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Town of Hinesburg to Receive \$10,000 Business Revitalization Grant

BY TYLER LEDERER, THE COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

The town of Hinesburg is to receive a \$10,000 grant to promote spending at town businesses with the “Hinesburg Buck,” a currency which can be used to make purchases in participating downtown locations.

The “Restart Vermont Regional Marketing and Stimulus Grant Program,” which is designed to revitalize local businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, was provided by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

The program is similar to other local currency initiatives around the country such as Vermont’s own “Bristol Bucks.”

“Obviously, [we’re] very pleased,” said Town Administrator Renae Marshall on the prospect of receiving the grant. “Anything that we can do to support our local businesses through this time is absolutely a plus.”

Stuart Deliduka, a member of the Hinesburg Business & Professional Association, is the co-owner of a Hinesburg business, Element Nail Salon, alongside his wife. His business has been in need of a boost since the pandemic began, he said.

“It’s turned our service industry, which was pretty much appointment based... into a little bit of a Rubik’s Cube,” he said. “We lost our two busiest months of the year... it’ll impact our revenue numbers from today compared to last year on the same day.”

“This is not going to be the end-all be-all [sic],” he said. “But I think every little bit helps.”

Deliduka, as a member of the HBPA, wrote a letter of support for the town grant application.

The project is a collaboration between the town of Hinesburg, the HBPA, the Hinesburg Record and the University of Vermont. The HBPA will work with local businesses to explain and recruit for the program.

The Record will be in charge of design and distribution of the Bucks. UVM students enrolled in the Community News Service internship, which distributes student-produced stories to Chittenden County papers, **continued on page 17**



Live from the Farmer’s Market... with Love!

Marc Shapiro and Billy Corbett play music at the Isham Family Farm farmers market on Tuesday, September 1. The last farmers market of the year at Isham Family Farm will be Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 4–7 p.m., 3515 Oak Hill Rd, Williston (just past Lake Iroquois). Photo by Cathy Ryan.

A New Kind of High School

For first time since spring, most CVU students return under hybrid model

BY ERIN GALLAGHER AND ALYSON DETCH, THE COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Students returned to Champlain Valley Union High School this week under a hybrid learning model where cohorts of students are in-person on alternating days — leaving plenty of

time for cleaning.

The reopening plan consisted of two options: a remote model, and a hybrid model. 60 students are **continued on page 12**



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LETTERS

Letter Policy

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that effect our town. The opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor are those of the writers.

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

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.

Response to Lake Iroquois Letters

I am writing in response to the letters regarding Lake Iroquois that appeared in your Aug. 27 edition. As the president of the Lake Iroquois Association, I feel it necessary to provide a more realistic, data-based report on the milfoil infestation in Lake Iroquois.

Contrary to the position taken in these letters, there continues to be a serious infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Lake Iroquois this year. It certainly does not appear to have decreased. Some individuals have reported observing thick stands of EWM in areas of the lake not previously observed. While milfoil has surfaced in some places, dense surface mats haven't formed as prominently this year compared to some previous years. This is neither unusual nor something to become complacent about. There will be some variation from year to year in growth patterns and density of surface matting. However, the infestation remains

quite dense and appears to continue its spread.

These letters also suggest the milfoil is not pressuring native aquatic plant species. It is difficult at best to understand this without performing an aquatic plant survey. In support of sound science, the LIA has consistently funded aquatic plant surveys conducted by the Darrin Freshwater Institute, an independent scientific organization. We know from these surveys that the milfoil is, in fact, squeezing out native plant populations. All of the survey reports are available on our website: lakeiroquois.org/water/plant-surveys. Behavioral studies of invasives show there is no reason to think this pattern will not continue. It is a slow process. Native species do not disappear all at once, however, it is often the outcome. Eurasian Watermilfoil has no natural predators or limitations in this environment. This aquatic invasive species will continue to spread and likely will continue to outcompete native species. Native species loss is far from trivial, and can have a domino effect on the lake ecosystem. Milfoil provides neither food nor habitat for native animal species. Its continued presence in very dense stands can lead to fewer and fewer areas of the lake supportive of native fish and amphibian species. As the milfoil continues to spread, native flora and fauna become reduced or simply disappear. This can be gradual, and as stewards of this precious resource, we believe it is our responsibility to do what we can to prevent this from happening.

Beyond milfoil, lake water quality is improving based on the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Lake Scorecard (available at: lakeiroquois.org/water/lake-datamaps). Due to the hard work of LIA volunteers for over 40 years, the lake continues to see a highly significant decrease in lake phosphorus levels and incremental improvements in sediment loading, thus improving water clarity. The LIA is also continuing its work to reduce and control the milfoil infestation. In March, we submitted an application for an Aquatic Nuisance Control permit with the VT DEC to allow a very low dose application of the herbicide ProcellaCOR on 40% of the lake as part of an integrated pest management plan that accompanied the submittal (available at: lakeiroquois.org/invasives/milfoil-control-efforts). As of this date,

the permit is still under review by the VT DEC. Normally, the LIA would also conduct Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting to clear some of the busy boating areas to reduce milfoil fragmentation and spread. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the boat crews are not able to work this summer. We have been able to continue our greeter program and our education and outreach efforts to lake users to encourage best practices to reduce the spread of the milfoil and to prevent other invasive species from entering the lake.

Overall, the milfoil infestation continues to be a serious problem in Lake Iroquois. It remains a real threat to the lake ecosystem; one that would be folly to ignore. Invasive species do not "balance out." They are opportunistic and will continue to spread and multiply until they overwhelm an environment in which they have no natural predators or limitations. Consider for example the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest in Hinesburg, Vermont, where herbicide treatment enters its second year to address infestations of buckthorn, honeysuckle and Japanese barberry (frontporchforum.com/areas/122/issues/4158). Or our sister watershed group, the Lewis Creek Association, which has engaged in a great deal of hard work to control Yellow Iris in Thorp Brook and Lower Lewis Creek using foliar herbicides (lewiscreek.org/press-releases-and-news/2019/9/3/yellow-iris-control-in-thorp-brook-andlower-lewis-creek). These and other efforts stand as excellent examples of choosing not to ignore the problem or engaging in wishful thinking. The suggestion that somehow the milfoil has magically stopped spreading or will disappear in the absence of intervention is an ineffective approach. It will not solve the problem, nor will it mitigate against serious, long-term damage to the ecosystem. Only the kind of sustained, consistent evidence-based work the LIA continues to be engaged in will reduce and control this invasive and ensure the continued health and viability of Lake Iroquois.

Lake Iroquois is healthy in many respects. We have enjoyed seeing our loon family grow and watching the eagles, osprey, geese and gulls fish for their prey. Yet, we cannot become complacent and pretend that all is well when we know and can see that below the surface this noxious invasive lurks, continuing to spread and endangering our beautiful lake.

Chris Conant, President, Lake Iroquois Association

Town News

Town Clerk & Treasurer

BY MISSY ROSS

Election

The primary election is behind us and we can now focus on the upcoming general election on Nov. 3. As many of you are probably aware, the state is planning to mail ballots for the November election to all active voters on the checklist. Please remember that the reason this process has been implemented for this election is to minimize risks to public health for voters, poll workers and election staff. The state will begin mailing the ballots during the week of Sept. 21. We anticipate that you should receive your ballot by Oct. 1 or shortly thereafter. If you don't receive a ballot and believe that you should have, please contact the town clerk's office by calling 802-482-2281, ext. 1 or by emailing Missy Ross at mross@hinesburg.org or Heather Roberts at hroberts@hinesburg.org. We will be happy to help you update your address and mail one to your corrected address.

The ballot you will all be receiving has two sides so please remember to turn it over to view the items on the reverse side. These include the local election of the justices of the peace, as well as the bond vote for the wastewater upgrade and the question regarding whether the town should initiate an ambulance service.

You can drop your ballot off at the town clerk's office during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We are also installing a secure drop box on the walkway near the entrance to the clerk's office. We anticipate using this drop box for property tax and water and sewer payments as well. The polls will still be open on Election Day and the clerk's office will be open during the aforementioned hours for early in-person voting. If the Statewide Election Management System indicates that you were mailed a ballot, you will have to fill out an affidavit swearing that you have not yet voted. We truly appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation as we navigate these challenging times as safely and securely as possible.

Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills were mailed in mid-August. If you didn't receive your bill, please contact us via email and we

can attach a PDF for you. If you need to send a copy to your escrow company, please keep a copy for your own records as you will need it for filing your homestead declaration and request for property tax adjustment when you file your 2020 income tax return. Payments should be mailed or dropped in the newly installed drop box outside the clerk's office. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please call Missy at 802-482-2281, ext.1.

Special Fall 2020 Hinesburg Playgroup Offering

ALEXANDRA KONCEWICZ, COORDINATOR, HINESBURG FRIENDS OF FAMILIES

Hinesburg Friends of Families is excited to announce a new playgroup offering in response to the challenges of COVID-19. This fall we will be hosting an outdoor Musical Storytime Playgroup on Thursday mornings from 10-10:30 a.m. on the lawn next to Hinesburg Town Hall. Join us for stories, songs and movement games. This playgroup will take place weather permitting starting on Sept. 17 and is designed for little ones aged birth to 5 years old and their grownups. If we have to cancel due to weather it will be posted on our Facebook page facebook.com/hinesburgfof. Masks will be required when arriving and departing playgroup and when social distancing cannot be maintained, but masks can be removed when families are seated six feet apart. We plan to host this playgroup through October and when the weather gets too cold and rainy to be outside, we will move online.

Friends of Families is a program of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. All playgroups are free and open to attendees from any town, thanks to support from the town of Hinesburg and many businesses and individuals. We welcome all kinds of caregivers (parents, grandparents, nannies) with their kids and we follow the school calendar and closings. Please contact Alexandra Koncewicz, Friends of Families coordinator, with questions at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org or 802-482-4946.



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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.

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center: 51 Ballards Corner Road. Rachel Kring, Executive Director, kring@hinesburgresource.org, 482-4946. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

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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. HBPAVT.COM

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

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House Passes Major Money Bills to Senate

BY HINESBURG STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL LIPPERT

House Passes Balanced Steady-State Budget 140-4

Since reconvening on Aug. 25, the Vermont House of Representatives has worked daily to develop a budget bill that makes investments in Vermonters, builds on priorities and preserves services jeopardized by the COVID-19 crisis. The Vermont House of Representatives recently gave approval to the FY2021 State Budget (H.969). The bill now goes to the Senate, with final approval expected before Sept. 25, the projected “final adjournment” for this extraordinarily extended remote 2020 legislative session.

The House-passed budget preserves services to vulnerable Vermonters while also seeking to ease the burden of pandemic impacts by appropriating the final \$200 million of federal Coronavirus Relief Funds. Vermont has greatly benefited this year from being able to allocate the \$1.125 billion in CRF funds to assist Vermont businesses and Vermonters. As noted previously, Vermont has received an average \$2,000 per capita, compared to \$338 per capita for 40 some other states, because of a “small state minimum” allocation, negotiated by our congressional delegation over the past number of years.

The chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Kitty Toll, described the House proposed budget as a “steady budget in the midst of financial turmoil.” Building on the Governor’s budget, but with several significant modifications such as funding the Vermont State Colleges bridge dollars, the House Appropriations Committee crafted a budget that included the Governor’s recommended 3% general fund reductions, and 5% internal service fund reductions — all achieved by trimming various administrative costs, including reduced travel, etc. This budget benefited greatly from receipt of stronger than anticipated revenues (deferred from last fiscal year due to COVID-19) coming in during this fiscal year, and offsetting the nearly \$200 million loss in projected state revenues.

The House passed the full year budget on a roll call vote of 140-4. Interestingly, the following day, the only Republican to vote against the budget on the roll call, publicly

stated to the full House that he had mistakenly voted against the budget, because of family distractions during the roll-call process. He had intended to support the budget instead. That would have made the official vote 141-3.

The roll-call vote of 140-4 (or unofficially 141-3) demonstrated an extraordinary show of support from all parts of the Vermont political spectrum, and was a tribute to the incredible work of the House Appropriations Committee which supported the budget 11-0, and which completed the full year budget over the course of just 13 working days. It was also a very collaborative process with policy committees — who have accumulated expertise in their various areas of jurisdiction — everything from education, commerce, health care, energy, human services, judiciary, etc.

The budget ensures Vermont colleges are strong by making a record investment in post-secondary education, including \$23.8 million in bridge funding for the Vermont State Colleges System. The budget bill also allocates dollars to make child care more affordable, provides resources for vulnerable Vermonters looking to start a business, directs relief payments to Vermonters ineligible for federal assistance because of immigration status (see below) and invests in public transportation and incentives to reduce the cost of electric vehicles.

The budget ensures that there are no cuts to the services Vermonters count on. At the same time, the budget fully funds future obligations, and keeps our state’s financial reserves full to ensure we are in a strong financial position heading into the uncertain months that lie ahead in the new budget year of FY22.

This budget delivers for Vermonters in need, invests in our state’s future, and ensures our communities have the tools they need to rebuild from the pandemic.

Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Equity Program

Last spring, most Americans received federal economic stimulus payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic: \$1,200 for adults; \$500 for children under age 17. Approximately 4,000 adults and 1,000 children who reside in Vermont were deemed ineligible for these federal assistance payments because of their immigration status.

The Vermont House has given approval to a newly created Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Equity Program that will grant one-time payments of \$1,200 for adults and \$500 for children who were ineligible because of immigration status,

mirroring the relief payments to all other Vermonters.

The House passed the newly created \$5 million Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Equity Program on a strong vote of 129-15, articulating its priority that all residents of Vermont, regardless of status, deserve equitable treatment in this time of state and national emergency.

These workers, many of whom have kept the state’s dairy and vegetable farms operating seamlessly through the crisis, were declared essential by executive order. Governor Scott included this concept of aid to immigrant and undocumented Vermonters in his recently proposed FY2021 budget. The House Appropriations Committee recommended a stand-alone fund program apart from the budget and identified additional monies to cover all potential recipients statewide.

The program would be paid for with General Funds (\$2 million) and monies from the 2018 Tobacco Litigation Fund (\$3 million). All payments will be awarded by June 30, 2021 and any unspent funds will revert back to the Tobacco Fund.

Legislative Contact: Please feel free to be in touch even after this year’s “extended” official legislative session is projected to end on Sept. 25: Hinesburg State Representative Bill Lippert, wlippert@leg.state.vt.us or 802-734-0593.

Lt. Governor Newsletter

BY VERMONT LT. GOV. DAVID ZUCKERMAN

Anniversary of 9/11

On the 19th anniversary of 9/11, we remembered the victims, the families and survivors dealing with loss and recognize the lasting consequences of 9/11 on individual lives.

The Legislature is back for an abbreviated session to pass the rest of the FY21 budget and more financial relief for Vermonters. The Legislature is working hard to identify ways we can use federal money to plug some of the holes in our economy that the pandemic has exposed. They are focusing on support for those with low wage jobs, those without paid family medical leave, those without affordable health care and those who lack of child care. This pandemic has highlighted the importance of supporting systems that ensure working families have the means to withstand a crisis. Right now, too many are living on the edge.

During economically difficult times, social injustice becomes amplified.

We’ve seen this in Vermont at the Burlington protests demanding three police officers’ resignations and at racial justice protests throughout the state. We can and must address the systems that have created these inequities and commit ourselves to this work. Changing systems that have been embedded in our culture for hundreds of years will take time and dedication. I hope you will join me for this work.

I’m happy to report that the Senate has just increased funding for the hazard pay program, expanding the benefits to those essential employees that were excluded in the original legislation — retail workers, sanitation, child care and janitorial staff, etc. Our essential workers, from nursing home aides to grocery clerks, have risked their health to keep the rest of us comfortable and they deserve to be recognized and thanked.

Earlier this week the House approved the Governor’s proposal for a program that would provide COVID-19 stimulus checks to Vermonters who didn’t receive federal payments earlier this year because of their immigration status. I am proud of the Vermont House for identifying the full funding necessary to support these valuable Vermonters. These immigrant families, who live and work in our communities to provide our food and keep our dairies operating, were excluded from the stimulus checks, authorized by the federal government in the CARES Act passed in March.

Those left out include Vermont residents without Social Security numbers as well as many mixed-status families. This includes approximately 1,200 immigrant dairy workers who have been classified as essential during the pandemic by the Department of Homeland Security and whom we rely heavily upon to keep our dairy farms operating.

Now, more than ever, during the public health crisis, we need to make sure that all Vermonters have access to basic needs and safety.

Thank you to Xusana Davis, director of Racial Equity and the House Committee on Appropriations for advocating for and identifying these resources for Vermonters.

All Are Welcome Here

In response to recent anti-Black-Lives-Matter graffiti and vandalism on roads in southern Vermont, I want to say that in Vermont: All Are Welcome Here. I recognize, encourage, support, join and appreciate the southern Vermont citizens, businesses and town officials who have been standing up against racism, hate and bigotry.

We must embrace everyone as the individuals they are and the strength they bring to our community. Racism is not acceptable in Vermont. #hatehasnobizhere.

Racist ideas are woven into the fab-

ric of this country, and the first step to building an antiracist America is acknowledging America’s racist past and present. Here are two books I’ve found informative, interesting and helpful:

- The book “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You” by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi is a fast-paced read that shines a light on the many insidious forms of racist ideas — and on ways YOU can identify and stamp out racist thoughts, leading to a better future. This book is also available in a young adult version.
- The book “March,” by Congressman John Lewis, is a graphic novel with a reflection on his important experiences from the civil rights era. If we do not understand our past, we cannot understand the issues we are facing in the present, nor can we improve people’s lives in the future.

Additionally, the movie “13th,” the first movie shown in the Lt. Gov. Movie Series, gives the viewers a lens into the history of systemic racism and how it is woven into our very own U.S. constitution.

This is not an easy topic for many of us to understand, comprehend or explore within ourselves. But we are at a critical time when we must reflect on societal advantages white people have had throughout history in our country and state. While there are many other injustices as well (wealth inequality for instance) that also need to be addressed, in this moment ... it is important to make sure we reflect on the impacts of intimidation (and worse) that occur in our communities. From biased policing, wealth inequality brought on by governmental policies, to issues of daily subtle abuse that many do not see, we all need to do better. Please read or watch these resources to help get a better understanding of systemic racism.

As we recover from the public health and economic emergency, let’s work to address systemic inequities.

Be well and stay safe.

CSWD

Drop-Off Centers Return to Per-Bag Fee Structure With Modifications

Beginning Monday, Aug. 31, CSWD discontinued the temporary flat fees at all Drop-Off Center locations and reinstated modified “per-bag” fees in line with our pre-COVID-19 structure. The new fee schedule is below.

Adjusted Bag Fee Structure for All CSWD Drop-Off Centers

All fees are now set at whole dollar amounts to minimize the handling of coins and to support quick transactions between staff and customers. In developing this modified pricing, CSWD carefully considered the financial impact on our customers as well as how we could cover our costs and incentivize the public to generate less trash and reduce trip frequency. We have also modified our bag/barrel sizes to be more in line with commonly available bag sizes.

Bag/Barrel Size

Small (up to 13 gallons): \$2
Medium (14 to 35 gallons): \$6
Large (36 to 45 gallons): \$8
Cubic yard: \$42

Separate fees will apply to materials or items that are not commonly generated household trash.

New per-bag fees are now posted on the Drop-Off Center Fees page of our website at tinyurl.com/CSWDpricelist. Disposal and recycling fees for all items that are not household trash can be found by searching our A-Z list at cswd.net/a-z.

Drop-Off Center in Richmond Reopens

On Sept. 15, the Chittenden Solid Waste District’s Drop-Off Center in Richmond reopened for drop-off of trash, household recycling, food scraps and other limited materials. This location will not allow trailers to help prevent traffic backups onto Route 117.

Location: 80 Rogers Lane, Richmond.
Hours: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Restrictions and Requirements:

COVID-19 precautions: We request that all customers and visitors wear face coverings and stay six feet apart.

No trailers allowed.

No large bulky waste (mattresses, recliners, sofas, doors, etc.).

No air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, stoves or other major appliances.

Vehicles will be metered onto the site to promote safe distancing for customers and staff.

Fees: New fees for household trash, recycling and food scraps can be

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found on the Drop-Off Center Fees page. Pricing for specific items that don't fall under one of these categories can be found on the A-Z list on cswd.net.

Drop-Off Center in Burlington Now Open for Food Scraps Only

On Thursday, Aug. 27, the CSWD Drop-Off Center located at 339 Pine Street in Burlington opened for drop off of food scraps only from the general public.

Why Food Scraps?

Food scraps took priority because of the new mandate for residents to separate food scraps from trash. A drop-off location in Burlington provides a convenient and economical option for this densely populated area to manage food scraps.

There is limited food scrap curbside service available to residents.

Food scraps must be managed more frequently compared to other materials.

Burlington residents have well established options for managing trash, recycling and leaves. This is not true for food scraps.

Why is CSWD limiting materials at this site?

This location has the smallest footprint of any of our Drop-Off Centers. The usable space at this site is rough-

ly 75% less than our other DOCs and it is inadequate for safely managing more than one or two materials streams and associated customers.

We cannot dig or expand at this location because it is located on a Superfund site.

State law requires solid waste facilities that accept trash to also accept recycling, food scraps and leaf and yard debris. This site is too small to safely accommodate all these materials.

Is this change permanent?

Though CSWD will be continually evaluating site operations, we expect this change to be for the long term. The CSWD Drop-Off Center located at 87 Landfill Road in South Burlington is open to the public and accepts trash and recycling and other materials.

New Site Layout

The reorganized Pine Street site has five lanes of food scrap containers, allowing customers to safely, easily and efficiently pull into the site. A separate area is designated for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Drop-Off Center Location: 339 Pine Street — Burlington, Vermont.Fees: \$1 per five gallons with a limit of 30 gallons per day. Example: 30 gallons of food scraps would cost \$6.

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

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visit the CSWD Drop-Off Center page at cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities/drop-off-centers to read the CSWD COVID-19 Facilities Reopening Plan, which outlines the many considerations informing our reopening process.

POLICE

Incidents

Aug. 12: 7:20 a.m. An officer assisted with a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Route 116 and CVU Road.

9 p.m. Officers responded to Kailey's Way for the report of a suspicious vehicle in the area, which was gone upon arrival.

Aug. 13: 8:37 a.m. The theft of a catalytic converter was investigated on Route 116.

9:07 a.m. An officer received a report of an unresponsive male in a parked car on Hollow Road. The vehicle was gone upon arrival.

1 p.m. A trespass notice was served at the request of the Essex Police Department.

3:30 p.m. A trespass notice was served at the request of a home owner.

Aug. 14: 1:40 p.m. Officers conducted a welfare check on Jourdan Street.

2:10 p.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

Aug. 15: 8:52 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a locked vehicle on Route 116.

12:20 p.m. Stolen property was reported from a residence at Hillview Terrace.

2:25 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Sunset Lane.

Aug. 16: 8:01 a.m. An officer responded to a residential burglary alarm on Turkey Lane.

7:45 p.m. An officer responded to Cedar Knoll Country Club for a verbal altercation. The parties were separated without incident.

Aug. 17: 2:07 p.m. An officer assisted Hinesburg Fire with a fire alarm activation at Kelley's Field.

10:15 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a disabled vehicle on Route 116.

Aug. 18: 4:20 p.m. A traffic crash was reported in the Lantman's parking lot. One of the parties had left the scene. The responding officer was able to locate that individual.

4:45 p.m. Theft of a catalytic converter was reported and investigated on Route 116.

9:43 p.m. A traffic stop for speed was conducted on Silver Street. The operator had an active warrant for escape and was taken into custody and transported to the Northwest State Correctional Facility.

Aug. 20: 7:09 p.m. Officers responded to Shelburne Falls Road for a single-car crash. No injuries were reported.

7:21 p.m. Officers responded to Silver Street for an individual having a mental health situation.

9 p.m. Officers responded to the intersection of North Road and Texas Hill Road for a single-car motor vehicle crash. There were no injuries reported. The operator was taken into custody for DUI and driving with a criminally suspended license.

Aug. 21: 8 a.m. An alarm activation from the Community Bank at Ballard's Corner was investigated.

Aug. 22: 4:04 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Mechanicsville Road and Commerce Street was investigated. Both cars were totaled but no injuries were reported.

Aug. 24: 12 p.m. An incident involving online fraud was reported.

Aug. 26: 5:20 p.m. Vandalism to an automobile in the Lantman's parking lot was investigated.

Aug. 28: 8:50 p.m. Officers responded to a traffic hazard involving livestock on Shelburne Falls Road.

Aug. 29: 5:35 p.m. Officers investigated a burglary alarm activation at Cedar Knoll Country Club.

Aug. 30: 8:22 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for individuals attempting to enter a barn on private property. The subjects fled the area prior to police arrival.

Aug. 31: 2:50 a.m. A burglary alarm at Jiffy Mart on Shelburne Falls Road was reported. The responding officer discovered forced entry and an undisclosed number of stolen products from the business was reported. That investigation is ongoing.

12:12 p.m. A 911 hang-up was investigated on Birchwood Drive.

Sept. 1: 3:10 p.m. An officer responded to Hollow Road for a reported domestic disturbance.

Sept. 3: 5:52 p.m. Officers conducted a welfare check at a residence on Mead Farm Road. The subject was located and EMS services were called to assist.

Sept. 4: 10:32 p.m. Property damage caused by a motor vehicle was investigated on Richmond Road.

Sept. 5: 5:37 p.m. Officers responded to Richmond Road for a citizen dispute in which both parties were brandishing firearms. One of the individuals left the scene and after attempting to elude officers was located, arrested for aggravated assault and released on conditions.

Sept. 6: 11:45 a.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street was investigated. No injuries were reported.

FIRE

Busy Week for HFD

Hinesburg Fire Department responds to 35-40 calls per month. These calls are generally spread out and come one or two, occasionally three, per day.

The week of Aug. 16 to 22 was a busy one for HFD as we responded to 15 calls during the week, with six of the calls coming within a 24-hour period.

Aug. 16, 8:15 a.m. Fire alarm on Turkey Lane. Found to be a faulty detector.

Aug. 17, 9:02 a.m. Williston Fire requested a tanker to respond as mutual aid for a propane leak.

Aug. 17, 2:03 p.m. Accidental fire alarm at Kelley's field.

Aug. 19, 4:40 a.m. Medical call in St George.

Aug. 19, 10:12 p.m. Medical call in Hinesburg.

Aug. 20, 2:55 a.m. Fire alarm at a residence on Route 116. Responders found carbon monoxide readings in the garage. The residence was ventilated by HFD. An investigation did not reveal the source.

Aug. 20, 11:44 a.m. Medical call in Hinesburg.

Aug. 20 3:35 p.m. Medical call in Hinesburg.

Aug. 20 6:30 p.m. Medical call in Hinesburg.

Aug. 20 7:08 p.m. Report of a one-car motor vehicle crash on O'Neill Road. Arriving members found an SUV off of the west side of the road, approximately 1/4 mile from Shelburne Falls Road. The driver stated he lost control on a "washboard" section of the road as he came around the curve. The vehicle went into the ditch and rolled twice, with the vehicle landing on its wheels. Neither the driver nor the passenger were injured. Engine 1 remained on scene till the wrecker arrived for the vehicle.

Aug. 20 9:05 p.m. A member returning home from the previous call came across a vehicle in the ditch off the south side of North Road near Texas Hill. The operator was out of the vehicle, which was a 3,500 lb. dump truck. The operator was not injured. Engine 1 remained on scene until the wrecker removed the vehicle.

Aug. 21 10:55 a.m. Medical call in Hinesburg.

Aug. 21 12:19 p.m. Medical call in Hinesburg.

Aug. 22 2:37 a.m. Medical call in Hinesburg.

Aug. 22 4:02 p.m. Two-car motor vehicle crash at Mechanicsville and Commerce. The vehicle on Commerce ran the stop sign hitting a vehicle crossing in front on Mechanicsville. The vehicle on Mechanicsville spun and came to rest in the opposite lane facing north. There were no injuries. Mechanicsville Road was closed while the debris and fluids were cleaned, and the vehicles removed.

Town/Department Operated Ambulance Service

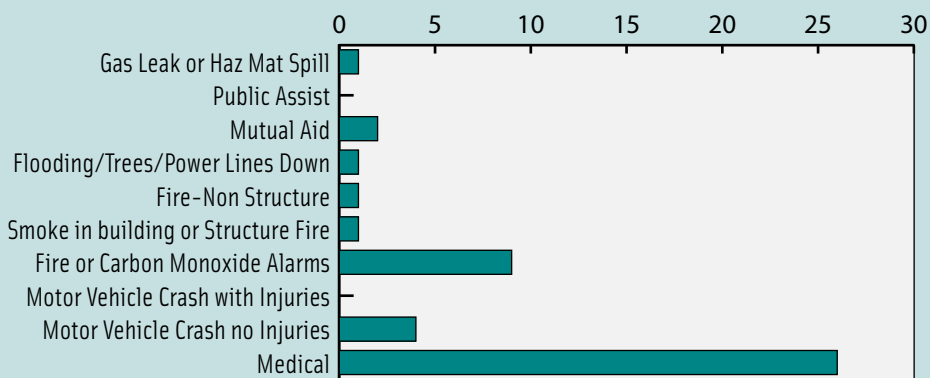
On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the residents of Hinesburg will be voting on whether the town/fire department should start a town ambulance service to be operated by the Hinesburg Fire Dept.

Over the next several weeks leading up to voting, HFD will be posting information and FAQs regarding the ambulance service. We will also be hosting informational meetings.

An independent third party has prepared a five-year business profit and loss statement for the ambulance service. The data was compiled from Saint Michael's Rescue, the budget prepared by Chief Plante in 2019 for the selectboard, and knowledge of the Charlotte Rescue ambulance operations.

The proposed statement may be found on our website home page (hinesburgfd.org) by clicking the link "Proposed 5 yr. Ambulance p & l." There is also a link "Hinesburg Operated Ambulance FAQ."The two biggest expenses to starting an ambulance service are the ambulance and the equipment. Thanks to a generous benefactor, the first ambulance, which will be a new unit, is being donated to the town. Aside from a stretcher — which comes with the ambulance — and a few small items, the department currently has the required equipment in service on Med 100.

HFD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, AUGUST, 2020



Graph data supplied by Eric Spivack

HFD responded to 45 calls in August.

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

We understand early voting starts in September. We ask everyone to please review the budget and contact us at info@hinesburg.org, or Chief Barber directly, with any questions regarding the ambulance service.

Are You Interested in Helping Others?

Would you like to make new friends and help others in your community? Would you like to learn more about emergency medical services or firefighting? Then we would like to meet you.

The Hinesburg Fire Department responds to 450-500 calls for service each year. Whether it is helping with cleanup after a storm, investigating an alarm sounding, treating an injured person or fighting a fire, we are there to help. Interested in learning about emergency medical service? Hinesburg will be hosting a fall emergency medical technician class. The class will be in the late fall. More de-

tails to follow.

Maybe you are interested in firefighting. Firefighting is more than putting on special equipment and a mask and running into a building with a hose to put out a fire. There is a lot that needs to be done when we are at a scene. Whether is it pulling equipment off the engines, putting up ladders, assisting EMTs with patients, or traffic control.

If you would like to know more, or are interested in the course, please stop by the Hinesburg Fire Station any Wednesday evening or email info@hinesburgfd.org.

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BUSINESS

What Does an Unplanned Career Transition Mean for You?

FROM EDWARD JONES INVESTING

The COVID-19 pandemic has unsettled the country's employment picture for months and will likely continue to do so for a while. However, the nature and terminology of this disruption varies greatly among individuals — some have seen their jobs disappear, others have been furloughed and still others have been offered an early retirement. If you're in this final group — those either offered, or feeling forced to accept, an early retirement, how should you respond?

Try to look at your situation holistically, rather than strictly in a short-term manner. Consider these four areas:

- **Retirement** — What does retirement really look like to you? Are you ready to fully retire or would you like to work part time? Are you confident that you can work somewhere else for a few years before retiring on your own terms? If you're not certain you can work elsewhere, how can you adjust your desired retirement lifestyle — what you planned to do, where you hoped to live, etc. — to meet your new reality?
- **Income** — Just how financially affected you'll be from an early retirement depends on several factors: how much you've already saved and invested, whether you're married and have a working spouse, whether you've paid off your mortgage, and so on. In any case, though, you'll need to answer several questions, including these: Do I need to start taking withdrawals from my IRA and 401(k)? If so, how much can I afford to take out each year without running the risk of outliving my

resources? Should I adjust my current investment mix? If I haven't yet started collecting Social Security, should I do so now, or can I afford to wait until my monthly payments will be bigger? Are there any other sources of income I can leverage? You may want to work with a financial professional to address these and other key income-related issues.

- **Insurance** — If you received health insurance through your employer, an early retirement could present you with a dilemma, especially if you're not quite old enough for Medicare. You might be eligible for COBRA, which provides ex-employees and their dependents the option of continued health insurance for potentially up to 36 months, but this coverage can be expensive. As an alternative, you might be able to negotiate an extended severance package, which could provide you with health insurance for several months. Or, you might be able to get on the health insurance plan of your working spouse.
- **Legacy** — Many people want to take care of their family while they're alive — and leave something behind when they're gone. If you take an early retirement, you might lose your employer's group life insurance. Of course, if this plan was not sufficient, you may have already supplemented it with your own policy, but, if you haven't, you may need to shop around for some coverage, particularly if you have children still at home. You also may want to take this opportunity to review your key financial accounts to make sure your beneficiary designations still accurately reflect your wishes.

Going through an unplanned career transition is certainly challenging. But looking closely at the four areas describe above, and making the appropriate moves, may help you reduce some of the stress and can put you in a better position to start the next phase of your life.



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Who: Ages 8 - 14

When: Tuesdays –Session 2 – Oct. 6 – 27 & Session 3 Nov. 3 - 24

Fridays –Session 2 - Oct. 2 – 23 & Session 3 - Oct. 30 – Nov. 20

Where: Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg.

Time: 3-5 pm

Cost: \$160

More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com

Maximum: 5 participants

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Session 1 Thursdays – Sept. 10 - Oct. 1 and Session 2 Oct. 8 – 29

Session 1 Friday – Sept. 11 – Oct. 2 and Session 2 Oct. 9 - 30

Where: Cedar Knoll Golf Course

Ages: 6-14 years

Time: 3-5 pm

Cost: \$220

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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 lesson. Classes follow school year calendar, broken into first semester (Sept. - Dec.) and second semester (Jan. - May). Students retain their lesson day and time for entire school year and subsequent years, unless they choose not to continue. Enrollment is based on availability. If there are no openings, you are 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 week of 9/8 through week of 12/14.

Where: Remote learning via Zoom

Cost: \$22 per lesson & billed per semester.

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

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Library Hours Year-Round:

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Library News

In October we feel the whistle of winter in our future, thank goodness for woodstoves, book piles and the coziness of the hearth. New books by Tana French, Sigrid Nunez, Claudia Rankine and Fredrik Backman are waiting for eager readers.

Events

Hands and Needles

Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon.

With cooler weather on the way, the Handquilters will meet Mondays at St. Jude until further notice. 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, Oct. 14, 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. 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/videoarchive or by emailing Jen jen@carpentercarse.org to subscribe to her email list.

Special Events:

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

Join Charlie Nardoizzi for a Fall Gardening Roundup and bring your gardening questions. After a great summer in the garden, it's

time to bring our attention to fall. Join Charlie Nardoizzi in this Zoom webinar as he discusses fall gardening chores. He will be talking about cutting back the flower gardens with new information on how to do that, protecting shrubs and trees from winter and critters, planting flowering bulbs and garlic, overwintering edible plants indoors, lawn care and building new beds and your soil. There will be time for questions as well. Funding for this program comes from our awesome Friends of the Library group.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 5 p.m.

We are hosting a co-Zoom book discussion with Dorothy Alling Memorial Library on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. of this year's Vermont Reads Book, "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. We have multiple copies for you to borrow or keep, so contact us to reserve a copy.

The link below provides further information from Vermont Humanities about the program:

vermonthumanities.org/vermont-reads/vermont-reads-2020.

We are also planning some collaborative anti-racist reading discussions with our friends at Charlotte Library. Dates and book titles will be available soon, check our website for the latest details.

COMMENTARY

The Scout, the Scamp & Johnny Cake Street

BY ROGER DONEGAN

School buses are certainly back on the move with their precious cargo all about town roads. Next up, the natural landscape will exchange bright greens for a fresh palette of fall color in leaves slowly succumbing to shorter daylight hours. I admire the special effect of the accidental color coordination between the fall landscape, yellow school buses driving over black top striped with center lines, dotted here and there with red stops and edged on curves with big black and yellow arrow road signs.


School buses have a pat look. Until unlicensed cabs and Uber drivers came on the scene as an alternative means of travel in big cities, taxicabs projected an enduring image too. Up until this July, Seven Days carried a regular column titled Hackie by Jernigan Pontiac. I sometimes found the talking points to be all over the

map, what one might expect from a cabdriver, I suppose. His column was a long-running feature. He signed off with "See you down the road." a positive "life is good" note that expressed gratitude to his enthusiastic readers.

The Hackie column header sported a checkered cab with a dome light on top and executing a turn against a metropolis-like cityscape background. Audibly, the name "Pontiac" has a short, clipped, catchy sound in the way Anglicized Native American words often do. Pontiac was an Ottawa Native American war chief whose name was adopted by a city northwest of Detroit and was the name of a familiar subsidiary of General Motors which went out of business in 2010. At least two of Jernigan's articles specifically place a lone rider from Burlington to Hinesburg in the high beams.

The title "From the Emerald Isle?" ran in early May of 2007. The nighttime male passenger was uncharacteristically sober as his nighttime passengers go, and a CVU teacher who made ends meet by painting houses in the

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summer. On account of his fair skin, red hair and good spirited hard-working ethos, Jernigan found him to be an inspirational lucky charm type of person, hence the title.

Another article “Breaking the Hinesburg Hex” appeared in mid-May 2002. Jernigan wasn’t writing of traffic delays as he might today due to the current construction at the intersection of Route 116, Shelburne Falls and CVU Roads (although I do remember when the turning lanes from Route 116 onto Commerce Street first turned heads). Long before the existence of what we recognize as Hinesburg nowadays, Route 116 once bore the name “Johnny Cake Street” (“McDonough Cheese Factory, South of Town,” Hinesburg Record, May 3, 1990). Johnnycake, also called jour-

ney cake, was an early American staple and originates from the Indigenous people of North America.

In “Breaking the Hinesburg Hex” Jernigan bemoans the habitual bad experience of taking a late night, or a very early morning, long-distance fare to Hinesburg in lieu of remaining in Burlington for short trips. On such long trips he risked getting lost on back roads, nonexistent tips or having a passenger bolt off without paying the fare. The hex was broken this one particular ride in the wee hours of a morning when a kindly Hinesburg pickup driver stopped to calmly give Hackie and his confused passenger concise directions to Pond Brook Road.

Who knows, maybe the confusion

was part of the aftermath of a 1993 state statute which required all roads in Vermont have a name to satisfy the emergency 911 response system. All kinds of roads were given names no one ever heard of. While Pond Brook Road was on the map, the address Jernigan used in writing his article was made up. Perhaps a Pond Brook Road reality check can be substituted for a fact check.

Dick White and I lived a neighborly hand wave distance apart on Pond Brook Road. Our places of occupation in Burlington were nearly as close in the early 1980s. Dick worked for International Trucks, or more accurately International Harvester Trucks in what is now the pastel-colored April Cornell building. I worked at the old rusting Moran Generating Station at the end of Lake Street. So we commuted together two days a week. He’d drive his International Scout on one day and I’d drive our Plymouth Scamp on another.

Both vehicles were way past their prime, fixer uppers on wheels. The right rear leaf spring came up through the floor of the trunk in the Plymouth Scamp with a thump one day. When new, the International Scout vehicle was the SUV of the day before the model was discontinued. Dick drove a relic of which genuine parts were in short supply or not available. His vehicle’s gas tank was strapped onto the backseat of the Scout. When I was Dick’s passenger on those mornings, I could stir my coffee with a shiny quarter-inch box end wrench, or a one-eighth inch wrench for that matter, if I kicked around in the foot well long enough, as that was the tool box.

Dick was a notable neighbor, very determined and real people. He lived off grid before it was fashionable. He had a wonderful family. One couldn’t help but admire the cut of his jib. In character he sort of reminds me of the leading guy, the superhero, in the computer-animated film “The Incredibles.” Dick passed away in 2000. He was an active duty Army veteran and a staff sergeant in the Vermont Army National Guard.

Climbing up into his Scout on Pond Brook Road to ride shotgun those mornings on the way into the big metropolis was inspiring because you knew Dick had already done the impossible.

Vermont Nonprofits: Winds of Change

BY BILL SCHUBART

Pandemics force behavioral change. Foresighted leaders explore and initiate strategic change — or not.

While the business and government sectors struggle to understand what changes are needed to secure their futures, the nonprofit (for-mission) sector is equally roiled by the pandemic’s impacts and opportunities.

With over 4,500 nonprofits in Vermont, employing one in seven Vermonters and generating some \$2B in salaries — accounting for more than 20% of the economy — this is a good time for taking stock so as to become as effective as possible, even though there will always be some mission overlap and duplication, if not outright competition. Vermont’s best nonprofits are mission-driven, not ego- or overhead-driven. And, in fairness, a significant number of these nonprofits provide much of the overall well-being for Vermonters. And among them are the many community houses of worship dotting our townscapes working alongside our best social service, education, health care, cultural and environmental organizations.

But major changes in philanthropy and in foundations’ philosophies of giving, accountability and impact in recent years mean that Vermont 501(c)(3)s face increasingly stiff headwinds from funders. In a time of scarcity and enhanced need, the whole sector will be held to higher account and the governing boards of nonprofits will have to confront their institution’s relevance and delivery on mis-

sion, if not its survival.

I believe one of the most critical inquiries board and leadership should pursue at this juncture is exploring and mapping what organizations do the same or similar work and what partnership links might be forged to ensure that more organizational resources fund missions rather than simply the human and physical overhead. For example, if an organization’s mission is to alleviate hunger, they can create a planetary map of all organizations doing similar work and reach out to each to determine how partnerships or even mergers might better achieve shared mission goals.

Another critical exercise is to devise a plan to deliver on mission that looks upstream and downstream to see how the organization might better invest resources in upstream prevention rather than downstream remediation and see what creative partnerships emerge.

In human services, especially, the organizational goal should be to confront problems upstream, not just palliate the pain they cause downstream.

In subsistence missions such as food security and housing, an organization might partner with other organizations to build systems that increase their availability. For example, in food insecurity, an organization might look to and partner with other nonprofits working in regional food supply-chain development, community gardening, community supported agriculture, gleanings, salvaging food waste and the like.

In housing, while we must continue to focus on providing emergency shelter, we might also partner with government and business sectors to understand impediments to the development of affordable housing. We must find ways to honor historic preservation and environmental concerns while meeting the economic needs of Vermonters when they conflict.

By way of example, Montpelier desperately needs affordable housing, as an aging population that can no longer afford their large wood-frame houses or their homesteads in

Montpelier’s rural sprawl seek more energy- and space-efficient quarters in town. Several notable housing projects in Montpelier have been derailed or made unduly expensive due to interventions by historic preservation authorities. The purpose of historic preservation is to preserve the historic beauty of our past in a way that is economically self-sustaining (see Landmark Trust USA, landmark-trustusa.org/mission). Given the unknowns we face and their new imperatives, we will need to compromise somewhat and prioritize the well-being of Vermonters.

An organization that deals with “troubled” youth might take its experience, paddle upstream to explore causes and partner with those using trauma-informed family counseling at the earliest stages of discovery to minimize the downstream damage of adverse childhood experiences. Abuse, hunger, addicted parents and abandonment are all early drivers of the “troubled” component of their mission to help the young. This will have beneficial cost-impacts downstream in special ed, health care, and criminal justice.

I’m with those who say that “the goal of a social-service nonprofit should be to put itself out of business.”



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Environmental impacts are no different. Ultimately, it’s less expensive to reduce or eliminate source-point pollution such as excessive, unrecyclable consumer packaging, invest in stormwater runoff systems and community sewage treatment plants, and further regulate the use of on-farm chemical soil additives and manure runoff into adjacent waterways than it is to “clean up” our lakes and waterways, to say nothing of the aquifers from which we draw our drinking water. (In a report issued in July of last year, State Auditor Doug Hoffer questioned the effectiveness of the \$66M spent so far on mitigating ongoing damage to the Lake Champlain basin.)

Also, it’s one thing to swim and bathe in chemicals, it’s another to ingest them. Erin Brockovich, about whom a best-selling movie was made in 2000, recently wrote a disturbing column in the Guardian detailing how pervasive the chemicals in our drinking supplies have become.

“We are in a water crisis beyond anything you can imagine. Pollution and toxins are everywhere, stemming from the hazardous wastes of industry and agriculture. We’ve got more than 40,000 chemicals on the market today with only a few hundred

regulated. We’ve had industrial by-products discarded into the ground and into our water supply for years. This crisis affects everyone — rich or poor, black or white, Republican or Democrat. Communities everywhere think they are safe when they are not.”

Vermont is held together by the combined services of the government, business and nonprofit sectors. Nonprofits fill gaps in public education, health care, social services, the arts and humanities, food and housing security, the environment, animal welfare and many other areas. We’re indeed dependent on our best nonprofits.

A global pandemic has obliterated the norms of our existence and called on us all to rethink how we coexist with nature and one another. Meanwhile, our members, funders and foundations are looking more carefully at our organization’s effective delivery on mission, our diversity, equity and inclusiveness and our willingness to collaborate with other similarly missioned or upstream-downstream organizations. It’s vital that Vermont’s nonprofits up their game, rethink their purpose and better measure their effectiveness. Philanthropy is finite ... and changing.

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► CVU Students Return

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enrolled in the remote option, according to Superintendent Elaine Pinckney. These students are taking classes through the Vermont Learning Collaborative, and three CVU teachers are instructing for VLC.

The vast majority of students will be in school for two days of the week, either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday, and remote the rest of the week, said CVU principal Adam Bunting. Wednesday is a cleaning day in which all students are remote.

Because of this system, class sizes are half of what they have been in previous years, making it easier to enforce physical distancing. Some classes are outside, under canopies. Additionally, masks are always required in the building.

CVU football coach and Learning



Ms. Duffour's Science class.

Center director Rahn Fleming said that PPE for faculty and staff was “day one, item one.”

“I think every single adult in the building feels a sense of stewardship and kind of caring,” Fleming said.



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Ms. Fawcett's Acting II class.

at least weekly in order to discuss new challenges as they arise, like transportation and some aspects of outdoor learning.

Faculty members have to keep tabs on students who may have trouble in these circumstances, Bunting said. “We’re really trying to make extra efforts to make sure they’re hearing and learning and they want to participate,” Bunting said.

Fleming stressed the importance, too, of checking in with all students on a human level.

“The first topic on the table every day is: how are you doing?” Fleming said. “It’s almost fruitless to try and do the rest of it if you haven’t addressed ‘how are you doing?’ First.”

After the first week of classes, administrators and faculty both report that the reopening, however strange, is going well so far.

“I have not had to talk to a student in the hallway about taking the mask off,” Bunting said.

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EDUCATION

Access CVU Registration is Open With Over 150 Classes

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU High School right here in Hinesburg, has just opened their class registration for the fall. With over 150 classes, there’s something for everyone! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we’ve had to pivot along with the rest of the world and adjust the format of our classes which are traditionally held inside a classroom. This year there is “More Access to Access” as our classes will now be held online or outside on the CVU campus in accordance with state health guidelines. Most online classes will use the user-friendly Zoom platform. Online classes provide the opportunity to take a class with the friends and family members you can’t see easily in-person right now — how about a French class with your college roommate? Or knitting or batik with your sister?

New this year is the outdoor Dinner Series — a chance to gather with your “pod” in the evening and enjoy a delicious meal from a local chef served alfresco. You can come for an Italian Dinner, Dinner on the Bayou



or Ethiopian Injera. Local chef Travis Counter of Good Times Café is offering a Dinner on the Bayou on Monday, Oct. 5 (complete with blue crab beignets, jambalaya, honey bourbon bread pudding and a hurricane mocktail). Other Dinner Series choices include Ethiopian Injera on Thursday, Oct. 1 (injera, a sourdough flatbread will be served with chicken curry, collard greens, lentils and a salad) and an Italian Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 7 (autumnal squash soup, chicken parmesan with penne pasta, green salad with fennel and roasted sweet potatoes, and a Roman apple tart with homemade gelato). Reserve your table today! Or order a meal or two to take home. It will be a night to remember!

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ORGANIZATIONS

Chicken Pie Supper — Takeout Dinner

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The United Church of Hinesburg will be hosting their Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, Oct. 24. This will be takeout only and we will begin taking orders on Oct. 1. Order online at ucofh.org. Dinner includes: chicken and gravy, biscuit, homemade cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, squash, coleslaw and pie. There will be pick up times in 15-minute intervals from 4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$12 with the option of adding a tip for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Pay with credit or debit card.

Harvest Season at the Richmond Farmers Market

Triple Benefits for Food-Insecure Vermonters

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Fridays starting at 3 p.m., through Oct. 16 at the Volunteers Green in Richmond, Vermont! It’s hard to believe that September is already upon us and that fall is in the air — but with late summer and fall, comes a bountiful harvest season. Our farmers, Last Resort Farm, Home and Away Farm, Wabi-Sabi Farm and Green Mountain Microgreens, have so much to share with us. Don’t miss this special time of year — come stock up on the seasonal gems (like

Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

We are so happy to share that the United States Department of Agriculture has announced it is allowing schools to continue to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all children 18 years old and younger. Champlain Valley School District will be offering in-school meals, pickup and delivery. To read about our program, see our menu and place your order, go to our district website at cvsdvt.org and scroll down to “Foodservice.” Our amazing food service team is excited to continue to serve the children of our community meals that are safe, nutritious and delicious!

tomatoes, peppers, garlic, onions, beans, summer and winter squash, and microgreens) that they are growing for you!

We also have a delectable lineup of value-added products and prepared foods to choose from. Each week you may find savory handheld pies from Pie Empire; empanadas, tamales and ceviche from Aromaticah; stuffed cabbage and baklava from Kadric’s Bakery; Vermont-made ice cream from Kingdom Creamery; goat and sheep cheeses and sheep milk gelato from Fairytale Farm; smoked salmon and wild caught salmon or white fish fillets from Honeywilya Fish; and more!

And don’t forget about our crafters! Anticipating a birthday? An anniversary? Or hoping to do some proactive holiday shopping before the uncertainty of fall arrives? Looking for a “just-because” gift? We have an abundance of craft and gift vendors that sell at our market. You may find fudge from Kammel Fudge; raw honey or beeswax candles from Bee Happy Vermont; maple syrup and CBD oil products from Last Resort Farm; wood crafts and earrings from Verde Mountain; unique house plants from Beautiful Arrangements; platters and windchimes made by Melted Glass by Jackie Bishop; pottery from Cedar Tree Pottery; craft liquor from Wild Hart Distillery, handmade soap from Snipe Ireland Soaps; chemical-free body products from Hive Extract, and more!

Please spread the word about Crop Cash, a Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont program that increases food security in your community! For the months of September

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and October, triple your money at the market with Crop Cash. If you swipe an EBT card at our market, you will receive an additional \$2 in Crop Cash coupons for every \$1 you redeem off of your EBT card. Your EBT money can be matched up to \$10 of EBT redeemed, for a maximum of \$20 in Crop Cash at each weekly market. This program not only boosts the fresh fruit and vegetable consumption in your community, but these extra Crop Cash dollars go straight into the hands of your local, dedicated and invaluable farmers. It's a win-win.

The market is open from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Volunteers Green in Richmond. Please reserve 3-3:30 p.m. for at-risk shoppers only.

Audubon Vermont News

Once Again, It Is a Crime to Kill a Mockingbird

BY LEWIS GROVE, AUDUBON CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

The saving grace of the current federal administration's efforts to weaken environmental protections over the past several years has been a tendency for overreach. The latest example of this tendency is a judicial decision, issued on Aug. 12, in response to a lawsuit brought by the National Audubon Society, other environmental organizations and eight states (though not the state of Vermont). The court in this case vacated the U.S. Department of Interior's reinterpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. In so doing, the court restored protections for migratory birds that have been in place for decades. As Judge Valerie Caproni characterized the federal government's newly invented interpretation: "Interior's statute would have been easy to draft, but that is not the statute that Congress drafted."

I have been following national developments related to the MBTA closely since working as a policy intern with Audubon Vermont to help advance a state-level law to serve as a backstop to the federal protections. Audubon Vermont is advocating for a bill (H.683), which is poised to become law this fall thanks to the leadership of the Vermont General Assembly and the support of the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. As excited as I am for the state of Vermont to pass its own protections (see this article, "Senate Passes Bill to Protect Migratory Birds" for more details), mi-

gratory birds need protection across the entire United States and the globe.

The MBTA is one of the nation's longest standing and most vital environmental protection laws and has, for over one hundred years, reflected America's commitment, made through multiple international treaties, to doing its part to protect migratory birds. Large-scale declines in bird populations spurred early conservation movements, including the National Audubon Society, to pressure the federal government to protect migratory birds. Passed in 1918, the MBTA's proclaimed purpose is "for the protection of migratory birds." It is not a stretch to say that we would have lost numerous species to extinction in the intervening century without it.

Republican and Democratic administrations alike have brought actions under the law to punish industrial and commercial actors whose actions result in the death of birds. The fact that these companies took actions that caused significant bird deaths was enough to support enforcement by the federal government — the law was not limited to activities, like hunting, where the goal of the activity was to kill birds. Examples of actions found to have violated the MBTA have included the electrocution of raptors after failure to install inexpensive preventative equipment, deaths of waterbirds trapped by oil drilling equipment, and major oil spills such as the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, which resulted in 1,000,000 dead birds composed of at least 93 different species.

The Trump administration's reinterpretation of the law had the effect of gutting this baseline protection for migratory birds. By dramatically narrowing its interpretation of the MBTA, the federal government removed any recourse against a host of actions causing substantial injury to bird populations. As recently occurred in Virginia, if a pesky colony of nesting water birds was in the way of a road project, the transportation department could just bulldoze, pave or simply dig up and remove the birds' nesting area — never mind that it included rapidly declining species like the black skimmer. Against local outcry of even the local homeowner's association, developers in Arizona were advised by Fish and Wildlife that they were free to destroy burrowing owl nests without penalty. Thankfully, due to the court's decision, these activities will now be subject to the oversight of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and must demonstrate that the actors have taken reasonable steps to avoid or minimize their impact on birds.

As I learned during my time as a student at Vermont Law School, it has long been a feature of American law that wildlife is held in trust by our government for the benefit of the public.

Private actors should not be allowed to profit from killing wildlife like birds without consequence.

The strength of the MBTA has been a recognition, codified in our laws for over a century, that we have a shared obligation to steward our land and water and to protect the amazing creatures which inhabit it, including beloved Vermont species like the hermit thrush, barred owl and peregrine falcon. As noted by Judge Caproni in a nod to the classic Harper Lee novel, "It is not only a sin to kill a mockingbird, it is also a crime." The United States led the world in committing, over a century ago, to protecting the birds that make such incredible journeys across the globe. The court decision overruling the Interior's flawed opinion restores America's commitment to fulfill our promise to protect migratory birds.

The court found that the clear language of the MBTA — which prohibits killing birds "by any means or in any manner" — is easy to understand and apply. The judge rejected the federal government's contorted arguments, finding that Interior had injected ambiguity into a statute where there was none and had illegally narrowed the plain language of the statute.

The current federal administration has worked to weaken bedrock environmental protections from their first days in office. We are lucky to have a system of environmental laws that cannot just be casually cast aside, and I am pleased to have obtained a law degree so that I can join the committed group of advocates working to ensure that our birds can still be heard.

Lewis Grove is a former Audubon Vermont policy intern (spring 2019), a recent graduate of Vermont Law School and a resident of Waterbury, Vermont. Lewis is a long-time, passionate birder with experience in bird research at Penn State University, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Advertising and news deadline is October 15 for the next issue. Publication date is October 29. Call 482-7227 for more information. Material not received by deadline will be considered for next issue.

The Samara Fund Announces \$38,105 in Grants to Support Vermont's LGBTQ Community

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Samara Fund, a component fund of the Vermont Community Foundation, has granted \$38,105 to 12 nonprofit organizations in its ninth annual competitive grant round. In addition, the fund gave five scholarships to graduating seniors from Brattleboro, Colchester, Hinesburg, Springfield, and St. Johnsbury in recognition of their advocacy and leadership in support of LGBTQ issues with in their schools and communities.

With pandemic safety measures in place, LGBTQ organizations are facing increased programming costs to maintain close connections with the people they serve. Community connection is vital to supporting LGBTQ Vermonters, especially youth and those living in rural areas, many of whom are struggling with mental health, isolation and food insecurity, among other challenges stemming from the pandemic.

As a result, this year the Samara Fund's grant committee prioritized:

- Programs that serve LGBTQ youth and allies
- Extending or establishing new services in rural and underserved areas of the state
- Support and services for transgender Vermonters
- LGBTQ-competent health care and HIV/AIDS supports and services
- Anti-bullying programming

The Samara Fund's vision is to be Vermont's leading source of permanent support dedicated to nurturing the vitality, success and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities through dynamic and sustained philanthropy. For more information, visit vermontcf.org/samara.

2020 Grants

AIDS Project of Southern Vermont received \$3,500 to provide direct services to people living with HIV/AIDS and prevention services to those at most risk in Windham, Bennington and southern Windsor counties.

Chandler Center for the Arts received \$3,500 to support the 10th season of Vermont Pride Theater productions in 2020-21.

Epsilon Spires received \$2,105 to support Drag Queen Story Hour: Introducing glamorous, posi-

tive queer role models to children through books.

Out in the Open received \$3,500 to support programs and services that create connections and community for rural LGBTQ people living in Southern Vermont.

Green Mountain Library Consortium received \$2,000 for its Even More LUV LGBTQ audiobook collection.

New England Center for Circus Arts received \$3,500 in support of LGBTQ youth circus scholarships.

Outright Vermont received \$3,500 to support programs and services that create hope, equity and power for LGBTQ Vermont youth around the state.

Pride Center of Vermont received \$3,500 to support the statewide Transpire Program that provides outreach and one-on-one counseling for transgender Vermonters.

Twin States Network received \$3,500 to support its peer-based support services for individuals living with HIV infection in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Vermont CARES received \$3,500 to support its programs for Vermonters affected by HIV/AIDS that promote well-being through a continuum of prevention, support and advocacy services.

Vermont Folklife Center received \$3,500 to support the Pride 1983! exhibit, which examines the development and continuation of Pride celebrations in Vermont through interviews, posters, pamphlets and news coverage.

Vermont PWA Coalition received \$2,500 for general operating support to help improve the lives of HIV+ Vermonters through services like virtual retreats, stigma reduction and health supplement discounts.

The Vermont Community Foundation inspires giving and brings people and resources together to make a difference in Vermont. This includes helping to coordinate philanthropic response in times of crisis and challenge. The foundation is committed to helping Vermont communities that are impacted by COVID-19 by responding to immediate needs and long-term recovery efforts. Visit VTCOVID19Response.org to learn more.

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OUTDOORS

Maps vs. Signs in the HART System

BY JANE SHELDON, TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBER

One of the responsibilities of the Hinesburg Trails Committee is to keep the trail head kiosks stocked with paper maps for hikers, bikers and hunters to take with them into the woods. We do this so trail users can find their way through sometimes maze-like trail systems, to make them aware of private property boundary lines and to aid in finding them if they get lost or injured.

In an average year over 1,100 paper maps are given out.

The TC is attempting to do a cost/benefit analysis to determine if it is necessary to continue this practice.

The dollar cost is difficult to estimate, beyond the amount spent on paper, but color ink is not free. Many people carry smart phones and can download the trail maps onto them.

On the other hand, money would also have to be spent improving the signs and blazes in many of the systems to ensure the safety of those who do not or cannot use their phones instead.

Speaking of signs, the TC does its best to maintain clear and useful signage in our systems, but man and Mother Nature take their toll. For example, wind and old age can take down the trees which hold the blazes or signs. The wooden sign announcing the start of the Sullivan Trail in the Russell Trails looks a bit rough. Would a porcupine bother to climb up that far to eat painted wood? Perhaps someone with a rifle used it for target practice!

When the Eagle's Trail in the Hinesburg Town Forest had to be rerouted onto the Homestead moun-



tain bike trail due to erosion, the TC put up a temporary sign to clarify. In the meantime, the wooden sign was vandalized. It takes quite a while to replace the "professional looking" signs, and their cost comes out of the TC small budget, money which could be spent on puncheons and bridges.

We are now in the process of checking with other committees which also have responsibilities within the HART trails (Conservation Commission, Hinesburg Town Forest Committee) as well as Hinesburg Fire and Rescue. Their input as to how useful the maps

are to them will help in our analysis.

Do you have any opinions one way or the other? If so, we'd welcome your input. Just email me at elcabi2@gmavt.net and let me know!

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Private Forests, Public Benefits

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Whether you realize it or not, the lives of Vermonters are massively enriched by forests, both aesthetically (we are the Green Mountain State, after all, and the “green” on the mountains are forests), economically, culturally (through our working landscape and our forest-based recreation industry), and physically; through the clean air, water and other fundamental resources that forests produce which support the life of every living thing.

I call Vermont’s land ownership model an experiment — of the 75% of our state that is forested, about 80% of our forests are privately owned. If you, like me, own some forested land, you know what a joy it is, from being able to tromp around in your woods to being able to cut a little ultra-local firewood for your woodstove.

As a landowner, I am also sometimes struck by the absurdity of private landownership — I wonder: “Can I own that cliff?” “Can I own that brook?” “Can I own that boulder?” I chuckle at how we draw a line through the forest and pretend that my land is separate from my neighbor’s. We increasingly understand that forests are massively complex, interconnected systems and to pretend that a property boundary has any real meaning in an ecological sense is silly. Whether I like it or not, my forest is impacted by the management decisions of those around me, and my management decisions have implications that extend far beyond my boundaries.

Private lands produce public benefits. “My” forest produces the oxygen we breathe while absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide, mitigating its effects on our climate. “My” forest cleans, shades and protects two small brooks, which contribute clean, cold water into the Winooski River on its way to Lake Champlain. “My” forest provides habitat for wildlife — from white-tailed deer to neotropical songbirds — that my neighbors and my community value. “My” forest produces firewood and lumber — local, renewable resources that help keep Vermont’s iconic working landscape working and provides economic opportunity for my neighbors and my community. “My” forest is even a piece of the beautiful Green Mountains, which anyone can see and enjoy for free from the top of Camel’s Hump or while you drive down I-89 on your way to work.

While you can go to the town clerk and find a deed with my name on it, I think that we could all agree that

these benefits, produced by “my” forest, belong to all of us. They enrich the lives of my neighbors, my community, my state and my world. While I love the feeling of isolation when I’m alone in my woods, I think that one of the great joys of land ownership is knowing that the sweat and energy that I put into keeping my forest healthy contributes to healthier communities and a healthier world. I will gladly pay my property taxes every year just to know that I’m doing that.

In the book “Braiding Sweetgrass,” author Robin Wall Kimmerer talks about how, when we purchase land, we purchase a “bundle of rights.” The American idea of “freedom” is largely based on the idea that we can do whatever we want on our land, within the law and these rights. Weirdly, these rights also include the right to destroy the forest, subdividing or developing it, fragmenting it with roads and houses. While it seems ridiculous that one person, in a moment, for individual profit, could destroy a forest that could benefit everyone for thousands of years, this is one of their rights.

Kimmerer suggests a more robust interpretation of landownership, that perhaps when we purchase land, we also receive a “bundle of responsibilities” — some obligation to our land, to keeping it healthy and caring for these public benefits that affect the lives and the quality of life of our neighbors. Accepting these responsibilities may mean not exercising some of your individual rights to do something that is good not just for you, but good in the broader sense.

Being willing to forgo individual rights to keep forests healthy, protect our communities and make our world better is perhaps the most radical way to exercise our freedom as landowners. We can make hard choices to accept the responsibility, joy and privilege being stewards of Vermont’s amazing forests, both for ourselves and on behalf of our neighbors, our communities, our world and future generations.

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

Island Line Bike Ferry Returns to Service for Late Summer and Fall Schedule

FROM LOCALMOTION PRESS RELEASE

Local Motion’s beloved bike ferry, connecting the mainland to the Lake Champlain Islands, reopened on Aug. 12 for the 2020 season. The massive Colchester Causeway reconstruction project is complete, and the bike ferry once again welcomes walkers and riders to enjoy the spectacular ride across the Cut.

The Local Motion crew is taking precautions this year by instituting protocols designed to keep passengers and staff safe. Face masks will be required on board and social distancing will be maintained, resulting in 10 passengers/bikes per trip rather than the normal 20. Extensive cleaning of frequently touched surfaces will be the order of the day.

Local Motion will not be physically collecting money or making change on board or shore side. We ask passengers to leave donations in designated receptacles to help cover the significant costs of running our service. Those who have already purchased season passes will receive a complimentary pass for the 2021 season. Donations to support the bike ferry can be made to Local Motion at localmotion.org/donate.

Schedule

Fall weekend service Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays beginning Friday, Sept. 11 thru Sunday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VT Fish & Wildlife Sets Age Requirement for Online Hunter Education Classes

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has set a minimum age requirement of 12 years for their online-only hunter education course, bowhunter education course and trapper education correspondence course to begin on Oct. 1.

“In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we began offering an online-only option for our hunter education and bowhunter education courses as well as a correspondence course for trapper education to reduce the health and safety risk to our instructors and students,” said Education Manager Alison Thomas. “Online-only and correspondence education allow individuals interested in hunting and trapping to obtain the necessary certifications to prepare for the upcoming fall hunting seasons.” These three courses are completely remote with no in-person contact. We want to ensure that our program creates a proper system for instructing safe and responsible new hunters and trappers. We continue to offer a very limited number of traditional, in-person courses and home study programs with no age requirement. “While our online-only courses meet all the standards and requirements established by the International Hunter Education Association,” said Thomas, “we encourage everyone

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Calendar

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 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@beecheerhillyoga.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, OCTOBER 7

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Indigenous People’s Day.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFec3lkQT09MeditingID:85303058417> Password: 321494 – Dial by your location +1 929205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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, OCTOBER 21

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, OCTOBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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, OCTOBER 29

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Daylight Savings Time ends.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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, NOVEMBER 3

Election Day.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers’ Group. Carpenter-Carse Library. See October 6 calendar date for more.

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, NOVEMBER 4

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. See October 13 calendar date for more.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day.

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, NOVEMBER 12

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

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will create written and visual profiles of participating businesses. These profiles will then be distributed by the Record.

Richard Watts, a Hinesburg resident and Coordinator of the Community News Service, also wrote a letter of support for the town grant application.

The town is in the middle of planning the implementation of the grant program and will hopefully put it into action in early to mid-October, said Marshall.

While Deliduka stressed that more more work needs to be done — the details on when and how residents can receive Bucks and which of Hinesburg’s 40 businesses will accept them, for example, are currently unknown — the ACCD requires funds to be used up by November 15th so it is unlikely this program will last long. Nonetheless, Marshall believes it will have a long-term impact.

“We’re all realizing how interconnected we are and if our businesses are struggling, that’s ultimately going to impact all of us,” Marshall said. “Hopefully this program will really highlight the local businesses and the value that we have here.”

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

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who takes an online course to also take an in-person course if available, for the added benefits of hands-on and in-person learning.”

Requests for exemptions to the age requirement for online classes should be made directly to the Hunter Education Program by calling 802-828-1193 or emailing HunterEducation@vermont.gov. Exemptions will be considered for those youth age 12 and under that are immuno-compromised or are otherwise unable to attend in-person classes.

Anyone interested in taking hunter education classes should visit the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's Hunter Education Program webpage: vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunter-education for more information or to enroll in a course. More information is also available by calling the Hunter Education Program at 802-828-1193 or sending an email to HunterEducation@vermont.gov.

PEOPLE

St. George Resident Named to 2021 Best Lawyers in America List

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Langrock Sperry & Wool, LLP is pleased to announce that The Best Lawyers in America — the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession — named Sarah Gentry Tischler to “The Best Lawyers in America 2021” list for Trusts and Estates.

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Graduation Honors

Roger Williams University of Rhode Island is proud to announce that **Alexandra (Lexi) Lewis**, of Hinesburg, graduated cum laude with a B.A. in psychology in May as part of the Class of 2020.



Brothers Jake Potter (16) and Cody Potter (15) recently became Eagle Scouts.

A Pair of Eagles: Brothers Earn Top Scout Rank

Hinesburg brothers Jake Potter, 16, and Cody Potter, 15 were honored as Eagle Scouts as they successfully passed their Boards of Review on the same day, Sept. 8, 2020 — a rare occasion in the Scouting world. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Jake and Cody are members of Troop 690 in Hinesburg. In addition to other requirements, a final service project is required to achieve Eagle rank. Jake's project was focused on building two raised garden beds that benefited his church in Williston. The Williston Federated Church was also the beneficiary for Cody's project, which involved building several shelving units to store and organize items for the Tiny Dreamers daycare that occupies the basement of his church, which was flooded in last October's rain storm.

During their Scouting careers, Jake and Cody have experienced a multitude of adventures, ranging from multiple spring and fall camporees, a week of high adventure camping at Ausable Chasm in New York which included rappelling, zip lining, hiking and miles and miles of mountain biking trails, as well as their favorite experience of flying an airplane at the Swanton airport.

Jake joined Cub Scouts in 2010 and rose through the ranks, holding vari-

ous positions of responsibility for senior patrol leader, patrol leader and librarian. He earned 34 merit badges, and in doing so, he has earned a bronze and gold palm. Palms are earned in increments of five additional merit badges after earning the required 21 merit badges for Eagle rank. Jake is starting his junior year at CVU. Cody joined Cub Scouts in 2011 and rose through the ranks, holding various positions of responsibility for patrol leader, quartermaster and bugler. He earned 32 merit badges, and he has also earned a bronze and gold palm. Cody is starting his sophomore year at CVU. Congratulations on reaching Scouting's pinnacle!

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Hinesburgers Graduate from Snelling Center for Government's Vermont Leadership Institute

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Snelling Center for Government is pleased to announce that **Morgan Crossman**, **Brent Demers** and **Debora Rolland**, all of Hinesburg, have graduated from the Vermont Leadership Institute. The commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 was held on Aug. 29, 2020 at Basin Harbor in Vergennes with a keynote address by Xusana Davis, executive director of racial equity for the state of Vermont.

Crossman is currently the executive



Morgan Crossman.

director at Building Bright Futures in Williston. Demers is currently the assistant director of operations/logistics at City Market in Burlington. Rolland is currently the executive director at Rhino Foods Foundation in Burlington. As a participant in

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18. Dostoyevsky's masterpiece, with The
19. "Royal Brewery in Munich, a.k.a. _____ M,nchen
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23. Tree juice
24. Cathedral part
25. Lysergic acid derivative, acr.
28. Children's author Roald
30. Bivouac
35. Heroic poem
37. Taro or cocoyam, technically
39. Relish tastebuds' sensation
40. Russian governmental agency
41. Musketeers' weapons
43. Presidential "No!"
44. Make corrections
46. Kind of palm
47. A in B.A.
48. Indian Ocean's saltwater inlet
50. Carvey or Plato
52. "Sesame Street" watcher
53. One-horse carriage
55. Sunday newspaper inserts
57. "Kind of Oktoberfest band
60. "Salty snack
64. Melttable abode
65. Go wrong
67. Sore spot
68. African prairie
69. "Wheel of Fortune" vowel request
70. All-season ones, on a car
71. Affirmatives
72. Beaver's construction
73. Noise of contempt

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1. Egyptian hieroglyph for "life"
2. "You're not allowed!" to a baby
3. Mistake
4. Spurs
5. Between triad and pentad
6. Comic strip Moppet
7. Anger management issue
8. Economic crisis
9. Ghana monetary unit
10. Ear-related
11. Tubby little cubby
12. Ted Turner's TV acronym
15. Bedding and towels
20. Lickety-split
22. Wear and tear
24. "So soon?"
25. *____hosen
26. Sea foam
27. Like United States Capitol
29. "Flower used in beer-making
31. Spanish sparkling wine
32. Deflect
33. "O'zapft is!" or "It's tapped!"
34. "Cheers!"
36. Without, ‡ Paris
38. Start of something big?
42. Echo sounder
45. Joseph Stalin was one
49. "Eureka!"
51. Experts
54. In the lead
56. "Beer garden mug
57. Curved molding
58. Paella pot
59. '60s British teenagers
60. "Hunger Games" sister
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VLI, Crossman joined 21 other leaders from around the state for eight overnight sessions, beginning in September 2019. The Class of 2020 had an unusual year with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, but with creativity, flexibility and adaptability, the cohort successfully finished the year after sessions were initially postponed in the spring. Davis expanded upon the principles of leadership and encouraged the graduates to remember their unique learnings from VLI and use that to guide their work going forward.

The Vermont Leadership Institute was created in 1995 with the goal of stimulating citizen enthusiasm for and participation in public service. VLI associates engage in intensive assessment and self-reflection, learn from both each other and an esteemed faculty, and become immersed in some of the most important issues facing Vermont. Session themes include personal leadership adaptation, complex system thinking and innovation, and leadership paradigms that actively promote diversity, equity and inclusion for all Vermonters.

The Class of 2020 is the 25th graduating class.

Crossman, Demers and Rolland now join a professional network of over 1,000 Vermont Leadership network alumni, including more than 600 VLI graduates who are positively influencing Vermont's future in business, public policy, education, community



Brent Demers.



Debby Rolland.

development and a wide range of volunteer and nonprofit sector roles.

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RECIPES



Healthy Veggies That Taste Like a Treat

Baked Zucchini “Fries”

BY CATHY RYAN

Many people have excess zucchini this time of year, and if you didn't grow your own, it's available and inexpensive at a farm stand or grocery store. I've made breaded zucchini slices, fried in oil in a frying pan, but I recently came across a baked version that tastes amazing, so I'd like to share it with you.

There are three things that I particu-

larly like about this recipe: it's delicious, it's healthy, and once you have the zucchini breaded and in the oven, you can relax or focus on cooking the rest of the meal — it doesn't have to be flipped, tended and juggled the way zucchini fried in a pan must be.

One piece of equipment that is necessary is an oven-safe metal cooling rack. By placing the breaded pieces on the cooling rack, over a cookie sheet, you don't have to flip them around, and they get crispy on all sides. You put them in the oven and ignore them until it's time to remove them. I recently bought a nonstick metal cooling rack, but any metal rack will work — you'll just get some breading sticking to the rack.

Ingredients:

- 1 large but not huge zucchini
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup of breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese (optional)
- A few shakes of garlic powder, pep-



Zucchini sticks (and a few baby eggplant sticks) ready to be breaded.



Breaded zucchini sticks on a wire cooling rack, on a cookie sheet, coming out of the oven.

per, paprika or your favorite seasoning (optional)

Dipping sauce of your choice — pasta sauce, Asian dipping sauce, barbecue sauce, etc.

Steps:

Cut the zucchini into thick finger-sized sticks (about 3/4 of an inch wide, 3 or 4 inches long).

Put the flour in a plastic bag such as a bread bag or quart-sized storage bag. Put about half of the zucchini sticks into the bag and shake to coat with flour. Repeat with the rest of the zucchini once there's room in the bag.

Put the egg and milk in a small bowl and whisk.

Put the breadcrumbs, parmesan and other seasonings of your choice in a bowl and mix.

Place an oven-safe metal cooling rack on top of a cookie sheet. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Using two forks (I find it less messy than using my hands), take a piece of zucchini out of the flour bag, dip it in the egg and then the breadcrumbs (and make sure it's fully coated each time) and place on the cooling rack.

Bake for about 30 minutes. No need to flip them.

I've served these as a side with pasta, dipping them in pasta sauce, and also as a side with stir-fry, dipping them in Asian dipping sauce, and they tasted great both ways. You can be creative with what you dip them in, and kids would probably love several dipping options — a delicious way to get kids (and adults) to eat their veggies!

OTHER NEWS

VTF&W Commemorates 100 Years of Wildlife Management Area Conservation

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, along with a broad array of supporters, allies and partners, is commemorating a century of protecting and improving land in Vermont for wildlife species and those who care for them.

In 1920, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department purchased 1,000 acres of land at the estuary of the Lamoille River, creating the Sandbar Waterfowl Refuge, that ultimately became the state's first wildlife management area. On Thursday, Sept. 10, current and former department employees gathered there with partners representing other organizations around Vermont to commemorate the last century of protecting wild lands. The event featured speakers from Fish & Wildlife, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, Vermont Audubon and Tom Berry from Sen. Patrick Leahy's office.

Department biologists led attend-

ees on a guided walk through the WMA to discuss and observe active habitat improvement projects such as prescribed burns, timber harvests, grassland restoration and waterfowl management. The gathering recognized the key partnerships and funding sources that have contributed to the conservation of approximately 135,000 acres across Vermont's WMAs since 1920, concluding with the acquisition of the department's 100th WMA in Shrewsbury on Aug. 3, 2020.

“Owning and managing wildlife management areas are vitally important to meeting our mission, which is to protect and conserve the fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the people of Vermont,” said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. “These areas represent some of the most unique habitats and natural communities in Vermont and exemplify a century's worth of foresight and thoughtful management to conserve Vermont's wildlife and natural heritage. Together with our partners, we take great pride in protecting the intrinsic value of these habitats and their wildlife and providing all Vermonters with access to public land and natural resources for hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife watching and nature photography among other uses.”

Conservation and management of all WMAs is funded through sporting license sales, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Fund, and the

Vermont Habitat Stamp. Private donations both directly and through conservation organizations, as well as the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, federal funding for wetland restoration and recreation as well as other sources have also contributed essential support to this effort.

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Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

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

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.



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

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

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

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

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

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Parish Council Chair: Allan Monniere 578-8572

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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

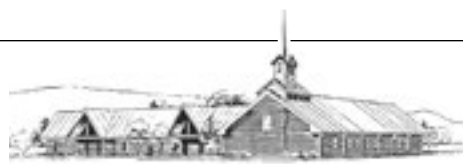
Weekday Masses: Monday and Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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.

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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.

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

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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.



Vets Helping Vets

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Valley Exposition. A raffle of just five items raised \$10,000 the first year. "We couldn't stop people from buying raffle tickets," says Floyd. "They kept coming back for more!"

Since that time, the Vermont CVMA has raised \$100,000. All of that goes into a 501(c)(19) nonprofit checking account governed by a board of directors. If somebody knows a veteran who needs help they just ask. "We look into it and pay the rent or whatever," says Floyd.

The Vermont CVMA has donated thousands of dollars to organizations such as the VFW Post 782 (Burlington), Hinesburg Fire Department, Blue Star Mothers of Vermont, Pet Program, Vermont Adaptive Veteran Ventures, Boys Scout Troop #252, Purple Hearts Reunited, 2020 Vermont Veterans Summit, North Country Honor Flight, Vermont Paws & Boots Service Dog Program, Vermont National Guard COVID-19 Food Distribution Team, Ryan Grady Memorial Scholarship Fund & Ride, and Friends of Veterans, Inc.

COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 lockdown required that this years Champlain Valley Exposition fundraiser be canceled, as well as plans for the annual leaf-



Members of the Vermont CMVA.



The CVMA sharing coffee at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Sharon, Vermont.



Winston (left) and Clementine Churchill, both a bit over the 500cc size requirement for membership in the CVMA, but tolerated by Floyd and Kathleen nonetheless.

peeper Coffee Break event where untold amounts of coffee and delicious baked goods are given away at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial rest stop on Interstate 89 in Sharon.

It is important to note that the CVMA is an association and not a motorcycle club. Although it does serve certain geographic areas, the CVMA does not claim territory. There is no club house and members do not wear cuts or colors, but rather vests. The patch on the back is one piece.

Motorcycles Mandatory, and BIG!

Now, about the motorcycling: yes, to be a CVMA member, you need own a motorcycle, it needs to be of a certain size, and you need to ride it regularly. Now, since nearly every weekend the CVMA in Vermont organizes rides, the latter stipulation should not be a problem. Usually rides consist of between 5 and 15 members and all are welcome.

Just don't be late – there won't be anybody waiting around for you!

Today, Floyd still rides regularly on the big Harley, with Kathleen often riding behind. When he's not doing that, or fundraising, or helping other vets no matter what, Floyd likes

watching and tending the bird feeders in his Hinesburg backyard, and staying out of the way of his bevy of pets, including two old English bulldogs who, while completely lovable, tend to walk about like small bulldozers.

As his granddaughter wrote in another article recently, "He [Floyd] tries to stay healthy by working in the yard or in the house using the KitchenAid mixer to make some delicious Italian bread. Long motorcycle rides to ease the stress, the pain, the heartache, and the wishes asked upon shooting stars for a better life. Grasping onto a life trying to live life to the fullest."

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Veterans Helping Veterans

Hineburg Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Firing on All Cylinders

BY KEVIN LEWIS

The Chapter 26-1 Commander of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is Hinesburger Floyd (Omen) Wood who, at age 72, still rides a 1868cc (114 cubic inches) Harley Davidson and, more importantly, still helps any veteran any time of the day or night. “Veterans Helping Veterans’ is our motto,” says Floyd, “but it is much more than that.”

Continues Floyd, “As a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association you are treated like family from day one. There is nothing that any one of us wouldn’t do for the other.”

For Floyd, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) family literally saved his life when he



Red represents the blood shed on battlefield. Gold is for all the branches of the U.S. military. Black is for the heavy hearts of those who sacrificed. The skull and the ace are for the death that war leaves in its wake.

joined in 2008. A Vietnam vet of the Army 4th Infantry (16th Artillery Forward Observer) Floyd lived a life on the wild side after his honorable discharge in 1970 and the missing fingers on one hand are chocked up to those days and not combat.

Combat, however, left Floyd injured in other and worse ways. Today he is classified by the Army as “totally disabled.” Joining the CVMA helped Floyd with his disabilities and, more importantly, turned Floyd’s life around.

What saved Floyd is what has saved many other vets: somebody who will listen, understand and just be there. Whether a vet has seen combat or not, there is unspoken bond among vets which allows help to be received

from what otherwise would be complete strangers. Just as important, vets who *give* the help find a purpose and perhaps even a kind of control over their lives that they formerly may have lacked.

The Gift of a Challenge Coin



Floyd has come to believe there is genuine power in the act of giving, and Floyd even gave this interviewer – a non-veteran whose idea of combat is weedwacking – a challenge coin that brought the point home. The challenge coin itself typifies the spirit of giving and the bond among veterans. Given to vets by fellow vets as well as by presidents, this coin, when presented, buys favor from other coin holders, regardless of circumstance.

Cementing the bond among CVMA members is the common interest in all things motorcycle.

Today, CVMA serves over 22,000 veterans nationwide, with chapters in all 50 states, plus hundreds more members overseas in places like South Korea and Germany.

Originally, in the Vermont Chapter of CVMA, it was just member dues that went to vets and it was only a few hundred dollars each year. In 2009, Kathleen, Floyd’s wife, came up with idea of a fundraiser at the Champlain

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Floyd (Omen) and Kathleen Wood at their Hinesburg home.

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