

the HINESBURG Record

MAY 2021

Green Up Day This Saturday

BY PHIL POUECH

Yes, Green Up Day is coming — a sure sign of spring! Make plans to join neighbors, friends and family to Green Up Hinesburg.

Hinesburg Green Up Schedule

Green up Bags are available until Apr. 30 at:

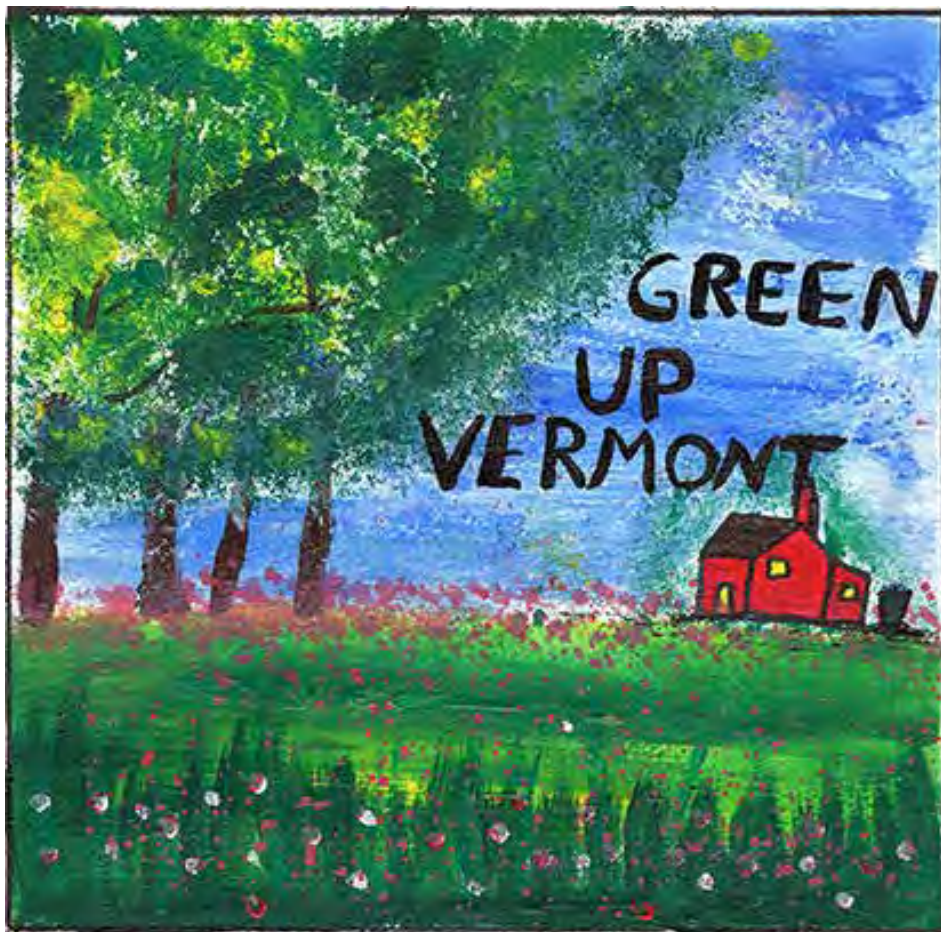
- Town clerk's office in the Town Hall
- Carpenter-Carse Library

Bags will be located to allow social distancing. Take the bags you need and mark up the map to show the roadway you plan to pick up.

Saturday, May 1: Green Up Day

- 8:30 a.m.: Bags are available all day outside the town clerk's office.
- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Town garage

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Green Up Day is May 1. This year's Green Up Vermont poster contest winner is third grader Jiya S. from Montpelier.

Hinesburg Food Shelf Values

BY RACHEL KRING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HINESBURG COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Hinesburg Community Resource Center's Food Shelf serves anyone who needs food. We don't need to see financial information, we don't need guests to fill out forms, and we won't ask personal questions about why someone is in need. We respect confidentiality.

We work hard to provide consistently stocked shelves, fridges and freezers so families know what to expect



each time they visit us. We want our guests to be able to access foods that are familiar and appropriate for their needs. We prioritize fresh foods and work with local suppliers and farmers whenever possible.

We treat guests like the neighbors they are. Our food shelf is run by community volunteers who are doing this work because they care. We know that getting help with food should carry no shame or judgment. Many families can quickly find themselves in financial uncertainty for

any number of reasons, and no one should have to choose between food and bills.

We are here for everyone in our community. Our mission is one of neighbors helping neighbors, and we all need to lean on each other these days. We are offering curbside pickup and delivery to homebound folks.

The Hinesburg Food Shelf is located at 51 Ballard's Corner Road and is open Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 10 a.m.-noon.

We offer fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, cheese, eggs, meat, canned and boxed items, personal care supplies, diapers and pet food. Our service area is Hinesburg, Huntington, Monkton and St. George. For more information, please call us at 802-482-4946 or visit hinesburgresource.org.

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TOWN NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office

BY MISSY ROSS

Spring has arrived early this year and it couldn't come soon enough. Though the winter was lovely and full of opportunity for outdoor recreation, the reprieve from the cold is always a welcome change when accompanied by the sound of birds and peepers. It is time to take care of some spring responsibilities and opportunities.

Dog Licenses

Though the April 1 date for dog licensing has come and gone, there are no late fees this year once again due to the governor's COVID-19 directives. The fee remains \$10.00 per dog. Please make every effort to come in to get your dog his or her new tags. We often use this information to reunite dogs with their owners. You will also be doing your part to ensure that rabies does not have a chance to spread in the state of Vermont, thereby protecting your dog as well as the health of other animals and people. Part of the fee is also used for the V-snip program which provides financial assistance for spaying and neutering. Thank you! Feel free to give us a call at 802-482-2281 ext. 1 to see if we already have your dog's rabies certificate on file. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Homestead Declarations

If you have not yet filed your Homestead Declaration (HS-122) with the State of Vermont, please do so as soon as possible. You are required to file the Homestead Declaration annually on or before April 15, though this year the deadline for filing has been extended to May 17. You must file this form if you live in your house so that you will be eligible for the residential property tax rate which is lower than the nonresidential rate. You also must file the HS-122 to apply for a property tax adjustment for your education taxes. If you need a copy of your property tax bill to complete the form, we are happy to email

one to you. Simply send an email with your name and property address to the town clerk's office at mross@hinesburg.org or hroberts@hinesburg.org and we will send one to you electronically.

Green Mountain Passports

The Green Mountain Passport continues to be a popular pass which gives those 62 years of age and above, as well as military veterans, free entry to all the Vermont State Parks and other state-sponsored events. The pass costs \$2.00 and is good for life! It does not include overnight use. Simply stop by the clerk's office during our regular hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick one up. The application form is available on the town website or at the town clerk's office.

Lake Iroquois Beach

Stay tuned for upcoming news on the beach! The committee is meeting soon to discuss the upcoming season.

As always, please give us a call at 802-482-2281 ext. 1 with any questions or concerns you might have. We are happy to be of assistance. You can also stop by during our regular hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or email Missy (mross@hinesburg.org) or Heather (hroberts@hinesburg.org). Have a safe, active and healthy spring!

Outdoor Musical Storytime Playgroup

BY ALEXANDRA KONCEWICZ,
COORDINATOR, HINESBURG
FRIENDS OF FAMILIES

Hinesburg Friends of Families is excited to announce the return of our outdoor Musical Storytime Playgroup on Thursday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on the soccer field behind Hinesburg Town Hall. Join us for stories, songs and movement games. This playgroup will take place outside, weather permitting, from April 29 to June 10 and is designed for little ones ages birth to 5 and their care givers. In the case

of inclement weather, we will hold a virtual storytime over Zoom. Masks will be required when arriving and departing playgroup and when social distancing cannot be maintained, but masks can be removed when families are seated six feet apart. Find more details and updates on our Facebook page [facebook.com/hinesburgfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/hinesburgfamilies) or contact Alex Koncewicz at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

Friends of Families is a program of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. All playgroups are free and open to attendees from any town, thanks to support from the town of Hinesburg and many businesses and individuals. We welcome all kinds of caregivers (parents, grandparents, nannies) with their kids, and we follow the school calendar and closings.

In a Second Permitting Request to Treat Milfoil, Lake Iroquois Groups Received Permission to Use Herbicide

BY MADDY HOLDEN,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

On Feb. 8, 2021, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation approved a permit to use the chemical herbicide ProcellaCOR to treat invasive milfoil in Lake Iroquois.

The Lake Iroquois Association and the Lake Iroquois Recreation District jointly filed an Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit Application with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation on March 3, 2020. Almost a year later, they received the affirmative response they've been waiting for.

The approval follows a 2018 request by LIA to use the herbicide Sonar in Lake Iroquois which was denied.

Pat Suozzi, former LIA president and current secretary, reported experi-



Aerial view of the milfoil in Lake Iroquois in late summer when milfoil is at its worst. Photo by Pogo Senior.

encing a feeling of relief when the permit was approved. "This means a lot to the LIA and LIRD," said Suozzi. "It's been seven years in the making, and hopefully, this approval will allow us to really deal with the problem."

The treatment will be administered to Lake Iroquois on June 28 by SOLitude Lake Management, a Massachusetts company that has treated a number of Vermont lakes. Someone from the Vermont Department of Agriculture will meet them in the early morning to oversee the process. The Vermont Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector will be notified and will inspect the boat and the herbicide application mechanisms before treatment is underway.

The littoral zone in the northern part of the lake has been designated for treatment this year as the milfoil is dense in that location. Littoral zones are near the shore and shallow and are the only places where the chemical will be used as this is where plants grow.

ProcellaCOR is not sprayed but injected, which allows for precise treatment. The dosage is minuscule, amounting to less than 12% of the amount allowed in drinking water. The rate of application will result in no more than 0.47 parts per billion lake wide. With a half-life of 0.07 days (1.68 hours), ProcellaCOR is not expected to be detectable in the water within 24 hours of treatment. The LIA and LIRD are only permitted to treat 40% of the littoral zone (less than 40 acres out of 100).

There are no restrictions on water use with this herbicide, but it is recommended that the lake not be used on the day of treatment. There are minor restrictions on irrigating lawns with lake water for the first few days following the treatment.

Misha Cetner oversees the Lakes and Ponds Program regulatory group and was the permit analyst for the Aquatic Nuisance Control permit. In an email, she wrote that ProcellaCOR "is highly targeted to controlling Eurasian watermilfoil while beneficial native aquatic plant species are largely unimpacted."

Cetner went on, "a key difference between this permit and the previous denial for an herbicide treatment in

Lake Iroquois is that ProcellaCOR can be used to target specific areas of dense Eurasian watermilfoil to control where the herbicide typically breaks down within days, whereas Sonar was semi-targeted to controlling Eurasian watermilfoil at low concentrations where that type of treatment required a concentration of the herbicide to be maintained throughout the entire waterbody for up to several months during the late spring/early summer."

The DEC no longer issues permits for the use of Sonar.

Not everyone agrees that the use of herbicides is the best solution. Meg Handler is a Hinesburg resident and was a member of the LIA when they voted on whether to request permission from the state to use Sonar. She opposes herbicide use in the lake, a position that put her in the minority.

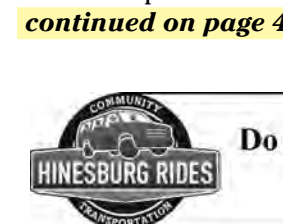
"It went against everything I was told," said Handler. "All our efforts to keep the lake chemical-free, and now we were looking at it as a solution to this 'problem?'"

Handler said she was told by the LIA that once the board applied for the permit, she could not publicly speak out against it. The LIA disagreed with that characterization.

Handler left the board soon after and helped organize a local group of individuals who opposed the herbicide. "It was really a citizen's grassroots effort. We all had to educate ourselves on the topic and, in the end, it was our skepticism and research that led the DEC to change their policies statewide."

Handler believes the LIA applied for the permit without sufficient research or evidence of the chemical's safety. "It's important to note that, had the LIA gotten permission to apply Sonar to Lake Iroquois, they would have used it," said Handler.

She argues that aquatic herbicides will not control the milfoil, but will instead disrupt the natural ecology of



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[HINESBURG.ORG](https://www.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, VMPPA - 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.

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

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

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)

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the lake. “The LIA will claim success in the short term, but the milfoil will come back, and the ecology of the lake will be worse than before.”

Jeff Davis, chair of the LIRD board, expressed confidence in this approved treatment to reduce milfoil, based on the success seen in other Vermont lakes. “Three to four lakes were treated with ProcellaCOR last year and quite a few were approved for this summer,” said Davis.

After the 2018 denial of the permit, the LIA sought out other mitigation strategies for removing milfoil from the lake. To remedy the swim-area watermilfoil infestation, they enlist-

ed divers to go down and remove it by hand from its roots at the bottom of the lake. This is now a funded program called Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting. They also put benthic barrier mats down on top of the weeds, which kill the vegetation by blocking its access to sunlight. Because both efforts require volunteers, the association did not deploy these mitigation strategies in 2020 due to the challenges posed by COVID-19.

According to Suozzi and Davis, the milfoil infestation is too dense to control all by hand, which makes this approval crucial to the mitigation process. The LIA plans to run its DASH program this summer, and use this mitigation strategy to control for regrowth, although Davis admits uncer-

tainty that DASH will be enough.

“It’s like a game of whack-a-mole,” Davis said. He does not rule out the possible need for additional chemical treatments in the future.

Handler, however, stressed milfoil’s status as a nuisance weed. “It’s inconvenient for humans who want to recreate in the lake.”

She suggested that, before applying for a permit, associations like the LIA should be required to address shoreline erosion, runoff from roads, excessive boat use, inappropriate boat use and the transportation of invasive species from lake to lake.

The LIA and LIRD are currently running programs that address these concerns. Jeff Davis is involved in Beebe Lane road improvements with the goal of improving runoff and reducing a big source of sediment into the lake.

There are three main sources of income for projects like these: grants, towns and donations. The total cost is still being estimated, but Suozzi thinks it will come to about \$64,000-\$65,000 this year. The Beebe Lane road improvements rely on grants, whereas the herbicide treatment project is relying on donations. There is no town money going toward the herbicide treatment.

ProcellaCOR is scheduled to be administered at the designated parts of Lake Iroquois on June 28. The LIA will inform residents of any necessary details about the treatment by mail in advance.

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.

CSWD

CSWD Receives Call2Recycle Sustainability Award

The Chittenden Solid Waste District is pleased to announce recognition by Call2Recycle as a 2020 Top 100 Leader in Sustainability. The Leader in Sustainability award is given out annually to top performing Call2Recycle program participants who excel with their battery recycling efforts. This is the sixth year CSWD has received the Leader in Sustainability recognition.

CSWD’s commitment to battery recycling, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, contributed to more than 8.4 million pounds of consumer batteries collected and recycled through Call2Recycle nationally — a program milestone. CSWD collected 33,821 pounds of batteries for recycling from July 2019 through June 2020 at six drop-off center locations and the Environmental Depot.

“The last year presented unimaginable global, national and local challenges to almost every industry, including battery recycling,” said Leo Raudys, CEO and president of Call2Recycle, Inc. “In the face of uncertainty, we witnessed the tenacity and passion of partners like CSWD who continued their involvement with the Call2Recycle program. We thank CSWD for their ardent support and are proud to list them as a 2020 Leader in Sustainability.”

Call2Recycle is recognizing CSWD for their commitment to battery recycling by donating a tree to the National Forest Foundation’s 50 Million for Our Forests campaign.

“CSWD is grateful for the commitment our community and staff have demonstrated since 1994 when we first began collecting batteries for recycling,” said CSWD Executive Director Sarah Reeves. “Since then, our collective efforts have kept 259,455 pounds of batteries out of the landfill.” To find out all the details about how and where to recycle your

batteries in Chittenden County as well as locations across Vermont, visit CSWD’s website A-Z entry on batteries, cswd.net/a-to-z/batteries.

What REALLY Happens to That Glass Bottle or Jar

Here at the Chittenden Solid Waste District, we geek out on recycling. It’s literally our job to be the local experts on how our community can best manage all the stuff we buy, use and toss out. It can be a lot to chew on, though, which is why we break down the info into bite-size pieces.

For example, there is an “All About Glass” page on our website that explains how our materials recovery facility turns properly prepared glass bottles and jars you put in your blue bin into two products: processed glass aggregate for use in local construction projects, and partially processed glass that’s sent to other facilities for more processing. Go to cswd.net/recycling/glass to learn all about it!

CSWD Drop-Off Centers Open Additional Days

The Chittenden Solid Waste District’s drop-off centers located in Essex, Richmond and South Burlington are now open addi-

tional days. All seven CSWD Drop-Off Centers are open to the public.

We’ve made lots of changes, so if you haven’t visited a DOC lately, be sure to visit [CSWD.net/doc](http://cswd.net/doc) BEFORE you go. The website provides full details for each location, including materials, quantities, and vehicles accepted (this may vary by location), hours of operation, fees and guidelines for ensuring your visit is safe and efficient.

Here’s the new schedule at Essex, Richmond and South Burlington locations:

All locations are open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Essex — 218 Colchester Road, Essex, Vermont 05452

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Closed Monday and Sunday

Richmond — 80 Rogers Lane, Richmond, Vermont 05477

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday

South Burlington — 87 Landfill Road, South Burlington, Vermont 05403

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Closed Wednesday and Sunday

A reminder that COVID-19 precautions are still in place. We request that all customers and visitors wear face coverings and stay six feet apart.

POLICE

Incidents

March 8: 2 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a vehicle identification number inspection.

4:55 p.m. Officers responded to the intersection of Route 116 and Charlotte Road for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

March 10: 1:05 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of a suspicious male in the area.

7:45 p.m. Officers assisted a disabled motorist on Birchwood Drive.

March 11: 6:11 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Patricia’s Place Road.

11:15 p.m. A burglary alarm on Route 116 was investigated.

March 12: 10:42 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN inspection.

1:20 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at Hillview Terrace.

4 p.m. A call to 911 was investigated on North Road. One individual was arrested for

violation of a protection order.

March 13: 11:45 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Route 116.

March 14: 9:15 p.m. A burglary alarm was investigated on Route 116.

March 15: 12:25 p.m. An officer assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Route 116

and CVU Road.

3:40 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN inspection.

7:05 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Route 116.

March 16: 12:15 a.m. An officer assisted with a citizen dispute on Route 116.

12:15 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN inspection.

5 p.m. Officers responded to the report of suspicious activity on Leavenworth Road.

March 17: 6:45 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout.

March 18: 6:40 p.m. A subpoena was served on behalf of another department.

March 19: 6:45 p.m. An officer assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle on Charlotte Road.

March 20: 8:05 p.m. A noise complaint involving gunshots on Place Road West was investigated.

March 24: 3:15 p.m. A report of vandalism on Richmond Road was investigated.

5:30 p.m. Officers responded to Sunset Lane to investigate a dog bite incident.

March 25: 2:51 p.m. A residential burglary alarm on Hawk Lane was investigated.

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► Police

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7:10 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116. The operator was cited for violating conditions of release.

March 26: 3:45 p.m. An officer responded to the Jiffy Mart on Shelburne Falls Road for the report of an individual trespassing on that property.

March 27: 10:25 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Charlotte Road.

March 29: 9 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Richmond Road.

9:05 a.m. A call to 911 on Lincoln Hill Road was investigated.

March 30: 9:15 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN inspection.

4:55 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

6:02 p.m. An officer responded to Hayden Hill Road for a domestic

disturbance.

7:55 p.m. A noise complaint involving fireworks was investigated on Craigy Lane.

March 31: 12 p.m. The report of illegal trash dumped on Beecher Hill Road was investigated.

9:25 p.m. An officer responded to CVU Road for a domestic disturbance.

April 1: 8:30 p.m. An individual was served a citation on behalf of another department.

April 2: 4:10 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout.

7:08 p.m. An officer assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle on CVU Road.

8:10 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a school issue.

April 3: 8:09 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout on Ballard's Corner Road.

April 5: 1:45 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for a domestic disturbance. One individual was arrested for domestic assault.

4:25 p.m. Officers responded to Charlotte Road for a single-vehicle crash. The operator was arrested for DUI and cited for multiple other charges.

April 6: 7:45 a.m. An officer responded to a single-car crash on Route 116.

8:41 p.m. A noise complaint involving gunshots on Texas Hill Road was investigated.

April 7: 1:35 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout on Lincoln Hill Rd.

3:25 p.m. Officers assisted in locating a vehicle on Silver Street which was attempting to elude state police.

April 8: 7:25 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Hollow Road. The passenger of that vehicle had to be separated from the driver and was later trespassed from a nearby property.

10:01 p.m. A noise complaint on Gilman Road involving gunshots was investigated.

FIRE

Call Log

Medical: There were 20 medical calls, which included 15 transports.

March 1: Fire alarm at Lyman Meadows. Nothing was found. Possible faulty detector.

March 2: Dispatched to Charlotte Road near Stella Road for a report of a vehicle that hit a tree that had fallen across the road. There were no injuries. The vehicle was towed by Giroux's. Hinesburg Highway was contacted to assist with removal of the tree. Engine 3, Med 100 and four members responded.

March 4: Dispatched at 6:05am to Dynamite Hill for a report of smoke in the basement. Based upon the report from the caller, Shelburne automatically toned a working incident for Hinesburg and mutual aid from Richmond, Starksboro and Williston. Chief Barber responded directly to the scene. The basement was filled

April 9: 2:30 p.m. A burglary alarm on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

3:10 p.m. An individual was trespassed from a residence on Hollow Road.

4:55 p.m. Officers responded to a three-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

10:55 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Patricia's Place Road.

April 10: 11:45 p.m. A noise complaint at the Public House involving loud music was investigated.

April 12: 2:15 p.m. A burglary alarm at Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

3:45 p.m. A theft from a residence was investigated on Richmond Road.

5 p.m. A theft from a residence was investigated on Orchard Commons.

with smoke, with a light smoke condition on the main floor. Chief Barber determined there was no fire.

Engine 3 and Med 100 were requested to the address, located at the top of Dynamite Hill. All other apparatus was held on Pond Road. Additional members responded to the home by personal vehicles, bringing an exhaust fan from Engine 1.

The residence was cleared of the smoke. It was determined to be caused by a furnace malfunction.

We would like to thank Hinesburg Highway for their quick response and sanding of the road, and also give thanks to our mutual aid partners. Even with the road sanded by Hinesburg Highway, Engine 3, which is our only four-wheel drive vehicle, was the only vehicle able to make it to the residence.

All responding departments cleared the scene shortly after 7 a.m.

March 7: HFD was dispatched to the

area of 3046 Baldwin Road for a report of a possible explosion. Upon arrival in the area, there was no indication of fire or an explosion. After further conversation with an area resident, it was reported that a "fire-ball" was seen crossing the sky west to east. It was later determined to have been the meteor which crossed over our area.

March 10: Residential fire alarm on Silver Street. Nothing was found.

March 10: Tree removed from across the road on Windswept Way.

March 14: Dispatched to Mount Pritchard Road, St. George for possible ill effects from carbon monoxide. There was no CO found in the residence. It was determined to be a medical situation.

March 21: HFD was dispatched at 5:05 p.m. for a report of hikers lost on the Lewis Creek Trails. The hikers were located near the Gilman Road access lot. A local resident and former member of the department responded with his side-by-side all-terrain vehicle to bring the hikers to the lot. From there, they were transported to their vehicle, which was parked in the lot on Lewis Creek Road.

March 22: Dispatched to Clover Lane for a dumpster fire. The fire was contained to the dumpster. Engines 1, 2, 3, Tanker 1 and Med 100 responded with nine members.

March 22: Residential fire alarm on Wood Run. Nothing was found.

March 26: Dispatched to Ledgewood Lane for a possible fire hazard from a washing machine. Chief Barber responded directly to the scene. The machine was disconnected, and no hazard was found.

March 26: Engine requested mutual aid to Shelburne.

March 27: Residential fire alarm on Farmall Drive. Possible faulty detector.

March 27: Dispatched to a report of a two-car crash, with one car on its side, on Charlotte Road near Leavenworth. The operator of the vehicle on its side was assisted out of the vehicle by bystanders. The operator was treated for minor injuries and transported to UVM Medical Center by Saint Michael's Fire & Rescue. There were no injuries in the second vehicle, which had mi-

nor damage and was able to drive away. The first vehicle was removed by Giroux's. Engine 1 and Engine 3 responded with 11 members.

March 29: Engine requested mutual aid to Shelburne.

Welcome, Congratulations and Good Luck

In the past few months, we have welcomed approximately 12 new members to HFD, several who are joining to become EMS certified. There are six currently enrolled in EMS courses, and a few more who will be starting classes soon.

We would like to congratulate those who have recently passed their EMS courses and EMS certifications.

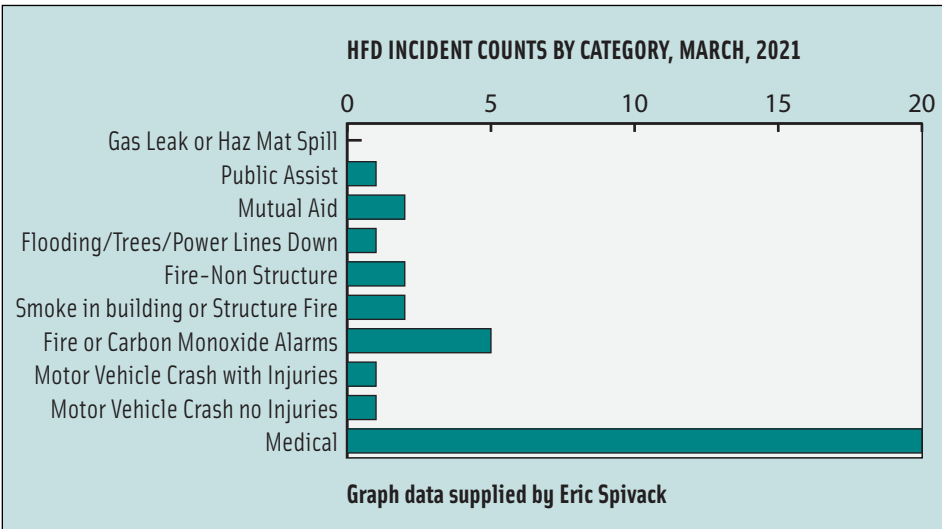
Good luck to those members who are completing their classes and exams over the next few weeks, and to those members who will be starting their EMS classes soon.

Smoke in Basement Call Quickly Escalates

Just after 1 p.m., April 14, Hinesburg Fire was dispatched to Martel Lane in St. George for a report of smoke in the basement of a home. Dispatch reported the residents were evacuating and there was a lot of black smoke in the basement. A second tone was transmitted for Hinesburg and mutual aid was requested from Williston. Saint Michael's Fire & Rescue was automatically dispatched on the fire alarm.

The first fire officer on scene reported heavy smoke coming from the residence, with flames visible through a basement window. The alarm was upgraded to a working structure fire bringing additional mutual aid from Monkton, Starksboro, Shelburne and Richmond. A ladder was special called by command bringing South Burlington and Essex ladders.

Hinesburg and Williston Engines arrived on scene and started attacking the fire at the rear of the home. The



*HFD responded to 35 calls in March.
an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.

basement window where the fire was initially seen had broken by this time, and flames quickly extended up the exterior of the residence. As windows continued to break, the wind allowed the fire to quickly spread to the entire home. Fire crews went into a defensive attack, keeping the fire confined to the structure, and preventing it from spreading to a nearby garage and the fire apparatus.

About two hours after the initial fire attack, the structure collapsed into the basement, leaving two chimneys and one wall standing.

The state fire marshal's office was requested to the scene to investigate for a possible cause. The initial investigation determined the fire started in a corner of the basement, around the electrical panel.

An excavator was called to knock down the remaining structure and move the debris around to extinguish any remaining hot spots.

Command started to release mutual aid companies shortly before 6 p.m. All departments cleared the scene by 7:58 p.m. There were no injuries to the residents or responders.

We would like to thank our mutual aid partners mentioned earlier for their quick response and great effort in attacking this quick-moving fire.

Ambulance Update

During the past several weeks, Hinesburg members have been obtaining information and doing research on ambulances. We have visited with local services looking at their ambulances and learning things they like, do not like and what they would like to do differently.

On Thursday, April 15, four members took a field trip to Damariscotta, Maine to meet with a service that operates ambulances built by the two manufacturers we have received bids from. It was a very worthwhile trip as it allowed us to view ambulances from both companies side-by-side, comparing the chassis, boxes and interior layout, as well as to determine the respective merits of each.

During the week of April 19, HFD members will be meeting to adjust the ambulance specifications and to request updated quotes from both manufacturers. Our hope is to have a final decision and be ready to purchase by the end of April.

At the monthly meeting of EMS District 3, the Hinesburg Ambulance license was discussed and approved.

The license is now being sent to the state EMS office for review.

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BUSINESS



Emily and Joe Donegan with two of their five children and several cows. Courtesy photo.

As One Raw Milk Producer Moves On, Another Hinesburg Farm Steps In To Meet Demand

BY TYLER LEDERER,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

On March 1, dairy farm and grocer Family Cow Farmstand closed its doors after 13 years of providing raw milk to Hinesburg. Now, another farm has stepped in to take its place.

Emily and Joe Donegan have been farming in the area for the past 15 years. Located on the border between Hinesburg and Charlotte, the Donegan Family Farm has produced milk for the farmer's cooperative Organic Valley. Neither of them comes from an agricultural background.

"My husband was a public and community service major in college and his conclusion after his studies was that farming was the kind of community service he wanted to engage in," says Emily Donegan. "And I was kind of along for the ride."

Despite this national reach, they stepped in quickly once the news of Family Cow Farmstand's closure became public on Feb. 12. In an email sent a week later, the Donegans announced they will scale back their herd and produce their own raw milk. Besides their family, consisting of five children under 12, they cited the community as one reason why.

"We're always here working in the neighborhood and we've gotten to know almost all of our neighbors," says Donegan. "It's been a blessing for us, and I think it's been healthy

for the community."

"We're hoping that we'll be able to bring more of the community directly to the farm," says Donegan. "Just to be able to share that with more people is really a big motivation for us."

In its 13 years of operation, Family Cow Farmstand had three different owners. While it sold dairy, produce, meat, eggs and maple syrup, it became known for raw milk sourced from its own cows. While its final owners, Aubrey Schatz and Scott Hoffmann, could not be reached for comment, Donegan believes that personal reasons inspired them to close.

Raw milk refers to unpasteurized milk that hasn't been treated to remove bacteria. Advocates tout it as more nutritious and more accessible than store brand varieties.

"There's a lot of people who can't consume dairy products without digestive upset that have no problems with raw milk," says Donegan. "Some people just think it tastes a lot better."

However, drinking raw milk comes with risks, according to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. The product can carry food-borne illnesses like salmonella, E. coli and listeria. In 2010, it was tied to three Campylobacter outbreaks in Vermont.

For this reason, the production and sale of raw milk is heavily regulated. Animals must receive regular veterinarian care and vaccinations. The milk must be tested at FDA-certified labs twice a month with results made available to customers. Donegan says they'll be following all state regulations.

The farm plans to distribute their milk through a community supported agriculture (commonly referred to as a CSA), a direct farm-to-consumer membership service. Vermont law currently allows raw milk to be

sold only by the farm that produced it, although a recent bill passed by the House of Representatives would change this. Donegan says they'll likely sell their products at Trillium Farm Stand in Hinesburg, which is run by her husband's brother and sister-in-law, if the bill becomes law.

Currently, customers can either pick up the milk from the farm itself or have it delivered. Customers can donate any amount they want per gallon; they recommend \$12 a gallon. The Donegans hope the donation system will make their milk more accessible.



Sign on the front door of Family Cow Farmstand. All exterior decorations have been removed save for a Black Lives Matter sign. Photo by Tyler Lederer.

"We're hoping it'll make the community more connected to each other and connected to the farm," she says. "We're hoping to inspire our community to ask itself how it can meet its collective needs."

Anyone interested in obtaining raw milk can email the Donegans at doneganfamilyfarm@gmail.com.

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

Financial Focus

First-time Homebuyer? Follow These Steps

FROM EDWARD JONES PRESS RELEASE

Is homeownership a goal of yours? It does offer some benefits, in addition to meeting your basic need for shelter. The equity you build in your home can be a valuable financial asset, and you may get to deduct your interest payments on your taxes. But if you're a first-time homebuyer, what steps should you take?

First, make sure the time is right for you in terms of your personal and financial situations. For example, are you fairly confident that your employment is stable and that your earnings won't decline? Of course, external events can also play a role in your decision. A recent study by Morning Consult and Edward Jones found that 12% of respondents postponed purchasing a house during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But if you're ready and eager for homeownership, consider the following moves:

- **Save for a down payment.** The more money you put down for a home, the lower your monthly payments, although there's also a point at which overly large down payments can be financially unwise. However, if you can make a down payment of more than 20% of the purchase price, you can generally avoid having to pay for private mortgage insurance on top of your monthly payments. Also, as a first-time homebuyer, you might qualify for down payment assistance from your local or state housing authority or a nonprofit group.

- **Check your credit score.** A higher credit score gives you a better chance for a lower interest rate. You can request a credit report from annualcreditreport.com, and you might be able to get a credit score for free from your bank. If you need to improve your score, you may want to delay your home purchase.

- **Learn how much you qualify for** — and how much you should spend. Once you think you're ready to begin the home-purchasing process, you may want to contact a few lenders to determine the size of the mortgage for which you qualify. Be aware, though, that just because you can get a mortgage of a certain amount, does not necessarily mean that you should. You don't want to become "house poor" — that is, you don't want to spend so much on your house payments that you are cash strapped and can't afford to save for other goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement. You may want to establish a budget for how much you can readily afford to pay for your mortgage each month — and try sticking to it before you buy the house. If you have extra savings, put it toward your down payment.

- **Prepare for unexpected costs.** You can plan for your mortgage, utilities, taxes and insurance — but when you own a home, you'll always encounter unexpected costs. You may need to get a new furnace, repair your roof or face any number of other maintenance issues. To help prepare for these costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments or take on added debt to pay for these unanticipated expenses.

Homeownership can be a rewarding experience — and the rewards will be even greater when you've "done the numbers" and prepared yourself financially.

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

RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

For all Hinesburg Recreation Department programs, register at hinesburgrec.com.

After-School Horseback

Tuesdays: Session 1: April 27-May 18. Session 2: May 25-June 15.

Fridays: Session 1: April 30-May 21. Session 2: May 28-June 18. 3-5 p.m. Cost: \$160.

Horse Camp at Livery Stables

June 21-25 or June 28-July 2. Half day (8 a.m.-noon) \$330. Full day (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) \$450.

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.

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 old. Cost is \$150.

Voltage Soccer Camp

Vermont Voltage Academy offers an opportunity to learn and enjoy many aspects of the game of soccer in a fun yet competitive environment. Fundamentals, as well as sophisticated techniques of soccer will be taught on a personalized individual level along with various forms of group instruction provided by Camp Director Bo Vuckovic, a FIFA Union of European Football Associations

A Pro license holder and the staff of the Vermont Voltage Soccer Academy who are all former professional soccer players. Emphasis is placed on the development, improvement and refinement of basic playing skills. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt and soccer ball.

Location: Millie's Field. Ages 5-14 years old. June 21-25. 5-8 p.m. Cost: \$125. Sibling discount is \$10.

Summer Golf Camps

with new Cedar Knoll golf pro Mike Slayton

Tuesdays to Friday from 9 a.m.-noon June 22-25, July 20-23, Aug. 17-20. Ages 6-13 years old. 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 Education

With Kevin Browne or David Mitiguy

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.

Tennis Lessons with Myles

Location: HCS courts. Dates: July 19-23. Beginner 4-5 p.m. or intermediate 5:15-6:15 p.m. Cost: \$85.

LIBRARY

Library Hours

Please check the website for updates and see below regarding curbside browsing and pickup.

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Email: library@carpentercarse.org

May at the Library

We aren't open yet but hope to be as soon as every member of our library team is vaccinated. We look forward to being able to visit with everyone again. In the meantime, when the weather is good, we will wheel parts of the collection outside under a tent, where you can check them out. When the weather is not good, these books will be visible from the foyer, and if you see something you'd like to read, just tap on our windows and we can check things out to you. It looks as though we may be able to reopen in June, and when we do so it will ini-

tially be by appointment. We hope to return to some form of masked, unscheduled visits later in the summer, as long as we can follow state guidelines and the case counts in our region continue to drop.

Grow a Tree!

May 7 is Arbor Day, and we have kits to grow your own maple trees generously provided by the Vermont Urban & Community Forest Program. There are also tree scavenger hunts, tree craft ideas & Arbor Day bookmarks. These will appear in the foyer in early May.

New Books

New adult nonfiction includes "Ageless: The New Science of Getting Older Without Getting Old" by Andrew Steele, "The Hard Crowd: Essays 2000-2020" by Rachel Kushner, and "The Agitators" by Dorothy Wickenden (which chron-

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icles the friendship & alliances between Harriet Tubman, Martha White and Francis Seward in their fight for the abolition of slavery), and “When Women Invented Television” by Jennifer Keishin Armstrong. “Vermont Trout Hikes” by Peter Shea will get you outside and to the fishes (just make sure you have your fishing license!). And Shankar Vedantam’s “Useful Delusions” will teach you more about your own brain (Vedantam is host of NPR’s “Hidden Brain”).

New adult fiction includes “First Person Singular” by Haruki Murakami, “Red Island House” by Andrea Lee, “Raft of Stars” by Andrew J. Graff and “At Night All Blood is Black” by David Diop. New mysteries by Paraic O’Donnell, “The Art of Losing” by Alice Zeniter and “Peaces” by Helen Oyeyemi.

New graphic novels by Chris Ware, and Vermonter Alison Bechdel’s “The Secret to Superhuman Strength,” as well as Hallie Bateman’s latest “Directions: Really Good Advice for Getting from Here to There.” Call us, email us or otherwise communicate your desire to read anything that is here, and we will happily check it out to your account, and you can pick it up from the bookshelf in our foyer. Events and further announcements are below:

Events

To register for any of the below programs, please visit our website for more details or contact programming librarian Meg Malone (meg@carpentercarse.org).

Morning Book Group

Wednesday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m. Our morning book group will be talking about “Dead Land” by Sara Paretsky, the latest book in the series following private investigator V.I. Warshawski (but don’t worry if you haven’t read the others!). Books available on request.

Trivia Night

Thursday, May 13 at 6:45 p.m. Show off your trivia skills 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, May 25 at 7 p.m. The evening book group will be reading and discussing the award-winning graphic novel “American Born Chinese” by Gene Luen Yang. Books available on request.

Video Storytime and Early Summer Storytime

For now, we are continuing to present storytimes on video, and new videos are added to the Carpenter-Carse Library website weekly. However, as the weather improves and the staff gets vaccinated, we would like to begin holding in-person storytimes outside at the library! Tuesday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m. is my goal for holding our first outdoor storytime. Please check the website for any updates on this plan. During the summer, if the weather is not cooperating, I will post a storytime cancellation on our website as well.

Library storytimes are geared toward children ages infancy-6 and their caregivers. Join us for picture books, songs, rhymes and simple crafts 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 themes (often connected to video storytime) and seasonal materials, so check back in every week for something new!

Garden Tour

Finally, and most seasonally exciting, it looks like the very popular Friends of the Library garden tour is on for June, and we will begin selling tickets for this event in May. Check our website for further details.

See p. 20 for an article about the Garden Tour.

COMMENTARY

The Pension Crisis: Punt and Study, Really?

BY BILL SCHUBART

House Speaker Jill Krowinski’s difficult decision to do a punt and study of the looming pension crisis, about which we have effectively been advised for almost a decade, forewarns us of some intrinsic flaws in legislating today. It is a reminder of how difficult **reactive** rather than **strategic** governing is. Without early and effective interventions, problems metastasize and so managing them becomes much more difficult and therefore painful.

Parenting might be said to be the human analog. We want our children to love us. Our adult insecurities crave their adulation. The same is true with politicians and their supporters. In the case of politicians, adulation manifests itself in votes. But like a legislator, a parent’s duty is not to take the easier, softer way that results in adulation but instead to raise resilient, responsible adults. The parallel for the legislator is the duty to make the difficult decisions that underlie a just and sustainable society for its citizens.

It’s rightly said that leadership can be lonely and painful. In and of themselves, the tenets of leadership are not complex, but following them is. My own leadership experience has been limited to the business and non-profit sectors, but even there I can attest to the pain and challenge. I’ve never sought public office, perhaps because I knew that leading a society rather than a business or organization is the most challenging of leadership positions.

So, what in the architecture of governing has deteriorated to get us to this point? Or has time and progress simply sped past our slower pace of governing?

The deliberations and decisions that the citizen-legislators of my youth, most of whom were farmers (which determined the legislative schedule), occurred more in real time, and our

elected representatives had time to debate and compromise before fashioning new legislation. That pace has changed today. Problems appear and escalate in an accelerating timeframe, so the work of our legislators often occurs far downstream and compounds rapidly over time.

We must ask ourselves these questions or we risk floundering on the shoals of dysfunction, the worst damage of which becomes the loss of faith and trust in government. I think we can all see this happening around the country, but I worry most when I see it in our young people.

The decision to “study” the pension crisis comes after a decade of study and public discussion by revered civic leader Dave Coates and another half-decade by Vermont State Treasurer Beth Pearce. What don’t we know? We understand that change threatens the privilege of those whose lives will be affected by it. We know that a compromise of shared pain between Vermont’s 320,000 taxpayers and Vermont’s roughly 20,000 state employees and teachers in the system will be the outcome, so what are we waiting for? Everyone will have to contribute to the compromise. Further delay will lead to a collapse of the system and everyone will lose.

In another example, the decision by then-Vermont State College Chancellor Jeb Spaulding to toss a

grenade into the fiscal chaos developing for at least five years in the VSC system is yet another issue that was punted-and-studied. Again, the question becomes: when will we act? The work being done is valuable but comes late in the game, and when the necessary compromise is proposed, will executive and legislative leadership have the courage to act? Even though we all understand that failure to do so will ensure a greater loss.

Modernizing, simplifying and improving the Vermont Tax code is another much-studied issue (in which I participated in 2010-11). We now have a new slate of recommendations from yet a new commission a decade later! No doubt the upshot will be another set of solutions that will, of necessity, produce “winners and losers.” But the question remains: will we have the courage to act on them? Most of what came out of the earlier commission is now gathering dust in the Vermont State Archive in Middlesex.

Again, change creates winners and losers, but failure to change makes us all losers.

Like many, I’ve thought long and hard about the issues underlying our crisis of governing. Here are some observations that may or may not be helpful.

- Legislation means taking risks, creative destruction (as opposed to decay), shared pain, eliciting and paying attention to all points of view.
- Solutions imposed from a study committee face stiff headwinds, especially from those for whom change threatens existing privilege.
- Late legislation that’s reactive to systemic dysfunction often makes matters worse.

• Change must begin with a review of shared principles, values and objectives. These become the common ground on which new legislation is founded and later form the substantive defense for that change.

• Most substantive issues are not partisan, they’re about loss or gain of privilege. Liberal-conservative name-calling is the fallback of those too lazy to listen and learn from one another.

• Leadership is consensus, not unanimous agreement. A good leader gives voice to dissent but derives consensus, and a responsible colleague supports consensus even in dissent.

• Life is complex, as are the issues we face. Fear and insecurity seek the comfort of black-and-white answers, whereas most durable solutions are intrinsically imperfect and lie in the complex middle ground.

• Cost-efficiency always supports upstream investment rather than downstream remediation costs — “an ounce of prevention ...” Allocating more money to try and repair the damage from a broken system rather than addressing its cause always ends up costing more.

We need to rethink together how we design, build and maintain a just, sustainable society for ourselves. Money can either solve or exacerbate a problem. If it’s founded in shared principles, values and objectives, and used to redesign process and address root causes, it’s money well spent.

If it’s used to patch the damage from a broken system, there will never be enough money in our small state.

Bumping Up the Bird List

BY ROGER DONEGAN

As AARP solicitations started congesting my mailbox, I realized it was time to consider populating my life bird list with more sightings in the Green Mountain State rather than waiting for them to pass through the backyard. Finally, the opportunity to prove what are claimed as “Vermont birds” had arrived — to see if some amazingly wide-ranging bird species actually set down in, or just winged through, Vermont. Or was the Vermont list inflated by innocent fictions of overzealous birders, much like fishing tales of the one that got away? Spare time helps. While I could just coo to myself over recent additions to my Vermont list made in retirement mode, three experiences are worth sharing.

Birding adventures can be simple. A bush hat, a pair of binoculars, a bit of information and you should be good to go. My copy of “Birdwatching in Vermont” by Ted Murin and Bryan Pfeiffer (2002) had been collecting dust on a corner shelf for years. Thoroughly thumbed through now, some pages are dog-eared, some are highlighted and some are tabbed with sticky notes.

I was always impressed how brief the crane sections of the common pocket bird guides are, with only two species: whooping and sandhill cranes. I resigned myself to the fact that I’ll never see these guys in Vermont. I half thought cranes were in the North American guidebooks as spillover from the popularity of Big Bird on “Sesame Street.” Enabled by local gossip, I made a repeat visit to Bristol Pond in May 2018, and happened to see the reported pair of sandhill cranes nesting there. I heard a most unfamiliar bird rattle as I exited the car and saw the unmistakable rust

color in the feathers on their backs and folded wings. The distance was too great to guess whether the big birds were lesser or greater sandhill cranes. Nonetheless, I’m as sure they were sandhill cranes as motorists knew Oliver was a camel when they drove up through Ferrisburgh on Route 7 before Oliver the camel died last February.

Life is good when I can log a new seabird on my life list, but doubly so when I can note the species as being seen in Vermont. I hardly knew black terns existed, never mind that they come to Vermont to breed, although tenuously. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s pamphlet on the birds of the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (printed 2008) indicates black terns are common on-site locally in spring and summer. The shrinking U.S. range of black terns includes the inaccessible, but otherwise needed, on-water nesting conditions found only in the flooded Missisquoi River delta. The delta protrudes into Lake Champlain just a whisker south of the Canada-U.S. border line imaginarily stretched across the lake. Black terns are one of three known marsh terns of the Northern Hemisphere and feed on insects on the wing as swallows do. Black terns, however, are definitely “seabirds” and are cataloged as such among other readily associated seabird families in “Seabirds of the Northern Hemisphere (1990) by Alan Richards.

Missisquoi black terns forage on the wing around its perimeter, which is why they can be seen as one exercises a healthy regard for private property. Their breeding period in Vermont is short and black terns are gone by August. I came up empty-handed on my first attempt to check off black terns in 2018. By the 2019 season I was able to forewarn others that the tern’s heavily shadowed underside appearance on a flyby isn’t a shadow at all but their jet-black breeding plumage.

The third experience was as noteworthy as it was unplanned.

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“Birdwatching in Vermont” flags the Shelburne Bay area as rich with birding opportunity. The LaPlatte River empties into Shelburne Bay downstream of the LaPlatte River Marsh Natural Area, which is bordered by the LaPlatte on one side and by the Ti-Haul Trail on the other. “Birdwatching in Vermont” calls this the Ticonderoga Road, which shows that some information in the book is dated. Today it’s a walking trail from Bay Road up through to Harbor Road. In either case, the Ticonderoga was hauled overland along this path in 1955 to the Shelburne Museum.

Always worth a quick check for new birds, I turned my vehicle into the Shelburne Bay boat access on Oct. 9, 2020, before a walk on the Ti-Haul Trail. The north wind blew steadily days before bringing cold temperatures and hundreds of migrating Canada geese south. Then I noticed birders with their telltale spotting

scopes, huge camera lenses and binoculars slung around their necks huddled randomly on the nearby red rock outcropping where all eyes were on this one very accommodating single adult nonbreeding red phalarope. The word must have gone out via “Vermont e-Bird.” In 2019 rumor of a Wilson’s phalarope on the LaPlatte River down on Lagoon Road in Hinesburg might have attracted the same kind of attention. Mr. Wilson’s name is similarly affixed to a good number of other American bird species which he first identified. He was a predecessor of Mr. Audubon.

“Seabirds of the Northern Hemisphere” acknowledged leaving some families of birds out of the book in its opening pages including phalaropes. However, the popular “Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America” explains that red phalaropes breed on high-Arctic tundra ponds then migrate and winter in small flocks on open ocean and are rarely seen inland or from land.

response team. “Inspiring innovation and empowering our district’s potential was the goal in Indiana.”

Sanchez has a proven commitment to equity. One example is the creative solution he spearheaded to address the digital divide. Even before the pandemic, Rene led an effort to equip a group of school buses with Wi-Fi for students facing long commutes or late-night rides following sports and other extracurricular activities to complete schoolwork during their trip. This positioned the district to quickly respond to the connectivity challenges of remote learning during the past year. All district buses (235 in total) became roving Wi-Fi providers, traveling to students in need to deliver both internet service and food. These communication hubs remain parked in designated neighborhoods throughout the school day.

Before his tenure in South Bend,



Rene Sanchez, CVSD's new superintendent.

Sanchez was principal of Houston’s César E. Chávez High School. To expand educational and career opportunities for students, the school partnered with community organizations and local businesses, including the Houston Ballet, NASA, the Texas Medical Center, and Hobby International Airport. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development recognized Sanchez’s work to close the academic gap with affluent schools in the region. Chávez became the only high school to earn Houston Independent School District’s highest award for Family and Community Engagement for four consecutive years.

We asked Mr. Sanchez what drew him to the Champlain Valley School District. “I’m intrigued by board and district initiatives supporting diversity, equity and inclusion. I’m excited about CVSD’s focus on personalized learning, proficiency-based learning, multi-tiered systems of support and social-emotional learning. Knowing that we’re looking after every student and meeting them where they are is an educational philosophy that I share,” he said. “I welcome the opportunity to help the five towns grow together post-consolidation and become a stronger unified district.”

“My strength is designing from the beginning so that we reach all students — even those in the margins. My style complements CVSD’s existing approach ensuring that all students can successfully transition from elementary to middle school to high school and then on to college or career or whatever their pursuit of happiness is.”

Sanchez earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame, his law degree at Ohio State and his masters of educational administration at the University of Texas. He is currently pursuing his doctorate at Indiana State University, with an expected completion date in 2023.

On a personal note, Rene’s wife, Jean, is originally from Vermont and a UVM graduate. They have three children and three dogs. Rene loves to cycle, cook, read, fish, golf and work in the

garden. “We’re happy that our children are going to grow up in Jean’s home state. We are thrilled to be closer to family and many of Jean’s college friends, who still live in the area.”

Please join us in welcoming Rene and his family to the Champlain Valley School District and stay tuned for further information and updates as this exciting new hire unfolds.

Rodriguez Named Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Liliana Rodriguez has been appointed director of diversity, equity & inclusion for the Champlain Valley School District. Dr. Rodriguez will begin her leadership duties on July 1. Rodriguez’s role will be to work as a part of the CVSD leadership team to lead and direct the district’s diversity, equity and inclusion (also referred to as DEI) work.

Dr. Rodriguez brings a wealth of experience to CVSD. She received her B.A. with honors in psychology from Williams College and her M.S. in clinical psychology and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has been a lecturer at Williams College. Liliana (Lili) previously served as an educational consultant, as well as a mental health and substance abuse counselor, for Hampshire College and Berkshire County, Massachusetts, before returning to Williams in 2006 to serve as director of diversity recruitment. She went on to be the associate dean of diversity, inclusion and community development at Swarthmore College. Her most recent experience is that of vice chancellor of campus life and inclusive excellence at the University of Denver.

She has spent the last 20 years providing DEI training to students, staff and faculty at the institutions she has served, as well as to nonprofit leaders, K-12 educators and several executive boards from a variety of organizations. She believes that we cannot



Dr. Liliana Rodriguez CVSD's new director of diversity, equity, & inclusion

take a one-size-fits-all approach to this work any longer. As she stated in her letter expressing interest in the position, “Individuals need to be met where they are and compassionately walked toward greater understanding. The field has changed radically, and the challenges faced are complex but achievable with a firm commitment and innovative ideas. I think I can draw on my work in higher education to be a valuable resource in K-12 education. I genuinely want to help.”

CVSD School Board Chair Angela Arsenault, a member of the search committee, was impressed with Dr. Rodriguez’s experience in the field. “Liliana has dedicated her career to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in educational settings. She holds a deep understanding of the personal nature of the work, a true belief in the value of student voice, and a desire to create measurable goals to effect real change where it’s needed. I’m excited to learn from her and to do all we can as a board and a community to embrace the incredible expertise and wisdom Liliana brings to our district.”

Fabienne Boisvert-DeFazio, a community member from Shelburne who served on the search committee added, “I was happy to be part of a fair and impartial interview process of numerous highly qualified candidates. Our lengthy and thorough work resulted in the selection of Liliana Rodriguez, who I believe will bring lived experience, expertise and mindfulness to the DEI director position at CVSD. As a community member, I would like to thank the superintendent and the school board for following through and filling this vital position.” Dr. Rodriguez impressed the committee with her deep knowl-

edge of equity issues, her successes in identifying and driving real change in educational institutions, her examples of connecting with students and her demonstrated strength in communication. She says that she is thrilled to join CVSD and is excited to get started.

VSAC News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

VSAC GEAR UP Sponsors New Podcast for Parents

Vermont Student Assistance Corporation’s GEAR UP program is sponsoring a new podcast series aimed at parents of teenagers and the tough challenges that face teens.

“Navigating the Teen Years,” hosted by author and motivational speaker Ed Gerety, features a new 30-minute episode each week that focuses on different issues teens face and advice for parents to keep their kids on a positive track.

“Each podcast tackles a real-life issue that teens deal with and with the help of my special guests, we provide so-

lutions and inspiration so that teens will be successful in school and in life,” Gerety said. “Parents play the most important role in showing teens how to embrace change, be resilient and achieve their goals.”

The first episode, “Surviving the Teenage Years,” features Jack Agati, author of “Why Do Kids Do the Things They Do.” Agati is a graduate of West Virginia University with a master’s degree in counseling and has done post-graduate work at the University of Vermont. He worked for over 15 years in public education as a counselor and director of student services.

VSAC will share the podcast with schools in its GEAR UP program, which is underwriting the sponsorship, including the Rutland regional GEAR UP parent Facebook page.

Parents can subscribe to the podcasts through iTunes, listen on Spotify, listen from a web browser or have new episodes emailed to them. For more information, visit edgerety.com/education/podcast.

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► Education

*continued from page 13***VSAC Research Finds COVID-19 Didn't Discourage Most Students From Their College Plans****But the pandemic has increased need for financial aid, especially for first-generation students**

VSAC today released results from the third in a series of surveys gauging the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Vermont college students during the 2020-2021 academic year.

As was the case in the prior two surveys, this analysis showed that most students who planned to start or continue their college education this year still pursued those plans; 86% had already enrolled in the fall, and an additional 4% planned to start in the spring semester. Only 6% of respondents reported that they would delay enrollment, with 3% undecided at the time of the survey.

However, college has certainly not been easy this year. Students also reported that COVID-19-related income losses and changes to the learning

environment presented formidable challenges.

The latest findings confirm that the ongoing financial impact of COVID-19 has increased students' anxiety about their ability to pay for their education. Among dependent students — those whose parents are assisting with college bills — that level of concern was higher for first-generation students, whose parents do not have college degrees.

In fact, first-generation dependent students were significantly more likely to report their parents had suffered a COVID-19-related financial event (63%) than were dependent students from families whose parents had some level of college attainment (47%). Fully 70% of independent students reported some income or job loss in their family over the last year, the financial impact being particularly hard on independent female students.

"Not surprisingly, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a much bigger financial impact on those who do not hold college degrees," said Scott Giles, CEO of VSAC. "This underscores the importance of our work to support Vermonters, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, who

want to earn postsecondary degrees and need help paying for it."

Further, Giles noted, because the Free Application for Financial Student Aid, or FAFSA, uses income tax information from prior years to estimate a student's financial need, VSAC's latest survey findings suggest that there will likely be a significant growth in demand for need-based financial aid to college students in the coming years.

"Now that we understand the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted families' ability to pay for college, it's critically important that we look for opportunities to increase financial aid, particularly for underserved Vermonters," said Giles.

VSAC's latest survey also showed that college students have struggled with the transition to remote learning. Nearly half of those surveyed reported that the current learning environment did not work well for them this year, citing difficulties with technology, as well as missing out on in-person learning experiences such as internships, clinical rounds and study-abroad programs. Respondents also reported stresses related to lack of child care and needing to help their own children with remote learning.

The survey, completed between Jan. 14-31, reported a margin of error of 3.4%. The 737 respondents came from a randomly selected pool of students who had completed the FAFSA form to receive financial assistance for the 2020-2021 academic year. Nearly one-quarter of respondents were first-year students.

The full report, as well as results from the previous two surveys, can be found at vsac.org/about/how-we-influence-policy.

VSAC Shows You How: Appeal Your Financial Aid Offer**Students & families experiencing special circumstances can — and should — ask for reconsideration**

On April 27, Vermont Student Assistance Corp. held an online webinar on how to appeal your financial aid offer. The event was recorded and is available for viewing.

Appealing financial aid offers for college is not new. Every year, students and families experience unexpected circumstances that impact their original financial aid award package. A loss of a job. An increase in family size. Unanticipated medical expenses and other one-time events.

In the era of the current pandemic, this is especially true for many more Vermonters. Families are struggling with a variety of financial and personal pressures caused by COVID-19.

Vermonters who have received a Vermont state grant — or financial aid from the institutions they plan to

attend — can "appeal," or ask for reconsideration of their aid packages. For example, students who successfully appealed Vermont state grants last year received, on average, an additional \$2,000 in state grant aid.

In this online panel presentation, parents and students will learn what a financial aid appeal is, how the appeal process works, what qualifies as special circumstances, what documentation is needed and how to present a compelling request. Bring your questions and get answers from the experts.

Panelists include Marilyn Cargill, vice president of VSAC's financial aid services, research and marketing; Miranda Roth, VSAC supervisor of grants and scholarships; and Donna Stevens, assistant director of Student Financial Services at UVM.

To view the presentation recording, go to vsac.org. For more information, contact Sabina Haskell at 802-542-2240 or haskell@vsac.org.

Vermont Wildlife Course for Educators, July 11-16

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont's popular fish and wildlife summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 11-16.

The interactive field course that gets educators out into Vermont's streams, forests and wetlands with some of the state's leading natural resource experts takes place at the Buck Lake Conservation Camp in Woodbury.

Increased personal safety and sanitation measures will be in place to ensure the health and safety of all participants and staff.

Now in its 36th year, "Wildlife Management and Outdoor Education Techniques for Educators," is a one-week, three-credit graduate course taught by Vermont Fish & Wildlife and other Agency of Natural Resources staff through Castleton University.

"Wildlife resources are important to all Vermonters in one way or another," says Fish and Wildlife's Education Manager Alison Thomas. "If educators can get connected with the outdoors and in turn expose their students, then many of these students will be able to make informed decisions about Vermont wildlife and their habitat needs."

"This course is unique in that it helps non-formal and pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers from any discipline — math, language arts, physical education, or history — improve their instructional strategies and make their lesson plans more relevant to their students."



Vermont Fish & Wildlife's summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 11-16 at Buck Lake in Woodbury, Vermont. VTF&W photo.

"This course is hands-on," added Thomas. "It continues to evolve and incorporate new environmental education ideas and activities, but we also continue to do traditional programs that have been part of the week for more than three decades. It is a great mix of new and old with all of it being incredibly helpful and memorable. We believe during these difficult times, it is important now more than ever that we foster personal relationships with the natural world, habitat and wildlife and encourage an individual's connection with the outdoors."

"There may still be a restriction on the number of people, including instructors, who may be gathered in one place at a given time, but we can

accommodate that change if needed," said Thomas.

Tuition is \$650 for the course. Books, food and overnight facilities are included. A limited number of partial scholarships are available.

A course description, schedule of activities and registration information are available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at vtfishandwildlife.com/node/249. If you have questions, you can email Alison.Thomas@vermont.gov.

Buck Lake Conservation Camp is located east of Route 14, north of Woodbury Village.

Greetings From ACCESS CVU

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Spring is here! Access CVU's Spring semester is well underway, and still has so many good classes left! If you are looking to move your body, get creative or learn a new skill, consider joining a class with Access CVU. With the warmer weather upon us, **we are offering many classes outside under tents.** (We'll follow COVID-19 guidelines as we did in the fall, including face masks and physical distancing.) Other classes will continue to be offered online with the user-friendly Zoom platform. Classes run through June.

Planning for the fall is starting and it's likely we will be able to welcome you back in the building for classes at CVU — let us know what classes you wish we offered, and what we should keep. And if you know of a great instructor we should add, please send them our way.

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

Tuesday, May 4: Carving in Wood — The Spoon with Bob Lindemann

Learn to carve correctly with quality tools. Participants will start with a softwood blank and leave with a perfectly usable 6-inch spoon with a personalized handle. OUTSIDE

Intro to Yang Tai Chi with John Creech

This introduction to the art and practice of the style of Tai Chi Chuan made famous by the Yang family. Strengthen the core and improve balance and presence of mind over five sessions that will meet outside (weather dependent). OUTSIDE

Wednesday, May 5: Botanical Dyeing with Emma Percy

Learn to dye with plants and open up a world of possibility for experimentation and creativity. You'll learn all the steps including how to prepare different kinds of fabrics, and how to extract color from plants. All materials included. OUTSIDE

How to Bring Mindfulness Into Your Daily Life: A Four-Week Series with Maggie Mae Anderson

Would you like to bring more conscious awareness and feel more present in your daily life rather than being on autopilot? Join Maggie Mae for this great class. ONLINE

Building Resilience in Uncertain Times with Kristine Reynolds

We've all had our resiliency challenged over this past year of pandemic living as we've faced so much uncertainty; this two-session course will provide an overview of resilience including some concrete strategies to grow our capacity. ONLINE

Arranging Store-Bought Bouquets with Courtney Sherman

Join this new ACCESS offering and learn the art of taking grocery-store-type bouquets and arranging them in simple glassware to make a beautiful arrangement to take home. Courtney is offering three other floral themed classes in May. OUTSIDE

Monday, May 10: Intro to Embroidery with Anne Broussard

Learn the basics of embroidery over the course of this two-session class. Supply kit included, with a "Vermont" sampler for you to personalize. OUTSIDE

Tuesday, May 11: Meet the Author: Francesca Lynn Arnoldy, "Cultivating the Doula Heart"

Meet the doula, facilitator, course developer and program director of the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine's End-of-Life Doula Professional Certificate program, Francesca Lynn Arnoldy. A copy of her book is included. ONLINE

Thursday, May 13: Herb Container Garden with Hattie White

Come assemble your own herb garden: Hattie will bring all the supplies you need. Interested in a spring flower planter? Join Hattie on May 6. OUTSIDE

Friday, May 14: Get Your Bike in Shape with Nicholas Gauthier

Does your bike need some love, or just a good tuning? Join a bike specialist to learn the mechanics of a

bike and how to troubleshoot common problems. OUTSIDE



Linoleum prints by Jen Berger.

Tuesday, May 18: Intro to Print Making with Jen Berger

Come learn the basics of creating meaningful images, carving linoleum and single- and double-color printing in this three-session class. All supplies are included. A workshop specific to printing botanicals is scheduled to start Wed, May 19. OUTSIDE

Wednesday, May 19: Primitive Fire Building with Mischa Tourin

Learn the fundamentals of building fire in nature in this hands-on class. This popular course meets for two nights. OUTSIDE

Gelato & Sorbet with Adele Dienno

Learn to make gelato and nondairy sorbets with the fruits of spring. Just in time for summer! ONLINE

Tuesday, May 25: Macrame Wall Hanging with Anne Broussard

Learn all the steps and various knots to make a beautiful wall hanging using cotton rope and a wooden dowel. All materials included. OUTSIDE

Wednesday, May 26: Arranging with Floral Foam with Courtney Sherman

The fourth class in Courtney's floral series will focus on how to use floral foam to arrange flowers. Participants will leave with their own beautiful creation. OUTSIDE

Thursday, May 27: Getting to Know Your Car with Demy Pollitt

Do you have any idea how to check if the oil is low, change a tire or add basic fluids when needed? Want to be informed about what to know when buying a used car? A quick, down and dirty look at the basics of car care. OUTSIDE

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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ORGANIZATIONS

United Church of Hinesburg Annual Plant Sale — Back by Popular Demand

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The United Church of Hinesburg annual plant sale is a 40-plus-year-old tradition for the church and community. Last year we developed an online store for the sale and it was so popular that we are doing it again!

As usual, we have beautiful plants: generously sized, hardy perennials dug from our gardens to share with you. They are potted up in great soil to transplant right into your garden.

This year we've added dozens of varieties of perennials, many that we haven't offered before — we have a large selection.

We've also added a few annuals and some baked goods, including our popular biscotti. Check them all out — great gifts for Mother's Day!

The store went live on Saturday, April 17 on our website, ucofh.org.

You can place your order and pay online with a credit or debit card.

Your order will be ready for pickup on Saturday, May 8 in the church parking lot. We'll be there between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Be assured we are taking the necessary COVID-19 precautions, including wearing masks.

Watch for updates on our website, our Facebook page and on Front Porch Forum.

You can also contact Mary Eddy Stewart at maryeddystewart@gmavt.net with questions and for updates.

Vermont Genealogy Library Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Using Timelines to Find Holes in Research – Saturday, May 1

As genealogists search across their many family lines, they often forget to consider all the possible sources that may help determine an individual's identity and they can lose track of gaps in their research. Using case studies, professional genealogist Joanne Polanshek will describe how using timelines can help us systematically review our work and find opportunities for further research to fill these gaps and resolve some of our most



The United Church of Hinesburg annual plant sale is now live on their website. Pickup will be on May 8.

frustrating problems. Classes for the Vermont Genealogy Library will be held via Zoom on Saturdays at a new time, noon to 1:30 p.m. Classes are \$10. You can register at vtgenlib.org. For more details about a class, visit our website, our Facebook page or call us at 802-871-5647.

We Have a Winner! The 2021 Lake Iroquois Ice Out

FROM LIA PRESS RELEASE

The Lake Iroquois Association wishes to congratulate Valarie Patten of Hinesburg, winner of the inaugural Lake Iroquois Association Ice Out Challenge, who selected the winning date and time of March 27 at 1:41 p.m. “I was so excited to find out that I was the winner of the Lake Iroquois ice out,” said Valarie.



The ice breaks up, pallet flips and the cement block sinks... stopping the clock at 1:39 p.m.

According to Ernie Rossi, LIA board director and observer that day, “The pallet flipped, the block went through and stopped the clock at 1:39 p.m. on March 27. Only thing missing was the popcorn!”The organization plans for the contest to be a yearly fundraiser and in its first season, 2,262 tickets were sold. With an initial goal of selling 1,000 tickets, the organization more than doubled that amount and feels very good about the level of participation and added awareness the contest brings to LIA's management efforts around Lake Iroquois. The organization's share after expenses will be used to encourage and increase lake owner participa-

tion in the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Lake Wise Program.

The LIA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the contest participants.

Even if you were not the lucky winner, please know that your contributions will go a long way toward incremental improvements in shoreline protection of Lake Iroquois. We hope that you plan to participate in years to come for some mid-winter fun and

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Audubon Vermont News

BY SARAH HOOGHUIS, AUDUBON VERMONT

Spend Your Summer Outside With Us!

Explore the outdoors and build transferrable skills for your next education and career steps through our Counselor-in-Training Program! Accepting applications until June 1.

We are so excited to have campers at the Green Mountain Audubon Center again after a year off.

We feel confident that our COVID-19 protocols will allow us to provide a fun, safe environment for campers, volunteers and staff all summer long.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

MONDAY, MAY 3

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 4

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

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. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Mother's Day.

We'll also be continuing our Counselor-in-Training Program. CITs work alongside our camp counselors — experienced naturalists and educators — to deliver a high-quality, hands-on environmental education and activities for campers ages 3-12. The program is structured to give CITs the opportunity to explore their interests in outdoor education and conservation, while also building the skills and experience to launch them toward their next education or career opportunities. We hope our CITs will become the next generation of Audubon camp counselors, naturalists, educators and conservation biologists!

CITs will spend their summer outside on our 250-plus-acre nature center in Huntington, Vermont. The center is located along the Huntington River and is home to diverse habitats from a beaver pond to goldenrod meadows. It is a beautiful and exciting place to explore your connection to

nature. CITs will learn local natural history and native species identification, place-based environmental curriculum and activities, teaching styles, wilderness skills and so much more! We encourage you to let us know what you're most excited to learn so that we can create a plan tailored to your goals and interests.

One change this year is that we are not offering middle school camps or overnights, so CITs would choose to work with either our Preschool Nature Camp (ages 3-5) or the Ecology Day Camp (ages 6-12). CITs will spend their entire time with one camp rather than jumping between age groups as an effort to limit interaction between camps and avoid spread of disease. Within each camp we will also break into pods so that we spend most of our day in small groups. CITs will always be paired with staff and will never be expected to lead a group or pod without staff support or supervision.

Meeting. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 27

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. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

MONDAY, MAY 31

Memorial Day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Please see Calendar entry for May 4.

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

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

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

More information about the program can be found on our CIT page at vt.audubon.org/news/spend-your-summer-outside-us. Before applying, check the camp calendars for Preschool Nature Camp and Ecology Day Camp. The calendars have camp dates and themes that will help you get a sense of when and where you'd like to volunteer.

CITs are asked to volunteer for at least two weeks of camp. Camp will run from June 21-Aug. 13.

We are accepting applications from teens 14 years old and up, until June 1 at 5 p.m. Our application is a way for us to get to know you and your interests better — previous work experience not necessary. Apply at act.audubon.org/a/cit-app.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

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. Remote Meeting-online Meeting platform.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 7

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. Please see Calendar entry for May 11.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

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. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

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

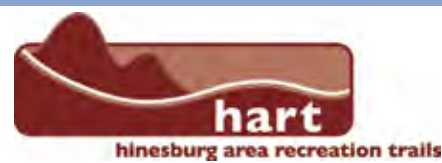
THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

OUTDOORS



Different Seasons, Different Trails

BY PATTERSON FRAZIER,
HCS EIGHTH GRADE

As the seasons change to spring, I am yet again reminded of just how much the character of our local trails changes here in Hinesburg. Walking along farm roads that, only months before, I skied to school on. The change in seasons not only alters the feel of our trails, it also diversifies the activities possible. Once the mud dries, mountain biking and trail running will become possible, where just recently the maple trees were being harvested for sap. The leaves will return as will many animals and insects.

This is also a good time to clean up your local trail systems. I've seen quite a few cans, wrappers and other pieces of litter as I have wandered our town's trail systems.

The best thing to do is to bring a bag with you when you use the trails and pick up any trash you see.

As of now, (early April) many trails may be closed due to mud to protect the trails from damage. Once these trails open, it will still be important to consider what activities you partake in. Some, such as mountain biking or horseback riding, could still prove harmful to the still-soft ground.

As we transition into late spring and the ground firms up again, the trails will be in full use by our community and an opportune time to observe and notice the foliage and wildlife that also make these lands such an asset for us all.

From Hinesburg to Skopje: The Things We Miss

BY NATHAN FRY

One of the charms of Vermont is the rituals that come with the changing of seasons. Growing up in the Deep South, seasonal changes were something I saw in movies and catalogs. My reality went something like "stupid hot, leaves fall off, mud and rain, stupid hot again." Later in life while traveling the country with the military, I had the chance to see other rhythms and rituals. In El Paso, with spring came the dust



Fall snow in Mavrovo National Park.

storms that blew orange powder into our home through every crack and crevice. We knew it was summer in Washington state when we had six straight days of sun. Unfortunately, it started raining on the seventh day and we realized that autumn had arrived. And in North Carolina, we knew winter and the holidays were right around the corner when the houses that kept their Christmas lights up all year actually turned them on. But although all these yearly rhythms were unique and interesting, it was the Vermont rituals that we really fell in love with. The lingering daylight of a long summer evening fading to fireflies, the slow seeping of autumn color from the top of the Green Mountains down into the valleys, the wading through snow every two days from the house to the woodshed. And every spring after the snows have melted but before the roadside grass is too thick, Green Up Day.

Now, I expect you might be thinking that, of all the spring rituals, Green Up Day is not the one you would pick. What about the green spray of bud-break or the first flowers nosing up



Trash trapped in a dam on the Vardar River.

out of the ground? And while all of those spring rituals are amazing in their own right, I think Vermonters often don't realize that although new leaves and spring flowers happen everywhere, Green Up Day does not. And when it doesn't happen, you realize just how much you miss it.

Within days of arriving in North Macedonia last August, it was clear that trash is a big issue here. Our temporary house was outside of the main city in a small village called Bardovtsi, and I quickly discovered a couple of run routes that took me out of the village, through the rolling farm fields, and down toward the river. It would have been an amazing run, except for the piles of trash bags, construction material and old furniture that slouched on the edges of the road for most of the run. Unfortunately, the problem didn't get any better in the city. Or in the smaller rural villages. Or even in the national parks. Wherever we went, we found overflowing municipal dumpsters that hadn't been serviced in weeks, plastic bottles huddled together in eddies in streams and rivers, and candy wrappers blowing through playgrounds. In the seven years we've lived in Vermont, I've seen one person throw trash out of a moving car. Here, I see people toss sandwich wrappers out daily. Our family lives by a rule that we leave a place better than we've found it, and we still fill a trash bag on our hikes, but it seems like an empty gesture when you realize that for every bottle we pick up, other hiking groups have dropped two.

And so, as the snow fades into memory this year, the first flowers pop up around soda bottles that have been hidden all winter and plastic bags thaw and whip around in the breeze. The problem here is on two levels — one is inefficient government and commercial policies and capacity for trash collection and disposal. The second is on a personal level. A huge amount of the trash here was never bagged to go to a landfill — it was just tossed aside from a car window, pedestrian or hiker. In Vermont, we're lucky to have the infrastructure to deal with bulk trash, and a community that pulls together to clean up what drops through the cracks. This year, as April turns to May and you shut down the woodstove, pull out the gardening equipment and watch for the geese to come back, don't overlook Green Up Day. It's one more

thing that makes Vermont such a special place to live.

Editor's Note: See the article about Hinesburg's Green Up Day in the Town News Section, on the cover.

Nathan and the Fry family continue to live in Skopje, North Macedonia on assignment with the U.S. military until August 2022. They miss their usual Green-Up spot along North Road and Texas Hill Road. They do not miss cleaning up orange desert dust in El Paso.

Death in the Forest: The Profound Process of Tree Mortality

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

To understand how to take care of forests, we first need to understand what they are and how they work. While most peoples' understanding of them starts and ends with trees, forests are complex, dynamic communities comprised of many different organisms and the processes that affect them. While forests function as systems in many ways, they are not utopias. Organisms compete with one other, parasitize each other and eat and destroy each other. Within forests, one of the incredible processes that make forests work — and one that we need to learn to accept — is tree death.

When trees die it may seem startling or sad; the end of a decades- or centuries-long life, the loss of a once-beautiful and healthy living thing. To the forest, however, the death of a tree is something much more profound as something that supports critical ecological functions and processes and provides habitat for many native organisms. I think of a tree as having a "biological life," (when it is alive in a traditional sense) and also an "ecological life" (the tree's overall influence on forest ecology, which can persist for decades or centuries after it dies).

The death of a tree can happen in a moment — like when they are snapped or uprooted in a windstorm — but it usually happens over time, the product of numerous interrelated factors called stacking stressors. For instance, a tree's branch is broken by heavy ice and snow. This wound is colonized by fungi, which breaks down and softens the tree's wood, paving the way for wood-boring beetles and other arthropods (bugs). Searching for these bugs and their larvae, woodpeckers excavate cavities (holes) in the tree. Cavities create still more opportunities for fungi, bacteria and arthropods to colonize the tree. As these stressors compound on one another, the stress eventually becomes too much and the tree dies.

Tree death is often a biological process; the product of a rich assemblage of organisms taking advantage of their natural habitat. While it's tempting to vilify fungi, bacteria and bugs for "killing our trees," a more holistic understanding of forests reveals that these organisms are actually critical parts of ecosystems. They help break down and recycle dead trees and plants, enriching soils and feeding future generations of trees. In facilitating tree death, they create snags, (dead-standing trees) and cavity trees, both of which are used by a huge number of animals as nesting and denning habitat. Once the tree falls, "dead" wood on the forest floor stores carbon, which improves the forest's ability to absorb water, provides a place for trees like yellow birch and hemlock to take root, and provides habitat for underground mycorrhizal fungal networks that are critical to forests' ability to function. Dead wood is essential habitat for salamanders, the "apex predator of the forest floor," which account for the most biomass of any vertebrate predator in the northern forest (meaning that if you weighed all the coyotes against all the salamanders in the forest, the salamanders would weigh more). Dead trees are such a rich habitat that they can contain as much as four times as much living biomass as living trees.

Tree death also provides opportunities for forests to become diverse and complex.

Openings in the forest canopy are soon filled by regeneration, the abundant growth of young trees and plants. Over time, this cycle of death and regeneration creates forests with a rich mosaic of different sizes, ages and species of trees. Forests like this support a diversity of bird and wildlife species, store more carbon and are more **resilient** and **adaptive** in a changing climate.

As a forester, my main concern is keeping the forest, as a system, healthy. To this end, tree death, just like tree life, is something to be celebrated, not avoided. It can even be something that we use as a tool in our stewardship of forests; using the cutting of trees to create a more diverse, complex and resilient forest, one that is full of life in a more holistic sense.

While it might make us uncomfortable, understanding the profound and important role that tree death plays in forests is a critical part of learning how to take care of them. We should strive not to keep every tree alive, but rather to keep the forest vibrant and whole. Healthy forests not only tolerate death — they require it.

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The (Green) Mountain (Conservation Camps) are Calling, and She Must Go

BY NICOLE MEIER, HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND HANNAH PHELPS, GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CAMP COORDINATOR

After over a year of remote learning, we hear Vermont students: they are struggling. They want in-person experiences. They want experienced mentors to teach them. They want career readiness. They are looking for connection and a safe place outside of their house and COVID-19 bubble. A study done in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Health and the University of Vermont found that youths aged 12 to 17 reported an increase in depressive symptoms and anxiety in the fall of 2020 compared to the fall of 2019. How can we get our children out of the house safely, and get them away from the stress, the screens and the general struggle the world is experiencing?

Get them unplugged. Sign them up for a week this summer at Green Mountain Conservation Camp, administered by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

While GMCC offers summer camp experiences for all children ages 12-14, each year seems to bring on the challenge of finding campers to fill the weeks specifically offered for girls. This rings true again for the upcoming summer sessions.

Summer camps offer plentiful positive opportunities for adolescent girls, and GMCC is no exception. A week at camp offers young girls the chance to break out of the norm and help them to discover who they are on their own terms. GMCC also offers opportunities to dive into real-world application of science, technology, engineering, and mathematic concepts, the ability to learn in-person from mentors, the chance to develop into young leaders, the possibility of lifelong friendships and lots more.

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Children ages 12-14, and especially girls, are encouraged to sign up for Green Mountain Conservation Camp.

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ACROSS

1. Build a collection
6. Economic measure acronym
9. *Beverly Goldberg's schmoopie
13. Use an ÉpÈe
14. Neither here ____ there
15. Tall ancient monument
16. Daisy-like bloom
17. Much of it about nothing?
18. Commotions
19. *She's 'Bow' to Dre in TV sitcom "Blackish"
21. *Mother to Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth March in novel and movie
23. Before tac
24. Ripped
25. Part of Super Bowl entertainment, pl.
28. Homesteader's measure
30. **Game of Thrones' Lannister and mother to Joffrey, Myrcella and Tommen
35. Douses
37. Adjutant
39. Article of faith
40. Genuflecting joint
41. *TV mother to Alexis and David, "friend" to Jocelyn Schitt
43. "Will be," as sung by Doris Day
44. Perform in a play
46. Load sixteen tons, e.g.
47. Peacock's pride
48. *Mowgli's adoptive mother
50. Apartment
52. Skeleton in a lock
53. Part of a jousting outfit
55. Spelling competition
57. *Mother to Carlton in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
60. "Well, I'm a-standin' on a corner in ____, Arizona," from the Eagles "Take it Easy"
64. Country's LeAnn ____
65. Hoover's agency acronym
67. Piano practice piece, e.g.
68. Church song
69. What Usain Bolt did
70. Poisonous substance
71. *Wife to Papa, mother to Baby
72. Sum it up
73. Go on a buying spree

DOWN

1. Way, way off
2. ____ Verde National Park
3. Naysayer's favorite prefix?
4. What bloodhound is after
5. Croatia's neighbor
6. Nibble away
7. Affirmative action
8. Movie trailer, e.g.
9. Elementary particle
10. *Claire Dunphy and Mitchell Pritchett's mother
11. Soothing lotion ingredient
12. Bell and Barker, e.g.
15. Christopher Kimball's "Milk ____"
20. ____'s razor
22. Part of a circle
24. Tiresome
25. Questioner
26. **"Mamma Mia!" mamma
27. Do this or forever hold your peace
29. '80s band "Quiet ____"
31. Catch one's breath
32. ____ a peak
33. Bone-chilling
34. Europe's "boot"
36. Short for seconds
38. *She played Ricky Schroder's stepmom on "Silver Spoons"
42. Defendant's excuse
45. Religious belief
49. ____ Khan
51. Plural of #39 Across
54. Below, prefix
56. Impede
57. "Everywhere you want to be" credit card
58. Muslim holy man
59. Plural of velum
60. *Ellen, Scarlett's mother in "Gone with the ____"
61. Like the best accommodations
62. War god in Norse mythology
63. Make one's way
64. Dashboard acronym
66. *Kunis, Hahn and Bell as "____ Moms"

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► Outdoors

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To solve a diversity of challenges in the world, we need a diversity of problem-solvers. For years we have heard about the call to action: get more girls involved in STEM! Here is your chance to get them involved. During their week at GMCC, campers learn about aquatic ecology, habitat restoration (science!), population dynamics (science and math!), how to shoot a bow (engineering and technology!) and LOTS more. And let's not forget all the soft skills such as perseverance, humility, focus and cooperation that are learned from hiking, canoeing, fishing, shelter building, fire building and other outdoor skills.

Not only do girls get to have fun, but they learn in-person from real people, not a screen. Campers learn from instructors and peers alike. Many lifelong friendships come from a week at GMCC, and girls get the opportunity to see amazing women in leadership roles. It is not often that a girl sees her instructor dig her hands into the mud to talk about soil quality, but it is something memorable for so many young women. In addition, campers get to meet some incredible male role models on staff, who set the example for how women should expect to be treated in the classroom and work-

place: with respect and equality.

With these mentors on staff, the campers are able to take part in a female-dominated environment that encourages them to build up and cheer on their peers. This rare opportunity allows young women to take charge without the fear of social repercussions and develop themselves as leaders. They are given formal and informal opportunities to lead throughout their time at GMCC, from encouraging peers in the background to actively coaching them through difficult tasks. Campers can take on as much or as little leadership as they want; some are content to develop these skills quietly while others are ready to lead a full camp song or skit. In either instance, girls who thrive in these areas during their basic and advanced weeks are offered the opportunity to return as a part of GMCC's Junior Counselor program, which further develops leadership and confidence in the lives of young women.

You may be asking yourself, "How could this opportunity get any better?" Well buckle up, because the icing on the cake is that there are still LOTS of scholarships/sponsorships available, meaning the week she spends at camp could be free.

Many of us know well the phrase by famous naturalist John Muir, "The

mountains are calling, and I must go." As Vermonters, we may relate to this notion of feeling the need to get outside, to unplug, to get away from our societal confines and enjoy the calm of time spent in nature. Our girls are no different. However, what many of us may not know is that the commonly quoted phrase leaves out an important ending. In a letter to his sister, John Muir says, "the mountains are calling, and I must go, and I will work on while I can, studying incessantly." The full statement is a testament to hard work and learning more about the natural world while learning more about yourself. I think we can all take a page out of Muir's book and encour-

age the young women in our lives to do the same. Let's do all the learning we can outside this summer; there's no better place for it than GMCC.

Need more convincing that GMCC is the right choice? Check out this podcast episode and hear from real campers and instructors all about a week at camp: **[tiny.one/VTFWpodcasts](#)**.

Or watch this short YouTube video that summarizes a week at camp (it is shot and edited by a junior councilor!): **[tiny.one/GMMCSummer](#)**.

For more info and to register, go to **[vtfishandwildlife.com/node/244](#)**.

ARTS & LEISURE

Hinesburg Garden Tour Save the Date

BY SUZANNE MAGEE, GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE

Save the date! The second annual Hinesburg Garden Tour will be June 13, and six incredible gardens await you! Whether you are new to gardening, a master gardener, interested in environmental preservation or just curious about what your neighbors are doing in their gardens, the Hinesburg Garden Tour offers a great opportunity to be outdoors and in community, to savor and to learn!

This year the tour features one of the largest and most diverse collections of azaleas and rhododendron in the state; two Lake Iroquois gardens that use landscaping to protect the lake; bridges and stone walls, garden paths; vintage perennial gardens; tree



The second annual Hinesburg Garden Tour will be June 13.

plantings, and use of local plants. Tickets are \$20 and will be available in late May at the Carpenter-Carse Library and Red Wagon Plants. Proceeds benefit the Carpenter-Carse Library in Hinesburg. The event will be COVID-19-compliant.

Shelburne Museum News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne Museum to Reopen to the Public on June 2

Shelburne Museum will reopen on June 2 with a full slate of new exhibitions and programs, Director Thomas Denenberg announced. Closed since the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the museum's 45-acre grounds, along with select exhibition buildings, will be open five days a week, Wednesdays through Sundays, through Oct. 17.

"We are looking forward to welcoming visitors and members this summer and showcasing once again the magical place that is Shelburne Museum," Denenberg said. "Not only do we have two wonderful special exhibitions, but the staff has organized new interpretative material throughout our campus and renowned gardens."

The museum grounds and several buildings will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Advance tickets will be required to visit, and occupancy limits will apply both indoors and on the grounds. Buildings that will be open include: the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education, Pleissner Gallery, Webb Gallery of American Art, and the 220-foot steamboat Ticonderoga.

This summer visitors will have a special opportunity to engage with the work of contemporary artists and designers, to see loans from important collections in America and beyond, and to experience selections from the museum's expansive and compelling collections. "Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives" (June 2- Aug. 29) will explore how the largest printmaking company in 19th-century America visualized the nation's social, political and industrial fabric. "New England Now: People" (June 26-Oct. 17) will feature regional contemporary artists and celebrates the communities and people of New England. This multimedia exhibition is designed to facilitate rich conversation on a variety of socio-political



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issues and topics relevant to our region and beyond. The southern half of the museum's campus will be filled this summer with 14 sculptures by artist Peter Kirkiles (June 2-Oct. 11). Whether an exact replica of an antique tall clock made in weathering steel, a measuring rule enlarged to 10 times its normal size, or a Studebaker truck shrunk down to the dimensions of a toy, Kirkiles' sculptures invite viewers to contemplate the familiar in new and unexpected ways. The museum's events calendar offers lectures, concerts, demonstrations, family days and programming in conjunction with special exhibitions.

For full details related to reopening and COVID-19 related regulations, please visit **[shelburnemuseum.org](#)**.

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We've created two fun and challenging virtual escape rooms! See if you can sleuth out the clues & unlock the fun.

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is also compatible with a smartphone or tablet. Keep a pencil and paper close by to keep track of clues and answers as you go.

To play the escape rooms, go to **[shelburnemuseum.org/museum-from-home/virtual-escape-room](#)**.

The Hinesburg Record Appears on Netflix

BY MARY JO BRACE

A copy of the Hinesburg Record makes its debut on Netflix in the first episode of the six-part documentary entitled, "My Love: Six Stores of True Love, USA: Ginger & David."

The intent of the series is to show what love means all over the world and involves six couples that have been together for over 40 years. The couples reside in the United States, Spain, Japan, Korea, Brazil and India. David and Ginger Isham were cho-



David and Ginger Isham appear in a new Netflix documentary, along with a glimpse of the Hinesburg Record.

sen for the documentary after their names were submitted by a neighbor who has a sister involved with the production.

The Ishams raised their family and ran a successful farm for many years on Oak Hill Road in Williston, where they still reside. The show follows them for a full year showing many great shots of sugaring, walks in the woods, beautiful Vermont scenery and activities, Christmas tree sales, fun with family and friends, and of course the love they have for each other. Just prior to their 60th anniversary party, roughly 40 minutes into the 66-minute episode, David is shown sitting in his chair reading a copy of the Hinesburg Record.

Congratulations to David and Ginger on their everlasting love.

Local Musician Releases Album

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Jacob Green is a folk blues singer-songwriter, one-man band and multi-string player. Jacob has now laid down some roots and started a family in the Burlington area, but was accustomed to touring all around the U.S., playing 40 states total, averaging 150 shows a year.

Before the lockdown, Jacob often performed with local Hinesburg resident and lead guitar player Scott Buckingham and local schoolteacher and drummer Dev Nagel. Now, Jacob has had some time to focus on recording both new material as well as sorting through his long back catalog of original music he developed over many years of hard travelin' for soul-searching inspiration.

His latest album "No End in Sight" was recorded during the pandemic and continues his blues rock sound he's known for, but also expands into folk roots styles with some of his more personal material.

For more information or to purchase the album, go to **[jacobgreen.bandcamp.com/album/no-end-in-sight](#)**.

PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Lillian Cartularo of Hinesburg, a student at Northern Vermont University, was named to the president's list for the Fall 2020 semester. Students who achieve a 4.00 semester average are placed on the president's list.

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Website: ucofh.org

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

Choir practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday

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

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

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

Regular Services:

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

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





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

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

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Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff: 482-3066

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

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

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Church and by appointment.

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

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

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.

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

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

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

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

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

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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

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

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

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

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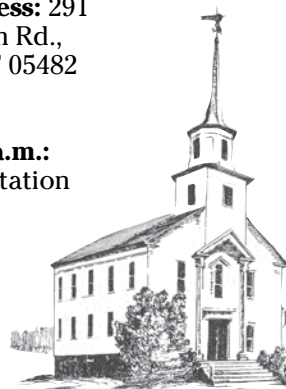
Phone: 985-3819

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

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation

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



▶ Green Up Day

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is open to drop off collected trash, tires and metal

Pick up bags at the town hall and Green Up any time before May 1. If you need to leave the Green Up bags along the roadside, no problem, just make sure the bags are visible and secure.

On Green Up Day, come to the Town Hall any time after 8:30 a.m. to get your Green Up bags.

Green Up trash, metal and discarded tires (no household trash, please!) will be collected at the town Highway Department facility. Trash can be dropped off on Green Up Day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Covid-19 Concerns:

- Practice social distancing by maintaining a six-foot distance from non-household members.

- Bring a face mask and use it to keep your neighbors safe anytime you interact.

- When you drop off collected trash at the Town Hall, a volunteer will show you where it goes.

Basic Safety Concerns:

- Wear gloves and boots

- Take precautions for ticks

- Please use caution while on our roadsides, especially with children

We are looking for drivers with trucks to help out

- Drivers with trucks can help with the final pickup of roadside bags (2-4 p.m. on Green Up Day)

If you have any questions, want to suggest or work on a special project, or just need to get more information, you can call Phil Pouech at 802-482-2060 or email ppouech@gmavt.net.

▶ Todd Odit

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in Essex where he says he gained a lot of valuable experience. "Shortly after I got there, they were talking about merging the town and village of Essex," said Odit. "This required a deep dive into local governance. It was a good experience looking into how municipalities operate, their differences, how you might be able to bring them together, consolidate services and create efficiencies. I also gained experience negotiating union contracts with the police department, as well as the other employees who were covered by a separate union."

Odit went on to become town administrator of Jericho in 2009, the position he held prior to becoming the town manager of Hinesburg. In that time, he also participated in the competitive Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program.

"I really enjoy leading a town, helping boards figure out what it is they want to accomplish and how to accomplish it, and overseeing the operations."

When asked why he was attracted to Hinesburg, Odit said, "I really like working in smaller towns and getting to know people. Hinesburg just seemed to be a really good fit given the planning issues they're facing."

Crossword Answers

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Odit added that "having a really solid understanding of planning will help with trying to concentrate Hinesburg's growth and also some of the issues that come along with that."

He mentioned considerations like emergency services, town water and wastewater management as areas that will need to be addressed with this growth.

"All of these have a substantial price tag," said Odit. "It's going to be an interesting exercise in trying to accommodate for that growth but also providing the services at a reasonable expense."

In his free time, Odit enjoys downhill skiing, sailing, mountain biking, hiking and being involved with his kids' sports. He also remains active in his own community of Essex as a member of the Essex Westford School

District school board and the Nordic Soccer Club board.

"I really like paying back the community I live in," said Odit.

Odit's last day as town administrator of Jericho was April 16, 2021. He is grateful for his time there and hopes he can have a long career in Hinesburg.

"I want to make sure that Hinesburg operates effectively and efficiently, and that the town is able to achieve its goals. Any way I'm able to help them do that, I will."

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.

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Todd Odit Is Ready for Hinesburg

BY MADDY HOLDEN, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Todd Odit is excited to get started as the first manager of the town of Hinesburg. Odit officially began on April 22. Prior to this role, he was administrator of the town of Jericho.

The town manager position is new to Hinesburg, which has only had town administrators in the past.

The position was created by a vote on Town Meeting Day 2021.

“Being the first town manager in Hinesburg, I’d like to prove that the town manager form of government was the right step for them,” said Odit.

When Odit applied for the position, the town of Hinesburg had not yet voted on Article 3, the ballot item that would determine its form of government. The Hinesburg selectboard began their search prior to Town Meeting Day, and candidates like Odit came into the interview process knowing that the position could be either as town administrator or as town manager. On March 10, following the Town Meeting Day vote to install a manager at the helm, they offered him a two-year contract.

“The town manager brings a little extra responsibility in terms of statuto-



Todd and his son mountain biking for an area fundraiser at Hinesburg Town Forest.

ry authority. It really shifts a lot of the responsibility onto the manager so the selectboard can focus on policy,” said Odit.

Odit has 18 years of municipal government experience but being a town manager wasn’t always his plan. Odit

went to Vermont Law School for a master’s degree in environmental law. “My thought was always that I would go into state government and environmental policy,” said Odit. “But right after graduate school, I got a job with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns as a Senior Legislative Associate for municipalities and found it to be really interesting.”

Odit said that a lot of the issues municipalities find themselves involved in are related to the environment, so his education is applicable. “I think the biggest help was probably my graduate degree,” he said. “There are a lot of laws to work within and it is important to understand the regulations.”

In 2005, Odit got the opportunity to be the assistant town manager

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Town Committees

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- Agency Request Review Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Planning Commission
- Recreation Commission
- Village Steering Committee

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