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## New Year, New Semester for ACCESS CVU

FROM ACCESS CVU PRESS RELEASE

**Y**ay! 2021 is finally here! The beginning of each year brings new goals, resolutions and a desire for a healthier and happier way of life. It also means a new semester of classes at Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU High School, is about to begin! Is "learn something new" on your list of goals for this year? Sign up for a class or two today and make 2021 a year to remember!

*Below: "Fox in Snow" painting by Ginny Joyner, ACCESS watercolor instructor.*



We are so excited about the lineup of offerings we have for you. By the numbers we have:

- 153 spectacular classes!
- 70 inspiring instructors, including 14 new instructors
- 42 new class titles

Classes run from Feb. 1 through June and will continue to be offered online with the user-friendly Zoom platform. We plan to offer some outdoor classes following COVID-safe guidelines when spring temperatures warm up in April and May. Online classes provide the opportunity to take a class

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## Virtual Quilt Club

FROM PRESS RELEASE

**D**o you love to quilt, or are you interested in learning how? Are you looking to work with a community of young quilters to help hone your stitching skills?



*Detail of  
"Appliqué and Pieced Sunflower Quilt"*

Join the Virtual Quilt Club to learn about quilts featured in the upcoming "Pattern & Purpose" online exhibition. Pick up quilting tips and tricks, and create hand- or machine-quilted coasters. Participants will receive a pack of materials prior to the start of class. No formal experience is required other than the ability to thread a needle.

Six Tuesdays, from 4-5:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 through March 16.

Registration is open now and closes Jan. 29. Space is limited to 12 participants. \$100 for members, \$110 for nonmembers.

Includes a fabric pack, rotary cutting blade, self-healing mat and ruler.

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## Letter Policy

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

*With these cautions, please keep those letters rolling in. Send them via email to [news@hinesburgrecord.org](mailto: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.*

## Get Involved in Haystack Crossing

Hinesburg residents may wonder how they can affect or get involved in a project that is as large and complex as the proposed Haystack Crossing. Residents also may assume that it is too late to get involved, thinking that the project already has been approved. It is not too late: the developer has not received final approval for the project.

Although the developer, BlackRock, has received two local approvals, THREE are required before a project can go forward. BlackRock has received only Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plat. The Final Plat review is still to come, and this stage is where citizen input will be important. This is another point at which residents can give the Development Review Board input and help shape the project and its effect on life in Hinesburg.

The results of Final Plat review will determine the experience of those who will live at Haystack but also the overall effect of this development on everyone who lives in Hinesburg. These final details, therefore, are important to understand and to comment to the DRB.

Here are some major issues that will be addressed and fine-tuned in the remaining hearings and some places to look for relevant commentary. Town links have been shortened for ease of access; once in the Dropbox, you can browse many other submissions:

- Affordable and elderly housing — Hinesburg's Affordable Housing Committee has considered this issue, [tinyurl.com/y5936gk9](https://tinyurl.com/y5936gk9).
- Stormwater Management — Hinesburg's Conservation Commission has studied this and is making recommendations, [tinyurl.com/yyt7yomg](https://tinyurl.com/yyt7yomg).
- Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy — comments by Hinesburg's Energy Committee, [tinyurl.com/y3lhazr4](https://tinyurl.com/y3lhazr4).
- Green space/street design/paths/landscaping/parking — see comments in letters from residents, including former selectboard member Andrea Morgante, [tinyurl.com/yyb674bs](https://tinyurl.com/yyb674bs).
- Connections to the river system/wetlands including the LaPlatte River, Patrick Brook, Riggs Brook and other unnamed tributaries. Link to Lamoureux and Dickinson report describing waterways and prime agricultural soils in the area, [tinyurl.com/yyc4bopn](https://tinyurl.com/yyc4bopn).

The DRB must require improvements to BlackRock's current plans for Haystack to ensure that this new part of Hinesburg complies with our town plan and zoning regulations. Send your comments to the Planning and Zoning office to communicate with the DRB. Make your voice heard.

See detailed sketch on page 4.

Go to [responsiblegrowthhinesburg.org](https://responsiblegrowthhinesburg.org) to access links online.

*Jean Kiedaisch, Responsible Growth Hinesburg*

# Town News

## Town Meeting Update

BY MELISSA B. ROSS,  
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Many items related to the town meeting are still in a state of flux. Please look for The Hinesburg Record digital edition in February for a more timely update. Sign up for the digital edition at [hinesburgrecord.org/subscribe](https://hinesburgrecord.org/subscribe).

## Hinesburg's New Ice Skating Rink

BY TOM GIROUX, RECREATION COMMISSION

As many of you may have noticed, there is a new hot (actually cold) spot in the middle of town. The Recreation Commission has erected an ice skating area in back of the fire station. With a lot of help from Rocky Martin — yes, the same one who dedicated himself to the town for so many years — along with the whole McCuin family and members of the Hinesburg Recreation Commission, you all now have a special place to enjoy the Vermont winter.

After the ice was deemed safe, 5-year-old Zeke Lovitz-Slason, and his “older sister” Sara Lovitz, were the first to enjoy this new gem in the town of Hinesburg. This area has seen a lot of action since its recent opening. It's great to drive by and see people of all ages having fun and getting some exercise together. The recreation commission does require that masks be worn at all times and that everyone stay a safe distance apart, so we can continue to offer ice skating during these COVID-19 virus times. Thank you in advance for abiding by these simple guidelines.

The commission has decided to postpone the installation of lights until next winter, thinking it's best to give it some time to work out further details that will make the rink even more beneficial to all in the following



winters. This recreation spot is in the middle of a residential neighborhood with a lot of young children, so would you all **please** be careful driving in this area, and really **stop** at those red signs. Thank you! Enjoy, smile and stay warm!

## We Are Here if You Need Us

BY RACHEL KRING, HINESBURG COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

It has been a year of challenges, but it has also been a year that has shown what community is all about. We have had so many wonderful conversations with neighbors who are concerned for their fellow “Hinesburgers” throughout the pandemic and want to know how they can help. Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations, put an extra can or two in the food shelf collection bin at Lantman's, or picked up food for a neighbor. We feel the genuine concern for others, and we know we will get through this together.

If you need us, we are here for you. Our mission of neighbors helping neighbors means we are acting as a link between the neighbors who want to make sure we all make it out of this alright and the neighbors who are anxious and need some help during this difficult time. Our services are also partially supported in the town budget, so if you hesitate at all to seek help (many of us do!) please know that support for basic needs in a time of crisis is just one more service available to you as a Hinesburg resident. It is a service we are honored to provide to our neighbors.

**Food Shelf Hours:** Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 and Friday mornings from 10:00-noon; car-side service; delivery available if you are ill or homebound. We are located at 51 Ballard's Corner Road (our mailing address is P.O. Box 444).

**Emergency Fund:** Call 802-482-4946 for urgent needs such as electric, heat and rent.

For more information visit [hinesburgresource.org](https://hinesburgresource.org) or call 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](mailto: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 Ballard's Corner Road. Rachel Kring, Executive Director, [kring@hinesburgresource.org](mailto:kring@hinesburgresource.org), 482-4946. Alex Konciewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at [konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org](mailto:konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org).

Hours for **Hinesburg Food Shelf** are Fri. 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. [HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG](https://hinesburgresource.org)

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

**Hinesburg Community School:** 10888 Route 116, 482-2106, [CVSDVT.ORG/DOMAIN/9](https://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](https://vsdvt.org/cvuhs) for calendar, cafe, staff directory, student portal, etc.

**Carpenter-Carse Library:** 69 Ballard's Corner, 482-2878, [CARPENTERCARSE.ORG](https://carpentercarse.org) for library hours, services, and online resources.

**Hinesburg Business & Professional Association:** business directory, membership, news and events. [HBPAVT.COM](https://hbpavt.com)

**Connecting Youth:** Chittenden South community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people. [SEEWHY.INFO](https://seewhy.info)



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## LEGISLATIVE

### Historic Vermont Legislature Underway Amid National Upheaval

HINESBURG REP. BILL LIPPERT

#### Online Access to the 2021 Legislature

The Vermont Legislature reconvened for the start of a new bienium on Wednesday, Jan. 6 — remotely on Zoom and YouTube — amid the ongoing, worsening COVID-19 pandemic. Legislating on Zoom is challenging, but it is necessary for the health and safety of legislators, legislative staff, the public and the press. The House and Senate will legislate remotely through February. We will then reevaluate based on state health recommendations, and decide whether, or when, in-person legislating will become possible again.

We were forced to dispense with the traditional ceremonies of the Legislature's opening days — includ-

ing the swearing in of the governor and statewide officials in front of a joint assembly of the Senate and House. The governor's State of the State address was delivered in abbreviated form on Zoom, and instead was broadcast live across the state later that evening on television and online. For the first time in history, all 150 members of the House were sworn in remotely, outside of the actual Statehouse.

Ironically, however, the changes necessary to legislate via Zoom and YouTube have resulted in making our legislative proceedings more accessible to the general Vermont public than ever before. Vermonters who have access to the internet can follow legislative proceedings by going to the Vermont Legislature's webpage: [legislature.vermont.gov](http://legislature.vermont.gov). To watch the House or Senate floor proceedings, go to "Watch House/Senate Live Video" when we are in session on the floor.

To follow a particular committee's proceedings, search for the committee by name, go to the committee webpage and look for "Watch Online — Livestream." Or click on the committee's "Agenda" link where there

is another link for watching the committee on livestream. Every committee of the House and Senate legislates on Zoom, while simultaneously livestreaming each meeting on a YouTube channel. These meetings are recorded on YouTube, and are available for later viewing on the Vermont Legislature's YouTube channel.

It is the policy for all House legislative committees to provide citizen access by legislating publicly on YouTube. If YouTube is not functioning, or fails partway through a committee meeting, it is also House policy that the committee will interrupt its proceedings until the YouTube channel resumes its connection and recording, to ensure citizen access to our committee proceedings.

#### Historic Legislative Session – Women in Leadership

The 2021 Legislature is historic not only for legislating remotely on Zoom/YouTube, but also because, for the first time in Vermont history, all of the major leadership posts in the Legislature are occupied by women: Lt. Governor Molly Gray presides over the Senate; House Speaker Jill Krowinski presides over the House; and Senate President Pro Tem Becca

Balint acts as the elected leader of the Senate. In addition, the other major leadership posts within each chamber are women: House Majority Leader Emily Long, Minority Leader Patty McCoy and Progressive Leader Selene Colburn, as well as newly elected Senate Majority Leader Allison Clarkson. The Statehouse building continues to be run by Sergeant-At-Arms Janet Miller, and the House elected a new House clerk, Betsyann Wrask.

#### COVID-19 Town Meeting Legislation

In a clear sign that COVID-19 issues will dominate this session, the first bill passed, H. 48, was swiftly voted through both the House and Senate. The bill gives all Vermont towns and "municipalities" the authority to move the date of their Town Meeting Day (or municipal election meeting) further into the calendar year, in the hopes that an in-person meeting might be able to be held safely by that time. The legislation also authorized any town or municipality to move all voting to mail-in balloting, similar to what was provided for the November general election. Additional expenses for these mail-in ballots have already been authorized by the Legislature using federal

COVID-19 relief dollars.

The legislation does not, however, require towns or municipalities to move their meetings, nor does it require towns to mail out ballots. Provisions for H. 48 were negotiated involving the League of Cities and Towns, the secretary of state's office and the governor's office, allowing for the House and Senate to vote unanimously for H. 48 and send it along to the governor for his speedy signature.

#### National Upheaval of COVID-19, Capital Insurrection and Threats of Political Violence

While Vermont is divided by political party, with Republican Gov. Scott, and strong Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, nevertheless Vermont's Legislature and executive branch are a model of working together in sharp contrast to our national scene.

The national upheaval involving the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, an outgoing president who persistently denies his election loss while persisting in false claims of a rigged election and stoking political tensions, the horrific violence and insurrection at the national capitol, emergent white supremacy amid racial injustice, and now further threats of political violence in Washington and at all 50 state capitals — all of this has created an extraordinary level of personal and political fear, anxiety and stress.

***We are living — and legislating — in the most challenging national political climate of my lifetime.***

But we must move forward. Together, we must acknowledge and actively support our fairly elected new President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. We must demand accountability for the capitol insurrectionists, white supremacists and advocates of political violence, who are attacking the very core of our democracy. Together, we must actively advocate and practice civil disagreement and discourse, reach beyond our deep divisions, and ultimately work for civic reconciliation.

Feel free to be in touch throughout this remote Zoom/YouTube legislative

session: Hinesburg Representative Bill Lippert, [wlippert@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:wlippert@leg.state.vt.us) or 802-734-0593. I will do my best to get back to you. This year is a particularly challenging legislative environment. If you have not heard back, please reach out once again. Thank you.

### Welch Priorities Signed into Law as Part of Omnibus Government Funding Bill

FROM WELCH PRESS RELEASE

On Dec. 27, President Donald Trump signed into law a government funding bill that included energy efficiency provisions championed by Representative Peter Welch, and an important Medicaid fraud bill that he introduced this Congress. The bill also funds the government for the remainder of fiscal year 2021.

The legislation includes several provisions Welch led during the 116th Congress that are now law. Specifically, it includes the following Welch-led energy efficiency initiatives:

- Provisions from the Biomass Thermal Utilization Act (H.R. 1479) to incentivize the use of energy efficient wood boilers, stoves and heaters through tax credits for capital costs incurred in residential installations.
- These provisions come from the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act (H.R. 3962) introduced by Welch this Congress.
- The Energy Savings Through Public Private Partnership Act (H.R. 3079) to require federal agencies to implement previously identified energy efficiency upgrades and to use performance contracting to ensure energy savings and save taxpayer dollars.
- Core parts of the Federal Energy and Water Management Performance Act (H.R. 5650), which authorizes, for the first time, the Federal Energy Management Program at \$36 million through fiscal year 2025.
- The Small Building Acceleration Act (H.R. 2044) to facilitate the transi-

tion to energy-saving smart buildings by supporting research and documenting the costs and benefits of emerging technologies in private and federal government buildings.

- Provisions to develop a national plan for smart manufacturing technology development and deployment to improve domestic manufacturing sector productivity and efficiency. This is similar to parts of The Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act (H.R. 1633), introduced by Welch this Congress.
- The Combined Heat and Power Support Act (H.R. 1480), which creates a Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnership Program and encourages the deployment of CHP, waste heat to power, and efficient district energy.

In addition, the spending legislation included a Welch bill to combat Medicaid fraud and abuse and protect those served by the program from being exploited. The legislation, H.R. 3891, would fix a loophole that prohibited state Medicaid Fraud Control Units to pursue waste and abuse in noninstitutional settings, like home health care. The bill is strongly supported by Vermont State Attorney General T.J. Donovan.

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## CSWD

### Waste Reduction Resolutions

BY ALISE CERTA, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Happy New Year! I think we all can agree that we can leave 2020 in our rearview mirror and not look back.

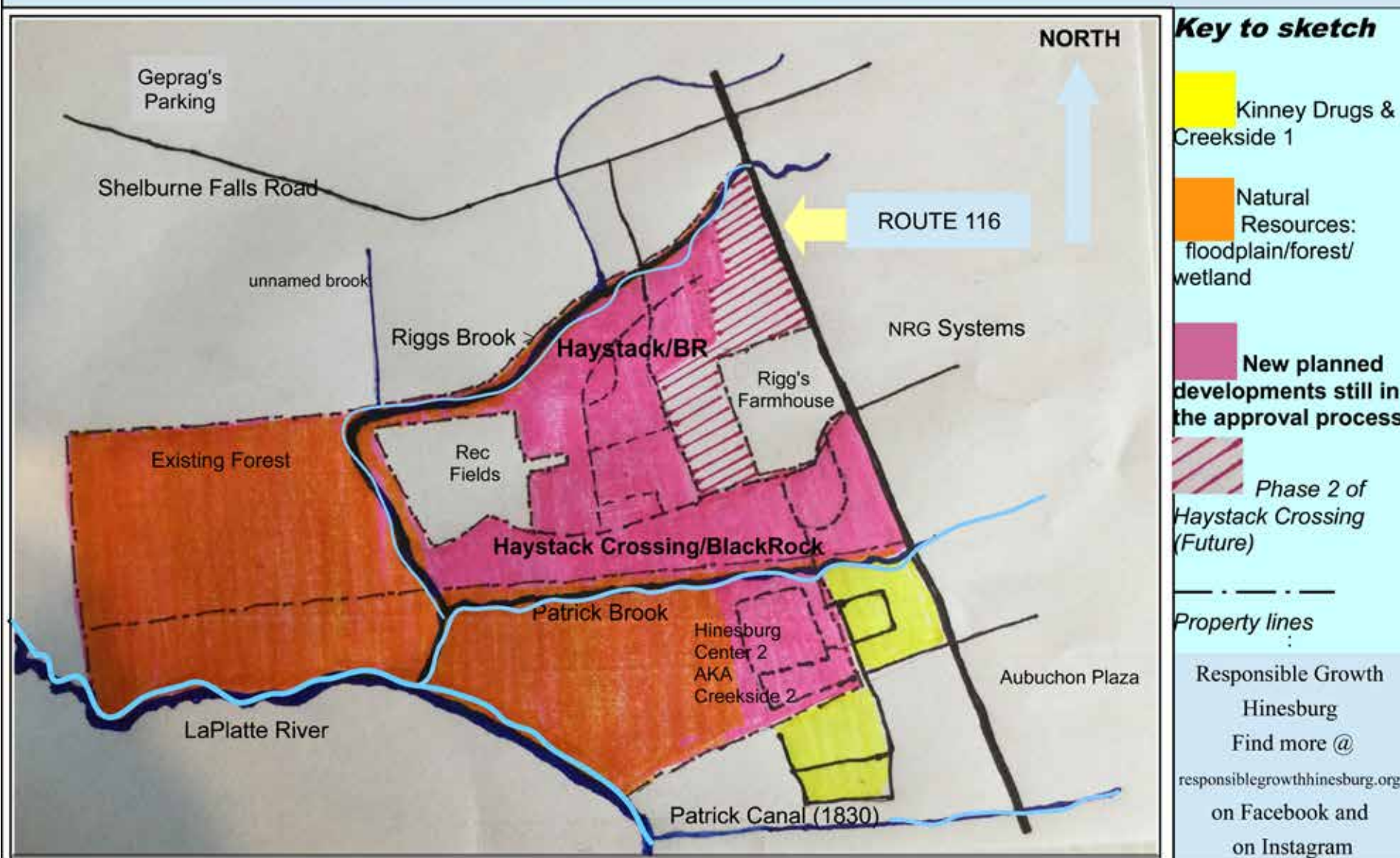
This is the time of year when everyone starts talking about resolutions. I have mixed feelings on resolutions this year. I do want to commit to something but with all our lives being upended due to the pandemic, it seems like a lot to take on. A new resolution? Ugh.

So, what did I commit to for 2021? I commit to doing the same things I am doing — but better.

What in the world does that mean? This last year, along with my fellow Vermonters, I committed to reducing and composting my food scraps. I am doing well, but I can do better. I am now planning my meals in advance and making grocery lists. Writing it all down helps me see what food I can reuse in new meals. Roasted chicken becomes chicken soup. Leftover taco meat becomes a taco salad. So no new resolutions for me, just a commitment to doing better at what I'm

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**This is coming down the road to Hinesburg. Do you like what you see? Participate in the process, be heard.**



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# POLICE

## Incidents

**November 16:** 1 p.m. Officers conducted a welfare check on Hillview Terrace.

6:05 p.m. An officer responded to a family fight on Hollow Road.  
9 p.m. An officer responded to a family fight on Bear Lane.  
10 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Shelburne Falls Road.  
10:20 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Route 116.

**November 18:** 6:30 a.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash was investigated. The crash was a result of a road rage incident.

**November 20:** 3:45 p.m. Officers responded to a residential burglary alarm on Piette Road.  
5:54 p.m. Officers investigated the report of a missing person. That individual was later located and a Relief

from Abuse order was issued to a second party involved.  
10 p.m. Officers responded to Hollow Road and an investigation into threatening behavior was conducted.

**November 21:** 3:05 p.m. Officers responded to Richmond Road for a residential burglary alarm.

**November 22:** 1:35 p.m. Officers assisted staff at the Howard Center on Hawk Lane with a disorderly resident.  
3:25 p.m. An officer investigated a commercial burglary alarm on Farnall Drive.

**November 25:** 7:30 a.m. A single-car crash on Pond Road was investigated.  
8:30 a.m. A single-car crash on Charlotte Road was investigated.

**November 26:** 7:35 a.m. An officer assisted the Fish and Game Department with an investigation on Gilman Road.

**December 1:** 8 a.m. A theft of proper-

ty from Jiffy Mart on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.  
7:30 p.m. A 911 hang-up was investigated on Hillview Terrace.

**December 2:** 1:25 a.m. A welfare check was conducted at Lyman Meadows.  
9 a.m. Officers investigated an act of vandalism at CVU.  
11:30 p.m. A commercial burglary alarm was investigated at the Hinesburg Animal Hospital. A loose cat inside the building was credited with the activation.

**December 3:** 9:30 a.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash at Lantman's Market was investigated.  
11:55 a.m. A single-car crash on Charlotte Road was investigated.

**December 4:** 3:21 p.m. Officers responded to a family fight at Village Heights.  
3:35 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116 at the intersection of Charlotte Road.

**December 5:** 7:22 p.m. Officers responded to a residential burglary alarm on Green Street.  
**December 9:** 12:20 p.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash was investigated on Silver Street.

**December 10:** 2:45 p.m. An officer responded to a burglary alarm at the Jiffy Mart.  
5 p.m. Officers assisted the Fish and Game Department with a deer poaching case on Charlotte Road.  
11:55 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for a car crash resulting from striking a deer.

**December 11:** 10:50 p.m. Officers responded to O'Neil Road for a family fight.  
**December 12:** 6 p.m. A report of suspicious activity on Kailey's Way was investigated.

**December 17:** 8 a.m. Officers responded to a family fight on North Road.  
**December 18:** 7:25 p.m. Officers responded to Silver Street for a single-motor vehicle crash. The operator of the vehicle was arrested for DUI.

**December 20:** 5-7 p.m. Officers responded to multiple single-car crashes on Lincoln Hill Road, Richmond Road and Silver Street. Weather was

deemed a factor in all incidents.  
**December 21:** 7:05 a.m. A single-car crash on Richmond Road was investigated.  
11:45 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a locked vehicle.  
3:35 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Drinkwater Road.  
8:50 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Texas Hill Road.

**December 23:** 8:30 p.m. An officer assisted Shelburne P.D. with a single-car crash resulting from striking a deer.

**December 24:** 1:30 p.m. Officers responded to CVU for a burglary alarm activation.

**December 26:** 9:55 p.m. A single-car crash on Place Road East was investigated.

**December 28:** 4:30 p.m. Officers responded to a commercial burglary alarm activation at the Cedar Knoll Country Club.

**December 30:** 10 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Fredrick Way.

**December 31:** 4:30 p.m. Vandalism to a motor vehicle on North Road was investigated.

**January 1:** 9:05 p.m. Officers responded to a family fight on North Road. One individual was issued a Relief from Abuse order and was escorted from the premises.

**January 2:** 6:25 a.m. An officer responded to the Jiffy Mart on Ballard's Corner Road for a report of suspicious activity.

**January 3:** 7:40 p.m. A single-car crash on Route 116 was investigated.

**January 4:** 9 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 116 and CVU Road.  
11:50 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Hillview Terrace.

**January 7:** 7:30 p.m. Officers responded to St. Jude's Church on Route 116 for an alarm activation.

**January 8:** 7 p.m. Officers responded to North Road for a single-car crash that resulted from striking a deer.

**January 10:** 12:10 p.m. Officers and emergency services responded to Magee Hill Road for the report of an unresponsive male. A death investigation followed.

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# FIRE

## Call Log

### November Calls

Medical calls — 15 calls with 11 transports, one refusal, two lift assists and one accidental alarm.

Three motor vehicle crashes with no injuries. At these calls, HFD cleaned up spilled fluids and debris, and assisted with traffic control.

**Nov 1:** Fire alarm on Hawk Lane. No cause found during investigation.

**Nov 3:** Motor vehicle rollover on Hinesburg Hollow Road. The operator was not injured and only needed assistance exiting the vehicle.

**Nov 4:** Mutual aid to Williston for a structure fire. Two members respond-

ed to the scene with our tanker.

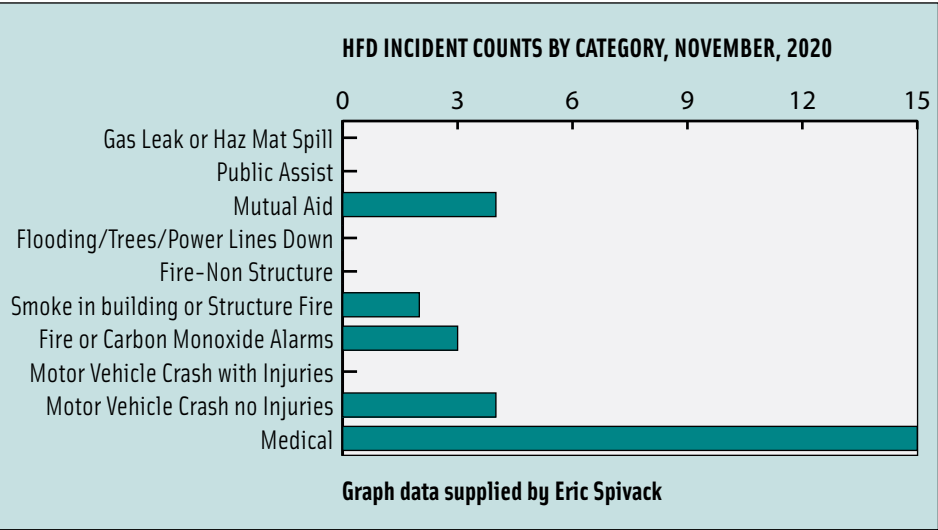
**Nov 5:** Chief Barber assisted a resident on Ledgewood Drive with a chimney issue.

**Nov 6:** Shelburne Fire requested that an engine respond for mutual aid for a possible recreational vehicle fire.

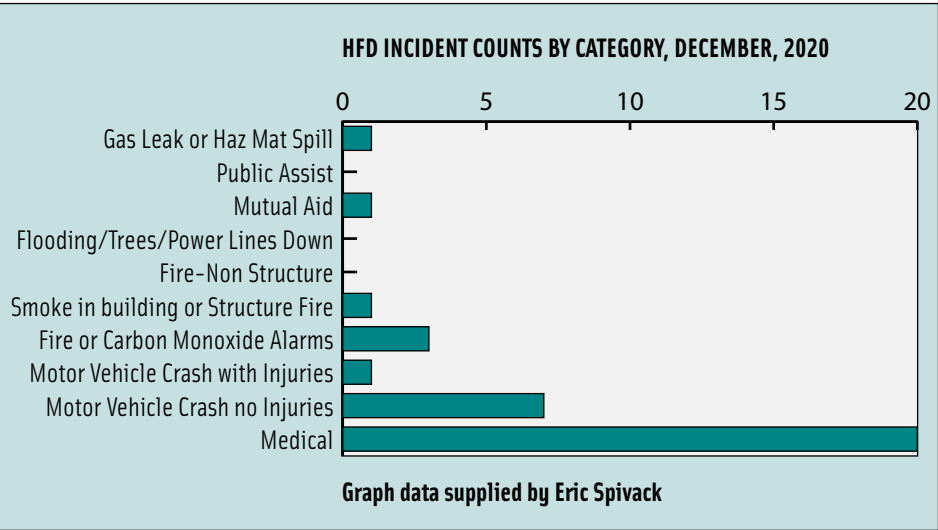
**Nov 7:** Starksboro fire requested we respond with our tanker to a reported structure fire.

**Nov 8:** Resident reported a possible carbon monoxide alarm. There were no readings on our meter. The alarm was found to be a low tank alarm.

**Nov 17:** Report of a chimney fire on Texas Hill. There was no fire on arrival. Engine 1 and Med 100 and five responders were on scene for about 30 minutes clearing smoke from the residence.



HFD responded to 28 calls in November and 34 calls in December.  
\*an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.



**Nov 26:** Carbon monoxide alarm. No readings found on our meter.

**Nov 29:** Shelburne Fire requested Hinesburg, Charlotte and South Burlington Fire Departments for a mutual aid response for a possible fire in a residence. Mutual aid companies were canceled shortly after Shelburne's engine arrived on scene.

### December Calls

Medical calls — 20 calls with 17 transports and two lift assists.

Seven motor vehicle crashes with no injuries.

**Dec 5:** Shelburne Fire requested mutual aid to Wake Robin for a report of smoke in the building. Upon arrival and investigation by the first Shelburne responders, mutual aid companies were canceled.

**Dec 9:** Carbon monoxide alarm sounding. Engine 1 and Med 100 responded with seven members. The resident was checked with our meter. There was no CO found.

**Dec 9:** One-car motor vehicle crash at Silver Street and Coyote Ridge. The operator was treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported by Saint Michael's Rescue.

**Dec 9:** Dispatched to Richmond Road for a possible chimney fire. Chief Barber arrived and determined

there was no fire.

**Dec 29:** Fire alarm sounding at Annette's Playschool on Pond Road. Chief Barber arrived and determined the alarm to be accidental. The alarm company was testing the system.

**Dec 29:** Dispatched to Swamp Road due to a reported smell of propane. Dispatch stated the resident reported that their propane tank was empty. Engines 1, 3 and Med 100 responded with eight members. The residence was checked using our gas meter. There were no readings. The resident's propane company was contacted.

**Dec 31:** An alarm company called to report fire and CO alarms sounding at residence on Wood Run. As HFD members were arriving at the station, dispatch received a follow-up call from the property owner that the alarm was accidental. A fire officer who arrived on scene confirmed that the alarms were set off accidentally as the resident was trying to start a fire in the stove.

## EMTs Receive COVID-19 Vaccination

In early December, the state of Vermont was notified the state would

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start receiving doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. In preparation, the state started to work on a vaccination plan. By mid-December, when word was received that the vaccine was approved, and that shipments were starting, the state's vaccination plan was to include EMS responders in the first group to be vaccinated.

In the week before Christmas, EMS members were being contacted by their local vaccination center — UVM Medical for our area — to schedule the first of two shots.

As of publication, Hinesburg EMS members will have received both COVID-19 vaccination shots. After the first shot, some members reported soreness around the injection area. After the second dose, members re-

ported some soreness around the area of the shot or feeling under the weather for 24-36 hours. There were no reports of any major side effects felt by Hinesburg members.

The vaccination list has been expanded to include firefighters and police officers. Hinesburg has submitted our roster to the state and these responders will start receiving their vaccinations.

## Renovations Nearing Completion

During our ambulance discussions last fall, we reported about our plans to transform the area where our 1945 pumper was on display into two bunk rooms and a day room. Our renovations are nearing completion. The walls have been built and painted, windows installed and we are putting on the final touches.

The work is on schedule to be completed by the first week of February. Members who live further away from the station are looking forward to the completion of the rooms for over-night shifts.

Some additional work is being done, including painting the meeting room, replacing the meeting room lights and windows in the bays to help with energy efficiency, and installing an air handling system in the apparatus bays to remove carbon monoxide.

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

## BUSINESS

### Cedar Knoll Country Club Welcomes New Director of Instruction

BY TOM AYER

Cedar Knoll Country Club in Hinesburg has hired Michael Slayton as their director of instruction.

Mike is a fifth-generation Vermonter who graduated from Stowe High School in 1977 and from Palm Beach Community College in 1984. After working with his father and brother in the family stonework business, he decided to pursue his love and passion for the game of golf by entering the PGA. While working under some of the best PGA professionals in the industry at Stowe Mountain Club, Newport Country Club and, most recently, the Country Club of Vermont, he earned, and was elected to Class A membership. Mike has a nontechnical teaching philosophy, but stresses the fundamentals of grip, stance, posture, balance and tempo. Although understanding that variations in swing techniques can all work, golf ball flight comes down to five basic laws. These laws include club head path, angle of attack, centeredness of contact, club face angle and speed. "The golf swing is a series of movements that must



Michael Slayton, Cedar Knoll Country Club's new director of instruction.

be executed in the proper sequence for optimal results." Mike has enjoyed multiple individual and team wins in Vermont PGA Pro-Ams and is the winner of seven VTPGA Championships. These include the Pro-1 Am Championship in 2011; the 2016, 2018 and 2020 Pro-Pro Championship; and he is the 2017, 2019, 2020 VTPGA Senior stroke play champion.

Mike takes great pride in helping people play better golf while keeping the game fun. He especially enjoys teaching junior and new golfers the proper techniques from day one. He will begin offering group clinics and private instruction as soon as the weather permits in the spring. More information will become available soon at [cedarknollgolf.com](#).

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## Financial Focus

### Remote Work May Offer Financial Benefits

FROM EDWARD JONES PRESS RELEASE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the virus, many workers may continue working from home. More than one-third of companies with employees who started working from home now think that remote work will stay more common post-pandemic, according to a Harvard Business School study. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways — and it may end up providing workers with some long-term financial advantages.

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or for at least a few days a week, how might you benefit? Here are a few possibilities:

- **Reduced transportation costs** — Over time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. The average commuter spends \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year on transportation costs, including gas, car maintenance, public transportation and other expenses, depending on where they live, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to greatly reduce these costs.
- **Potentially lower car insurance premiums** — Your auto insurance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.
- **Lower expenditures on lunches** — If you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work,

you could easily be spending \$50 or more per week — even more if you regularly get coffee drinks to go. By these figures, you could end up spending around \$3,000 a year. Think how much you could reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote workday.

• **Lower clothing costs** — Despite the rise in casual dress days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office attire. By working from home, you can dress down, reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?

For one thing, you could boost your investments. Let's suppose that you can save \$2,500 each year by working remotely. If you were to invest this amount in a tax-deferred account, such as an individual retirement account or your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan and earned a hypothetical 6% annual return for 20 years, you'd accumulate more than \$97,000 — and if you kept going for an additional 10 years, you'd have nearly \$210,000. You'd eventually pay taxes on the amount you withdrew from these accounts (and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty), but you'd still end up pretty far ahead of where you'd be otherwise. You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for something like a major home repair.

Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part — but, in strictly financial terms, it could lead to some positive results.

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## RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Welcome 2021! Our newest Plan B, winter recreation option is the Hinesburg Skating Rink behind the police station! This 60-by-70-foot sheet of ice has been a nice outdoor activity option in response to no access to indoor recreation programs like youth basketball. There are signs posted asking folks to wear masks and physically distance. If the ice isn't available, there will be a yellow sign saying "Rink Closed." Thanks to our volunteers for making this happen — Clifford Lumber, Hinesburg Fire Department, Hinesburg Police Department, the Recreation Commission, Rocky Martin and Chris McCuin. For questions, please contact Hinesburg Recreation Department at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or follow HRD on Instagram at [hinesburgrecreation](#) for rink and program updates!

## Classes

### Summer Driver Education

Summer Driver Education with Kevin Browne or David Mitiguy will be available soon! Please keep checking [hinesburgrec.com](#)

### Snowmobile Safety

Ages 12 and up. Online course. Due to the pandemic, this class is not currently available in person. This is an **online** course that can be taken at any time, go to [snowmobile-ed.com/vermont](#).

The online course provides the opportunity to earn the certification necessary to legally operate on Vermont's Statewide Snowmobile Trails System. All snowmobile operators born after July 1, 1983, who are 12 years of age and older, are required by law to take and pass an approved snowmobile safety course before operating on the Vermont trails.

### Remote Piano Lessons via Zoom

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 will need an adult to assist with the lessons. Classes follow school year calendar, broken into first semester (September through December) and second semester (January through May). Students retain their lesson day and time for the entire school year and subsequent years, unless they choose not to continue. Enrollment is based on availability. If there are no openings, you 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:** Second semester lessons begin week of Jan. 4, 2021 through the school year. Students may join later with a prorated cost. There currently are openings on Wednesdays! **Where:** Remote learning via Zoom. **Cost:** \$22 per lesson and billed per semester.

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

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## Library News

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## New Adult Books

We have a couple of new biographies by Michael J. Fox and Mariah Carey. We also have Jane Smiley's latest, "Perestroika in Paris," "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig, and "Missionaries" by Phil Klay (a National Book Award Winner). New mysteries include "Murder in Old Bombay" by Nev March, "Mortmain Hall" by Martin Edwards and "How to Raise an Elephant" by Alexander McCall Smith. We also have the latest Ottolenghi cookbook "Flavor" and a new graphic novel by Lauren Redniss called "Oak Flat: A Fight for Sacred Land in the American West." As usual, there are too many exciting new titles to list them all, but you can find most of them on display in our windows, and on our website. We are also happy to set you up on a blind date with a book this month, just let us know what you are in the mood to read and our staff can select a title we think you might enjoy!

## Library Calendar

**Feb. 1-13: Valentine kits for pickup.**

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For any of the below programs, which will all be happening virtually, please contact Meg Malone (meg@carpentercarse.org) to receive more details and the Zoom link to participate.

## Morning Book Group

**Wednesday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.**

Our morning book group meets the second Wednesday of each month. At this meeting we will be discussing "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides. Reach out to the library to request a copy of the book.

## Trivia Night

**Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:45 p.m.**

Show off your trivia skills — and maybe even learn something new — during an evening of friendly competition on a mix of topics. Questions will be developed in-house, with a prize for the winning player or team.

## Evening Book Group

**Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.**

We're hoping to start another book group that meets one evening a month and explores a variety of different genres. Reach out to the library to request this month's pick and then join us for an hour to share your thoughts.

## Video Storytime

Join us for a video storytime! New videos are added to the Carpenter-Carse Library website weekly. Video storytimes are geared toward children ages infancy to age 6 and their caregivers. Join Ms. Jen for stories, songs and rhymes that are designed to promote early literacy skills in a fun environment. Please email jen@carpentercarse.org with any questions.

## Craft and Activity Kits

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## COMMENTARY

## Old Haunts

BY ROGER DONEGAN

A chilly December morning in 2019 found me in a public parking lot on Stone Cutters Way above the river in Montpelier waiting for a train to pass. Twenty old, beat-up railroad cars rolled along painfully slowly. The strain of the pulling engine caused the tracks to creak and the railroad cars to swagger with their sides bulging like sacks full of marbles, their steel compartments were pockmarked from within by boulders dropped into them over the years. This day the open-top hopper railroad cars were heaped up with giant beachball-shaped stones from a Barre quarry.

I had an idea where the stone was headed, and days later found the load piled on the Burlington Waterfront for the Phase 3a improvements to the bike path. In 2020 the stone would be placed one rock at a time and sloped against the existing seawall to absorb high lake level waves and to standoff splashed wind-whipped water, which consistently coated the bike path with serious ice formations in winter.

Burlington's Bike Path may seem too far afield when Hinesburg's sidewalks and trails are coming into their stride, but we do wander. As a commuter to an office building on nearby Pine Street, I walked this section of the bike path between Lakeside Avenue and Roundhouse Park near noon year-round. It's strictly a pedestrian path, essentially a causeway, with Lake Champlain's shallow sand flats on the west paralleled by a north-south fence line, railroad tracks, and an off-limit, open-water barge canal on the east side. This section of bike path can't be traversed either tram or boat. Except for a transmission line,



Near Lakeside Avenue



the Burlington Electric Department's wind turbine, and the smokeless General Electric building stack that's now girdled with microwave communication gear, structures are almost nonexistent in this lake-exposed flank of the city. Certainly, in the bygone industrial age the single, now forgotten, gas holding tank on Pine Street, a monstrosity commonly seen in most cities then, would have loomed over the scene. The nooks and crannies of this bike path section remain.

The Burlington Greenway Phase 3a project was significantly delayed by the Halloween rain storm of 2019. The impact belies the fact why this bike path belongs to all of us. The path courses over lake-filled land. The 3.3-inch rain event caused the lake level to jump, abruptly ending a hoped-for low lake period, and put a halt to the planned in-lake work enforced by an Army Corps of Engineers permit condition. The bright-orange bike path detour signs remained up through 2020, some may still be up, but the

Our Vermont  
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Schools:  
A Better Way?

BY BILL SCHUBART

Many Vermont towns are torn between the financial imperative to consolidate their shrinking student populations into larger nearby educational facilities and their deep desire to retain the cohesive value that these small community schools provide in their communities. The latter is not a function of privilege but rather of equity, as rich and poor live side by side in many of our small towns, and shared community institutions draw them together and unite them in a common purpose.

coast is clear now as the section officially reopened Dec. 12.

Walking on Lakeside Avenue, first I'd tiptoe by the old General Electric front gate, a facility which must have a graveyard out back for all of the different corporate signs that once hung there. G.E. was the longest occupant. Say "gun plant" and most people will know exactly what is meant. It was once the work site of the largest labor union in Chittenden County, Local 248 of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. Passing under the railroad trestle to reach the stairs to the bike path gives one an opportunity to view the 1909 corner-stone impressions, along with a lot of distracting graffiti tags.

Lakeside neighborhood folklore holds that Marie Blais, a 22-year-old mill worker at the Queen City Cotton Mill, the tenant in the G.E. building before the Bell Aircraft Company, was killed there on the spot by a passing train in 1900 before the underpass was built. Crowds would later gather to catch site of her ghost (Millennium Enlivens Ghost Story, Burlington Free Press, Oct. 31, 1999). At this point on the bike path, one can now peer in the windows of what will be a very trendy refitted office complex, formerly Blodgett's. The Blodgett Oven manufacturing firm, now a subsidiary of Maytag, celebrated its 150th anniversary in 1998. A July 1998 issue of the Champlain Business Journal championed its Hinesburg roots.

Ambling north is a railroad siding that once curved in between two former Blodgett buildings and is now a walkway. Peter Freyne of the famed "Inside Track" column was a late blooming bicycle enthusiast who once dubbed the bend in the bike path here Dead Man's Curve. This was hardly a hairpin turn but it did rate a parabolic mirror to see around the bend. The Phase 3a upgrade makes this mirror unnecessary. A private surf club and Burlington's Blodgett pocket park, more beach

vital community asset. Reimagining our schools as community centers focused on the physical, emotional and intellectual growth of our children from birth to career age as well as for social purposes, such as senior and teen centers, book clubs, writing groups, etc., would reflect the spirit and needs of the community. And all would enrich the educational mission. The mixing of young and old is, many studies show, intrinsic to social development and learning, especially for the very young.

**As a parent then living in Lincoln, it was critical to me to have my young children nearby in my community.**

When they were around 10 or 11 years old, I was comfortable with them traveling to a better-resourced

than a pause point, lead one to the start of that long stretch of newly but-tressed seawall topped by a waist-high railing instead of the chain-link fence one had to look through.

Trudging north you eventually arrive at a menagerie of bridges over the formerly 8-foot-deep channel into the even deeper "turning basin" and the barge canal itself. The bike path's pedestrian bridge is straightforward but the real spectacle is the "canal drawbridge" inboard. "The first was an iron galleys framed, jack-knife drawbridge. The present steel trunnion bascule bridge was designed in 1919. The once-operating levered drop leaf carried two railroad tracks spanning the 28-foot channel opening" (Historic Resources Study, Barge Canal Superfund Site, 2001).

The bridge leaf section is permanently set in place. The large gears that lifted the bridge leaf, which swung upwards on the trunnion, are there to see but inoperable. What passersby don't recognize is the huge concrete mass incongruously set on the bank nearby. This was the bridge's massive vertical overhead counterweight. The bridge's history remains largely understated. Several random photos in "The Rutland Road" (1964) railroad book by Jim Shaughnessy happens to show this bridge with all the working parts in place.

**You'll find Roundhouse Park nearly treeless except for new native plantings.**

All of the mature ash and cottonwood trees have been removed. The temporary effect upstages the two-piece sculpture of Vermont-quarried marble nicely. This art work was controversial when the nearby Burlington Wastewater administration building was built ("Public Works Agrees to Buy Controversial \$15,000 Sculpture," Burlington Free Press April 30, 1991) but now has an air of the last sculpture standing.

educational facility. And for college — the farther from home the better. My evolutionary job as a parent was to love and raise an independent, resilient adult to go forth in the world.

Our current educational vocabulary — preschool/nursery school, kindergarten, grade school, middle school, junior high and high school — falsely chapters a narrative that flies in the face of what we know about child development. These old and arbitrary divisions (and their silly graduations) distract us from the individual learner's needs.

We must start by pushing our educational investments upstream, i.e., down in age. A shift in investment into our local community schools in education, physical and mental health will pay huge dividends by mitigating the downstream costs of

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## ▶ Commentary

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“special ed” and the criminal justice system.

Vermont’s special education population has the largest share of students with emotional disturbances of any state in the nation — and nearly three times the averages seen in neighboring states. The share of Vermont students with other health impairments also exceeds the national average, but is on par with neighboring states. Since 2013, there has been a 75% increase in the number of individual education plans qualifying for extraordinary cost reimbursements from the state. In 2016, on average, Vermont’s supervisory unions and school districts spent an extra \$21,840 per special education student. That is one-and-a-half to twice as much as the amount spent per special education student in other states.

Our nation’s international standing is equally shameful:

- 11th globally in investment in pre-primary education as a percentage of government spending on education.
- 22nd in presence of well-defined quality guidelines to cover basic early childhood education and care needs.
- 31st in availability of preschool for families.

All of this argues for investing upstream in our local community schools where learning begins and education should.

Our community schools should subsume “child care” and be open to children from newborns to college-bound. “Lower School” would be mandatory at age 5 and beyond. It would remain hyper-local and continue through grade five. “Upper School” might indeed be consolidated regionally and run from grade six through a final year at grade 11. In the last two years, every student would secure and maintain a business or nonprofit internship, vocational or technical apprenticeship, or a defined course of custom study, dispensing with the last wasteful year of high school, which alone would save some \$100 million a year.

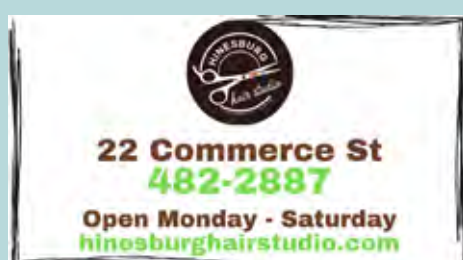
Ideally, education costs would include a semester abroad at any of a network of international schools.

Assessment of a student’s acquisition of “transferable skills”: i.e., defined proficiencies and performance indicators, along with Common Core exposure, would determine entrance into college, which could occur at any age when the student has demonstrated these proficiencies. Students could also attend college while completing their final year in Upper School as some do now.

Based on aptitude and choice, Upper School graduates could enter the

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## Burg Bucks Program Incentivizes Local Spending in Hinesburg



Kathy Hill, a local Vermont artisan, works at Blue Cottage, which sells handmade items crafted by 40 different Vermont artisans. Photo by Anna Watts.

BY ERIN GALLAGHER,  
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

The Burg Bucks program, which wrapped up on Nov. 15, kept Hinesburg residents spending locally and generated over \$20,000 in total revenue for local businesses.

Out of the 800 distributed Burg Bucks, 654 were redeemed, said Town Clerk Missy Ross. Lantman’s Market saw the most Burg Bucks by a wide margin; 277, about 42%, were redeemed there, according to Ross. At all of the restaurants combined, 172 Burg Bucks were redeemed, about 26%.

Only two of the participating businesses did not see any Burg Bucks, said Melissa Levy, chair of the Hinesburg economic development committee.

Most of the businesses, though, did redeem some Burg Bucks. “We did ask if they saw different people coming to their businesses, and the vast majority did not,” said Levy.

**“Anything that can keep people spending money in Hinesburg is a good thing,” Levy said.**

Hinesburg Hair, owned by Laura Gurdak, saw 18 Burg Bucks, according to Ross’ bookkeeping.

“People that used their Burg Bucks

purchased items that maybe they normally wouldn’t, to sort of splurge on themselves,” Gurdak said.

The customers who used the currency at Hinesburg Hair were not different than their normal clientele, but may have purchased different items due to the incentive of the Burg Bucks, she said. This, said Gurdak, was likely because they advertised on Facebook to people who already patronize them.

“It sounds like the restaurants had really great participation with the Burg Bucks program, and that’s really encouraging because they’re suffering the most,” Gurdak said.

Like Gurdak, Stuart Deliduka, member of the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and co-owner of Element Nail Salon, said that his business saw the same customers as they would have had otherwise.

“We had nine Burg Bucks redeemed with us, for direct gross revenue generated [of] about \$432,” said Deliduka. “They may have come in for service because of the discount that they might not [have otherwise] if there weren’t.”

Burg Bucks came to be as part of an Agency of Commerce and Community Development grant that came out of the CARES Act funding the state received for COVID-19 relief, said Elaine Haney, ThinkVermont project manager at the ACCD.

“Our job was to use that money to

support buy local campaigns, and support marketing campaigns that drew consumers back to businesses,” said Haney. “We wanted it to be as easy for the towns as possible to direct the funds towards their local businesses.”

Each town that wished to participate was required to submit proposals for what they would do with the grant money, and there were several stages of reporting along the way, said Haney. The ACCD gave out 61 grants, but a few were town partnerships, she said, placing the total of participating Vermont towns at about 80.

“People redeemed several hundred dollars in coupons and it generated \$24,000 in purchases,” said ACCD project manager Haney of the outcome of the program in Hinesburg.



The program was “A general encouragement to everybody to continue supporting their local businesses,” Haney said. “They are hit terribly hard.”

Both Gurdak, owner of Hinesburg Hair, and Deliduka, owner of Element Nail Salon, were involved in the planning process for the Burg Bucks program.

“We came together and figured out solutions and came up with something to take advantage of a state grant that was applied for. And kudos to Renae Marshall for stepping up and doing that and getting the ball started,” Deliduka said. He emphasized the contribution of former town administrator Marshall.

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



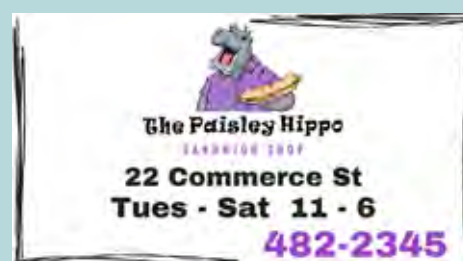
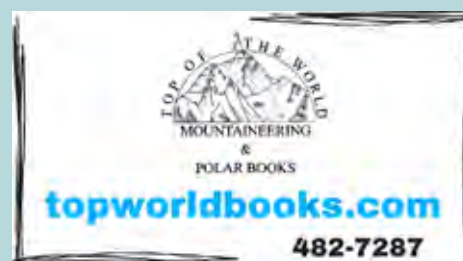
Moriah (right) and Stephanie (left) with two of the staff dogs at the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg. Photo by Anna Watts.



Will Patten, owner of the Hinesburgh Public House, sits inside the restaurant, which has adjusted to outdoor seating, socially distant tables, and no more bar seating to maintain safety precautions for coronavirus. Photo by Olivia Nye with Anna Watts.



Greg Glade, owner of Top of the World Books, which has sold mountaineering and polar exploration books for the past 31 years, mostly to customers online. Glade is holding an ice ax signed by Kurt Diemberger, the only living person who has made the first ascents of two mountains over 8,000 meters: Broad Peak and Dhaulagiri. The ice ax is one of many mountaineering items and memorabilia from great explorers or climbers that Glade owns. Photo by Anna Watts.



## ▶ Virtual Quilt Club

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Scholarships are available. Please contact Mollie Davis, mdavis@shelburnemuseum.org to learn more.

For more information, and to register, go to [shelburnemuseum.org/learn/virtual-quilt-club](https://shelburnemuseum.org/learn/virtual-quilt-club).

### Online Exhibitions

**“Pattern & Purpose” Online Quilt Exhibition Opens Today**

Drawn from Shelburne Museum’s extensive permanent collection, “Pattern & Purpose” brings together 12 masterpiece quilts made between the first decades of the 1800s and the turn of the 21st century, ranging from carefully pieced Lemoyne stars and embroidered “best quilts” to more recent art quilts by contemporary makers.

The “Pattern & Purpose” online exhibition opens on Thursday, Jan. 28, with a virtual public preview at 6 p.m. For more information, go to [shelburnemuseum.org/online-exhibitions](https://shelburnemuseum.org/online-exhibitions).



Caroline Carpenter Smith Persons (Northfield, Vermont, 1835-1902), “Appliqué and Pieced Sunflower Quilt” (detail), 1860-80. Cotton, 77 3/4 x 85 1/2 in. Gift of Ethel Smith Washburn. 1987-19.

**A. Elmer Crowell: Sculptor, Painter, Decoy Maker**

“A. Elmer Crowell: Sculptor, Painter, Decoy Maker” explores the artistry and innovation of the acclaimed carver’s ornamental birds. Drawing from Shelburne Museum’s renowned decoy collection, the exhibition features important milestones that chart the development of Crowell’s prolific artistic career, from the earliest miniature goose he carved in 1894 to the very last bird he made before retiring in the early 1940s.

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## EDUCATION

### CVSD School-Based Early Education Programs News

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

#### Preschool Lottery Is Coming Soon!

The CVSD school-based Early Education Programs are now accepting applications for a random preschool lottery drawing for the 2021-22 school year. Our part-time, partial day preschool classrooms are 5 STARS licensed, early education programs that provide play-based, developmentally appropriate environments for all children in an inclusive setting. Our curriculum is based on the Vermont Early Learning Standards and Teaching Strategies Gold. We believe that a diverse classroom offers opportunities for adults and children to practice acceptance and compassion and also provides a broad range of learning experiences.

Our programs follow the CVSD school calendar. Students who will be age 3 or older by Sept. 1, 2021, and who have not enrolled in kindergarten, are eligible to enter the lottery for our programs. Families selected for and choosing our school-based programs are accessing their Act 166 funding for universal preschool here.

All applications must be received by Feb. 5, 2021, and are located on the

CVSD website under 2021-2022 Lottery Application for your school. More information is available there also. Students will be selected via a lottery and families will be notified in February.

#### Have Concerns About Your Child's Development?

Our early childhood education team is available to screen your children, ages 3 to 5, if you have any concerns about your child's development in any of these areas: communication, social-emotional learning, motor skills, adaptive skills or cognitive skills. Please contact Kristin Eisensmith at keisensmith@cvsdvt.org

### HCS PiE Awards Seven Grants to HCS Teachers and Staff

FROM HCS PiE PRESS RELEASE

Hinesburg Community School Partnership in Education awarded seven grants to HCS teachers and staff during December 2020, totaling \$2,160. These grants funded art supplies for preschool, a book collection for teaching diversity in fifth grade, creation station materials for sixth grade, gravity spandex models for teaching gravity in seventh and eighth grade, screenprinting for eighth grade, snowshoes for the

middle school counseling office and a mindfulness kit for the middle school counseling office.

HCS PiE would like to thank all community members that support our fundraising! We are happy to be able to provide grants annually to our wonderful teachers and staff!

### CVSD 2021-2022 Final Budget Summary

CVSD PRESS RELEASE

The Champlain Valley School District's board of directors met on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, to hear the final summary and tax implications for the proposed 2021-2022 CVSD budget. This budget, along with articles about the purchase of school buses and accessing funds from reserves, will be on the Hinesburg Town Meeting ballot. Residents can either vote on March 2 or request a ballot from the town clerk's office ahead of time.

In this year of the COVID-19 pandemic, CVSD costs are projected to increase by \$5 million in additional staff, technology, protective equipment, supplies and food delivery. By aggressively taking advantage of federal COVID-19 Relief Funds these additional costs will have no impact on the local tax rate.

This budget assumes a return to a normal, five-day per week in-person instruction beginning in August. While additional educational supports for students are expected to be needed, CVSD will manage this with existing staff.

Some highlights about the proposed 2021-2022 school district's budget include:

- The final budget proposed is a 3.5% increase over the current school year's budget. The percentage change with revenue applied is 1%.
- The portion of the tax increase within the control of the school board is rising by 1% or 1.5 cents due to increases in salary and benefits including a 9.8% increase in health insurance costs. The school board has applied an unusual amount of the

district's reserves in order to limit the burden on taxpayers in this difficult year. They very much wanted to be sensitive to community members in regards to the district's impact on taxes and to ensure that the budget is one that our communities will support.

- Increases to the budget are driven almost entirely by anticipated salary, health care and special education costs.
- The forecasted statewide homestead yield is \$10,763 which, based on the state's formula, produces a pre-CLA (common level of appraisal) equalized homestead tax rate of \$1.56 (per \$100 of property value) for the CVSD towns. Adjusting for our 2 cent consolidation incentive, our equalized tax rate becomes \$1.54. Actual tax rates are adjusted further in each town for a statewide CLA. Hinesburg's education tax rate with the CLA applied is \$1.64.

Homeowners may be eligible for an education property tax reduction if their household income is less than \$138,500. To apply for a tax reduction, contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at [tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit](http://tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit) or call 802-828-2505.

The Champlain Valley School District's annual meeting takes place on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. This event usually takes place in person, which is not possible this year. There will be a Zoom meeting instead. As a result of this change, the items discussed and voted on each year at the annual meeting will now be seen on the ballot.

An overview of the proposed school district's budget will be presented at the annual meeting, rather than at individual Town Meetings that evening. We hope that anyone who has questions either reaches out to the school board ([cvsdboard@cvsdvt.org](mailto:cvsdboard@cvsdvt.org)) or attends the annual meeting. The Zoom information will be available on the district's website.

All of the budget presentations are on the budget page of the CVSD website, ([cvsdvt.org/budget](http://cvsdvt.org/budget)) along with a video series that helps to explain the process. More information and budget-related documents will be added as they become available.

## ORGANIZATIONS

### Girl Scout Cookie Season Kicks Off, Will Partner With Grubhub

#### Cookies Are Now for Sale Across New Hampshire and Vermont Through Online Portals

FROM GIRL SCOUTS OF THE GREEN AND WHITE MOUNTAINS PRESS RELEASE

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains and Girl Scouts of the USA have kicked off the 2021 Girl Scout Cookie season nationally, during a challenging time when many Girl Scouts are selling in creative, socially distant and contact-free ways to keep themselves and their customers safe. Even in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, girls are adapting their sales methods to share the joy of Girl Scout Cookies through the largest girl-led entrepreneurship program — including taking contact-free pickup and delivery orders through a new national collaboration with Grubhub in select areas starting in February.

GSUSA is also making online cookie ordering available nationwide on Feb. 1, so consumers who don't know a Girl Scout can still purchase cookies from a local troop for direct shipment to their homes or donation to local organizations. Girl Scouts will host some in-person cookie booths across New Hampshire and Vermont on Feb. 12, running through March 22. In-person sales will be conducted with all pandemic safety restrictions possible.

#### Innovative Girl-Led Sales Methods

The Girl Scout Cookie Program has long taught girls how to run a business via in-person booths, door-to-door activity and the Digital Cookie platform online, which GSUSA launched in 2014. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in the middle of the 2020 season and girls were faced with the same challenges as other small businesses, girls in New Hampshire and Vermont quickly pivoted their sales methods, running virtual cookie booths on social media. More than 81,000 packages of Girl Scout Cookies were donated to the military and hometown heroes last year. Girls as



Now is the time to find a Girl Scout and order your Girl Scout Cookies! (GSUSA photo.)

young as 5 years old are continuing to embrace their entrepreneurial spirits, stay connected to their communities and have fun by participating in the cookie program. And the proceeds from each and every purchase stay local with the troop and its council to power Girl Scouts' essential leadership programming.

"We are looking forward to this year's Girl Scout cookie season," said Patricia K. Mellor, CEO of Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains. "We are keeping our Girl Scouts safe while they learn essential life skills in our cookie program, like people skills, business ethics, goal setting, money management and more. Our girls look forward to the cookie program each year, as it provides them a fun and interactive way to fund the things they do."

This year, Girl Scouts is also providing new materials as part of the cookie badge program to support girls as they run their cookie businesses online and via social media, helping them be best equipped to sell during these times.

#### Ordering Available Mid-February Through Delivery Platform Grubhub

This season, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is participating in a national collaboration with food ordering and delivery platform Grubhub so girls have an additional way to facilitate contact-free cookie orders. Consumers in select areas will be able order Girl Scout Cookies for pickup or delivery on Grubhub.com or the Grubhub app. A hands-on experience in managing e-commerce, local

Girl Scouts will track and fulfill orders, manage inventory and more, all using Grubhub's back-end technology. This method will be available in areas where Grubhub operates. As always, the proceeds benefit the troop and council while providing another innovative way to safely run the cookie program virtually. GSUSA is grateful to Grubhub for waiving all fees for the organization to make this new delivery option feasible for sales without reducing troops' and councils' proceeds.

#### Order Online Through the Girl Scout Cookie Finder

GSUSA is making it possible for all consumers nationwide who don't already know a Girl Scout to purchase Girl Scout Cookies online for shipment to their door. Beginning Feb. 1, customers can enter their ZIP code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder to find a local troop to purchase from through the Digital Cookie platform for direct shipment or donation to local organizations. This additional contact-free method supports local girls while keeping their safety and skill building top of mind.

And though social distancing measures may keep families and friends apart, cookie customers can share joy and stay connected this season through a gift-box option that ships directly to others via the Digital Cookie platform.

#### How to Safely Purchase Girl Scout Cookies This Season

Girl Scout Cookie season is recognized in New Hampshire and Vermont from now through March 22. Consumers can support Girl Scouts by purchasing Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Trefoils and more in a few different ways:

- If you know a registered Girl Scout, reach out to her to find out how she's selling cookies in ways that meet local and state safety protocols.
- If you don't know a Girl Scout, visit [girlscoutcookies.org](http://girlscoutcookies.org), text COOKIES to 59618 (message and data rates may apply. Text STOPGS for STOP, HELPGS for help), or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app for free on iOS or Android devices to find socially distant or contact-free cookie booths if they are available in your area.
- Visit [grubhub.com/food/girl\\_scouts](http://grubhub.com/food/girl_scouts) to order via contact-free delivery from Grubhub where available.
- Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is grateful to the many businesses, including Simon Malls and GNC, who have offered spaces outside of their retail locations for Girl Scouts to sell cookies in a safe and socially distant manner, when allowed by local COVID-19 guidelines.

- Beginning Feb. 1, enter your ZIP code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at [girlscoutcookies.org](http://girlscoutcookies.org) to purchase from a local Girl Scout troop online for shipment to your door or to donate cookies to first responders and local causes.

About Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains: Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is recognized throughout New Hampshire and Vermont as a leading expert on girls. Our Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, with proven results. It is based on time-tested methods and research-backed programming that helps girls take the lead — in their own lives and in the world. Through our exciting and challenging programs, Girl Scouts not only participate but also take the lead in a range of activities — from kayaking, archery and camping, to coding, robotics, financial literacy training and beyond! Serving nearly 10,000 girls throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Visit [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org).

### Chittenden County 4-H Honors Outstanding Club Members

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Several Chittenden County 4-H club members recently were recognized for their achievements in 4-H project work, community service and leadership.


Although face-to-face 4-H activities were halted halfway through the 4-H year, many members continued to work on their projects and record books and attend virtual club meetings and educational programs. For their hard work and accomplishments, many received special awards from the University of Vermont Extension 4-H program. A number of adult volunteers also were recognized for their years of service as club leaders.

Certificates of participation were awarded to 4-H'ers for a minimum of six to eight hours of work in a specific project this year. Individuals who completed eight or more hours of project work, including presentations beyond the club level, received certificates of excellence.

To earn a medal, the 4-H'ers must have previously been awarded a certificate of excellence in that project, be enrolled in the project for more than two years, and have participated in related activities beyond the club level. Certificates of continued achievement are presented for continued medal-level achievements after receiving a medal.

Individuals who have earned two certificates of continued achievement in a project area and who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, involvement and advanced learning in

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a particular project area are eligible for the Lamp of Knowledge award. This year Essex Junction 4-H'er Grace Parks received this high honor for her work in the horse project.

## Medal and Certificate Recipients:

### Certificate of Continued Achievement:

Communications: Adaline and Faith Ploof, both from Westford

Community service: Adaline and Faith Ploof, both from Westford

Food and Nutrition: Adaline Ploof, Westford

Horse: Chloe Barewicz, Jericho; Grace Parks, Essex Junction; Adaline and Faith Ploof, both from Westford; Kelsey Paradee, Swanton

Poultry: Adaline Ploof, Westford

STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics): Adaline Ploof, Westford

### Medal:

Community Service: Chloe Barewicz, Jericho

Horse: Samantha Blackmore, Charlotte; Addie Boutin, Essex Junction; **Greta Friesen, Hinesburg**

Poultry: Miriam and William Lawson, both from Cambridge

STEM: Samantha Blackmore, Charlotte

Visual Arts: Samantha Blackmore, Charlotte

### Certificate of Excellence:

Communications: Patrick Jordan, Essex Junction

Computer Technology: Liam Gallagher, Fairfax

Food and Nutrition: Liam Gallagher, Fairfax; Miriam Lawson, Cambridge

Leisure Arts: Sadie Haupt, Jericho; Liam Palmer, Williston

Horse: Paityn Paradee, Swanton; Madeline Tylenda, Essex Junction

Poultry: Liam Gallagher and Nora Raley, both from Fairfax; Luke Lawson, Cambridge; Morgan and Ryker O'Brien, both from Milton

Sheep: Chelsea Ferland, Fairfax

### Certificate of Participation:

Community Service: Patrick Jordan and Grace Parks, both from Essex Junction; Lily and Sam Provost, both from Milton

Food and Nutrition: Patrick Jordan, Essex Junction; Luke and William Lawson, both from Cambridge; Nora Raley, Fairfax

Horse: Haileigh Demers and Allie Hoffman, both from Milton; Patrick Jordan, Essex Junction; Lily and Sam Provost, both from Milton; Emma

Sibley, Georgia

Livestock: Chelsea Ferland and Nora Raley, both from Fairfax; Luke and William Lawson, both from Cambridge

Several 4-H teens also were recognized for additional achievements. They were Lena Ashooh and Ellie Ramirez-Richer, both from Shelburne, and Samantha Blackmore, Charlotte, for their work on the Teen Science Café Leadership Team; Chloe Barewicz, Jericho, and Grace Parks, Essex Junction, as Vermont 4-H Horse Council teen representatives; and Faith Ploof, Westford, as the Chittenden County 4-H Foundation teen representative.

Volunteer leaders who received pins for years of service were: five years: **Gabrielle Clow, Hinesburg**; Genevieve Gallagher, Fairfax; 10 years: Paula Rupp, South Burlington; Stacey Walker, Westford; 15 years: Renee LaCoss, Shelburne; 30 years: Judy Roy, Williston; 50 years: Mary Fay, Westford

To learn more about Vermont 4-H programs, check out [uvm.edu/extension/youth/4-h-home](http://uvm.edu/extension/youth/4-h-home). For information about Chittenden County 4-H, contact Rose Garritano at [rosemarie.garritano@uvm.edu](mailto:rosemarie.garritano@uvm.edu).

## Vermont Genealogy Library Classes

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Classes for the Vermont Genealogy Library will be held via Zoom on Saturdays at a new time, noon to 1:30 p.m. Classes are \$10. You can register at [vtgenlib.org](http://vtgenlib.org) and the deadline for registration is noon Friday. Our library is currently closed. To check if we are open again, or for more details about a class, visit our website, our Facebook page or call us at 802-871-5647.

### Dissecting UK Censuses 1801 to present

**Jan. 30 — Dr. Penny Walters**

In this class British researcher Dr. Penny Walters will go over censuses in the U.K. (especially Wales, England and Northern Ireland) starting with the first in 1801. We will look at each

census to see what information is available along with tips for lateral thinking, which gives clues for further research. It will show how the forms are organized, and known problems. We will also look at what could be considered census substitutes, such as the 1939 Register because there was no census taken due to World War II. We will be looking at the censuses against a backdrop of the social, political and economic landscapes, with key dates.

### Exploring Archives All Around the Globe

**Feb. 6 — David Ouimette**

In this webinar, David Ouimette will describe the variety of places where FamilySearch finds the best records for family history on all the continents and islands on the planet. David will describe the processes that the Family History Library in Salt Lake City uses to prioritize which records to photograph and digitize next, how access permission is obtained and the path from camera to image collections and, finally, to the indexed records that we now view for free from the comfort of our homes.

### Using Facebook for Genealogy Research

**Feb. 13 — Maureen O'Brien**

Are you stuck on a family name? Are you hoping to connect with someone who lives in the same town that your family lived in for generations? Or if there are resources you might not be aware of? Maureen O'Brien will show you how Facebook can help you in your genealogy research. She will explore different Facebook groups and pages, and show you how to connect with the amazing number of friendly people on Facebook who are willing to help strangers. It is recommended that you have a basic knowledge of Facebook for this class.

# OUTDOORS

## The Hill Behind Our House

BY COLIN HUNT, TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Usually, December is busy with inside activities: traveling, parties, dinners and concerts. Of course this year, I found myself with an open schedule. Fading daylight usually limits my winter hiking, but this December I set off to explore the hill behind our house.

It is called Mount Pritchard, but really it is more of a ring of hills set between Route 116 and Lake Iroquois. You have passed by it on your way to Williston or to sledding in St. George. Perhaps you've seen it in a daydream outside your classroom windows at CVU. Certainly, the cell tower can't be missed on your way home from

# CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Publication date for The Hinesburg Record. <b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.	<b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFec3JkQT09Mee">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFec3JkQT09Mee</a> ting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494. Dial by your location +1 929205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494.	<b>7:00-8:00 p.m.</b> Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Hinesburg Fire Station. <b>7:00-10:00 p.m.</b> Select Board Meeting. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform. <b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Trails Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
First Day of Black History Month.	<b>4:30-5:30 p.m.</b> Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited. <b>7:30-8:30 p.m.</b> Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.	Washington's Birthday.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
	<b>7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! To submit a piece of writing to review and before the group meets, email Laura Wisniewski at <a href="mailto:bhy@beecherhill yoga.com">bhy@beecherhill yoga.com</a> . <b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Energy Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform. <b>7:00-10:00 p.m.</b> Hinesburg Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.	<b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Planning Commission Meeting. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office. <b>7:30-8:30 p.m.</b> Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
<b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Affordable Housing Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform. <b>7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg. <b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg . <b>7:00-10:00 p.m.</b> Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.	Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record. <b>6:30-8:30 p.m.</b> Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg . <b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Town Forest Committee. Ground Level Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.	Publication date for The Hinesburg Record. <b>7:00-8:00 p.m.</b> Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT 05461. <b>7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Fire and Rescue/Fire Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14	MONDAY, MARCH 1
	Valentine's Day.	First Day of Women's History Month.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15	<b>4:30-5:30 p.m.</b> Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited.
<b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Affordable Housing Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform. <b>7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg. <b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg . <b>7:00-10:00 p.m.</b> Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.	Presidents' Day (regional holiday).	<b>7:30-8:30 p.m.</b> Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	TUESDAY, MARCH 2
	<b>5:00-6:30 p.m.</b> CVSD School Board Meeting. CVU room 160. <b>5:30-7:00 p.m.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:hinesburghair@gmail.com">hinesburghair@gmail.com</a> . <b>7:00-10:00 p.m.</b> Development Review Board Meeting. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office. <a href="mailto:mcypes.toh@gmail.com">mcypes.toh@gmail.com</a> .	<b>7am-7:00 p.m.</b> Town Meeting Day in person voting. . <b>7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See previous Calendar entry for February 2. <b>7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Energy Committee. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

Gardener's Supply.

Pritchard rises out behind my house, asking to be explored. In the woods, I've found a network of logging roads and all-terrain vehicle trails. They form a honeycomb of paths through the hillside that can easily spin you around like a broken compass. My first few times in these woods, I found myself

climbing up through steep slopes over three hardwood-covered hills. Atop the highest point I could find, I looked down into a bowl of spruce trees, only to see higher ground across the tiny cirque. It was a challenge.

So, in December I hiked back up into the woods. Familiar side trails and deeply rutted dirt roads led me deep-

er into the landscape than I had gone before. Instead of clambering over those three steep humps, I passed through to the spruce tree bowl between the hilltops. The low land was undoubtedly a marsh in the summer, but with a few fresh inches of snow, the muddy terrain was frozen over. A blowdown of trees led to a course correction and I finally made my way to the final ascent.

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Mount Pritchard.





► Outdoors

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The ravine path wound through an old-growth stand of pines and hemlocks. At a point, the best path became a bushwhack up the final ascent to Pritchard. This was no Hillary Step, or anything even close to a challenge like summiting Mount Mansfield's Chin, but for the purpose of the story let's say that it was. The thrill was not in the view, because there was none. The joy was in getting turned around, orienteering and finding my way to the top of the hill behind my house.

## The Benefits of Diversity

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

I often talk about encouraging diversity in our forests. The reaction of most people is that they want their forest to be diverse, but they might not know what that actually means or why it's important.

In an ecological context, **diversity** means several different things. The term is usually used to describe species diversity, the number of different species of trees in a forest. In this sense, a forest with a lot of different species of trees is very diverse. A lesser-known type of diversity is **structural diversity**, which I think of as the way that the forest is growing. Structural diversity can be defined as the arrangement of different ages and sizes of trees in a forest; a forest with patches of young trees, old trees and middle-aged trees — and with all ages and sizes of trees growing together — is structurally diverse. Structural diversity can also refer to the presence of different types of dead trees: dead-standing trees (snags) and dead wood on the forest floor of all different shapes and sizes. While it may seem counterintuitive, dead wood in the forest is incredibly important (arguably as important as living trees) for a ton of different ecological functions. These range from providing habitat for everything from birds and mammals to the tiny bugs and fungi that make our forests work, to influencing forest hydrology and forming rich soils for future generations of trees.

Readers of this column know that I advocate for both species diversity and structural diversity constantly. I do this because diversity supports everything that we want to manage forests for. Diverse forests store more carbon, and we expect them to be better suited to a changing climate. They provide habitat for a wide range of Vermont's wildlife. Studying old-growth forests also shows us that species and structural diversity are important parts of how forests naturally grow and develop, which we want to emulate in any management that we do.

Think about the importance of diver-

sity as a forest having more tools in its toolkit. Forests with a lot of species and structural diversity are more **resilient** — able to remain healthy and productive amid great stress and change — and more **adaptive** — able to respond differently to the varied forms that disturbances and stressors take. Diversity protects forests from stressors that target a single species of tree — like the emerald ash borer — or a single size of tree — like a windstorm that wipes out a forest's overstory but leaves the understory intact. These qualities are important to any forest, but are especially crucial in a changing climate, when we expect natural disturbances to increase in intensity and frequency and for climatic changes to impact different tree species differently.

***We want to cultivate diversity both within our forests and across the landscape.***

When managing for diverse forests, most people encourage **alpha diversity**, which looks at the sheer number of different species and conditions in their forests. Looking solely at Alpha diversity, "edges" — places where forests meet non-forested areas — are some of our most diverse habitats, used by huge numbers of tree, plant and animal species.

If you managed a forest for maximum alpha diversity by creating a ton of edges, you would help some wildlife species, but you'd also neglect those that need something different, like wildlife that require large, unbroken forest blocks. You might create great foraging habitat for a species, but provide nowhere for them to breed, nest or rear their young. You would also be encouraging a habitat type that we already have in abundance — as our landscape becomes more developed and fragmented, there are plenty of edges and comparatively little unbroken interior forest. For these reasons, in addition to Alpha diversity, you should consider **beta diversity** — the "uniqueness" of a site. While a forest or habitat may not support a lot of different species, it might provide something unique — for example, being a critical habitat for a few species — and so be worth protecting.

When species diversity, structural diversity, alpha diversity and beta diversity combine, they form complex, resilient and ecologically functional landscapes. These are landscapes that are beautiful, supporting our quality of life and the character of our communities; functional, providing clean air, clean water and many other benefits that make our world work; and productive, producing local renewable resources and other economic and cultural opportunities like forest-based recreation — into the indefinite future.

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## Ice Fishing FUNDamentals

### *How to Enjoy Yourself and Stay Safe on the Ice This Winter*

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

As winter sets in, many Vermonters are preparing for one of the most popular cold weather pastimes in the state — ice fishing. Anglers spend more than 400,000 days each winter ice fishing in Vermont, and the state's Fish & Wildlife Department is encouraging more people to give it a try.

Department fisheries biologist Shawn Good says ice fishing is a fun, social, family-oriented activity, and that there are many great reasons for Vermonters new to the sport to try it this year.

"Ice fishing is generally more accessible than open water fishing," says Good. "Almost anyone can walk out on a frozen lake or pond and fish through the ice. And once you're out there, there's lots of room to spread out."

Ice fishing can be more socialable than open water fishing, with friends and family gathering on the ice for cookouts and winter fun, along with the fishing.

"For many, it's not just about the fish. Kids love ice fishing because they can run around and slide on the ice or play in the snow. I've seen families with grills, food and hot drinks having a great time. They set their tip-ups, build snowmen, play football and even skate in between bouts of fishing."

It's inexpensive and simple to get started. "An auger used for cutting holes in the ice is the most expensive piece of equipment you'll need. But you can get a 4-inch or 6-inch hand auger for under \$50 and share it with others, so not everyone needs one. Add a scoop for cleaning out the holes and an ice fishing rod and reel combo or a couple tip-ups with hooks, weights and bait and you're set for a fun day on the ice."

When you've had a successful outing, bringing home a meal of healthy, locally caught fresh fish is a delicious benefit.

"I think fish taste better in the winter," says Good. "There's something different about pulling a tasty perch, bluegill or bass from ice-cold water. They tend to be firmer and have a milder taste than in the summer."

Good says it is normal for new anglers to worry about venturing out on frozen water, but with a few basic precautions and common sense, ice fish-



*Ice fishing opportunities are close by, no matter where you are in Vermont. Ice fishing is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in winter, offering a fun, unique winter experience.*

ing is safe.

"A minimum of three to four inches of clear black ice is safe to walk on. If you're unsure about ice thickness in your area, call your local bait and tackle shop. They're always up on current conditions and can help you get started with gear and advice, too. You can also look for other people out fishing. Experienced anglers know how to read the ice, so if you're unsure, go where others are or have been," advised Good.

Good says that with the mild winter so far this year, most anglers are finding that ice fishing opportunities have been restricted primarily to Vermont's smaller ponds or higher elevation areas that have formed good ice.

"Many large lakes still have not developed thick, solid black ice. Some haven't frozen over at all yet. Anglers looking to get out should focus on smaller waters and make the effort to check ice thickness frequently as you venture across the ice."

It is important to know that ice isn't always uniform in thickness. Areas around pressure cracks or near stream or river inlets can be thinner and weaker than surrounding ice. Good advises anglers to carry a set of ice picks, head out with a partner and to let someone know where you will be fishing, your access point and when you plan on returning home.

Good says dressing properly is key. "On a calm, sunny day, you'll be surprised how comfortable you feel. Even with the thermometer showing single digits, the sun will warm you right up. Make sure you dress in layers and keep your head, hands and feet covered and dry, and you'll be quite toasty," said Good.

No matter where you are in Vermont, an ice fishing opportunity is close by. Ice fishing is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in winter, offering a fun, unique winter experience.

To learn more about ice fishing for beginners, visit Vermont Fish & Wildlife's "Ice Fishing Basics" webpage: [tinyurl.com/VTFWicefish](http://tinyurl.com/VTFWicefish).

## OBITUARIES

### Marcia Peirce-McNaull

12/20/1944 to 12/4/2020

Hinesburg has lost a member of the community who brought beauty and preservation to the local area for decades. Marcia Pierce passed away on Dec. 4 after battling pulmonary issues for many months. Her husband, Peter; and her dear friend, Harry Russell; were at her side at home; as well as her beloved Labrador retrievers: Jake, Shadow and Acer.

Marcia's love story with Hinesburg started nearly a half-century ago, when she and Peter built their first off-grid home, which later grew into Hidden Gardens. Their original home measured 8 feet by 8 feet, with a large deck that served as a roost for their guinea hens, ducks and turkeys. A later iteration was a post and beam house of greater proportions, which morphed into The Hidden Garden's Bed and Breakfast, which Marcia operated for two decades.

The post and beam house became the inspiration for Vermont Frames, which Peter owned for many years, with Marcia serving as his muse and North Star in building this successful venture. Their own home was the centerpiece of Marcia's well-known gardens, which expanded every year until they encompassed much of their 27-acre homestead. Marcia's creative ideas, crystalized through commercial designers, provided the buds that became the blooms that filled multiple, diverse gardens — oases of perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees — punctuated by pots of exotics and colorful annuals. The Sunken Walled Garden was Maria's brainchild, a focal point of cleverly blended herbs, edibles, blooms and greenery with a fishpond incorporated into the stone-walled perimeter. A few steps from the Sunken Garden, the Woodland Path winds downward through rich, damp forest and tumbling streams to a series of lush ponds below. A short stroll takes one through a series of large themed gardens, en route to the largest pond. Each scenario seems transcended in beauty and diversity by the next.

Over the years, Marcia hosted countless tours and charity events in her gardens for such local entities as the Flynn Theater, The Conservancy, Land Trusts and the Carpenter-Carse Library. The gardens have also been the setting for dozens of weddings and socials, and gained national acclaim in 2001 by Forbes as one of the top 25 private gardens in the United States. By then, Marcia had opened



*Marcia Peirce-McNaull operated The Hidden Garden's Bed and Breakfast in Hinesburg for two decades.*

her bed and breakfast, and people visited from all over the world to enjoy the gardens and the beauty of northern Vermont.

Marcia's warmth, optimism, kindness, intellect, cultural interests and her open-minded and honest nature drew people to her wherever she went. She possessed the wisdom to recognize that it was at once possible to love while allowing space for the creativity and success of others. She demonstrated this in her personal relationships and among the gardeners and helpers who were invited to express themselves through the gardens that they labored to make blended works of art and nature. These qualities endeared Marcia to friends and family, who always looked forward to spending time with her.

Marcia leaves behind her person, husband Peter; stepchildren Heather of Massachusetts, and PJ and his sons of Washington; her brother Doug and his wife of Maine; her cousin Bill Kent; her long-time best pal, Harry Russell of Hinesburg; brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews; and a legion of friends spanning her rich life of varied interests.

To read a more thorough expression of Marcia's life, please go to [gregory-cremation.com](http://gregory-cremation.com).

There will be a celebration of Marcia's life in her beloved gardens in June, which will be announced here and in the Burlington Free Press.

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## PEOPLE

### Rescuers in the Time of Covid-19

#### *Statewide Student Essay Contest Winners Announced – Hinesburg Student Wins an Award*

BY VERMONT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

The Vermont Holocaust Memorial recently concluded our student essay contest entitled "Rescuers in the Time of COVID-19." Vermont students in grades 4-12 were invited to honor an individual or group they may know or have encountered in their Vermont community by sharing a story of modern day "rescue" and comparing it to rescue efforts during the Holocaust.

Kaitlin Murphy of Hinesburg won third place in the middle grades division (sixth through eighth grades). She is an eighth grade student at Christ the King School in Burlington.

VTHM anticipated that through these essays, students would draw parallels between the two life-changing world events and think about the ways that upstanders can make important differences in people's lives. Prizes were awarded in four age categories. Numerous meaningful entries

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were received.

Winning entries showed remarkable empathy for people caught in both crises and students wrote about people close to home as well:

A fourth grader from South Burlington was moved by a sixth-grade neighbor who raised money for a local food shelf.

A seventh grader focused on a para-professional who made life somewhat normal in Randolph by running a daycare in the local school while the building was closed to classes — comparing it to rescuer Dita Kraus who tried to help normalize life in Auschwitz by creating a library.

Several essays mentioned frontline health workers and compared the risks they are taking, including getting sick themselves or bringing COVID-19 back to their families, with the risks that ordinary citizens took during the Holocaust.

Students from Bellows Free Academy in Fairfax were inspired by Karolina Juszczkowska, who was executed because she hid two Jewish strangers in her house; and by Sofia Kritikou, who hid Jews even though she barely was getting by herself.

A 10th-grade student pointed out that her own Jewish great-grandmother had lived in Europe during the Holocaust and had been forced from her home. The student drew parallels between the work of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who created safe houses and false papers for desperate Jews, and the work of the staff at the Charter House in Middlebury who selflessly provide food and shelter for people who are homeless, even though they might be exposed to COVID-19 while doing so.

Others wrote about concepts like small acts of kindness, having a positive mindset, seeing a need in the community and stepping up, not being selfish, positively affecting other people, and — especially — having hope.

As one Hinesburg student wrote, “In the concentration camps, you need-

ed hope to survive ... To rescue ourselves in the COVID-19 pandemic we make hard choices to protect our families and friends, but hope keeps us going and allows us to never give up.”

The Vermont Holocaust Memorial works to end hatred and prejudice of all kinds through teaching the lessons of the Holocaust. We encourage people to be upstanders and to stand up to bigotry when they see it. We were very pleased that one of our youngest essay writers said, “not all rescuers are strong and brave, but all rescuers want to do the right thing. They are kind and want to care for other people.”

We at VTHM look forward to a time when everyone is kind.

## Higher Education Honors

**Madeline Baker, Samantha Haviland, Alix St. Hilaire and Deona Proulx**, all of Hinesburg, have been named to the Southern New Hampshire University Fall 2020 president's list. Eligibility for the president's list requires that a student accumulate an academic GPA of 3.7-4.0 and that they earn 12 credits for the semester.

**Cody Fournier and Phillip Vickers**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to Vermont Technical College's Fall 2020 president's list. These are degree students carrying 12 or more letter-graded credit hours who achieve a GPA of 4.0 or higher.

**Graham Perry Coates-Farley** of Hinesburg, a freshman majoring in computer engineering, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University. Dean's list

students must achieve a minimum 3.25 GPA and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

**Shea Dunlop, Ann Howard and Mary Titus**, all of Hinesburg, were named to the Castleton University president's list for the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. To qualify for this highest academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester GPA of 4.0.

**Jade Leavitt** of Hinesburg has been named to Vermont Technical College's dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester. Dean's list honorees must carry 12 or more letter-graded credit hours and achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA for the semester.

**Megan Robert** of Hinesburg has been named to the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's list students have attained a GPA of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester. The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, featuring two distinctive campuses in Maine, and a campus in Tangier, Morocco

## Students Named to UVM Dean's List

The following Hinesburg students have been named to the University of Vermont dean's list. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20% of their class in their respective college or school.

**Jacob Ashe**  
**Katherine**  
**Gingras**  
**Julia Hillier**  
**Marc Hoepfner**

**Rosalie LaCroix**  
**Aidan May**  
**Lauren Polk**  
**James Raymond**  
**Grace Washburn**

cake made from store-bought white (not yellow) cake mix. The cake was an afterthought — just something to justify the icing. But if you are really a chocolate fan, you could try putting it on chocolate cake, brownies or chocolate zucchini bread. I recently found this chocolate zucchini bread recipe and it is awesome: [twopeasandtheirpod.com/chocolate-zucchini-bread](https://twopeasandtheirpod.com/chocolate-zucchini-bread).

**Cathy's Mom's Chocolate Fudge Icing** — enough for one 2-layer cake, more than enough for 24 cupcakes:

**Ingredients:**  
3½ cups of powdered sugar  
¼ teaspoon of salt  
4 tablespoons of unsalted butter (if using salted butter, omit added salt)  
4 ounces of unsweetened chocolate squares  
½ cup of milk  
1 teaspoon of vanilla

### Steps:

1. Measure the powdered sugar and salt into a small mixing bowl and stir. Set aside.

## OTHER NEWS

## F&W's 2021 Conservation Camp Registration is Open

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

If you are 12 to 14 years old and want to learn about Vermont's wildlife and gain outdoor skills, consider attending one of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's Green Mountain Conservation Camps this summer.

Specific details about whether the camps will be able to operate, and what protocols relating to COVID-19 will be in place, will be communicated via the department's website as they become clear.

The one-week camp programs are held at Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury. Campers participate in hands-on learning about fish and wildlife conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and archery techniques, swimming, canoeing, fishing and more. Natural resource professionals come to the camp to share information on their programs and take campers out for field activities.

“Whether kids come alone or with friends, they are guaranteed to meet new people and form new bonds while experiencing Vermont's natural resources to the fullest,” said Fish



*Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Green Mountain Conservation Camp program offers young people the opportunity to learn about natural resource conservation and develop outdoor skills through hands-on learning experiences.*

& Wildlife Education Coordinator Alison Thomas. “An important take-away message and common theme during the week is that conserving and managing habitat will help ensure Vermont will have fish and wildlife in the future.”

“We would love to have all of the advanced sessions filled for girls who have already attended a basic session,” added Thomas. “Advanced sessions are for campers who have completed a basic session the summer before and who are 16 years old or younger. Advanced sessions include more in-depth activities about backpacking, camping, natural resources, and unique hunting and fishing techniques.”

Conservation Camps open June 20 and continue until Aug. 13. Tuition is \$250 for the week, including food,

lodging and equipment.

Applications and information are available at [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com).

COVID-19 remains an unknown factor in planning for the 2021 Conservation Camp program. Keeping staff and campers safe and healthy could mean last-minute changes. While registration is open, with all camp weeks available to the full number of campers, the specific details of how camp may run are subject to change based on guidance from the Vermont Health Department and the governor's orders. This could include and is not limited to, reducing the number of sessions held, reducing the number of students in each session, or canceling the program for 2021. For more information, contact [FWGMCC@vermont.gov](mailto:FWGMCC@vermont.gov) or call 802-522-2925.

### ► Commentary

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workforce or continue on to a professional institution to pursue professions in health care, law, finance or education. Alternatively, they could enter a STEM institution to pursue advanced education in engineering, IT, math or science. Or they could opt for advanced vocational disciplines like construction skills, hospitality or food systems. These career institutions would look more like Quinnipiac, CCV or Champlain College, with clearly defined career paths. Or they could opt to attend a liberal arts and humanities institution like Middlebury or Wesleyan.

Having described such a vision for sustaining our community schools, I still believe the greatest determinants of educational progress in the best school system we can devise are the learning culture within the home and community, as well as the economic security of the student's family.

We therefore must not only redesign our schools, understanding the diversity of learning styles, we must also examine our attitudes at home — the example we set for our children and the respect we instill in them for what happens in school. Tax-grouching, helicopter-parenting, self-esteem-builders, edutainment, trigger-warnings and other risk-eliminators are all enemies of true learn-

ing. Our children will, in fact, be who we are, not who we tell them to be — at home or in school.

Finally, imagine if we got this right and Vermont became a national model for public education excellence. School quality and intact communities have always been a major driver of in-migration. Governor Scott's keynote addressed Vermont's “demographic challenge” (read low birthrate and shrinking population). Lower taxes and less regulation may attract some businesses, but a healthy environment, strong communities and excellent community schools are often cited as the main rationales for relocation.

Lincoln was the town I chose to live in after I began teaching at Mt. Abraham Union High School the year it first opened. My young children went to the Lincoln Community School until they were 10 and went on to Mt. Abe. It's painful for me to watch my former community struggle to retain its wonderful community school in the face of a forced consolidation effort.

Let's get this right. With some vision, discussion and leadership, we can better invest costs, sustain and support our rural communities, and significantly improve educational equity and outcomes while broadening the reach of our community schools. We might even solve our demographic problem along the way.

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## RELIGION

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**Pastor:** Rev. Jared Hamilton

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

**Location:** 10580 Route 116

**Phone:** 482-3352

**Email:** unitedchurch@gmavt.net

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

**Website:** ucofh.org

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

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

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

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

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

### Lighthouse Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Reverend Ed Hart

**Church Phone:** 482-2588

**Home Phone:** 482-2588

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

**Website:** LBCvt.homestead.com

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

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

**Regular Services:**

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

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



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

### Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

**Pastor:** Fr. James Zuccaro

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

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

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

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

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

**Parish Council Chair:** Allan Monniere 578-8572

**Finance Council Chair:** Doug Taff: 482-3066

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

**Weekend Masses:**

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

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

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

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

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Pastor for appointment

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

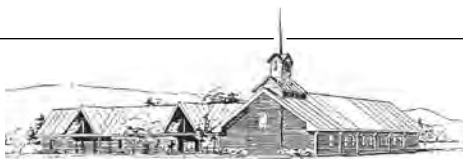
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance

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

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

**Religious Education Coordinator:** Marie Cookson, 434-4782

**Religious Education (CCD):** Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for



grades K-8. Registration is required.

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

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

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

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

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

### Community Alliance Church

**Pastor:** Scott Mansfield

**Phone:** 482-2132

**Email:** info@hinesburgcma.org

**Web:** hinesburgcma.org

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

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

**Middle School and High School**

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

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

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

### Williston Federated Church

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

**Phone:** 878-5792.

**Website:** steeple.org

**Minister:** Rev. Paul Eyer

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

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

### Trinity Episcopal Church

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

**Church phone:** 985-2269

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

**Website:** trinityshelburne.org

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

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

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

### All Souls Interfaith Gathering Non-Denominational Service

**Pastor:** Rev. Don Chatfield

**Phone:** 985-3819

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

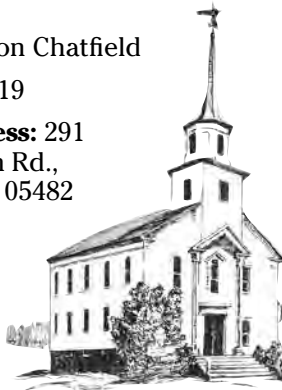
**Services:**

**Sunday 9:00**

**a.m.:**

Morning

Meditation



#### ► Papa Nick's

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long as we could, knowing that that was like an outing for people, you know, something for them to do," said Paula Zontanos.

The restaurant is discussing keeping some aspects of the COVID-19-specific innovations, like the outdoor seating and the movie nights, when they are able to reopen completely, said Paula Zontanos. "We had to think out of the box and everyone's been great," she said.

*Suzanne Slesar, a Charlotte resident, has been going to Papa Nick's for about 30 years.*

"I like that Voula, the owner, is there at the front counter when you walk in," she said. "Voula takes an interest in everyone's family."

Slesar's favorite food to get from the restaurant is the hamburger macaroni soup. "My husband is whole foods, plant-based, which means he doesn't eat cheese, so they'll make a special pizza just for him," she said.

Though her family never got takeout so frequently before, they now get takeout once a week to support their local businesses, said Slesar. "I would get on [Papa Nick's] Facebook page every Thursday just to see what the weekend specials were."

"I think they really went above and beyond customer service, trying to offer some different things for everyone since March," Slesar said.

#### ► ACCESS CVU

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with friends and family members you can't see in person right now — how about a one-night painting or cooking class? Or maybe you could improve your Italian with friends near and far?

Here is a selection of some of our new offerings starting in February. Please visit our website for the full list:

**Tuesday, Feb. 2:**

**Beginners Acrylic Painting for Kids With Katie O'Rourke**

This **new**, four-week offering for kids includes all the supplies (paint, brushes and four canvases) and weekly instruction.

**Drawing Nature With Rachel Mirus**

We're excited to have a new drawing instructor and to once again offer this popular option. Rachel has six weeks planned for you to sketch our natural world.

**Conversational Italian With Cinzia Mancini**

This popular class is back with a new teacher! Come practice your Italian and get ready for when we can travel again.

**Wednesday, Feb. 3**

**Access Virtual Book Club With Christina Deeley**

Join CVU's librarian for this new Access offering to discuss "The Office of Historical Corrections" by Danielle Evans. Christina will lead monthly discussions; check online for the full list.

**Thursday, Feb. 4:**

**Morning Yoga With Jean Burke**

Wakeup with yoga for this new Access offering. Roll out of bed and practice in your pajamas before you embrace your day!

**Acrylic Painting Party With Katie O'Rourke**

Grab a friend and join Katie for one night of painting creativity and fun! All supplies included.

**Guitar for Beginners With John Creech**

This popular class was filled last semester. Don't delay! Are you ready for the next level? We have a class for you too!

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:**

**Painting on Bisqueware: Tiles Times 4! With Jen Labie**

Pickup four tiles ahead of time and join Jen online for a night of painting instruction. Fun! Look for the chance to paint a platter and salad bowl in the coming months.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10:**

**Cellphone Mindfulness with Suzie McCoy**

Are you ready to break up with your cellphone, or at least gain some control over your addiction? This class is for you!

**Focaccia and Minestrone Soup With Adele Dienno**

Yummy bread and cozy soup? What could be better on a wintry night?!

**Thursday, Feb. 11:**

**Beginners Acrylic Painting With Katie O'Rourke**

This **new**, four-week offering includes all the supplies (paint, brushes and four canvases) and weekly instruction covering the basics of acrylic painting.

**Transform Yourself in 2021 Through Wellness Habit Change With Becky Day**

Treat yourself to a better you in 2021! Becky will lead you through strengthening your wellness habits related to nutrition, fitness and stress management. You'll receive six weeks of coaching sessions, as well as a self-guided, online wellness program and

comprehensive workbook.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17:**

**Vermont's Winter Duck Show With Maeve Kim**

Join Maeve to learn more about the thousands of ducks and other diving birds who come south to winter on Lake Champlain.

**Introduction to Bookbinding With Emma Percy**

Ever wanted to explore the basic principles of bookbinding? In this one-night class, Emma will show you the tricks, including two foundational book-sewing techniques.

**Tuesday, March 2:**

**Becoming America With Judy Eshelman and Rick Gordon**

The primary focus of this six-week course is exploring our country's founding documents: the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Learn how these affect our current political headlines.

Check out our website, **cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com**, for the full class list, or Google "Access CVU." Don't delay registering, as low enrollment leads to canceled classes, and popular classes fill up quickly!

Need help getting signed up for a class, or getting setup for online learning? Call 802-482-7194 or email [access@cvsdvt.org](mailto:access@cvsdvt.org). We offer senior discounts for our community members over 65. We provide enrichment and learning opportunities for anyone, anywhere and anytime! Come explore new passions, ignite your imagination, learn a new skill and connect with lifelong learners.



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# BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

## Papa Nick's Gives Back During Pandemic

BY ERIN GALLAGHER,  
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

After three decades in Hinesburg, Papa Nick's remains an integral part of the town, and has adapted to and helped support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The restaurant, owned by Voula Zontanos, has been in Hinesburg since Jan. 14, 1991, Zontanos said. Zontanos has contributed food, money and time to various local organizations, both before and during the pandemic.

Papa Nick's is a family-owned establishment that serves a variety of comfort foods, from pizzas to hot turkey sandwiches.

The restaurant has not changed much in 30 years, said Voula Zontanos. "We keep going. Even with the hard times, we go through," she said.

"Everyone works together. I don't think anyone has a specific role," said Paula Zontanos, Voula's daughter, about the restaurant employees. The newest worker, she said, has been with Papa Nick's for three years, and some employees have worked there since it opened in 1991.

"It's a great family," said Paula Zontanos.

***Voula Zontanos also connects with the families of her customers.***

"I see three generations growing up here. I see, you know, the parents come in with the kids, babies. And I hold them in my hands and they grow up and they have their own family

and they come with their own kids," said Voula Zontanos.

The restaurant is also involved with other organizations and groups in Hinesburg, said Voula Zontanos.

"We are involved with the fire department, with the schools, with the Lions Club, the Vermont Business and the Hinesburg Business Associations, and everybody," she said.

She has served food to the Hinesburg



Fire Department, as well as donated to the organization. On July 4 a few years ago, Voula Zontanos received a lifetime award from the department, said her daughter Paula Zontanos.

"[Voula Zontanos has] the biggest restaurant in town, but she supports every other business. She wants everybody to thrive and survive and do well," said Laurie Brooks, a Papa Nick's employee who has been a friend of the family for 18 years.

"She really does love serving everybody, you know, in the sense of serving food as well as helping people out," said Brooks.

The restaurant has adapted and re-



mained involved in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In early May 2020, Papa Nick's partnered with the Vermont chapter of Frontline Foods to deliver over 80 meals to frontline workers at the UVM Medical Center, according to the restaurant's Facebook page.

The pandemic's restrictions have been difficult for Papa Nick's because of emphasis on the social interaction that takes place within the restaurant itself, said Brooks. "Nobody has come in here since March the 16th," she said.

Papa Nick's has been open only for takeout since then.

"We try to come up with crafty little things to do just because they can't get what they used to get besides the amazing food," said Brooks.

The restaurant created an outdoor seating area for the summer and fall, offered pizza kits, weekly specials, movie nights and followed COVID-19 guidelines in order to give out candy on Halloween outside the restaurant, said Brooks.

"A positive thing is that I believe that we've gained a lot of new customers because we did such an amazing job with our outdoor area and it was very comfortable," she said.

"We left the creemee window open as  
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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Make a Difference

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

### Mentoring

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

### Hinesburg Trails

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### Meals on Wheels

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

### Visit a Senior

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### Town Committees

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

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

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

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