impact, high-delivery public transportation systems will require major national funding ... perhaps a better long-term investment than the F-35s that rattle our homes. During its 60-year lifetime, the Government Accounting Office projects this single-pilot, deeply flawed fleet of 535 fighter planes will cost \$1.12 trillion dollars. Imagine if this had been invested in a national rail system.

We can do this. It will take courage, leadership and a deepened sense of community. Our egos and privilege haunt our past. But our families, communities and institutions are our future.

The pandemic has presented us both with an accelerant to our problems and a time to reflect and reinvent a better life for ourselves and our children.

The Wild Kingdom

BY ALI GATELY

Like so many others, my husband and I have been spending a lot of time at home, following the guidelines and patiently waiting for this virus to be conquered. Consequently, life's little moments have taken on a magnitude of their own. And thus, these past few weeks the unexpected enjoyment of watching a bird's nest being built outside our front door had become a bright spot in our daily routine — until a few weeks ago.

Thursday — We spotted a group of three magnificent red-tailed hawks just sitting together on our front lawn as if they were at an Audubon convention waiting for the speaker ... an unusual sight at the very least, but little did we know it was the start of a strange series of events that would follow.

Friday — We were awakened Friday night by the very bright light of the motion detector on the front of our barn. From our bedroom window, we watched a bear, a big black bear stand on his hind legs to get a drink from our bird bath. Not deterred by the light, he slowly sauntered down our driveway in search of more interesting fare. Hmmm ...

Saturday — This was when the wild kingdom started to get WILD. We left the house around 7 a.m. for our daily walk to get the newspaper. As we opened the front door we saw the bird's nest — scattered all over the deck with a lifeless, feathery body nearby. And in the driveway, two more small feathered bodies — half eaten. Needless to say, not a good way to start our morning. As we began the process of sweeping up the sad remains, we noticed a slight movement from the feathery ball. A tiny head appeared, wings emerged and little chirping began! What to do?

Immediately I called our family wildlife

specialist, my sister Jana on Cape Cod, a long time wildlife rehabber. She advised us to put the remains of the nest in a shoebox with some water and to let the fledgling try to recover from the trauma. As I did so I heard another little chirp and there hiding behind a lawn chair was a second little bird. I put a soft face cloth in the L.L. Bean size 11 shoebox and the two immediately curled up together for comfort and warmth. That night I put the shoebox in our screened porch and barricaded the door with a heavy bench to keep them safe. Good thing, because later that night our front porch motion sensor light went on — the murderer had returned to the scene of the crime! Was it the hawk? No. The bear? No. Even the mask couldn't hide his identity. It was a big, chubby raccoon! But the barricade held. So, aha! Foiled!

Sunday — That morning we checked on the kids. They had survived the night — one was still sleeping and one was vigorously flapping his wings, anxious to fly. We put the box on a high table on our deck near where the nest was built and waited out of sight. Shortly thereafter, two adult wrens swooped in to take charge, seemingly unperturbed by the hastily crafted new abode. As the babies were now under the watchful care of the newly arrived parents, we gave the family their space. Later, I went back to check the status and to my dismay there was only one baby there. It was laying on its back, little feet up in the air and dead to the world ... I mean, sadly, LITERALLY dead to the world. The trauma was apparently just too much for this little one. We searched the area in vain for the twin, but finding no trace, we choose to think it was strong enough to fly off with mom and dad!

The burial behind the barn was a quiet and peaceful affair. There was one less critter in the wild kingdom and nature's world had resumed its normal cycle. Our world, regrettably, will not see "normal" for some time to come!

The Phosphorus Pickle

BY ROGER DONEGAN

About the time Ben & Jerry's transitioned from their start-up ice cream business, complete with advertising featuring Vermont cows in the background to the widely familiar trademark Holsteins by artist Woody Jackson, a spiral bound copy of a LaPlatte River Watershed Study (D. W. Meals, 1982) was of high interest for its local environment focus. Like the ice cream company, the report also featured an image of a Holstein on the cover. I had a burgeoning appetite for a wide range of topics in water quality up to industrial scale ultrapure water production for a steam electric power plant, a job that veered off into environmental regulatory compliance. Something about the depiction of this particular cow on the cover of a professional report didn't fit. To the point, the Holstein had an oddly configured black on white splotch across its rump, which I ultimately recognized as a superimposed replica of Hinesburg's geo-

graphic area. The report didn't contain a credit, an admission or an explanatory note for the cover masquerade. Lacking such, the spoof plus the report left me scratching my head.

A lot revolved, and devolved, around Hinesburg's wastewater facility with its single point discharge to the LaPlatte River since 1982. Long-term residents might find it near impossible to think of wastewater without harkening back to Hinesburg's cheese plant heyday on Route 116 that ended with International Cheese. IC's wastewater treatment system, a generous and optimistic description for the system, and the town's wastewater treatment lagoons were joined at the hip, effectively hobbling the town. The arrangement was ultimately sealed under an official pretreatment agreement permit feature to discharge to the town's lagoons while maintaining a single town point discharge to the LaPlatte River.

Notable milestones at the end of the Hinesburg cheese era include IC processing a whopping 500 million pounds of milk in 1991 ("Vermont's Big Cheese," Burlington Free Press, Nov. 15, 1992). With Hinesburg caught in the middle, the state held a \$4.2 million CVU expansion project hostage during the Act 250 proceedings over the increased hookup to the town's sewer system in 1993 ("Awaiting Word from the State," Burlington Free Press, August 6, 1993). A season of insufferable sulfide odor wafted through the village in 1994, which precipitated the removal of a colossal volume of decade-old sludge and a joint engineering study by the town and IC. Repeat wastewater violations and regulatory fines had been the norm, often for exceeding the phosphorus limit in the town's discharge. Rumors of plant closure circulated. Blue skies returned thereafter through 1998 when IC, having greatly outgrown its britches, and then known in business circles as "Stella" or "the Saputo Group," floated an ambitious plan to locate 28 storage silos, some as tall as 70 feet in the village center ("Firm's Silo Plan Progresses," Burlington Free Press, Nov. 11, 1998). It's unknown whether the plan ever had a real chance, but the existing facility did succumb to a catastrophic fire, ending Hinesburg's cheese heyday in September 2008.

Comparatively, the lull on the Hinesburg wastewater front has been a municipal relief. Yet today, absent anything akin to an impossible-to-treat cheese factory wastewater load, the town's current wastewater discharge permit, a matrix of EPA and state environmental regulations, to whit a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System wastewater permit, squeezes tighter with each permit renewal. This situation has the town facility caught in the phosphorus pickle once again between a lower phosphorus limit, the specter of administrative penalties and an inevitable costly upgrade, double jeopardy when the new ammonia limits are put on the table. These more exacting requirements aren't negotiable either.

A rule of thumb in industrial water pollution control is to expect the unexpected. *continued on page 23*

RELIGION

United Church of Hinesburg

An Open, Welcoming, Affirming and Reconciling Church

Pastor: Rev. Jared Hamilton

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

Location: 10580 Route 116

Phone: 482-3352

Email: unitedchurch@gmavt.net

Address: P.O. Box 39

Website: ucofh.org

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship is now livestreaming.

Choir practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday

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

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

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

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

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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



Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Council Chair: Allan Monniere 578-8572

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff: 482-3066

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

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

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

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

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 434-4782

Religious Education (CCD): Monday



evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades K-8. Registration is required.

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

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

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

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

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

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

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

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

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

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

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

Williston Federated Church

United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church

An Open and Affirming Reconciling Congregation

Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

Phone: 878-5792.

Website: steeples.org

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

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

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

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

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Non-Denominational Service

Pastor: Rev. Don Chatfield

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 Service



▶ Animal Hospital

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would if she were in the appointment room.

Clients have appreciated Armstrong and the hospital's dedication for safety while still providing excellent customer service during this time.

Long-time client Summers had to put down two of her dogs while using the curbside service, and said that the hospital team went above and beyond for her. Instead of putting them to sleep without her, Summers said the team honored the moment, took extra care and made it as peaceful as possible for both her and her pets.

"A doctor and staff person brought blankets to [the] garden and allowed me to hold my [dogs] as they left this world," Summers said.

Register said she is very impressed by how the hospital is handling the pandemic, in terms of protecting humans'



COVID19-safe consultation.

health, as well as continuing to serve the animals.

"You watch the pets walk in, and all their tails are wagging. They're telling you it's OK in there. You can let your pet go," Register said.

Summers said she feels that the hospi-

▶ Commentary

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rification was — it will cost as much to remove the last 5% of a contaminant from water, even inconvenient, naturally occurring contaminants such as phosphorous, as it did to remove the first 95%. The first step away from regulatory wastewater status quo began with the Vermont Water Quality Standards with numeric limits in 1991. Vermont Senate Bill 196 decreed that 31 Vermont municipal sewage treatment facilities would be required to reduce phosphorus discharge levels to 0.8 mg/L with a grossly underestimated total cost of \$3.6 million to be covered by state grants.

With everyone likely in favor of a Lake Champlain "cleanup," tighter requirements are our own doing. Still, even a moderate incremental approach was viewed by a few who thought the changes in regulatory policy were just not responsive enough. The winding road to less phosphorus in the water is littered with court battles over our heads. At times it's difficult to figure who's winning — the people, the environment, the state, the EPA or the self-appointed peoples' advocate? The town of Hinesburg won't feel much a winner financing the next upgrade to the wastewater facility or hiking rates for municipal sewer service. Why, just last year we were one environmental court case away from regulatory whiplash.

In 2008 the Vermont Conservation Law Foundation sued the EPA to force more stringent wastewater discharge limits. The Obama administration responded by rescinding its former 2002 approval of the novel Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load phosphorus limits approach. Five years later, the Legislature and state and federal agencies approved newer TMDL limits. Near the conclusion of this interim in 2013, the Burlington Free Press, in its mode of printing Sunday testimonial-like editorials under the page column I Believe published the vice president

and director of the Montpelier-based Conservation Law Foundation editorial "I Believe: On Lake Cleanup, Actions will be the Measure of Success" (Burlington Free Press, June 9, 2013, by Chris Killian). A middle paragraph begins with "We often hear that cleanup is hard and even impractical due to cost to municipal ratepayers, farmers, and developers ... but Vermonters have long recognized that we all own our waters and that it is fair for polluters to be responsible for paying the problems they cause."

In 2015 the Vermont Legislature passed Act 64 which called for \$2.3 billion in state and federal funding but with a \$62 million funding gap. In 2016 the Legislature drafted and codified the cleanup with a slew of broadly impacting ancillary rules. On July 30, 2017, the CLF publicly announced its intention to sue the state over the issuance of nine new wastewater treatment facility permits in seven municipalities including Hinesburg. Central to CLF's complaint was that state in-lake limits wouldn't be met, so the state can't allow wastewater treatment facilities to approach their maximum permit discharge. On Friday afternoon Feb. 1, 2019, the Vermont Environmental Division court in Brattleboro quietly issued its decision to motions for sum-

tal is handling the pandemic very well and thoroughly accommodating their patients, especially considering how much stress the staff must be under.

"I give the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg [an] A-plus for maintaining as safe an environment as possible for staff, pet owners and of course, superlative care for our pets," Summers said.

The staff at the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg strives for clients to understand the value of their services, according to Armstrong. He said that this is more challenging to convey when the clients can't physically watch them working with their pets, but that the hospital counters this by going above and beyond to communicate over the phone.

"As a business owner, the perception of value is very important ... we really want to make sure people understand what we're doing and the value of that," Armstrong said,

Register said that she even has ob-

mary judgment by denying CLF another honing of the TMDL phosphorous cutting blade.

Hinesburg still faces the daunting task of complying with its unadulterated permit and upgrading its wastewater facility. The LaPlatte discharges to Shelburne Bay, a defined water body in the TMDL compartmental view of Lake Champlain where a target phosphorus concentration of 0.014 mg/L in the center of the bay is set by the Vermont Water Quality Standards, and in essence, is the new high hurdle the town faces.

served some veterinarians coming out to the parking lot with their masks on to talk to clients who are in their cars providing clients with additional reassurances on treatments.

"They really are going the extra mile," Register said. "I can imagine it can be a little tough because people in this pandemic and being locked up and having to let go of their pets, some people can be a little testy. And so, his staff has to deal with that as well, and they do a beautiful job of it."



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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Dr. Armstrong and Animal Hospital of Hinesburg Serve Clients and Their Pets

BY ANYA KAUFFMAN,
COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

Bobbie Summers has been a client of the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg since the late 1990s, back when they had a much smaller clinic. She said she has been faithfully seeing them ever since.

The Animal Hospital of Hinesburg, a veterinary hospital serving Hinesburg, has long had a supportive and loyal network of clients — now, with the COVID-19 pandemic, these clients have demonstrated that loyalty.

Dr. Rich Armstrong is a veterinarian and owning partner at the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg. He said that when COVID-19 first hit, they had to make some significant adjustments.

When the animal hospital closed for a few days in March due to an employee undergoing COVID-19 testing, they postponed appointments. The hospital has since reopened and implemented curbside service to account for COVID-19 health concerns.

For each appointment, veterinary technicians discuss the pet's medical history and reason for visiting with clients on the phone, then come out and greet clients outside. Then, the technicians bring the pets inside for examination and treatment. At the end, doctors call the clients back to discuss their findings.

For the most part, the hospital isn't allowing pet owners to come inside in order to protect both clients and the hospital's staff. It is not proven that animals can spread COVID-19 to humans, Armstrong said.

"We're trying to protect both our team, and the clients that we serve while still taking good care of the animals, which is our primary role," Armstrong said.

With appointments having built up due to the hospital's period of closure and



Dr. Rich Armstrong.

with extended appointment times created by their new curbside service, the hospital is busier than ever. In addition, spring and summer are the hospital's busiest times anyway, according to Armstrong.

Susan Register began taking her dog to the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg because she was referred there for a special surgery. She said she was so impressed with their work that she established them as her regular vet, even though there are many other vets who are stationed closer to where she lives.

Register said that it can be hard for pet owners to let go of their pets, even for just one appointment, but after being a client of the hospital for so long, she is completely confident that the technicians are treating the pets just as they

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Hamilton, a Labordoodle patient, is returned to "mom and dad" in the waiting room, which is actually the parking lot these days.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make a Difference

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

Mentoring

Make a difference in the life of a child. Become a mentor at HCS. No tutoring involved, just being a buddy to a child who would benefit from adult friendship. And only one hour a week during the school year. Contact Ginny Roberts at groberts@cvsdvt.org or 482-8248 for more information.

Hinesburg Trails

Help maintain public trails. All skill levels from none (just enthusiasm) to experienced chainsaw operators, and trail designers are needed. For more information contact Jane Sheldon at elcabi2@gmavt.net.

Meals on Wheels

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

Visit a Senior

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

Town Committees

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

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agency Request Review Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Recreation Commission

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

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