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Shelby Companion v. BFA on February 18.
Photo by Al Frey.



Deng Dau on defense v. Mt. Mansfield on February 13. Photo by Al Frey.



Alex Provost goes for ball v. Mt. Mansfield on February 13. Photo by Al Frey.

Sports at CVU

BY TOM GIROUX

Catherine Gilwee Shines in CVU Win

CVU's Catherine Gilwee was the key element in the first half of the Redhawks 61-49 victory over the Seahorse of BHS, on February 22. She scored 18 of her team high 20 points in the first half. She also assisted on five of her teammates baskets, so played a role in 28 of the team's first 34 points.

The game, played at the Buck Hard Gym, started defensively for CVU, with two block shots and also two turnovers, which enabled them to jump out to a 10-4 advantage in just four minutes. BHS scored the next 7 points, and the reliable Gilwee stopped the Seahorses run with a hoop from downtown. The first period ended with CVU holding a 15-14 edge.

BHS scored the first 4 points of the second stanza, to go ahead 18-15. Coach Ute Otley had her squad put on a full court press, to make the Seahorses work a little harder, and it resulted in turnovers and 4 Redhawk points in just over a minute of play. Catherine later drove fast to the hoop, got fouled, but still make the basket and the free throw, and then passed to a teammate for a three pointer, to help push CVU back up by ten at the four minute mark. Both team traded hoops back and forth until sophomore Shelby Companion's three-point play right before the horn sounded, which gave her team a 37-24 lead at the intermission.

A well-coached "set piece" started the second half for the Redhawks. This was one of five in the contest that really stood out, which resulted in ten easy points, and showed why

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BLM Flag to Fly Over Hinesburg Until July

TYLER LEDERER, A REPORTER WITH THE COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

The Black Lives Matter flag was raised over Hinesburg town hall on Feb. 1, after a resolution to display it was passed unanimously by the selectboard.

In a Jan. 26 meeting, members showed their support for the resolution, which proposed an annual raising of the flag from the beginning of Black History Month to the Monday following Juneteenth. Juneteenth is celebrated throughout the United States on June 19 to commemorate the anniversary of the emancipation of enslaved people.

The resolution was spearheaded by the Hinesburg Racial Equity Group, a "committee of concerned citizens who recognize the negative impact of racism and white supremacy culture on the lives of Black, Indigenous and People of Color who live in Hinesburg," according to their mission

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Town News

Town Clerk & Treasurer

BY MISSY ROSS

Town Meeting Updates

Town Meeting Day is only a few days away. The informational meeting will be held on Monday, March 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Please visit the town website at [hinesburg.org](https://www.hinesburg.org) for the Zoom link. This is where townspeople will have the opportunity to ask the selectboard questions about the proposed town budget and other articles. All articles will be voted on by Australian ballot this year due to safety concerns relating to the COVID-19 virus. On Tuesday, March 2, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Hinesburg town hall for Australian ballot voting. We are currently planning to have all voting be a drive-thru format in the parking area behind town hall. You will enter the driveway, stop to check in at the table and receive your ballots. You will vote

in your vehicle and then check out as you exit the parking area and deposit your ballots into a secure box. We will run the ballots through the tabulator later in the day and after the polls close. You can vote early at the town clerk's office up until noon on Monday, March 1, after which we will be closing to process the early ballots as well as prepare for the voting on Tuesday.

Vermont now has same day voter registration so if for some reason you have moved and forgotten to change your registration, you can register in Hinesburg at the polls. You may also make the change online by visiting [olvr.vermont.gov](https://www.olvr.vermont.gov). We strongly encourage you to do it ahead of time if possible.

Dog Licenses Due by April 1

Dog licenses are here and it is time to register your pet for 2021! Please be sure to bring a valid rabies certificate when you come in to obtain a license. A bill showing

rent Town Administrator, elected selectboard members actually do some of the work to run the organization. With a Town Manager, the manager does all the work to run the organization and supports the selectboard in focusing on their vision for and direction of the community.

The State of Vermont expects elected Selectboards and City Councils to represent our citizens and work on the big picture policy questions of their community such as growth, environmental impacts, renewable energy, economic development, racial equity and much more. If Selectboards are too focused on running the operations of the town, they end up having less time to devote to the direction of the community.

An experienced, professional manager can focus on implementing the board's vision and can find cost savings, reduce liabilities, quickly address state and federal mandates, and help staff to reach their full potential. In addition, most professionals in the field work toward management positions, so administrator positions often see a lot of turnover as qualified individuals move on to further their careers.

Having worked for several area communities run by managers, it is clear to me that Hinesburg's size and complexity requires strong management and vision and I believe that making the transition to the Town Manager form of government would be a very positive next step for our community.

Ann Janda

that your dog got a rabies shot does not qualify as a rabies certificate. If we already have the rabies certificate on file, you needn't bring one with you. The fee is \$10.00 per dog. If you would prefer to obtain the license via mail, you can send a check for \$10.00 per dog along with a copy of the rabies certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Spring Activites

Spring will be here soon and we will once again be offering the Green Mountain Passport to those community members who are 62 or older. For the nominal fee of \$2, the passport entitles the carrier to free admittance to the Vermont State Parks for day use. What a great program! Get out and enjoy all of these wonderful resources that our state has to offer.

Hinesburg Town Meeting Info Available Online

FROM TOWN PRESS RELEASE

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hinesburg budget and other items will be voted on by Australian ballot. Information about the FY22 budget and ballot items is available at [hinesburgvtinfo.com](https://www.hinesburgvtinfo.com).

All Hinesburg residents and businesses will receive a 4-page informational sheet in the mail as well as the Hinesburg 2020 Annual Report to assist in understanding the proposed FY22 budget and ballot items.

To keep the community, volunteers and town staff safe, early voting is strongly encouraged. Ballots will not be mailed automatically. Registered voters can request an early ballot by visiting [mvp.vermont.gov](https://www.mvp.vermont.gov) or by phone at 802-482-2281, ext. 1, in person, or via email at rmross@hinesburg.org or hroberts@hinesburg.org. There is no deadline to register to vote. You can register to vote by going to [olvr.vermont.gov](https://www.olvr.vermont.gov) to register online, by going to the town clerk's office and filling out a paper registration form, or on election day at the polls.

An informational, online public meeting (via Zoom) will be held on Monday, March 1 at 7 p.m. At this meeting, residents will be able to ask the Hinesburg Selectboard questions about all the ballot items and discuss general town business.

Ballots may be returned by:

- Mailing the ballot to the town clerk's office - must be received by 7 p.m. March 2.
- Returning it to the town clerk's office by noon, Monday, March 1. There is a secure drop box located at the town clerk's office.
- Bringing the ballot to the polls on Tuesday, March 2.

Residents may contact Hinesburg Interim Town Administrator, Joy

Dubin Grossman at 802-482-2281 or jdubinggrossman@hinesburg.org or selectboard members anytime with questions and concerns. Hinesburg Selectboard members:

- Phil Pouech, Chair 802-482-2060 ppouech@hinesburg.org
- Jeff French, 802-551-9091, jfrench@hinesburg.org
- Merrily Lovell, 802-482-5655, mlovell@hinesburg.org
- Mike Loner, 802-309-5032, mloner@hinesburg.org
- Maggie Gordon, 802-482-4216, mgordon@hinesburg.org

Community Resource Center Needs Your Support

RACHEL KRING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HINESBURG COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

This year, the Hinesburg Community Resource Center is included in Article 10 in your Australian ballot - in an effort to keep the ballot shorter, our funding request was not listed as a separate article. We are grateful to the residents of Hinesburg for supporting our work that helps make community connections and helps take care of neighbors in need.

Since 1986, HCRC has been a volunteer-powered organization responding to needs in our community. Here is what we provide:

- A community food shelf
- Playgroups and parenting education
- Medical equipment lending
- Emergency assistance for residents in financial crisis
- Free family clothing and book swaps
- Hinesburg Welcome Baby Brunch, welcoming the newest community members
- Social activities for families
- Opportunities for residents to volunteer to help neighbors
- Thanksgiving meals for families in need
- Online senior calendar
- School vacation food support
- A group of dedicated folks working to address the community needs of the future

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have realized just how important it is to have town support so we can provide a safety net to a larger population when called upon. Thank you to Hinesburg residents for making that net possible. Your support makes a difference for the family that doesn't have to choose between bills and food or for the new parent who finds community and doesn't feel like they have to go it alone. This is a special little corner of the world, and we are so happy to be doing this work here where there is such care and concern for neighbors.

Make sure to vote, and thank you for your past support!

Hinesburg Racial Equity Group Raises Black Lives Matter Flag

FROM HINESBURG RACIAL EQUITY GROUP PRESS RELEASE

The town of Hinesburg is celebrated Black History Month with the installation of the Black Lives Matter flag at the Hinesburg Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 1.

The flag-raising ceremony included remarks from students from Champlain Valley High School and the selectboard. The flag was raised by students from the Hinesburg Community School.

The flag raising was unanimously approved by the Hinesburg Selectboard at the request of the Hinesburg Racial Equity Group. The Hinesburg Racial Equity Group is a group of concerned citizens who recognize the negative impact of racism and white supremacy culture on the lives of Black, Indigenous and people of color who live in Hinesburg. This group seeks to raise awareness, promote learning, advocate for anti-racist town policies, host events and work with other Hinesburgians to make Hinesburg a welcoming, diverse and safe community for all. The Hinesburg Racial Equity Group will be hosting additional Black History Month events. Please check social media for details.

Special thanks to the Hinesburg Selectboard, CVU Principal Adam Bunting, Rep. Bill Lippert for the in-person support, and a special thanks to all the HCS teachers who cheered their students from home!

Selectboard Member Comments

BY HINESBURG SELECTBOARD CHAIRPERSON PHIL POUECH

The following are the comments that Phil Pouech gave during the flag raising.

I would like to thank this Diversity Committee, including our CVU student representatives, and all those in attendance in person and remotely.

I am proud to represent the Hinesburg Selectboard and town employees in this symbolic action.

While this Black Lives Matter flag may in some slight way give small comfort to Black, Indigenous and People of Color citizens (our BIPOC community) who live, work or visit our town, I hope

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TOWN HALL INFORMATION

HINESBURG.ORG

Town Clerk Office: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer, mross@hinesburg.org 482-2281 ext. 223.

Town Administrator Office: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Renae Marshall, Town Administrator, marshall@hinesburg.org 482-2281 ext. 222.

Town Planner Office: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Alex Weinhausen, Planner, aweinhausen@hinesburg.org, 482-2281 ext. 225.

Zoning Administrator Office: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Suzanne Mantegna, Administrator, smantegna@hinesburg.org, 482-2281 ext. 232.

Assessor's Office Hours: Mon. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., other hours by appointment. Lisa Truchon, VMFA - NEMRC/Assessor, assessor@hinesburg.org, 482-2281 ext. 228.

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center: 51 Ballards Corner Road. Rachel Kring, Executive Director, kring@hinesburgresource.org, 482-4946. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@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://www.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://www.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://www.vsdvt.org/cvuhs) for calendar, cafe, staff directory, student portal, etc.

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

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

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

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



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A Hinesburg Community Resource Center Program

LEGISLATIVE

Addressing COVID-19 Impacts Remains Legislative Priority #1

BY HINESBURG REP. BILL LIPPERT

COVID-19 impacts continue to stress and impact our friends and neighbors all across our Vermont communities.

Addressing the multiple impacts of COVID-19 remains the no. 1 priority of the Legislature. Below, I am providing some information that may be helpful.

Health Insurance Questions

Are you a Vermonter without health insurance? Losing your job as a result of COVID-19 may have also resulted in loss of your health insurance.

Starting Feb. 16 – May 14, 2021, the State of Vermont is offering a

COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period for Vermonters who do not have health insurance right now. You will be able to enroll in a qualified health plan and get financial help with premiums and cost-sharing assistance if you are eligible.

You need to apply by phone. Call the Customer Support Center at 855-899-9600, Monday–Friday, 8 am to 4:30 p.m. NOT ONLINE. You can get a Vermont Health Connect plan from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Vermont or MVP Health Care. Vermonters declared ineligible in the past are welcome to apply again. More details here: dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19

In addition, if you have lost income, you may now be eligible for Medicaid

health insurance. Applications for Vermont Medicaid remain open throughout the year.

Do you have questions about your health insurance, or are having problems with your health insurance, you can call for free assistance to the Office of the Health Care Advocate: Call at 1-800-917-7787.

Federal COVID-19 Stimulus Payment and Unemployment Insurance Questions

Wondering about the federal government stimulus checks and your income taxes for 2019?

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raising this symbol does much more.

Systemic racism is an issue that requires actions, not by BIPOC members of our society but by those of us who have benefited from the status quo and have the responsibility to change the status quo. I hope when we look at this flag, we are reminded every day to face our responsibilities. Those responsibilities go beyond awareness of imbedded racism; we must initiate discussions and take actions to break down long-held government and community systems that make it impossible to achieve a socially just society.

Ganguly Student Speech

NISHA GANGULY, GRADE 9, CVU

The following is the speech that Nisha Ganguly gave during the flag raising.

Racism is prevalent in Hinesburg and that's a reality we have to face. We live in a world, whether we realize it or not, where racism is embedded in everything we do. This can be hard to understand, but like many things: the longer we ignore it, the worse it becomes.

With this flag we have chosen to no longer ignore racial inequality.

This flag serves as a reminder that we, as a town have made a commitment; a commitment to change. To do this, it's

necessary to educate ourselves and our peers on race. If we don't truly understand where inequality started it's impossible to dig up the root of the problem. We have to listen to BIPOC voices while understanding that racism is a white problem, and we always have to take action when we see something that requires changing. These are only a few of **many** approaches that will be crucial to achieving racial justice.

I want to remind you that this flag holds no substance and is completely performative if extensive adjustments to our community are not made. I understand that right now all of this might feel like a huge hurdle, but I believe there's hope. I wouldn't be here if there wasn't. I've lived in Hinesburg my whole life and for most of it I've felt alone in my encounters with racism. In the past I've felt like no one was listening or maybe no one cared. That sense of loneliness feels a little less intimidating today. I really want to thank everyone who has made today so incredible.

Over the next few months, the Hinesburg Racial Equity Group will be hosting all kinds of virtual events from book groups, to watch parties and possibly guest speakers; all focused on racial equity. If you're interested check out our Instagram or Facebook at Hinesburg Racial Equity and keep an eye out for postings on Front Porch Forum. Before I go I'd like to share a quote by Amanda Gorman, the young Black woman

who spoke at the recent inauguration. I feel it's important to note in this fight for equality "There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it." Thank you.

Martin-Smith Student Speech

BY ELYSE MARTIN-SMITH, GRADE 12, CVU

The following is the speech that Elyse Martin-Smith gave during the flag raising.

Three years ago, CVU raised the Black Lives Matter flag for the first time as a response to the powerful and passionate push coming from students in response to the everyday injustices that occur within communities. At the time, RAC [Racial Alliance Committee] begged for visibility. I spent most of my lunch periods sitting at a table to gather signatures for a petition to raise this very flag. To sit and defend the statement "black lives matter" to my peers. It's not even saying that Black lives should be equal, it's only stating the most basic human rights and I don't think that should be controversial, arguable or politicized.

People of color looked for support and no one answered until it became trendier to care about racial injustice.

When someone I know goes to report an incident on race they are automatically questioned.

History keeps repeating it-

self, and people say that this will never happen again, but it does.

It is Black History month for the shortest month of the year but it is white history year again and again.

These are the problems. I'm sure that people in the community have been doing good work, especially by advocating for this flag, but this is not the end.

I think that humility in addressing our shortcomings is essential to change.

We cannot repair the damage that is already done, so to move forward as a more anti-racist community, I ask you to follow these steps:

1. Recognize and acknowledge your privilege. Privilege is a special right, advantage or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group. For me, some of my privileges include the fact that I am economically privileged and in terms of colorism, I have the privilege of having lighter skin. The fact that you have privilege does not make you an inherently bad person, but it makes it so that there are some hardships that you do not have to think about. This means that you may not always recognize it at first, but as soon as you do, it is important to accept that and use that power to give your platform to those who do not have your same privilege or to use that power to make change.

2. Remember that small steps make a big difference. Every petition, every difficult conversation with an ignorant family member, every call to a legislator, every vote, every action counts.

3. Keep your foot on the gas. Prove to the community of color that we can trust you to stand up when things go wrong, whether it is addressing someone's xenophobic coronavirus joke against the Asian community or simply holding yourself accountable for past inaction. Your actions matter and make a statement because even if you feel you do not have authority on an issue, it does not mean that you can ignore it. Silence is compliance, so in the future, keep speaking up.

POLICE

Incidents

Jan. 13: 11:45 a.m. A 911 hang-up on Forests Edge Road was investigated.

5:25 p.m. An officer assisted the Hinesburg Fire Department with a medical call at the Jiffy Mart on Ballard's Corner Road.

Jan. 14: 2:20 p.m. Officers assisted a resident with a harassment issue.

5:55 p.m. Officers responded to Haystack Road for the report of a vehicle operating erratically at the recreation fields. The vehicle was located, and the operator was issued a citation.

Jan. 15: 8 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace to assist the Hinesburg Fire Department with a medical call.

Jan. 16: 12–2 p.m. Officers investigated three separate crashes involving vehicles going off the roadway as a result of snow.

Jan. 17: 8:35 a.m. A single car crash on Hollow Road was investigated.

Jan. 18: 4:30 p.m. A welfare check was conducted at Lyman Meadows.

Jan. 19: 8:45 a.m. Officers responded to an alarm activation at the National Bank of Middlebury on Commerce Street.

12:15 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout on Partridge Hill Road.

5:07 p.m. An officer received a report of a missing juvenile. An investigation was conducted. The juvenile was later located.

Jan. 20: 2:20 p.m. Kinney Drugs reported a shoplifting incident. The individual was later located.

Jan. 21: 7:35 a.m. Officers responded to Silver Street for a three-car motor

vehicle crash.

1:09 p.m. A single car crash on Hollow Road was investigated.

Jan. 22: 7:15 a.m. A single car crash at the intersection of Route 116 and North Road was investigated.

12:30 p.m. Officers investigated a single car crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

Jan. 24: 5:40 p.m. Officers responded to Lyman Meadows for a domestic dispute.

Jan. 26: 2:30 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Mechanicsville Road. One operator

was arrested on an active warrant.

4:55 p.m. An officer began an investigation following a complaint involving juveniles and online bullying.

Jan. 27: 8:45 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Birchwood Drive.

11:30 p.m. An officer responded to CVU for an alarm activation.

Jan. 29: 11:17 a.m. An officer responded to a residence on Waltz Way to investigate a 911 hang-up.

2 p.m. An alarm activation at the Food Shelf on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

Jan. 31: 10:30 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Bear Lane.

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The Black Lives Matters flag was raised at Town Hall on February 1.

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Police

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4:52 p.m. Officers responded to Oscars Lane for a domestic dispute.

Feb. 1: 10:10 a.m. Officers responded to the area of Pond Brook Road for a domestic dispute.

1:45 p.m. Officers investigated a single car crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

Feb. 2: 9 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Route 116.

Feb. 4: 8:30 a.m. A Welfare check was conducted on Buck Hill Road East.

Feb. 5: 7–10 p.m. Officers investigated three separate single car crashes in which snowy road conditions were a factor.

Feb. 6: 10:50 a.m. An officer assisted the Hinesburg Fire Department with a structure fire on Swamp Road.

Feb. 7: 4:25 p.m. An officer investigated a residential burglary alarm activation on Green Street.

Feb. 8: 10:12 a.m. A single car crash on Route 116 was investigated.

4:53 p.m. Officers responded to Shelburne Falls Road for the report of a loose horse which was causing a traffic hazard.

6:30 p.m. An officer investigated a 911 hang-up on Sickman Hill Road.

Feb. 9: 1:45 p.m. Officers responded to North Road for the report of a suspicious male at a private residence.

Feb. 10: 8:45 a.m. A single car crash was investigated on Texas Hill Road.

2:30 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for the report of a citizen dispute.

4:30 p.m. Officers investigated a burglary alarm activation at the Food Shelf on Ballard's Corner Road.

FIRE

Call Log

Medical – HFD responded to 16 medical calls with 13 patients transported.

There were four noninjury motor vehicle crashes.

Jan. 7: Dispatched for a residential CO detector sounding in St George. Upon entering the residence, our CO meter immediately went into alarm mode. There were readings in the 25-30ppm range on the main floor and close to 60 ppm on the second. The basement and furnace were checked, which showed readings of 0 ppm. The source was found to be a newly installed grease mat in the oven. Engines 1 and 3, Med 100 and 5 responders were on scene approximately one hour. The owner was instructed not to use her oven until it was serviced.

Jan. 18: Dispatched to St George for a CO detector sounding. The resident stated he had a slight headache and was exiting the residence. Engine 3, Med 100 responded with four members. Because the resident stated he had a headache, ST Michaels was also dispatched. While EMS checked the resident, firefighters checked the residence with our meter. A low reading, 6-8ppm was found near the wood stove where an ash bucket was located. The resident stated he had emptied the stove ashes into the bucket a

week earlier, and never removed them from the residence. The bucket was taken outside, and the ashes buried in the snow. The home was cleared of CO. The resident was released by EMS after refusing transport. HFD was on scene approximately 30 minutes.

Jan. 29: Fire Alarm at Hinesburg Community School. The cause was a faulty detector. Engine 1 and four members responded.

Jan. 31: Motor Vehicle crash on Route 2A near Pillsbury Farm with injuries. A vehicle was swinging wide to make a right turn into a driveway that is at an angle into the roadway. As the vehicle was making the swing, a second vehicle passed on the right, resulting in both vehicles going into the ditch, with one vehicle on the second at a 45-degree angle. There were three persons in the passing vehicle who were injured and transport by St Michaels A1 and A2 to UVM Medical Center.

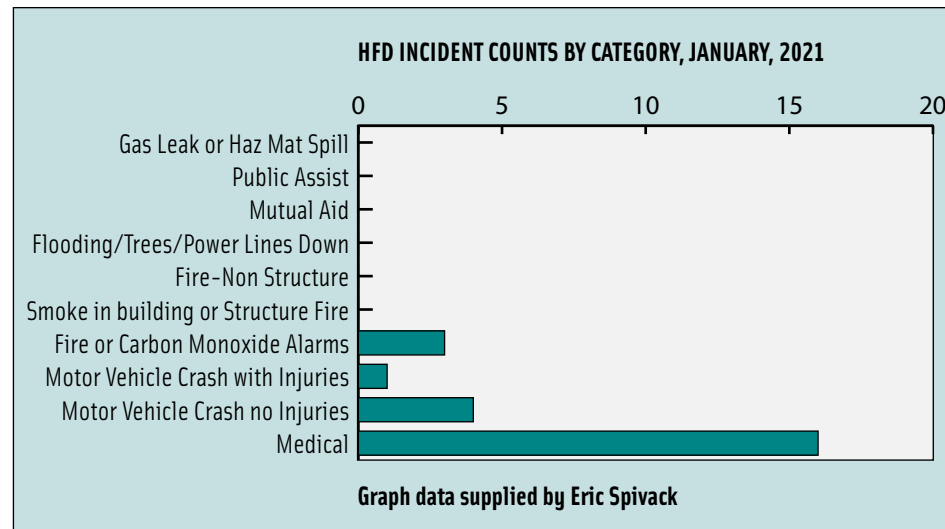
Engine 1 and Med 100 responded with eight members.

Smoke Coming from Eaves

At 10:54 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Hinesburg Fire was dispatched to a residence on Swamp Road. A passerby called 911 reporting gray smoke coming from the eaves.

Chief Barber responded directly to the scene. On arrival, he reported smoke showing and was investigating further. After performing a 360-degree view of the residence, he requested working incident tones for a working fire in the structure. Mutual aid was requested Richmond and Bolton Fire Departments. An ambulance from Richmond Rescue was dispatched for standby in place of Saint Michaels who was on another call and unavailable. Monkton and Starksboro fire departments were called later in the incident for additional manpower.

Hinesburg Engines 3 and 1 arrived



HFD responded to 24 calls in January.

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

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with five firefighters. These responders donned self-contained breathing apparatus, stretched two hose lines to residence and prepared to make entry. As the second-floor windows were darkened by the smoke, extra caution was taken upon entry and advancement to avoid causing a backdraft or flashover.

The fire was located on the first and second floors, in the rear of the residence. As the first-floor crew was advancing and beginning to extinguish the fire, they started hearing a creaking sound from overhead. Crews were immediately evacuated due to the danger of the second floor collapsing. All interior personnel were accounted for with no injuries.

We placed our vehicle stabilization jacks under the damaged ceiling beams and resumed extinguishing the fire. Chief Barber declared the fire under control at 12:46 p.m. Firefighters then began the process of checking for fire extension in the walls and removing debris out of the residence to be fully extinguished.

Chief Barber started to release mutual aid companies around 1:45 p.m. Hinesburg cleared the scene at 2:22 p.m. The state fire marshal and property owner's insurance company are investigating the cause.

HFD would like to thank our mutual aid partners for the quick response and assistance with this fire.

Ambulance Budget

In November, residents voted in support of Hinesburg starting our own ambulance service. Following the positive vote, the Fire Department worked with the selectboard to present a fiscally responsible budget for the ambulance service, Town Meeting Warning Article 8, to the voters.

The ambulance budget as presented, represents an estimated property tax impact of \$45.13 on a \$200k home, \$67.60 on \$300k and \$90.27 on \$400k.

Please be sure to vote on March 2 and please vote Yes on Article 8.

Thank you for your support.

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

BUSINESS

The Changing Light

News from Red Wagon Plants

BY JULIE RUBAUD, RED WAGON PLANTS

Have you been home, staring out the window? Probably, right? I am certainly doing more of that than ever, and am taking delight in the little details I don't normally slow down enough to notice. Like the way goldfinches come into their yellow plumage gradually going from buff to bright, or the angle of the sun, or the patterns of mist rising off the snow at sunset. I have picked up a watercolor hobby during this pandemic time, and am grateful for the new ways of seeing. I am learning to pick out the yellow in a blue sky or the infinite shades of purple and orange in a stone wall. It is pure magic. And our gardens are slowly awakening deep underground. The plants certainly notice that change in the sun's angle; their life depends on it.

It is with that in mind that I wanted to update all of you with a few newsy bits:

1) We will open our greenhouses to the public this season. The survey results are in, and the outpouring of requests for us to open has been heard. We will require masks, hand sanitizing and we will limit the number of cars in the parking lot. Keep your eyes on this newsletter for more information as we get closer.

2) We will continue to offer plants, tools, seeds, herb farm products, and merchandise through our online store with curbside pickup. This will begin by the end of this month for anyone looking for seeds, soil, etc. Initially curbside pickup will be every Friday afternoon or by appointment on a pre-arranged day. As the season progresses, we will change to next day curbside pickup.

3) We are putting together our 2021 workshop series. Keep an eye on our website for updates: [redwagonplants.com](#).

Financial Focus

How Can Women Overcome Obstacles to Financial Security?

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day, a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Of course, women still tend to encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security. Let's consider a few of them.

To begin with, women are still more likely to leave the workforce, at least temporarily, to raise children, resulting in lower contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k)s. And women are often the ones who become full-time caregivers of aging parents or other relatives. Caregiving duties can exact a big financial toll: The lost wages, pensions (including 401(k)s and similar plans) and Social Security benefits that a woman loses to become a full-time caregiver amount to more than \$300,000 over her lifetime, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Women also may be more susceptible to financial downturns. Consider the COVID-19 pandemic: Just a few months ago, in December, women lost 156,000 jobs, while men gained 16,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also reported that women accounted for 54% of the jobs lost from the pandemic in 2020.

And women are not unaware of their circumstances and outlook. Just 41% of women are confident about retirement, compared with 56% of men, according to a survey by Edward Jones and Age Wave.

But if you're a woman, you can take steps to help improve your financial outlook. Here are a few suggestions:

Take full advantage of retirement plans. If you are still working and your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Put in as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Also, within your plan, you'll want to choose the mix of investments that can help provide the most growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance. Also, even if you contribute to a 401(k) or similar plan, you may also be eligible to fund an IRA, which gives you even more investment choices.

Evaluate your Social Security options. You can typically start taking Social Security benefits when you're 62, but your monthly checks will be much larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You might also consider whether you'd be better off by taking spousal benefits, if you're married and your spouse earned more money than you. You're generally even eligible for spousal benefits if you are divorced, as long as you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried.

Look for unexpected income opportunities. Even after you've formally retired, you may still find ways to receive some earned income. Perhaps you can work part time or do some consulting. And if you're a caregiver, you might be able to receive some compensation for your work. Many local governments pay non-spouse caregivers who act as personal attendants, although the rules vary greatly by state and county.

These certainly aren't the only ways you can improve your financial status, but they may prove useful to you. In any case, be aware of the challenges

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hinesburg Fire Department has identified the need for an Ambulance Service to operate in Hinesburg and St. George, Vermont and is applying for licensure by the Vermont Department of Health. This service proposes to begin operation on July 1, 2021 within the geographic boundaries of Hinesburg and St. George. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Emergency Medical Services Statute, public comments are invited to be received by the Department by March 12, 2021.

Address comments to Vermont Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services Office, P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402-0070.

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facing you and do whatever you can to brighten your future.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Near Me – Elevating Hinesburg Business Online Marketing

BY THE HINESBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There is no question that how we all work, shop, and live has changed amid the COVIDvid-19 pandemic. This includes how we locate and shop for businesses and services. It turns out that one of the most popular web searches is to ask for a service or business NEAR ME. In response to these changes, businesses must evolve and change their approach. To survive, businesses need to understand the best way to attract customers and sell their products/services using the web and social media.

In response to these challenges, the Hinesburg Economic Development Committee has been authorized to provide funding to help Hinesburg businesses elevate their digital marketing. In partnership with Hinesburg's Answer Media, the HEDC is making available, free of charge, a program to help Hinesburg businesses to improve their web presence and digital shopping experience.

Consultations include the following services:

- Initial consultation: Meeting for discovery and on-boarding/account setups
- Website/Search/Social Media audit & preliminary digital strategy: Analysis of website search engine optimization (SEO) and local search results, social media account review, Google My Business review, preliminary 90-day marketing recommendations
- Strategy session: Review analyses & recommendations, and discuss website updates, SEO plan and search marketing program
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Program Details:

- Provide free consultation time to local Hinesburg businesses to improve their digital shopping and web presence.
- Each business will get up to six hours of in-kind service and support from the web consultant.
- Assistance will be provided on a first come first serve basis for up to 10 local businesses.
- Consultation will be provided by Answer Media/Craig Chevrier.
- Work will commence ASAP and the program will end April 30, 2021.
- To sign up or learn more, go to ti-nyurl.com/near-me-hinesburg or contact us directly at Answer Media—Craig Chevrier (craig@craigchevier.com) or the HEDC—Steve Gladstone (szgladstone@gmail.com).

There are just a few spots left. Apply soon!

Thank you to the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Vermont Community Development Program who oversee the community development block grant funding program and have authorized the HEDC to use these funds to support businesses in our community.

And thank you to the Hinesburg Selectboard for their support of this program.

Editorial Business Opens in Monkton

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Christina Koliander of Monkton is pleased to announce the opening of her all-encompassing editorial business, providing services to Vermonters and nationwide.

Formerly the managing editor of The Morgan Horse magazine and most recently the communications specialist for the American Morgan Horse Association, previously located in Shelburne, Koliander brings a variety of talents and experiences to her clients. Services include writing, editing, digital marketing and public relations. Her experience includes proofreading and editing manuscripts, writing website copy and news articles. Skilled in social marketing, she can get businesses recognized across all platforms, and she also has comprehensive experience in project planning and management. For five years she authored the cooking blog, My Vermont Kitchen, which was recognized by Cooking Light magazine, and has moderated at New England literary events including the 2019 Boston Book Festival.

“I have been fortunate to have lived my dream of writing and editing professionally in Vermont for the past 30 years,” Koliander says. “I am excited to be able to share my talents with personal clients across the state and beyond.”

For more information, you can visit her website at christinakoliander.com.

RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Shelburne Little League and Softball

2021 Shelburne Little League and Softball registration is open! Register at shelburnelittleleague.com.

To register for all Hinesburg Recreation Department programs, go to www.hinesburgrec.com.

Boys & Girls Youth Lacrosse

Co-Ed K-1-2 Lacrosse: Sundays May 2–June 6 (no practice on May 23). Millie's Field, Bissonette Rec. Area, 11 am–noon* (*At time of print, time is subject to change.) Cost: \$50.

Boys third & fourth grades, fifth & sixth grade and seventh & eighth grades

Girls third & fourth grades, fifth & sixth grade and seventh & eighth grades

Season to begin last week of April. Please plan on two midweek practices and two-game Jamborees on Saturday (boys) and Sundays (girls) from May 1 through June 6. A \$30 U.S. Lacrosse membership found at uslacrosse.org is mandatory for registration. Practices times and locations may be in Hinesburg, Williston or Charlotte. Dates and times contingent on coaches and field space.

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

Cost: \$70. Registration deadline is March 28 at 11:59 p.m.

Mini Shooting Stars Soccer Sessions

Cody and Maeve O'Neil will share the love of the game and teach foundational soccer skills.

3-5-year-olds. Sundays May 2–30 (no practice on May 23). Millie's Field, 4-5 p.m.* (*At time of print, time is subject to change.) Cost: \$45

After-School Golf

With NEW Cedar Knoll golf pro Mike Slayton. Tuesdays and **Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m.:**

Session 1: May 4 – 13
Session 2: May 18 – 27
Session 3: June 1–10

Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m.:

Session 1: May 5 – 14
Session 2: May 19 – 28
Session 3: June 2–11

Ages: 6-13 years. Cost is \$150

Summer Golf Camps

With NEW Cedar Knoll golf pro Mike Slayton. Tuesdays through Friday from 9 a.m.–noon

June 22-25
July 20-23
Aug. 17-20

Ages 6-13 years. Cost is \$300. Register at hinesburgrec.com.

For private lessons, please contact Mike Slayton at mikeslayton@gmavt.net. Private Lessons: \$100 per hour, three Lesson Series is \$270, five lesson Series is \$400.

Summer Driver Ed.

With Kevin Browne or David Mitiguy

Session 1: June 7–July 1, Monday through Thursday 4-6 p.m.
Session 2: July 5–29, Monday through Thursday 4-6 p.m.

Classes are remote with Google Meet, and in-person driving. Cost is \$700. Register at hinesburgrec.com.

LIBRARY

Library Hours Year-Round

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Library News

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Great Children's Books to Check Out This Month – From Ms. Jen

“The List of Things That Will Not Change” by Rebecca Stead is easily one of my new favorites with a fifth-grade protagonist, Bea, who is funny, honest, flawed and brave as she makes her way through some big life changes. Kids will be able to relate to Bea's touching and often hilarious take on why people in her life behave the way they do. I think kids could find this book helpful as well as entertaining as they read about all the different ways Bea uses new skills to change old behaviors, habits and ways of seeing others. Ultimately this is a beautifully written story about the power of family connections, the ones we are

born into and the ones we seek out and create.

The new graphic novel “Katie The Catsitter” by Colleen AF Venable is the first book in a planned series, and I can't wait for the next one to get here! Katie is a great middle grades heroine struggling to maintain her best friendship while also trying to raise money to fund a week of summer camp. This is when Katie gets involved with the 217 cats living upstairs with her mysterious neighbor. These are no ordinary cats, and on top of everything else, there's a new villain in the city, Mousetress, who Katie begins to suspect is her neighbor in disguise. The art is expressive and lively, and the storytelling is engrossing. Fans of graphic novels like “Smile” and “Guts” will be thrilled with this new series!

Middle grade readers have enjoyed Jacqueline Davies' The Lemonade Wars series, and now she has begun a new series for early readers about highly loyal friends, “Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World.” Sidney is a smart and brave skunk and Taylor is a lovable hedgehog who grow tired of being in their burrow all the time (sound familiar?) and plan a trip to explore the whole wide world outside the fence. The story of their adventure is hilarious and also touching as they discover more about their own individual natures, which is where adventure usually leads us. The next book in the series will be arriving at the library soon, and we'll be sure to keep them coming!

New Adult Books

We have new biographies by Cicely Tyson, Nadia Owusu and Danielle Geller. A great collection of Joan Didion's classic essays and compelling visual biographies of Ida B. Wells and Harriet Tubman. New fiction titles include the newest Kristin Hannah book, “The Four Winds,” “The Arctic Fury” by Greer Macallister, “The Survivors” by Jane Harper and “Landslide” by Susan Conley.

Events Calendar

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.

Me and White Supremacy Book Group

Join us for a series of virtual meetings around Layla F. Saad's book “Me and White Supremacy.” An introductory session will be held Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.; then, as participants work through the book's 28-day structure and accompanying reflective journaling prompts, this group will check in on the following four Wednesday evenings (March 17, 24, and 31 and April 7). Please reach out for more information, or to reserve a copy of the book and a notebook to complete the writing exercises.

Morning Book Group

Wednesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. Our morning book group meets the second Wednesday of each month. At this meeting we will be discussing “The Winter People” by Jennifer McMahon. Reach out to the library to request a copy of the book.

Trivia Competition

Thursday, March 18, 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, March 30 at 7 p.m. This month we'll be reading “Lillian Boxfish

Takes A Walk” by Kathleen Rooney. 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 through six 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

If you're looking for something fun to do, stop by the Library foyer and take home a craft kit. We will rotate through ideas and seasonal materials, so check back in every week for something new!



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COMMENTARY

Social Media, Free Speech and The Right to Bear Arms

BY BILL SCHUBART

The term “social media” has never made linguistic sense to me. It seems like an oxymoron. To me “social” implies my predigital childhood, where people I knew walked and talked together; slept together; met in shops, cafés, theaters, libraries, churches, cemeteries, parks; and participated in civic meetings — school-board, town meeting and selectboard. What exactly is “social” about social media?

What we call social media is mediated by transducers: mics, cameras, earbuds and screens that limit audio and

video range and are themselves limited by network speed — all robbing our communication of the scope and intimacy of being together. We can’t see or hear the whole person. We can’t shake their hand, hug them, look into their eyes, or sense and convey emotions except with lifeless emoticons. Text and tweets further diminish human experience.

When I was young, my life was divided between two worlds, the real world in which I was growing up and the dream state I inhabited when asleep. This rich nocturnal world was incoherent, but rife with imagery, people, places, emotions and eventually lust.

A precursor of today’s social media was our four-party phone line.

We could pick up the receiver, cover the mic end, and listen to what our

neighbors had to say — gossip, news, scandal — but it was one way only. We could only listen — one sneeze and you were outed.

Today, we and our children live in three worlds in almost equal proportion: the rich nocturnal world of dreams and uninhibited fantasy; the real world of people, places, flora, fauna, air and water; and the lifeless, monochrome world of our online communities. We’re told that young people spend, on average, three hours a day online — and many spend much more time than that. Theophrastus, the ancient Greek philosopher, said that “time is the most valuable thing a man can spend.” Is this how we want our succeeding generations to spend it?

As we come to grips with this new world, we must acknowledge its benefits as well as its downsides.

We can maintain digital contact with family, friends and community in the face of a worldwide pandemic, the only survival mechanism of which is isolation.

It virtually eliminates the cost of global communication. (A call from Morrisville to Stowe when I was young was long-distance; a call to my grandmother in New York was prohibitively expensive.)

It potentiates, although not equitably, distance learning and telemedicine.

But the nation’s recent experience in the Capitol revealed the lethal dark side of social media. Experts on how social media is used here and abroad are shedding light on its considerable risks to civil discourse and political stability, tallying how it is being used to enlist, radicalize and incite people to violence.

OUR APOLOGIES

The Hinesburg Record was published last month with a technical issue that caused, among other things, the commentary written by Bill Schubart entitled “Our Vermont Community Schools: A Better Way?” to be only partially printed. Our sincere apologies go out to our readers and especially to Mr. Schubart. The full commentary can be read at <http://bit.ly/3qJ8wok>.

In a recent New York Times article, a notable historian of fascism, Timothy Snyder, put into stark relief the synergy behind the autocratic obsession of former President Trump, the steaming compost of social media, and the mob scene that broke out in the Capitol.

The exploiters of these online communities love to use the First Amendment as camouflage.

Since 1787, our Constitution’s First Amendment has protected, if not fully defined, free speech. Cognizant of social change and technological evolution, jurists since then have both added further amendments to the Constitution and established statutory precedents that interpret the framers’ original language to respond. Strict constructionists have always fought this, claiming that the original language tells us all we need to know. How can that be in a world where change is the only constant?

Clear limitations on the First Amendment have been imposed on it by the courts on a host of issues including: child pornography, fraud, obscenity, libel, slander, intellectual property violations, certain “false statements of fact,” and speech that “incites an immediate breach of the peace.” As such, the Amendment is understood as not being an absolute right, as its abusers like to claim.

Likewise, the Second Amendment was an issue in the Capitol riot. Gunslingers claim the right to bear arms is absolute. It isn’t. I won’t detail all the restrictions on gun ownership even after they shrank after District of Columbia v. Heller, but in general these restrictions include ownership by certain individuals (like felons),

ownership of “dangerous and unusual weapons,” limits on carrying firearms in certain public places and requirements for gun sales. They also support legal restrictions imposed by states and municipalities, even as Vermont considers additional restrictions to its unusually liberal gun laws.

The world has changed, our founders never envisioned either social media that can foment insurrection or Uzis and AR-15s that can, with one trigger-pull, spray a crowd with bullets.

In free speech, the absolutist defense that “sunlight is the best disinfectant” ignores the lack of sunlight in many digital communities. In the real world, there are facts, opinions and lies. Worthwhile opinion is predicated on fact. There are no “alternative facts.” The First Amendment protects free speech but not incitement to violence, and hate speech has been defined and banned by many of America’s allies.

Joan Donovan, research director at Harvard’s Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, put it this way: “We have to pay attention to the way that tech platforms are shaping discourse and the way technology moves fringe ideas into the mainstream. The idea we would somehow get out of it by not paying attention to what’s going on and opening the floodgates to more speech misunderstands the phenomenon of online platforms and misunderstands the technology.”

And not the least is the implicit racial element. Speech law is mostly the output of privileged white males. Would the BIPOC community agree to protect both speech that’s often used to incite violence against them and the current ubiquity of guns used to kill them?

With both the First and Second Amendments, it’s time we acknowledge the highly amplified danger that new communication networks and military technologies have wrought and re-examine our view of absolute constitutional rights in this light and the clear and present danger they’ve made real.

Is Lake Iroquois’ Milfoil Problem Propeller Driven?

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Members of the community who submitted comments or participated in a public meeting with Lakes and Ponds division of the Vermont Watershed Management Division regarding a 2020 permit application to use ProcellaCOR, an aquatic herbicide, by the Lake Iroquois Association recently received notice of the commissioner’s decision. The permit was authorized on Feb. 8. A 30-day appeal period to the Vermont state Environmental Division ends on March 10, 2021. Only those who participated in the comment period on draft permit 3038-ANC-C can appeal.

This is a decision that is bound to disappoint half of the commenters as the pros and cons were markedly divergent, as were the opinions expressed in this paper’s Letters to the Editor page during the 2020 summer season. Most will remember that the first draft permit application filed in 2016 to use the herbicide Sonar in Lake Iroquois was submitted by Williston and the LIA. After an unprecedented delay, permit 2240-ANC was denied. We’ve all been on a steep learning curve since 2016.

I did submit extensive comments opposing both draft permit applications. Clearly the opinions of similarly minded people prevailed in the first stance but those same opinions clearly haven’t triumphed in the existing application. While I appreciate the public process and the state personnel who work diligently to ensure this follows course, more than a few of the state’s responses in its 58 pages of comments and responses caused me to think that there’re problems in the agency’s regulations or state statutes. Granted, it’s not a deliberative process but it shouldn’t be a game of Go Fish for people either. Assuming accordance with the law, the state isn’t making a lot of sense regarding Lake Iroquois this time around.

Since 2016 there have been two off years of Eurasian watermilfoil growth, namely 2017 and last year, when no herbicide was used. Both occurrences of low growth drew noticeable attention. One wonders if the Vermont Watershed Management Division has a tin ear. State personnel, the contractor and the plant surveys all remain silent on this aspect of the subject. If people were unerringly trying to solve the EWM growth mystery, shouldn’t they be looking at all the data to understand why there are off years? On the other hand, if an herbicide happened to be in use in Lake Iroquois in 2017 or 2020, you can bet we would have been informed if it was working.

It’s an interesting aside that the herbicide listed for use in this application is ProcellaCOR. Before that the product name was ProcellaCHLOR. Nonetheless, “procella” means “storm” or “vortex” in Latin. The “eye of the storm” is the translation. The marketing for the product actually used the hurricane symbol that we see on weather forecasts maps, the two-bladed symbol that looks like the cutting head of a lettuce shredder. It’s ironic that a significant number of commenters blame boat propellers for the proliferation of EWM in Lake Iroquois. A lot is painstakingly done to insure EWM doesn’t come into or leave Lake Iroquois on boat equipment. However, no controls prevent boat propellers from shredding EWM that was already rooted in place, thus ensuring a continuous supply of viable plant debris throughout Lake Iroquois. The state’s responses to these comments are that it, “doesn’t meet state statute” or “this is beyond the scope of review.” At this point the only thing worse than the state authorizing the 3038-ANC-C permit is being asked to pay for it too.

► BLM Flag

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statement. Their goal is “to make Hinesburg a welcoming, diverse and safe community for all.”

Only one member, Merrily Lovell, had reservations. In a written statement, she argued against the national Black Lives Matter movement’s call to defund the police, one of the organization’s seven stated demands. She praised the Hinesburg Community Police’s current initiatives of diversity training, de-escalation training and the hiring of social workers. Nonetheless, she expressed support for the movement and highlighted the flag raising as an important first step.

She thanked those who helped her research the movement as she wasn’t originally sure she was going to support the resolution.

A short flag-raising ceremony took place on Feb. 1, streamed live on Facebook and Instagram, with a small in-person crowd. It featured speakers from the group as well as activists from the Racial Alliance Committee, a Champlain Valley Union High School student group promoting racial justice in the district.

Lovell’s notion that this was just the first step was repeated throughout the event.

Selectboard member Phil Pouech called the flag raising “a symbolic action” but reminded audience members that more discussions and actions are needed. He also said that those in charge of the status quo have the responsibility to change it and hoped that the flag would remind Hinesburg of its responsibilities.

“We have to listen to BIPOC voices while understanding that racism is a white problem,” said Hinesburg Racial Equity Group member and CVU student Nisha Hickok. “We always have to take action when we see something that requires changing.”

Hickok added, “This flag is completely performative and holds no substance if extensive adjustments to our community are not made.”

She told the audience to look out for more events in the future and check Facebook, Instagram or Front Page Forum for updates. The group already has several events scheduled including a virtual viewing party for the film “13” on Feb. 13 and a discussion of Ibram X. Kendi’s “How to Be an Antiracist” on Feb. 25.

This isn’t the first time a Black Lives Matter flag has flown in Hinesburg.

CVU had raised the flag on its grounds three times before this, at the suggestion of the Racial Alliance Committee. This is the first time it has been raised at town hall.

The Black Lives Matter flag will fly until June 21 this year.

The flag-raising ceremony can be viewed on the Hinesburg Racial Equity Group’s Facebook page and Media Factory’s Youtube account.

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this team is so successful. Madeleine Mfochive sank a trey, before BHS made three straight of their own, to cut the margin down to 41-35, and a CVU timeout. The Redhawks responded with hoops by Shelby Companion and Maddi Reagan, which made the it 47-37 going into the final period.

CVU slowed down the speed of play the rest of the way, being very patient in their offensive rotations. But the Redhawk defense never let up, holding BHS without a three-pointer in the second half, which they relied on to keep themselves in the contest. Maddi and Shelby both hit double figures with 10 points each, while Madeleine was a role player off the bench with 8 points and 8 rebounds. Chloe Snipes was an unsung hero, hauling down a team high 9 rebounds.

The reloaded Redhawks have now hit the halfway mark of this abbreviated season with a 4-0 record.

CVU Boys Win in Away Game

The CVU boys' basketball team traveled to Barre on Friday, Feb. 19, to take on Spaulding in their third game

of the season. They won 40-37, putting them at 2-1 for the season. It was a hard-fought battle, as the Redhawks and Crimson Tide traded baskets. At the halfway point, CVU had a narrow lead of 19-15.

The CVU boys took coach Osborne's intermission advice and tightened up their defensive responsibilities, which resulted in them allowing Spaulding just 3 points in the entire next eight-minute period. This contributed to the Redhawks' 28-18 margin over their opponents entering the fourth quarter. The Redhawks pushed the lead up to 16 early in the final quarter, which would ensure them all a happy bus ride back to Hinesburg and a great start to winter break. The home team made three 3-pointers late in the last quarter to reduce CVU's lead. Devin Rogers' 9 points was a key factor in leading his teammates to celebrate and Hinesburg's Alex Provost scored 8 very important points to secure the victory for his teammates.

Strong Defense Leads to CVU Girls Victory

On Thursday, Feb. 18, Bellows Free Academy of St. Albans was the first to put points on the scoreboard with a three-pointer, but Catherine Gilwee quickly tied it up with one of her

own on the way to a 44-27 win. Two more key moments occurred in the first quarter. The first happen, when trailing by six, Redhawk sophomore Addi Hunter came into the game and quickly hit a 12-foot jumper. The second occurred when Catherine Gilwee connected on a running one-hander just before the buzzer sounded, cutting the deficit to 10-9 after the opening eight minutes.

Coach Ute Otley wasn't happy with the defense by her squad, and had them switch from a man-to-man (and 3-2) to a 1-2-2 zone. This worked superbly as the CVU players held the Comets scoreless for the next six and a half minutes, and only allowed BFA to make 4 points for the whole quarter. The forced turnovers created many points for the Redhawks. Meanwhile, when freshman Elise Berger entered, she quickly put up a tray that was followed by another jumper from Catherine, so that when the horn sounded, CVU was up 21-14 at halftime.

The Redhawks didn't let up on their defensive pressure. As the second half started, they forced two quick steals that turned into easy baskets, and before you knew it, CVU was up by 10 (27-17). The home team outscored their opponents 14-6 in the period, bringing the score to 38-20 after the third quarter. Impressively, the Redhawks accomplished all of this without two of their vital senior guards. Josie Pecor was ill and Jade Leavitt was serving quarantine requirements. We wish the best to them both.

Coach Ute said, "I was really pleased with the way players stepped up. We were without two of our senior guards, and I asked Chloe Snipes (a forward) to play out of position and she did a great job." Ute added, "Addi Hunter gave us a boost off the bench with 10 points (four for five from the free-throw line), and Elise Berger gave

us really good minutes."

CVU only gave up 17 points after switching defensive strategy for the last three frames, which entitled them to a 44-27 victory. Catherine Gilwee was the offensive leader: tallying 13 points, providing five assists and also stealing the ball five times from BFA players.

In the JV game, the CVU girls' team led 26-23 after the third period, and it was tied up 30-30 with four minutes left to play. The Redhawks' Kate Boget scored an old fashion 3-point play, followed by two baskets by teammate Samara Ashooh, which proved to be enough as CVU hung on for a 40-35 victory. This win over BFA means that the team, coached by Katie Kuntz, remains undefeated for the season.

CVU Boy's Basketball Home Opener

The CVU boys' varsity basketball team's long-awaited season opener was a success, with a 37-34 win over Mount Mansfield on Feb. 13. The Redhawks started the game on a 9-2 run, but the Cougars were able to recover and take a 22-20 lead into the halftime intermission. MMU continued to dominate on the offensive end, and pushed their lead up to as high as 6 points in the third period. However, the CVU squad refused to quit, and regained the lead with just over a minute left to play. This was in large part due to Devin Rogers' team high of 12 points, as well as 7 points from Alex Provost and 6 points from Oliver Pudvar. Logan Vaughan was the star down the stretch, going 4 for 4 from the free throw line, as time was winding down, enabling the Redhawks to escape with a 3-point victory. Logan finished the evening with a total of 8 points.

Coach Mike Osborne said his team felt fortunate to be able to get back on the court this winter (due to the COVID-19 virus). He also mentioned that this year's 14-member squad has the least amount of varsity experience of any team he has ever coached at CVU, but it's a group he's really excited to work with. Mike looks forward to the continued development of his squad and feels they will be a competitive team in the Metro Division this season. The assistant coach for the Redhawks is Matt Saltus.

EDUCATION

Champlain Valley School District Offers Publicly Funded Prekindergarten

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

CVSD offers publicly funded pre-kindergarten, often abbreviated as pre-K, for children between the ages of 3 and 5* who reside in the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston.

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What Is Publicly Funded Prekindergarten Education?

Publicly funded prekindergarten is defined as:

- Ten hours per week (for 35 weeks) of developmentally appropriate early learning experiences that is based on Vermont's Early Learning Standards.
- Children who reside in Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston and who will be *3, 4 or 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021, and not attending kindergarten are eligible for universal pre-K funding from CVSD. Funding is limited to 35 weeks during the academic school year (September 2021-June 2022).

*Children must be at least 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021 to qualify for pre-K funding.

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

- Publicly funded pre-K services can be found in schools and qualified community-based programs (homes and centers). This link will bring you to a data base of qualified pre-K providers in Vermont: tiny.one/CVSDpreK2021.
- The state tuition rate paid to community-based private pre-K providers on behalf of CVSD children attending prekindergarten during the 2021-22 school year is \$3,536.

How Do I Apply?

- If your child is going to attend a qualified prekindergarten program outside of the school (in the community) you will have to enroll **both** with the community program/provider (for your child's place in the program) and with your school district (to ensure pre-K funding for your child is sent to the program). The full registration packet is available on CVSD's website at tiny.one/CVSDpreK-apply.
- If you would like information about pre-K programs offered in a CVSD school, contact your local school about the lottery.

If you have questions about the CVSD registration process, contact Wendy Clark at wclark@cvsdvt.org or 802-985-1903.

If you have questions about publicly funded prekindergarten, contact Shelley Henson at shenson@cvsdvt.org or 802-985-1936.

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 days 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 while also providing 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, 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 there.

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 child, ages 3 to 5, if you have any concerns about your child's development in any of the following areas: communication, social-emotional, motor skills, adaptive skills or cognitive skills. Please contact Kristin Eisensmith at keisen-smith@cvsdvt.org

New Year, New Semester for ACCESS CVU

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Mid-winter greetings friends and neighbors! Access CVU's Winter/Spring semester is underway, and there are so many good options to choose from! If you are looking for something fun to do this month as you stay warm inside during the evenings, consider joining an on-line class with Access CVU.

Classes run through June and will continue to be offered online with the user-friendly Zoom platform. Online classes provide the opportunity to take a class with friends and family members you can't see in person right now. How about a one-night weaving or cooking class? Or a four-week history of your favorite cocktails with friends near and far?

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

Monday, March 1: Watercolor for Beginners With Ginny Joyner

Ginny, a professional illustrator and longtime Access instructor, will lead you through exercises designed to explore the many techniques associated with watercolor and foster the skills needed to enjoy painting for years to come. A kit of high-quality supplies is included.

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 and enjoy thoughtful discussions.

Thursday, March 4:

Watercolor for Beginners 2 With Ginny Joyner

Want to improve your watercolor practice with a structured weekly lesson? This class is for you.

Mixed Media Art Journaling — Cover to Cover Inspiration and Healing With Cristina Clarimon

Come create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind visual art journal from scratch. You will practice reflection and observation while you develop self-awareness, boost creativity and expand your technical abilities.

Monday, March 8: Suburban Homesteading 101 — Homestead Planning With Tim King and Markey Read

This is the first class of four in an informative and interactive series that will explore the trends and realities of suburban homesteading. Whether you have a small yard or some acreage, these workshops will help you understand how to best use your resources and land.

Tuesday, March 9

Shaken & Stirred: A History of Cocktails With Adam Krakowski

This is the first class in a fascinating *continued on page 14*



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Pickup your blank (bisque) platter and supplies ahead of time, and join Jen online for a night of painting instruction. Fun! Look for the chance to paint mugs and a salad bowl in the coming months.

Wednesday, March 10:

Access Virtual Book Club With Christina Deeley

Join CVU's librarian for this new Access offering to discuss "Homeland Elegies," by Ayad Akhtar. Christina will lead monthly discussions through June; check online for the full list.

Introduction to Weaving With Emma Percy

This beginner's class will introduce you to the calming and satisfying practice of weaving. You will use a simple frame loom and learn techniques for making patterns, creating your own design and finishing off your piece.

Wednesday, March 17: Cream Puffs With Adele Dienno

Cream puffs or choux pastry filled with a lemon-cream filling are a delicious treat. Adele will share how to make these delicate little rounds with a few simple pointers. Yum!

Thursday, March 18:

Using Social Media Platforms With Isaac Krementsov

Do you want to communicate with distant friends, advertise your business or spread awareness on an issue? Come learn the best practices for creating and managing social media accounts including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Travel French Phrases for Fun! With Annalisa Parent

Is Montreal or Paris on your post-pandemic bucket list? Learn 50 necessary phrases for travel with seasoned French teacher Annalisa Parent.

Wednesday, March 24: Sfogliatelle With Adele Dienno

Adele wants to show you how to make these magical, cheese-filled crispy pastries at home! They can be a great addition to your Easter table!

Thursday, March 25: Gardening for Pollinators With Hattie White

Hattie will teach you how to work in your own landscape with the natural rhythms of our native pollinators to create a rich and beautiful garden.

Monday, March 29: The Digital Darkroom 101 — Photo Editing in Adobe Lightroom Classic With Sean Beckett

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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 quickly!

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Vermont Community Foundation Promotes Early College at CCV with COVID-19 Recovery Funds

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Community Foundation announced that it has partnered with the Community College of Vermont to expand pathways to promising jobs for high school seniors across the state. To help the Vermont high school class of 2022 chart and start their career training, the Community Foundation will offer a total of \$1,000 in stipends to each student who enrolls in CCV's free early college program to pursue certificates in one of three short-term career training programs: Cybersecurity Fundamentals, Graphic Design or IT Service Desk Specialist. The funding is provided through the Vermont Community Foundation's Vermont COVID-19 Response Fund.

"Starting in the early 1990s, Vermont has offered high school seniors a unique pathway to get a head start on college," says Community Foundation President and CEO Dan Smith. "What was launched as the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology, an alternative senior year at Vermont Technical College, was expanded to in-

clude early college programs at other Vermont State Colleges like CCV, as well as some independent colleges."

Smith continues, "These programs offer Vermont high school seniors an incredible opportunity to get a free jumpstart on college and career training. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when rising numbers of high school graduates nationally are deferring or choosing not to continue their education, we are doing everything we can to make it as easy as possible for Vermont students to pursue their post-high school pathways in ways that will help them and Vermont."

CCV's Early College program allows high school seniors to take four to five college courses free of charge and receive individualized academic and career advising from CCV's advisors. Upon completion, students earn their high school diploma and 30+ college credits — equating to \$4,200 or more in tuition savings.

The Community Foundation and CCV identified the three specific certificate programs based on findings from the McClure Foundation's list of short-term career training programs it considers "best bets" for landing a promising Vermont job quickly. Early college students in Vermont's high school class of 2022 who enroll in the designated programs will receive \$500 stipends in both the fall and spring semesters. The stipends can be used to help cover the cost of books, materials, transportation, food, fees or other nonacademic expenses associated with the cost of being a full-time student. These students will also receive enhanced advising from a specialized counselor from the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Completers of the program will earn a workforce-ready certificate and can begin looking for employment or choose to apply their credits to an associate's or bachelor's degree.

To apply to the early college program for September 2021 or to learn more, go to ccv.edu/apply/high-school or gotocollegevt.org. To learn more about how the Vermont Community Foundation's Vermont COVID-19 Response Fund is connecting Vermonters with careers, visit vermontcf.org/learning-in-transition.

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ORGANIZATIONS

ACORN Launches Eat Local VT App

The New Map-Based App Reflects a Wider Trend of Agriculture Shifting to the Online Realm

FROM ADDISON COUNTY
RELOCALIZATION NETWORK
PRESS RELEASE

Addison County Relocalization Network's new Eat Local VT app is a unique solution for the Champlain Valley's rurally dispersed and agriculturally diverse region. The app makes it easy for residents and visitors to find local food by locating and connecting with the nearly 250 farmers and food producers in the area.

Now available for mobile download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, Eat Local VT allows users to explore businesses with an interactive map, search bar or filter options to find producers across product categories, services and purchase options.

The pandemic shutdown helped make what was once a dream a reality: the 12-year-old Champlain Valley Local Food and Farm Guide, printed in collaboration with The Addison Independent, is finally moving online.



Download ACORN's free Eat Local VT app to find local food near you.

"I've been envisioning this app since I joined ACORN in 2015, but we never had the time or ability to make it happen. As a result of the stay-at-home order last spring, we had a surge of interest from Middlebury College students who were eager to partner with ACORN to volunteer for local projects," said Lindsey Berk, ACORN's new executive director.

The Middlebury students who designed and developed the app had a great experience working with ACORN. In a group statement, they said: "Not only did we develop professional skills and help fellow Vermonters through our work on this app, but we were also introduced to a fantastic local food community that we may never have known [about] otherwise. We hope that our app helps people discover a new favorite farm, explore Vermont's food culture and have fun."

This app was developed in conjunction with Middlebury College's MiddDev student club. It is sponsored by Cooperative Insurance.

There are plans for a desktop version of the app in the future.

2021 will be the final year the Local Food and Farm Guide is printed, and will be used as a transition to market the app to the wider community.

Farmers and food producers who would like to update their listing in the app or guide should contact Susan Smiley at susan.smiley46@gmail.com

ACORN's mission is to promote the growth and health of local food and agriculture in Vermont's Champlain Valley. ACORN is a community-based organization working to reinvest in our local economy, revitalize our local food systems and reconnect our regional community. For more information, go to acornvt.org.

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Vermont Genealogy Library Classes

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Feb. 27: Maximizing Use of Census Records

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Audubon Vermont News

Birding at Home: Dark-Eyed Junco

BY SARAH HOOGHUIS, AMERICORPS MEMBER AT AUDUBON VERMONT

If you're bird watching in the Northeast, you're likely to see a dark-eyed junco, a member of the New World sparrow family. Dark-eyed juncos can be found on much of the continent because they aren't super picky about habitat, in fact, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology says there are 630 million individuals across the country (allaboutbirds.org).

The subspecies of dark-eyed juncos fall into five major groups: gray-headed, Oregon, pink-sided, slate-gray and white-winged. The Northeast is home to the slate-gray subspecies of the dark-eyed junco.

ID: Dark-eyed juncos are sparrows with a round head, jet-black eyes, a long gray tail and pale, conical bill. They have slate-gray feathers on their breast, head and back, and a white belly.

Habitat: While it's documented that



Dark-eyed junco. Photo: Michele Black/Great Backyard Bird Count.

dark-eyed juncos prefer coniferous forests, they will live just about anywhere there are trees. During the winter they can also be found outside their typical habitat in open woodlands, fields, roadsides, parks, gardens, etc.

Diet: Seeds make up the bulk of their winter diet. If you want to attract them to your feeder try millet rather than black oil sunflower seeds.

Feeding behavior: Dark-eyed juncos are ground foragers. I often see them in my backyard beneath the suet feeder, scratching at the ground to

find crumbs other birds dropped. You may also see them hopping along the ground and kicking up the snow or leaf litter. Juncos tend to forage in flocks and have a social hierarchy/pecking order within those flocks.

Cool adaptation: When it's cold outside, juncos grow down jackets. Their coat of feathers is 30% heavier in the winter than in the summer.

Fun nickname: Juncos are nicknamed "snowbirds" because they tend to appear around the winter solstice, and then head north each spring to breed.

OUTDOORS



The author skis on metal knees in the Town Forest.

Vermont on Foot

BY PETER MODLEY, HINESBURG TOWN TRAILS COMMITTEE

Last May I wrote about the importance of getting out on trails and back roads in the time of COVID-19. Fortunately, my wife Phyllis and I have done so with great frequency over the past year. It has been every bit as important to our mental and physical health as we imagined it might be.

It is our experience that landscapes, particularly attractive and varied landscapes, tend to take on new and more detailed dimensions in one's mind when one traverses them with feet on the ground. The ability to observe at one's own pace, to pause if curious, and to focus on closeup details or longer views — as if mentally framing thousands of photographs — can imprint the texture of the landscape on one's memory.

I cherish such memories of London in the late 50s and early 60s where I walked miles and miles through what seemed to me the greatest concentration in the world of culture, wealth and interesting architecture, then not marred by modern high-rise structures, albeit still pockmarked with some bomb damage. Phyllis and I have memories with a similar level of detail of the landscape of the Canadian Rockies near Mount Robson where we and friends, and a packer with six horses, went into the back country in 1973 to hike 70 miles around the mountain on foot in 12 days. Every trail segment, every river crossing, every glacier excursion, every moose

encounter and every campsite is clear in our minds these 48 years later. Crossing an interesting landscape on foot seems to create indelible memories. Think back on hikes or ski treks you have taken, and, if your memories work like ours, you will recall far more details than you can conjure up regarding more recent activities.

But now we are in Vermont, and what an opportunity it affords for getting out and absorbing a beautiful landscape! We are fortunate enough to have hills, cliffs, rivers, classic barns, meadows, lakes, farms, forests, steeples, covered bridges and beaver ponds all clustered in a relatively compact area, framed by the spine of the Green Mountains to the east and Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks to the west. Easily accessible trails and walkable back roads crisscross Hinesburg and nearby towns. There are many routes where you can immerse yourself in this landscape on foot, taking in the details such as moss on rocks, ice in a river, birds in the trees, or catching long views of the iconic profiles of Camel's Hump, Giant Mountain or Whiteface Mountain. In this year of isolation, we have found this local resource invaluable. Getting out in it, we have developed a more detailed mental map of this part of Vermont, while also getting exercise which helps keep us fit and wards off depression.

Eight summers ago, we moved to Vermont after 43 years "inside the beltway" in the Washington, D.C. area. We had visited relatives in this part of Vermont regularly for over 40 years, and loved the area. It still thrills us

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Economic Development, 3rd floor conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1

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

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

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

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! All genres are welcome. To submit a piece of writing for others to review and enjoy before the group meets, email Laura Wisniewski at bhy@beecherhillyoga.com.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee.

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 8

7:00-8:30 p.m. Village Steering Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall. Contact George Dameron, Chair, 482-3269.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 15

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

5:00-6:30 p.m. Hinesburg Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's, 10997 VT-116, Hinesburg. New members welcome! Contact HBPA President Laura Gurdak at 802-482-2877 or hinesburghair@gmail.com.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day.

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

7:00-8:00 p.m. Hinesburg Trails Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall third floor conference room. Lenore Budd, Chair.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

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

7:00-8:00 p.m. Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library.

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Economic Development. 3rd floor conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

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

MONDAY, APRIL 5

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

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

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

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See calendar entry for March 2.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. 7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

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▶ Outdoors

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to drive by long-familiar landmarks such as the huge barns on Route 2 in Richmond or the silo with its lid askew just north of Addison and realize that we are not only here, but we don't have a nine- or ten-hour drive, some of it on the Jersey Turnpike, to get home!

Many of our friends thought we were crazy to go north, but they soon started visiting us so regularly that we had to schedule room availability at what I began to call our "Modley Mountain House Free B&B." For seven of those summers and autumns we were heavily occupied with guests. We explored Vermont attractions and got out on some trails, but only enough to scratch the surface of the local possibilities for hiking.

Then came COVID-19. Our friends couldn't come here, and we were locked out of Europe and Canada. For the first time in 40 years, we didn't visit my now 94-year-old mother and other close relatives in New Brunswick. So, we walked and gardened, and gardened and walked, and canned and

cooked and read books and walked again. It greatly expanded our repertoire of walking venues and enhanced our comprehension of the details of the local landscape.

I won't try to itemize where we went because each of you will want to find outings suitable to your abilities and interests. But I assure you that these trails and back roads and swimming spots are not hard to find. They are listed on the internet if you search for Hinesburg town trails, Vermont trails, Vermont State Parks, Vermont swimming holes, Vermont Land Trust (sites with trails), Lake Champlain Land Trust, etc.

And, finally, don't let winter deter you. Layer up, put on micro-spikes, skis or snowshoes and get out there. We skied the Bissonette Loop trail in the Hinesburg LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest the other day and found the snow in the trees, the shadows and the rock faces to be very attractive. It was worth the effort to put my metal knee joints to the test on a short ski run, my first in several years. As the motto of the HART trails system puts it, "Adventures Close to Home!"

Giving Forestry "The Agriculture Treatment"

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

When forest management is done well it makes our forests healthier, more complex and more resilient; provides incredible habitat for wildlife; and produces local, renewable resources. Responsible forest management supports many things we value: from healthy local economies and ecology to the culture and the character of our communities. As someone who **believes** in forest management, a big part of my job involves diffusing misunderstandings about it, asking people to re-examine deeply rooted misconceptions about forestry and logging. I do this because I genuinely believe that forest management can be part of how we build a better world.

Recently, I've been marveling at the amazing culture we've built around

local agriculture in Vermont and wondering why that same pride doesn't always apply to local forestry. Forest management and agriculture have a lot in common: they are both types of "land use," in which we manage our environment for a renewable resource. In the case of agriculture, it provides us with delicious food. In the case of forestry, it provides us with beautiful wood. But, while we love and celebrate the farms that dot our landscape and the farmers and the food that show up at summer farmers markets, forestry receives a much less universally warm treatment.

Like agriculture, forestry can be done in different ways and at different scales.

Comparing historic and industrial forestry practices to forest management in Chittenden County is like comparing industrial agriculture in the Midwest with Vermont's local organic farms. Like farming, forest management can be extractive and commodity-focused or it can be **regenerative**, producing amazing renewable resources

while leaving a healthier ecosystem in its wake.

I think that an important part of understanding our role with respect to forests and other ecosystems means recognizing that the question is not **if** we want to have an impact. Rather, it is: **what do we want that impact to be?** Humans always have and always will consume resources — the things we eat, wear and use to fuel our lives. Everything is made of something and comes from somewhere — and there is no way to extract, process and transport resources without having an impact on ecosystems. Depending on the resource, those impacts could be minor or ephemeral (as in the case of most renewable resources) or major and permanent (as in the case of many nonrenewable resources).

The cheapness and availability of nonlocal resources allow us to pretend that we can consume without costs to our ecosystems, but it doesn't erase those impacts — it just displaces them to peoples and ecosystems somewhere else, perhaps at environmental and social costs that we wouldn't find acceptable if they were in our communities.

In forestry, as in agriculture, if we can move past denying that our actions have environmental impacts, we can start being proactive. Using local resources, especially local renewable resources, means "owning" those impacts, keeping them right where we can see them. Some of these impacts — benefits to our local economies, our neighbors, the culture and the character of our communities, our working landscape — are easy to own. Others, like the initial "messiness" of a freshly managed forest or the buzz of a chainsaw from your neighbor's woodlot, may be a little more challenging. Bringing our resource consumption home means that we take the radical step to confront the impacts that our lives have on our world with our eyes wide open. It allows us to actively develop a relationship with our resources, rather than consuming without an understanding of the toll we are taking on ecosystems and peoples across the world.

The way that we use land and alter ecosystems will always be a compromise.

After all, virtually every farm in Vermont (and every one of our houses and businesses) is on a site that was a forest or a wetland just a few hundred years ago. We accept these environmental impacts because they allow us to live happy, healthy lives in a beautiful place, to eat delicious food and to be warm all winter.

In comparison, forest management is a small compromise — harvesting a renewable resource while keeping ecosystems intact, encouraging great wildlife habitat and the ecosystem

services that make our world work, keeping our communities beautiful and functional. Treating local forestry like local agriculture is something that may require some of us to re-examine how we think about it — but it's worth the effort.

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

VTF&W Proposes Simplifying Fishing Rules

Simpler Fishing Rules Designed to Protect Fish and Encourage Fishing

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department wants to make it easier for people to go fishing by simplifying its fishing regulations.

Fishing regulations have become increasingly complex over time as amendments were added, making the rules more difficult for anglers to understand and challenging for the department to administer and enforce.

"We want to make fishing rules easier to understand while continuing to protect Vermont's abundant fisheries' resources," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "Our fisheries biologists and wardens have proposed changes to our primary fishing regulation that will simplify and standardize the rules, rather than having them be slightly different, depending on what lake or stream section you are on."

The proposed changes to the Fish Management Regulation (10 V.S.A. Appendix §122) can be seen on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website vt-fishandwildlife.com by searching for Board Rules in the top righthand corner of the home page. The Fish & Wildlife board reviewed the proposed changes at its Jan. 20 meeting.

Public comments may be emailed to ANR.fwpubliccomment@vermont.gov. Virtual public hearings will be announced in March.

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ARTS & LEISURE

Meet a More Diverse Vermont in New Arts Council Exhibit

FROM VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Arts Council's Spotlight Gallery announces its new, all-virtual season with an incredibly diverse group of Vermont artists. Viewable on the council's website (vermont-artsCouncil.org/iam2021) from Feb. 18 through April 30, "I AM ... 2021" features the work and perspectives of 19 artists from the council's popular "I Am a Vermont Artist" interview series.

An important part of the council's mission is to expand access to the arts and creativity for all people, regardless of background. Vermont is not often thought of as a diverse state, but people of every stripe call Vermont home, and the different experiences they bring help to create a rich, vibrant and varied arts landscape.

To celebrate Vermont's diversity and deepen our state's creative identity, the council began publishing the "I Am a Vermont Artist" series in early 2019. Since its launch, the Council has published over 30 interviews with artists, exploring how their creative expressions reflect their experiences of ethnicity, gender identity, religion, disability or age.

In the fall of 2019, the Spotlight Gallery presented "I AM ...," a multimedia exhibit and panel discussion with the series artists. To honor the artists who have joined the group since 2019 and to catch up with those featured in the

first "I AM ..." exhibit, the Spotlight Gallery is starting 2021 with "I AM ... 2021," a virtual exhibit and event series.

Co-curating the "I AM ... 2021" exhibit with council staff is Shanta Lee Gander, reprising her co-curator role in the fall 2019 exhibit.

"I was already excited in 2019 when the Vermont Arts Council first invited me to be a co-curator of this special statewide series," Gander said. "It is my enduring joy and pleasure that I get a chance to continue working with these artists and connect with new creatives around the state. What is most exciting about this iteration of 'I AM ...' is that now more than ever, we need a declaration and encouragement for all of us to continue shining our light into the world, being ourselves and creating what we can't help but create."

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5. Westminster broadcaster
8. Lamb's momma
11. Depression drifter
12. Alternative to truth
13. Like a Druid, e.g.
15. Verify
16. Flair
17. Avoid paying taxes
18. *Same as power in math
20. Surrender territory
21. Mini, midi or maxi
22. Longnosed fish
23. *Round #23 Down
26. Adverb derived from zone
30. Miner's bounty
31. Curved like a foot
34. Mother Earth to Ancient Greeks
35. Truck amounts
37. "_____ the land of the free..."
38. Hitler's Third
39. Capri, e.g.
40. Walked
42. Grande, e.g.
43. Remove scales
45. Accustomed, two words
47. Like arctic air
48. More capable
50. Tibetan priest
52. *Part of a whole number
55. Grinding tooth
56. Stare amorously
57. Hootbeat sound
59. Garlic mayo
60. Kick out
61. Gossamer
62. *Pi's second digit
63. High _____
64. "Brave New World" drug

DOWN

1. Half a particular dance
2. Past tense of heave
3. Type of mountain goat
4. Body six feet under
5. Harvest helper
6. Small goose
7. Abe's coin
8. Exclamation of surprise, archaic
9. Do like fly fisherman
10. Between northeast and east
12. One who denies
13. Popular pie nut
14. *Sum divided by count
19. Southern cuisine pods
22. Apollo to ancient Greeks
23. *Three-dimensional object
24. Not poetry
25. Mends
26. *Whole number between -1 and 1
27. Scottish landowner
28. In accordance with law
29. Search engine pioneer
32. Pigeon's home
33. H in British HMS
36. *Kind of point
38. Set to zero
40. Cunning
41. Pleasing to the ear
44. Ticks and mites, taxonomically speaking
46. Short for Fredericas
48. Lock horns
49. Popular craft wood
50. Under a fig leaf?
51. Gel producing plant
52. *0.3048 meters
53. Pasta with _____ and alio
54. "Cheers" regular
55. Cultural Revolution leader
58. Money in Myanmar

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Among the featured artists are award-winning musicians, writers and performing artists, installation artists and more. Burlington artist Toby MacNutt will present selections from their current dance work, “A Singular They,” which recently earned MacNutt a New Work New England Grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts. Other exhibiting artists include Stannard drag performer Shani Stoddard, Fayston multimedia artist Kaylynn TwoTrees Sullivan, Brattleboro jazz singer Samirah Evans, and many more.

As a part of the series, on the third Thursday of each month through April, the council will host a free virtual gathering via Zoom so that audiences can engage with the artists directly. Participants will have an opportunity to peek behind the scenes of the artists’ creative process and discover how they work, whether that’s in home studios, living rooms or on kitchen counters. Preregistration is required for each Zoom event.

For more information about the exhibit, visit vermontartscouncil.org/iam2021.

Artist Donates Money Raised from Long Trail Painting Expedition

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Artist Rob Mullen raised over \$1,600 for the Vermont Wildlife Coalition and over \$700 for the Green Mountain Club by hiking 273 miles of the Long Trail this summer, painting along the way and selling his art to help raise the donations.

Mullen made the trek over the course of four weeks, starting from the Canadian border near North Troy, Vermont and finishing his journey in Williamstown, Massachusetts. His trip garnered national attention along the way.

“While profoundly different from my usual northern Canadian and Arctic Alaska canoe trips, getting to know my home state in this intimate and challenging way and the people I met, made this one of the most incredible journeys I’ve gone on,” said Mullen. “Rediscovering backpacking and having the opportunity to fundraise for

two incredibly important organizations by combining two passions makes me feel endlessly lucky.”

The artist created paintings of the scenery he saw around him as he hiked, as well as documenting the trip with his camera and painting from the photos when he got home. He offered people the opportunity to claim some of the artwork from the journey in exchange for sponsoring him on a mileage basis. In total, he completed 20 paintings, at one point even making a sale on the spot to another hiker who saw him at work.

“Many hikers choose to raise funds while doing a through-hike of the Long Trail, and we are so grateful to Rob for choosing to support the Green Mountain Club as an additional beneficiary to his primary fundraiser. Donors like Rob make it possible for us to work in the Green Mountains maintaining and protecting the Long Trail System,” said Alicia DiCocco, director of Development & Communications for the Green Mountain Club.

The VWC, which Mullen is a board member of, was the other recipient. The VWC is devoted to creating an ecologically sound future for Vermont’s wild species and fostering a more balanced approach to managing Vermont’s wildlife. For more information on the VWC and to see some of the paintings Rob completed on his hike, please visit vtwildlifecoalition.org. VWC already has plans to do another event in 2021 that will highlight another one of Vermont’s incredible natural assets. Sign up as a VWC member (it’s free to do so) to get updates.

Rob Mullen has his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from UVM; is a member of the board of directors for the Vermont Wildlife Coalition; and is a wildlife and wilderness artist, a naturalist and an expedition canoeist. Please visit robmullen.com for more information.

The mission of the Green Mountain Club is to make the Vermont mountains play a larger part in the life of the people by protecting and maintaining the Long Trail System and fostering, through education, the stewardship of Vermont’s hiking trails and mountains. greenmountainclub.org.

OBITUARIES

Albert “Terry” W. Harris

Albert “Terry” W. Harris, 70, of Hinesburg, died at home, on Feb. 12, 2021 with his family by his side. Terry was born on Nov. 4, 1950 in Wilmington, Delaware to Charles and Dorothy (Ziegler) Harris. In 1978 he married the love of his life, and partner in adventure, Mary Beth Sylvester on Mount Philo in Charlotte, Vermont, and together they had two children.

Albert attended Phillips-Andover Academy, in Andover, Massachusetts; George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; and Vermont Technical College, where he became licensed as a land surveyor. He worked as a surveyor for the University of Vermont, Knight Consulting Engineers and the U.S. Forest Service, but most people knew him for his own practice of surveying, focusing especially on land dispute evaluations. Those who knew Terry, knew of his passion for spending time outdoors with his wife. Together with Mary Beth, he hiked in the Great American West, Alaska, Europe, New Zealand, the Himalayas and South America. He also completed the Adirondack 46ers. As an avid canoeist, he enjoyed the many trips in New England and throughout Canada. He completed 10 Adirondack Canoe Classic 90-mile races. His greatest passion, however, was Alpine skiing, especially at the Mad River Glenn ski area. He enjoyed sharing these outdoor adventures with his wife, his children, his beloved grandson Elijah, and his friends.

But mostly Terry loved and enjoyed his family, immediate and extended. We will all miss him very much.

In addition to his wife of 43 years, he is survived by his children Blake Charles Harris of Hinesburg and Julia Harris of Essex Junction; three grandchildren, Elijah Aguiar, Romeo Brown and Rikko Brown; his siblings Chuck Harris of Idaho, Wendy Silverstein and her husband Allen of Florida, and Pam Greff and her husband Greg of New Mexico; his nieces and nephews, David



Albert “Terry” W. Harris

Kramer, Jason Kramer and his wife Tessa Raum, Atara Goldshtein and her husband Amir, and their daughter Galit, and Hannah Silverstein. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Kathleen Harris.

A burial service will take place in the Adirondacks in the summer. Donations in Terry’s memory may be made to the Hinesburg Recreation Department, 10632 VT-116, Hinesburg, VT 05461. For those wishing to leave condolences, please visit minorfh.com.

PEOPLE

Delaney Ayer of Hinesburg was named to the Fall 2020 dean’s list at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes full-time students with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

Kimberly Cribari of Hinesburg has been named to Hofstra University’s dean’s list for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the dean’s list, students must achieve a GPA of at least 3.5.

Sofia Dattilio of Hinesburg has achieved dean’s list honors for the Fall 2020 semester at the University of Albany.

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From Hinesburg to Skopje: Running the Hills

BY NATHAN FRY, BILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AT THE US EMBASSY IN SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

When my phone alarm goes off at 5:00 am, I reach over and fumble to see the screen. Prior to living abroad, I never kept my phone in my bedroom, much less near my bedside. My cheap Timex watch woke me up for over a decade in the military and I resisted any intrusion of technology into the start of my day. But here on military assignment in Skopje, North Macedonia, the phone became an early morning necessity because of access to one important thing – the Air Quality Index app.

Phone in hand, my thumb taps the screen to see just how bad the air is today. I shake the sleep from my eyes as the page loads. Anything above moderate and I’m going back to bed, I think to myself. And then, color pops onto the white screen - yellow, a moderate 78 parts per million. This is good for Skopje, which has some of the most polluted air in Europe during the depths of winter. I snap out of bed.

Thirty minutes later, I’m shutting the gate to our Embassy house and heading out into the streets. From what I’ve seen after seven months here, the residents of the Balkans are generally not early risers. The lights are on in the back room of bakeries and a few cars are on the roads, but the streetscape is otherwise quiet. I weave through a confusing tangle of residential roads, cross a main boulevard, and head up into the hills outside of Skopje. Like Burlington, the capital city of North Macedonia isn’t particularly large when compared to other capitals. Its population is equivalent in size to Quebec City’s. In my neighborhood, ten minutes of running will get you into the city center and parliamentary buildings. Thankfully, ten minutes the other way gets you into orchards, farm fields, and goat pastures. I take the goat pasture route.

This particular run I know as “The Dog Run” because it takes me past a house whose dogs might be some man’s best friend, but they definitely don’t like me. The dogs are no fun, and it’s a straight uphill for a couple of miles.

It reminds me of my runs up Texas Hill and Hayden Hill back home.



I reach the first plateau after about half an hour of running. Streaks of light are in the eastern sky, giving me just enough light to switch off my headlamp. City lights twinkle behind me, already surprisingly far below. I turn off of the dirt trail I am on, heading left onto a brief stretch of paved road, and stop for a quick drink at a roadside fountain. Any spring in North Macedonia has at least a basic stone foundation around it and a catch basin to keep roaming livestock from trampling the spring into a mudhole. This one is one of my favorite - large masonry stones and a deep catch basin of clear, cold water. Despite being January, it’s a warm 45 degree morning. The cold water is just one more way to welcome the day. I drink, splash my face, and continue up the next stretch of hill. The dogs wait at the top.

A little short of the first dog house, I stoop to pick up two rocks. There is no place to buy pepper spray here and the dogs are aggressive enough that I feel the need to protect myself with something. So far, simply holding my hand up like I am going to throw a rock keeps them from rushing me, but I’m not about to take any chances. As I approach the house, the barking starts. The house is up on a high bank to my right, so the dogs can look down as I pass by. Today, they growl and snarl, but don’t leave the yard. Maybe they’re tied up, or just still sleepy. Either way, they don’t come down to chase me this time. When I round the bend and the barking stops, I drop the rocks into a growing pile of stones that I am transporting from one side of the house to the other side. One day, I’ll have to reverse my run route so that I can use all the stones that I’ve brought to the far side.

Just beyond the dog house, the hill crests and the second half of the run is all downhill back into the city. Today, as I start the downhill portion, the minarets begin broadcasting the morning call to prayer. North Macedonia has a mixed population of Macedonian Orthodox Christians and Albanian Muslims, a reminder of the country’s long history as a part of empires that changed places every few hundred years. The muezzins, the men who proclaim the call to prayer five times daily, clearly don’t use the same watch. The first call comes from a mosque far away across the city, but then the call gradually builds and grows louder as others join in. Their dawn call is timely - the first rays of sun are breaking over the horizon as I descend back into the city.

Past the apple orchards and grape rows, past the final cow pasture, and then back into air that smells of woodsmoke, burning animal dung, and coal lignite. The city is awake now. The sound of impatiently honking horns replaces the sound of goat bells. Dirt under my shoes turns to pavement. It’s time for another day at the Embassy. But my little hill run gave me just enough Vermont to get me through another day, one day closer to being back home.

Nathan Fry is currently representing the State of Vermont and United States as the Bilateral Affairs Officer at the US Embassy in Skopje, North Macedonia. Nathan, Kimberly, and their three children reside at the base of Texas Hill in what everyone knows as “the old Schryer house.” They look forward to being back in Vermont in August 2022 after the completion of this assignment.

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

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Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

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Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church, Hinesburg; Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

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Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 879-3446

Religious Education (CCD): The first



Sunday of each month following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Students and parents meet each month.

Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish Office) or 879-3446 (home) for more information.

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Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

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

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

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Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

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

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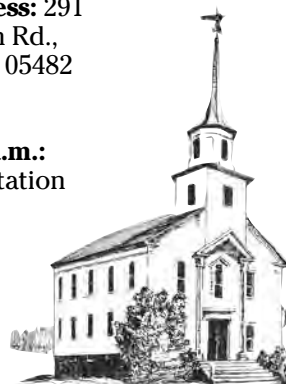
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Mailing Address: 291 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation

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



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replacing a septic system, avoiding the use of phosphorus, and general land stewardship.

The association also recently launched the first-ever Lake Iroquois Ice-Out Challenge.

Proceeds from the challenge will promote participation in the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Lake Wise program, which works with lakeshore property owners to create landscaping that enhances shoreline protection of the lake. Enter the challenge today at lakeiroquois.org/news/ice-out-challenge!

The Lake Iroquois Association was founded just 14 years ago and its members have worked diligently to build it up in that time. "Because it's all volunteers and because it's all individuals that care about the use of the lake and care about the ecology of the lake and the health of the lake, you really would be amazed how much work 12 or 13 volunteers do during the course of the year to build our programs," Conant said. He also asserts that the association doesn't do it all on its own. They work closely with the surrounding towns, the Lake Iroquois Recreation District, and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

According to the bylaws, presidents are only supposed to serve three years, but when no one volunteered last year, Conant was more than willing to continue in the role. He hopes that someone will volunteer to assume the role of president this July, and plans to continue to serve on the board.

Conant is proud of Lake Iroquois and the progress the Lake Iroquois Association has made to protect it. "I think we, as stewards of the lake, have worked really hard over the last 14 years to help promote quality ecology and make sure that the users respect their resource[s]. A lot of people don't even know about Lake Iroquois and I feel so fortunate to have been raised on the lake, and [to] continue to raise my kids and my grandchildren here."

Editor's note: This article is by Maddy Holden, a reporter with the Community News Service, a collaboration with the University of Vermont's Reporting & Documentary Storytelling program.



Drone view of Lake Iroquois. Photo by Pogo Senior.

Crossword Answers

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

For LIA President Chris Conant, Protecting Lake Iroquois Is Personal

BY MADDY HOLDEN,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Chris Conant has been a member of the Lake Iroquois Association since 2016, but his history with the lake goes back much further. Conant's parents built a camp on Lake Iroquois in 1956. Summers were spent there and when he and his late wife bought the camp right next to it about 30 years ago, they knew there would be many more. Conant's two brothers also live on the lake.

As president of LIA, Conant leads the membership-based association in its efforts to promote the enjoyment of the lake and protect the surrounding ecosystem. Residents, landowners, and community member users of the lake pay annual dues, and the 13 board members represent them.

In his fourth term as president of the

association, Conant described the mission of the association as working "to educate users and landowners on how to prevent the spread of invasives, but also to educate them on the ecology of the lake and how to protect it so that it can be around for generations to come."

Stopping the spread of invasive species has been a primary focus of the association's efforts and the state has recognized its Greeter Program as one of the best in Vermont. Located at the boat access, the Greeter Program is used to inspect water vessels like boats, kayaks, and canoes for invasive species, or species not native to the lake. Often, users go from lake to lake, so pressurized hot water is used to rid the vessels of anything that could harm the Lake Iroquois ecosystem.

The invasive species that have already made their way into Lake Iroquois are Eurasian watermilfoil and curly pondweed.

Eurasian watermilfoil gathers at the water's surface and interferes with swimming and boating.

Boat traffic stirs up the invasives and causes them to propagate. Both Eurasian watermilfoil and curly pondweed outcompete native species, changing the natural habitat of the lake. As the diversity of native species diminishes, animals lose both their homes and food sources.

The association has taken several steps to remove these species from the lake. To remedy the swim-area watermilfoil infestation, they enlisted divers to go down and remove it by



Lake Iroquois Association President
Chris Conant.

hand from its roots at the bottom of the lake. They also put benthic barrier mats down on top of the weeds, which kill the vegetation by blocking its access to sunlight. Because both of these efforts require volunteers, the association did not deploy these mitigation strategies in 2020 due to the challenges posed by COVID-19.

Educating homeowners on Lake Iroquois is at the heart of much of what LIA does.

The association recently produced a lakeshore property owner's manual to provide direct guidance on topics like

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Lake Iroquois in summer and winter.



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