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The Fireworks Are Back!

On July 3rd and 4th, Hinesburg will have a Hilly Hobble Foot Race, 2K, 5K and 10K runs, ice-cream, balloons, lawn parties, a parade and fireworks, of course! See the complete schedule on page 11 and also at hineburgrec.com.



CVU Event “Takes Back the Night”

BY JOIA PUTNOI

Some 100 people gathered at the baseball diamond of Champlain Valley Union High School on June 6 to stand in solidarity with survivors of sexual assault.

Sunday night marked CVU's first ever Take Back the Night event. The vision for Sunday's gathering was imagined by Chloe Silverman, a CVU junior whose dedication toward sexual assault awareness inspired her to bring this movement to her own community, she said.

“I am furious that our own bodies have become political, from a local to a federal level,” said Silverman, when addressing the field of attendees.

Among the crowd were administrators, students, faculty and CVU alumni. The night consisted of a march, keynote speaker, an open mike for survivors, as well as a candlelight vigil to acknowledge victims of sexual assault.

Students held a hand-painted banner reading “Take Back the Night,” a slogan originating from the Take Back the Night organization founded by Katie Koestner in the 1970s to combat sexual violence. Koestner helped Silverman when organizing CVU's event by shipping her Take Back the Night T-shirts to be worn by the student organizers.

The organization has a global reach, sparking movements across all continents. Take Back the Night has helped women organize against sexual violence for five decades, with many of its major protests occurring on college campuses. For the past five years, the initiative to create a climate of openness around



Photo by Julia Herberg.

sexual health at CVU has rested upon its students. Clubs such as Student Awareness Curriculum & Training and the Student Justice Alliance have been working in tandem to foster a culture of safety at their high school.

Student ACT was co-founded by Chiara Antonioli and Walter Braun in 2017 in an effort to improve the sexual education curriculum at CVU. As a leader against sexual violence in her community, Antonioli was called back to be the keynote speaker at this event.

“When I was asked to speak here to-

night, I was asked to give a battle cry,” said Antonioli at the conclusion of her speech. “So here it is: take back your body, take back your life, take back your night.”

Antonioli shared the urgency in advocating for women's safety.

Silverman's goal to raise awareness around sexual violence coincided with a campaign that was being launched by

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Responsible Growth Hinesburg's Annual Art Auction

FROM RGH PRESS RELEASE

Everyone has room for a mini painting!

Responsible Growth Hinesburg will be holding an online auction for original one-of-a-kind mini paintings on four-inch by four-inch canvases. Visit the RGH auction site at tiny.one/RGHauction2021 and click on “view items.” You can view the paintings we have so far — there will be more to come! Online bidding will begin July 4 at 8 a.m. and continue through July 31 at noon.



“Red Barn” by Kim Provost.

Hinesburg's independent, nonprofit community newspaper

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TOWN NEWS

Interim Fire Chief Announcement

TODD ODIT, HINESBURG TOWN MANAGER

I am pleased to announce that Nicholas (Nick) Baker has accepted the interim fire chief position with the Hinesburg Fire Department starting July 1, 2021. Nick has been a full-time firefighter/paramedic in New Hampshire since 2016 and currently works for the Hanover Fire Department in Hanover, New Hampshire. While employed as a full-time firefighter, he served in deputy chief and interim fire chief roles with the Canterbury Fire Department in Canterbury, New Hampshire.

Nick moved to Hinesburg in 2020 and joined the Hinesburg Fire Department this past spring. In that short time, he has regularly responded to calls and trainings, helping out when needed. Nick also attended officer meetings in

order to learn more about the department and provided input and suggestions on the ordering of the new ambulance when requested.

Given Nick's education, training and experience, I believe he is well suited for the role of interim fire chief and that he will be instrumental in assisting the officers and overall department in a successful start-up of the ambulance service.

"I am excited to be given the opportunity to serve the town of Hinesburg as interim fire chief," Nick said. "Since moving to town in November, my wife and I have felt very welcomed and are happy to call Hinesburg home. In the coming months, the roll out of our ambulance service is our top priority, as members have already been putting forth a tremendous amount of time and energy into this project. The Hinesburg Fire Department is made up of many dedicated and professional individuals, all of whom I am happy to work alongside

LETTERS

Letter Policy

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

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

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

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

Editor's note: the following letter, submitted by David A. Emmons, is significantly longer than space permits here. For the complete letter please go to hinesburgrecord.org/p-f-r/al-barber.

Al Barber, Fire Chief

I write this letter to you to express my dismay and frustration. I have had the absolute pleasure to know Al Barber I would estimate 45 years that I can remember.

Al has done so much for the community of Hinesburg, it is crazy what that man has done, and not just the man, but his Wife, Diane and now a days it is like a family detail in the care and protection of all residents and visitors to Hinesburg, and surrounding areas.

I just recently became aware of Al's pending resignation and the reasons for it. Let me place a few basics out there for you as to what Al and his wife have done for the community of Hinesburg.

Long before we had the ability of Pagers and a central type of dispatch center, if you had any emergency in

as we continue to develop our skills and offer the best service to the towns of Hinesburg and St. George."

Planning News

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING

Town Plan Energy Chapter Revisions

Our Town Energy Committee worked for the last couple years on updates to the energy chapter of our town plan to better align Hinesburg's energy goals with the state's Comprehensive Energy Plan. After a public hearing in November, the planning commission made revisions and sent the proposal to the selectboard. The selectboard reviewed the plan and is now ready for any additional public comments. Yep, it's a long deliberative process, and we're still eager to hear what community members think! The selectboard held its first public hearing on June 16, and will hold another on July 7 at 7 p.m. Details available online at hinesburg.org/planning-zoning/pages/town-plan-revisions.

Hinesburg, you would call a 2-2791 number (I think that was the number, I could be wrong) and it would ring independently to approximately 22 homes, 3 businesses and the town clerk's office. If you were to call for assistance at 2:00am that phone would be answered by all the homes on that list, including Al & Diane. They would take the information and activate the siren remotely and acknowledge the call on the Fire Frequency as "Base 150". No matter how long the emergency went on for, there was always someone there. This went on for many years. Al use to be a radio dealer, and saved Hinesburg a ton of money, getting portables and mobile radios at just above cost. This is just the tip of a long, long line of dedication from the two of them to Hinesburg.

Al not only served as a Firefighter, but on Iroquois First Response. This was predominantly back when we had Farms in Hinesburg, the Garvey Farm on the Richmond road, the Hines Farm on Hines Road, the Bissonette Farms, top and bottom of high O'Brian hill. Another farm just down from Roy Hines on Gilman road, the Manning farm on Silver street, and another below them. Farms out on Shelburn Falls road, Rte.116, Pond Road, Mechanicsville Road, The Riggs Farm, The Lyman Farm, The Russell Farm, Farms on the Charlotte Road, Baldwin Rd And Drinkwater Road. Texas Hill Rd, Hayden Hill. Two farms on the "Dump road" now the North Road. Whose house burnt down on a given Christmas Eve? Where were you when a vintage hotel burnt in Mechanicsburg, and Mrs. Daily opened her house to everyone concerned? I remember as I became hypothermic that night.

For the rest of this letter please go to hinesburgrecord.org/p-f-r/al-barber.

— David A. Emmons, formerly of Hinesburg from birth

Zoning Revisions — Contractor Yards & Vehicle Repair Services

The planning commission is proposing changes to the zoning regulations for home occupation contractor yards and home occupation vehicle repair services. The proposed changes strive to make new home occupation contractor yards more possible, while still ensuring a public review process with adequate standards to respect the use of neighboring residential properties. This is a substantial rewrite of section 5.3. The changes also revise the review standards for home occupation vehicle repair services, so that they are not addressed in the contractor yard section (section 5.3), but simply as conditional use home occupations via a new section (5.1.8).

The planning commission held a public hearing on April 14, made revisions based on feedback received and forwarded the proposal to the selectboard. The selectboard is reviewing the proposal, with an eye toward holding a public hearing later this summer. That means there is still time to ask questions, make comments and suggest revisions. Details available online at hinesburg.org/planning-zoning/pages/zoning-regulation-revisions.

Zoning Revisions — Village Area Design Standards

On June 9, the planning commission held a public hearing on proposed changes to the zoning regulations to update architectural and site-level design standards for new development in the village area. This is a substantial rewrite of section 5.22. The geographic area affected is the village growth area — specifically eight zoning districts: Village, Village Northwest, Village Northeast, Commercial, Residential 1, Residential 2, Industrial 3, Industrial 4.

Town plan top priority action item 3.3.1, "Create more specific development design standards (site, building, greenspaces) to more clearly articulate the community's expectations." The proposed regulation revision seeks to do just that — i.e., tune up the existing architectural and site-level design standards for new development. The goal is to be clearer about important design elements so that developers better understand what the community is looking for, and so community members have more confidence in what gets developed.

Some of the new provisions include:

- Revised building footprint limits for retail uses — e.g., a 25,000 square foot maximum for grocery stores, and a 15,000 square foot maximum for other types of retail and service establishments.
- Building facade:
 - Architectural detail
 - Front facade variation
 - Window pattern and minimum coverage
- Prominent entryways — porches or porticos required for new single-family homes; multiple options for other

- types of structures (porch, portico, patio, storefront, etc.)
- Building form — prohibits excessive repetition in form and orientation.
- Building corporate branding — prohibits stylized corporate or franchise architecture.
- Building height — requires 1.5-story or greater buildings.
- Maximum front yard setback — requires new buildings to be proximate to the street with certain exceptions.
- Minimum frontage buildout — requires that a minimum of 40% of the lot frontage be occupied by structures.

As of June 11 (when this article was written), the planning commission is reviewing feedback from the public hearing before making revisions and sending the proposal to the selectboard. It would be great to hear from more people on this! Details available online at <https://www.hinesburg.org/planning-zoning/pages/zoning-regulation-revisions>.

Summer Building Permitting Assistance

Ever wonder what those red "Z" signs are? Perhaps you've seen one hanging from a street sign, or on a tree near someone's house. These are the principal means of public notice about zoning permits that have been issued for new construction, change of use, etc. It means your neighbor took the time to get the required zoning permit for their project.

Do you have summer building projects? Please contact the Hinesburg Planning and Zoning Department if you're planning (or have already started) site improvements or construction projects. We're here to help you get any necessary town permits. We'll provide guidance to help you avoid running afoul of town or state development rules. We're happy to answer questions, so please give us a call, send us an email, or drop by the town office. Our office phone is 802-482-2281. Complete contact information is on the town website at hinesburg.org.

When do you need a zoning permit? The most typical example is construction of a new structure (e.g., shed,

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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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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

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

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

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

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

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garage, barn, house) or an addition to an existing structure (e.g., a new deck). Here are some other examples: converting an unfinished basement to living space; changing a deck into a covered porch; changing a three-season porch into heated living space; using a portion of your home/property for a home business; renovating your home to add a new bedroom; creating a separate apartment in the house or another building; doing a boundary line adjustment with your neighbor.

Do you live near Lake Iroquois or Sunset Lake? If so, be aware that you

may also need a permit to expand your driveway or parking area. In the Shoreline zoning district, the maximum percentage of the lot that can be covered by improvements (e.g., structures, driveways, parking) is limited to 10% of the lot area. Many smaller lots near the lake are close to or already over this 10% maximum lot coverage, which means permits are likely needed for driveway and parking area expansions.

Development Review Board and Planning Commission Vacancies

We are looking for someone to serve as an alternate on the development re-

view board. Do you have the time, interest and inclination to step up and help out? Being an alternate is a great way to dabble in town planning & zoning without making a full-time commitment to a regular meeting schedule. How did that new subdivision get approved? Is that business going to put in a sidewalk when it expands? Why did that development proposal get denied? Do more than just satisfy your curiosity — learn about and participate in the decision-making process itself by joining the DRB! The DRB (seven members and two alternates) reviews all development proposals that require more than a simple zoning/building permit. This includes applications for subdivisions, business site plans, conditional uses, signs, camp conversions, etc. The board is a technical and project/application-driven group with a specific “rule book” (zoning and subdivision regulations and official map) on which to base approvals or denials of new development. The DRB meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. Curious to learn more? Contact the planning and zoning office for details. If you’d like to be considered, fill out the brief application available on the town website at hinesburg.org/town-manager/pages/vacancies-town-boards-commissions.

We are also looking for someone to serve on the planning commission. Help shape Hinesburg’s future by joining the planning commission. The commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. There is one vacancy on this nine-member board. To learn more about the planning commission’s work, contact Alex Weinhausen in the planning & zoning office (aweinhagen@hinesburg.org or 802-484-4209) or check out the planning commission page on the town website. If you’d like to be considered, fill out the brief application available on the town website (same link as above).

Planning & Zoning Office Changes

The planning & zoning office has had some staffing changes in the last couple of months. First and foremost, we have a new zoning administrator! Our last ZA left us in November 2020, and

it took a while to find a replacement. In mid-April, the selectboard appointed Jim Jarvis as our new ZA for a three-year term. Jim is new to zoning administration, but not to the community — i.e., he is a Hinesburg resident. Over the last two months, he has been training and coming up to speed on his permitting and compliance/enforcement responsibilities. He can be reached at jjarvis@hinesburg.org or 802-482-4213. This is a part-time position. Jim’s regular office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Our P&Z administrative assistant (Lenore Budd) retired on May 26 after nearly six years working for the town. Many of you know Lenore both from her role in the P&Z office and from her past leadership on the Hinesburg Trails Committee. Thankfully, she’s going to stay part of the municipal team in retirement. The selectboard recently appointed Lenore to fill a vacancy on the planning commission. In the meantime, we’ve begun the search for a new part-time administrative assistant who will support both the P&Z office and the town manager’s office.

Like other town office personnel, planning & zoning staff are back to working principally from the town office. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and by appointment. Complete contact information can be found on the town website at hinesburg.org/planning-zoning.



Work on the Russell Trails Turnpike Begins

BY COLIN HUNT, HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBER

National Trails Day is the Hinesburg Area Recreational Trails Committee’s annual event bringing volunteers out into the woods for a day of trail maintenance. This



Volunteers on National Trails Day.

AVCC’s 2021 Tiny Grants Fund Conservation Projects Across Vermont

Hinesburg Conservation Commission Receives Grant

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions is pleased to award the 2021 Tiny Grants to conservation commissions in the following towns: Bradford, Dummerston, Hartford, Hinesburg, Huntington, Johnson and Shrewsbury.

Tiny Grants is an AVCC initiative that provides seed money or matching funds to conservation commissions for land conservation, education and outreach, stewardship and management, and planning activities. Conservation commissions are nonregulatory bodies designed to advise planning commissions and selectboards on natural resource issues.

Grantees will receive between \$300 and \$600 to improve trails on conserved lands, document wildlife activity with trail cameras, eradicate invasive plants, encourage plant and wildlife biodiversity, and educate communities.

“Our grants may be ‘tiny,’ but their impact is not,” said Mark Nelson, AVCC board chair. “These funds help conservation commissions accomplish on-the-ground projects to protect natural resources, while engaging their communities in this vital work.”

Grant details:

Bradford — The Bradford Conservation Commission will use its Tiny Grant to purchase materials for trailside benches in the Bradford Town Forest.

Dummerston — The Dummerston Conservation Commission will use its Tiny Grant to attract monarch butterflies by planting swamp milkweed and educating the public about how to care for this species.

Hartford — The Hartford Conservation Commission will use its Tiny Grant on

training and data analysis around an amphibian road crossing project.

Hinesburg — The Hinesburg Conservation Commission will use its Tiny Grant to purchase seeds and plants and rent equipment, to create a pollinator garden.

Huntington — The Huntington Conservation Commission will use its Tiny Grant to mitigate Japanese knotweed at strategic sites.

Johnson — The Johnson Conservation Commission will use its Tiny Grant to update educational videos about the emerald ash borer.

Shrewsbury — The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission will use its Tiny Grant to purchase game cameras to survey roadside wildlife crossings.

AVCC also proudly supports the work of conservation commissions by hosting an annual summit for community volunteers engaged in planning and caring for Vermont’s natural resources. AVCC will be offering its 2021 summit online. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

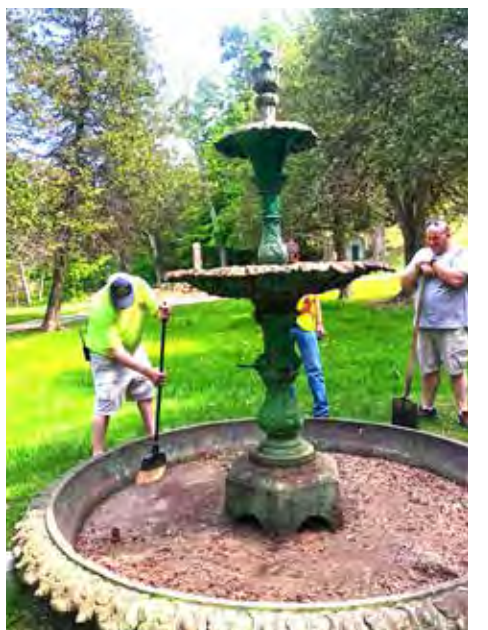
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Thank You!

BY MARY JO BRACE

A huge thanks to David Estey, Al Barber, John Lyman and the rest of the firemen fountain crew for their yearly cleaning of the fountain at the Village Cemetery and for generating the backflow needed to get the water flowing. It looks wonderful and is always done in time for Memorial Day weekend when many folks come to pay their respect and plant flowers.

Thanks also to the Hinesburg Boy Scout Troop #690 for your dedication of purchasing, placing or replacing flags on veteran’s graves in the cemetery. This effort of honoring our veterans every year is much appreciated.



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Volunteers lopping the Russell Trail on National Trails Day.



Building the Russell Trails turnpike on National Trails Day.

year’s projects included clearing brush, preparing new trails on Baldwin Road and building a turnpike in the Russell Trails network.

Preparation for these projects have been years in the making. The Perimeter Trail in the Russell Trails system has been notoriously muddy in April. Committee members Bret Gollan and Chic McArthur led the research to find the best method to alleviate soggy sections of trail. One idea included bringing an excavator into the field to dig a drainage ditch. In the end, the committee decided to emulate something Mt. Philo has been using on heavily trafficked trails: the turnpike.

The turnpike is a series of pressure treated wood boxes, kind of like elongated raised bed gardens. These beds are then staked with foot-long galvanized steel nails and filled with gravel to lift hikers up over the muddy slopes of the Perimeter Trail. Prior to National Trails Day, Chic and trails committee member Ray Mainer predrilled and dropped off 125 feet of wood to the

trailhead in preparation for the work.

On National Trails Day, a dozen volunteers gathered in the Town Hall parking lot. Six volunteers led by Chic and Bret laid out these beds and staked them into the ground. The sun was blazing, but fortunately the work was done mostly in the shade before noon. The team leveled the ground as best they could and began swinging sledge hammers to stake the turnpike into the earth. The work wasn’t easy but in three short hours the six volunteers wrapped up production with smiles and reunited with the rest of the Trails Day volunteers for some Papa Nick’s pizza. There’s nothing to build up an appetite like a day of lopping, swinging sledge hammers and clearing brush. The next step will be to fill those boxes with three cubic yards of gravel once things dry out, hopefully in the next few weeks.

The other projects were equally successful. Ray Mainer led a crew of five to remove stumps from bushes and saplings that were previously cut, for a new trail along Baldwin Road. The goal is eventually to connect the UVM parcel on that road to Leavensworth Road. And finally, a crew of seven “loppers” cut back encroaching vegetation on the Russell Trails.

The trails committee would like to thank all of the tireless volunteers who came out on National Trails Day 2021: James Goldsmith, Brian Bock, Wayne Maceyka, George Dameron, Gianetta Bertin, Merrily Lovell, Kristy McLeod, Howdy Russell, Jonathan Trefry and Ralph and Lenore Budd. And of course, a big thank you to Jane Sheldon, Ray Mainer, Chic McArthur and Bret Gollan. This day of trail maintenance couldn’t have happened without your coordination and leadership.

LEGISLATIVE

Working Together — A Session for the Record Books

HINESBURG REPRESENTATIVE
BILL LIPPETT

Working together all across the state, we are successfully reaching an 80% vaccination rate for Vermont. As a result, the governor's state of emergency can (mostly) end, his weekly COVID-19 press conferences will stop, and, most importantly, we can begin to (mostly) drop our masks, and slowly and carefully re-emerge from our months of social isolation. This is an enormous achievement for Vermont.

The COVID-19 crisis has taken an enormous toll on individuals, families, businesses, students and schools. We will never forget the hundreds of Vermonters who lost their lives, nor those of us still navigating grief or diminished health. Nevertheless, I believe that we can be proud of our accomplishments amid this devastating crisis.

We can be proud that our government has worked together on behalf of

Vermonters — work by the Legislature and the governor. Working together, the Legislature crafted, and the governor signed, the historic \$7.35 billion Budget Bill. Working together, the Legislature passed, and the governor signed, nearly 100 bills aimed at improving the lives of Vermonters — all during the historic “Zoom session.” A handful of bills were vetoed by Gov. Scott, and these will be resolved one way or another in a legislative veto session in late June.

The 2021 legislative session will certainly be remembered as one for the record books, both in terms of legislator time spent on Zoom and the vast infusion of federal aid that has come to our Green Mountain State due to the global pandemic.

What's important for you to know is that we worked diligently this session to ensure that the billions of dollars coming into the state were put to immediate and effective use in response to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition, we advocated for numerous high-impact, once-in-a-lifetime investments that will accelerate recovery with the aim of leaving no Vermonter behind.

Our just-passed fiscal year 2022 budget strengthens systems and services that increase health and well-being. It brings broadband and connectivity to rural communities. It invests in child care to

increase affordability and accessibility. It makes a massive investment in increasing affordable housing stock for low- and middle-income Vermonters. It prioritizes climate change, clean water, and begins to center racial and social equity in more of our investments. The work we have been doing this past session has been about the creation of an equitable recovery plan that invests in people and rebuilds the economy in all 14 counties.

Federal ARPA Dollars Support Vermont's Future

Spring 2021 brought Vermont \$1.052 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, and once again the Legislature focused on leaving no one behind. To the extent allowed by federal regulation, Vermont's use of ARPA dollars was defined by a focus on the well-being, present and future, of Vermont's human infrastructure.

This investment is apparent in the amounts of ARPA funding allocated in the fiscal year 2022 state budget, a total of \$599.2 million. Included, for instance, are \$109.2 million targeted to economy, workforce and communities. A total of \$99 million is targeted to housing and \$51 million to rental assistance. There is also \$150 million for broadband investments and \$52 million for technology modernization, as well as \$50 million for climate action and \$115 million for

clean water investments. ARPA dollars not “spoken for” are available for use as we have a better sense of ongoing or unanticipated needs. This flexibility is permitted by ARPA, as we have through fiscal year 2025 to use these funds.

Vermonters To Weigh In on \$600 Million ARPA Funds

Recognizing the unprecedented opportunity beyond fiscal year 2022 provided by these federal dollars, the state budget includes language describing a statewide, community-based engagement process to solicit from Vermonters their thoughts for investing in the future of our state. Outreach this summer and fall will include nontraditional public-input events which do not rely on public hearings or online options. As much as is humanly possible, participation will be facilitated and traditional barriers removed. Vermonters' recommendations will then be reported to the requisite legislative committees for budget and policy development beginning in January 2022.

Please look forward to this opportunity to help invent our future together! The general areas will include the following: health and well-being, workforce development, business supports, housing initiatives, broadband development, cli-

mate change mitigation and clean water initiatives.

Please stay in touch: Rep. Bill Lippert 802-734-0593 wlippert@leg.state.vt.us

Statement of Lt. Gov. Gray on Surpassing 80% Vaccination Milestone

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On June 14, Lt. Gov. Molly Gray released the following statement on the state surpassing the goal of vaccinating 80% of eligible Vermonters:

“As Vermont passes this critical milestone in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, never have I felt these words to be more true:

“I love Vermont ... most of all because of her indomitable people. They are a race of pioneers who have almost beggared themselves to serve others. If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the Union, and support of our institutions should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont.” [Calvin Coolidge, 1928]

“It is the hard work of Vermonters, our essential frontline workers, steadfast state leadership, family, neighbors and loved ones that have brought us to this moment. Today, we celebrate the work accomplished. Tomorrow, there is more work to be done to ensure that Vermont not only recovers from this pandemic, but recovers stronger.

“While the last year has been incredibly challenging for Vermont's working families and our rural communities, today is a reminder that brighter days are ahead for us all.”

POLICE

Incidents

May 13: 6 a.m. An officer responded to the area of Richmond Road for the report of livestock in the roadway.

10:45 a.m. A vandalism incident at the Hinesburg Community School was investigated.

11:05 a.m. Theft from a mailbox on Kelley's Field Road was investigated.

6:15 p.m. Theft from a mailbox on North Road was investigated.

May 14: 3:05 p.m. Officers responded to a residential burglary alarm on Green Street.

May 15: 1:50 p.m. An officer responded to the intersection of Route 116 and Shelburne Falls Road for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

May 16: 7 a.m. An officer investigated the report of suspicious activity on Sherman Hollow Road.

May 18: 10:55 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a vehicle identification number verification.

11:05 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with fingerprints.

2:45 p.m. Officers investigated the report of suspicious circumstances on Haystack Road.

4:30 p.m. An officer conducted a welfare check on Upper Access Road.

5:20 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN verification.

11:25 p.m. An officer responded to Leavensworth Road for the report of suspicious activity.

May 19: 10:40 a.m. A noise complaint involving barking dogs was investigated.

ed on Birchwood Drive.

11:05 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN verification.

May 20: 6:18 p.m. Officers responded to Pinecrest Road for a domestic disturbance.

May 21: 3:35 a.m. An officer investigated a commercial burglary alarm on Route 116.

12:11 p.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School for a 911 hang-up.

2:43 p.m. A report of livestock in the roadway on Silver Street was investigated.

CSWD

CSWD Receives Materials Management Grant From VT DEC

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Chittenden Solid Waste District has been awarded a grant worth \$131,200 by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, an arm of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, to be used toward capital infrastructure improvements to the Environmental Depot — CSWD's hazardous waste collection facility — and enhanced food scrap collection at CSWD Drop-Off Centers.

The grant is part of \$975,000 made available from the Solid Waste Management Assistance Fund provided by the state to help towns and solid waste planning entities implement their solid waste plans, as required by state law. CSWD received \$60,400 to convert the food scrap collection system at the district's seven drop-off centers from the current system of dozens of 65-gallon carts serviced by a private hauler to more efficient and user-friendly custom-built containers managed by CSWD.

May 22: 7:42 a.m. A burglary alarm at CVU was investigated.

1:22 p.m. Suspicious activity on Silver Street was investigated.

9:52 p.m. A noise complaint involving all-terrain vehicles on Sherman Hollow Road was investigated.

10:30 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a disabled vehicle on Route 116.

May 23: 11:17 a.m. An officer responded to Oscar's Lane for suspicious activity. One individual was cited for reckless endangerment.

8:20 p.m. Officers responded to Commerce Street for the report of a stolen vehicle.

May 24: 2 a.m. An officer responded to a commercial burglary alarm on

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staff. In addition to increasing capacity and reducing ongoing costs, the change will also give CSWD the capacity and flexibility to explore piloting innovative centralized collection programs with member communities. The grant represents 40% of the project costs, with CSWD matching the remaining 60%.

CSWD will apply the remaining \$70,800 award to a much-needed overhaul of the 1990s-era biosolids building that has housed the district's Environmental Depot, a hazardous waste collection facility in South Burlington since 2003. Structural changes will add more than 1,500 square feet of usable space. This will enable the district to reunite the nationally recognized Local Color recycled paint and hazardous waste programs under one roof and recognize innumerable labor, material, fuel and operational efficiencies as well as savings in facility lease costs.

“CSWD manages more than 600,000 pounds of hazardous waste and paint collected from residents and qualifying businesses, and roughly 690 tons of food scraps collected just from residents at our drop-off centers each year,” said Josh Tyler, CSWD's director of Operations. “We will use these funds to implement changes to CSWD's food scrap, hazardous waste and paint collection programs so they can continue to grow and meet our residents' and businesses' needs well into the future,” added Tyler.

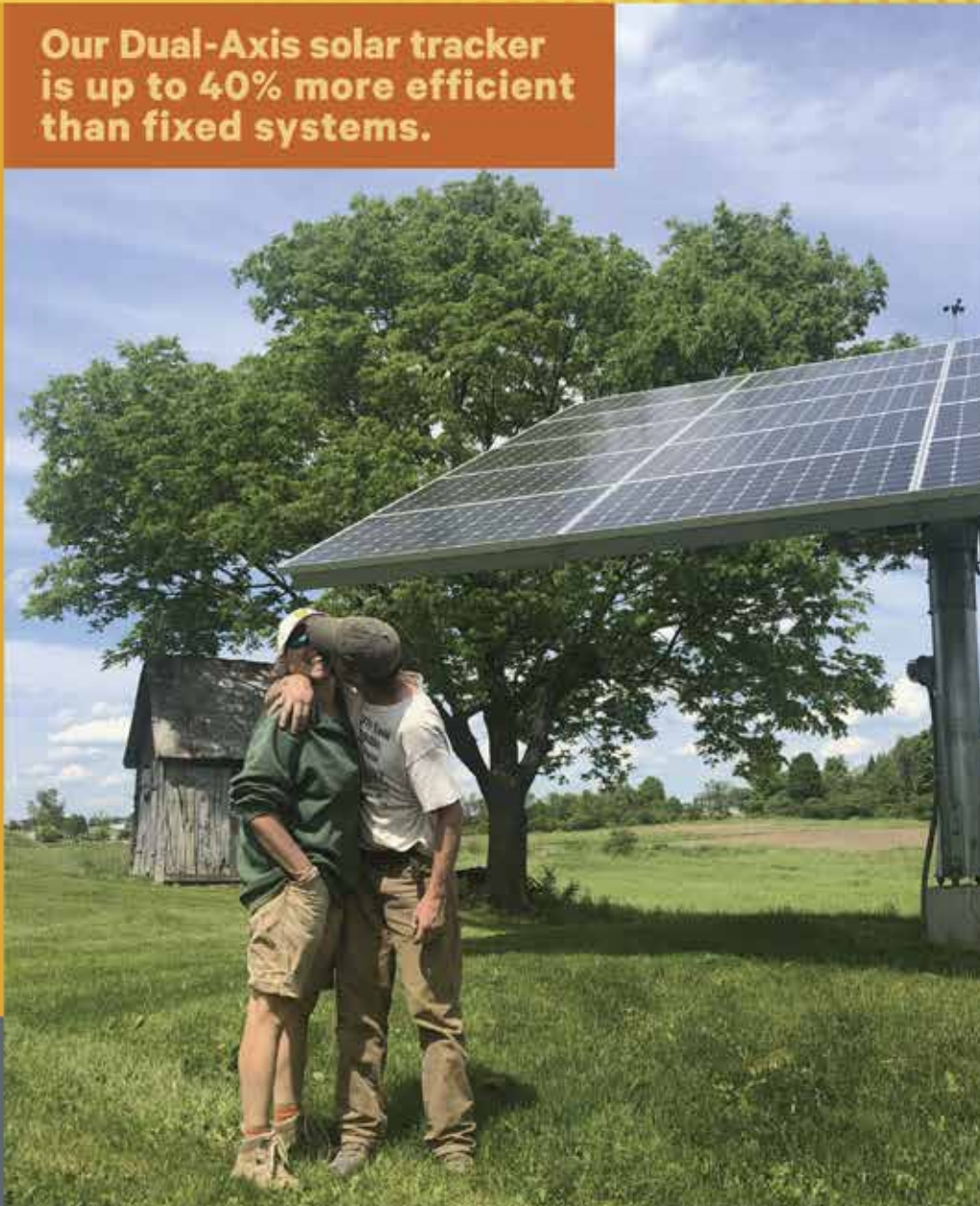
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Police

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Ballard's Corner Road.

8:15 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen on Burritt Road with a civil issue.

May 25: 8:05 p.m. An officer assisted state police in St. George with a domestic disturbance. One individual was arrested for domestic assault.

May 26: 8:42 a.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

3:41 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road.

May 27: 6:54 p.m. Officers responded to the CVU parking lot for the report of a fight in progress.

May 28: 2:30 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN verification.

3:30 p.m. An animal abuse case was reported and is under investigation.

3:41 p.m. An officer responded to Village Heights Road for the report of suspicious activity.

10:10 p.m. Officers responded to Ballard's Corner Road for the report of suspicious activity.

May 30: 1:25 p.m. An animal abuse case was reported and investigated.

5:51 p.m. Officers responded to Burritt Road for a domestic disturbance.

9:40 p.m. A noise complaint involving fireworks on Charlotte Road was investigated.

June 1: 3:02 a.m. An officer responded to Lewis Creek Road for a residential burglary alarm.

8:05 a.m. Officers assisted with a single-car motor vehicle crash in Monkton.

8:21 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Birchwood Drive.

June 2: 6:35 p.m. Officers responded to Shelburne Falls Road for a single-car motor vehicle crash.

June 3: 7:50 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout at CVU.

June 4: 9:08 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout on Farnall Drive.

10:58 a.m. Officers responded to Shelburne Falls Road for a single-car motor vehicle crash. A death investigation is ongoing.

12:40 p.m. Officers responded to North Road to assist first responders with a combative individual.

2:15 p.m. Officers responded to North Road for a 911 hang-up.

4:25 p.m. Officers trespassed an individual from a residence on North Road.

9:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a custody issue.

June 5: 8:40 a.m. Vandalism to a business on Commerce Street was reported and is under investigation.

1:25 p.m. Officers responded to a burglary alarm activation on CVU Road.

1:30 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116. The operator was cited for driving with a criminally suspended driver's license.

7:37 p.m. Officers responded to Charlotte Rd. for a domestic disturbance.

8:58 p.m. An officer assisted Shelburne Police Department with locating an individual for a welfare check.

June 6: 1:30 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 and Charlotte Road for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

June 7: 7 a.m. Vandalism to a business on Richmond Road was reported and is under investigation.

5 p.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

6 p.m. Vandalism to a business on Commerce Street was reported and is under investigation.

June 8: 8:40 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a custody issue.

1:30 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a VIN verification.

FIRE

Chief Barber — 43 Years of Service

Congratulations and thank you to Chief Al Barber for over 50 years in the fire service, over 40 years with Hinesburg and over 20 years as Hinesburg's fire chief.

Al lived in Ferrisburgh until 1963 when his family moved to St. George. He and Diane were married in 1974 and moved to Hinesburg in 1975. They had two girls, Jessica and Katie, who are now living in town and raising their five children.

He was employed with International Cheese as an electrician and was promoted to head of maintenance. After leaving International Cheese, he worked for Wyeth Nutritional in Georgia for a short time. In 1983, he went to work for the state of Vermont Department of

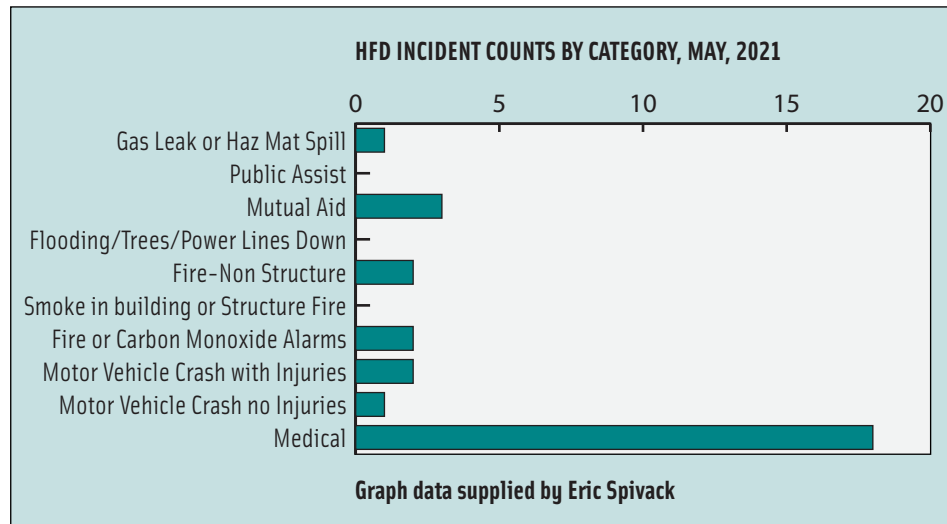
Labor and Industry, where he was employed as a ski lift safety inspector until his retirement a few years ago.

Within the fire department, Al came up through the ranks holding the positions of second lieutenant and assistant chief. He became the fourth chief of the Hinesburg Fire Department when Bernard Giroux stepped down in 1999.

Over the years, Al has seen many changes in the department. When he started, the apparatus consisted of (old) Engine 1, a 1945 Ford; Old Engine 2, a 1972 International; a 1969 GMAC Tanker; and a 1956 Ford Tanker. The department now has a mini pumper, rescue pumper, engine, tanker, medical response unit and an ambulance on order. Call volume has more than doubled to over 400 fire and medical calls each year. The department currently has 50 members who are trained as firefighters or emergency medical technicians.



Al Barber



HFD responded to 29 calls in May.

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

In addition to his duties as fire chief, Al has sat on numerous state and local committees which included the Vermont Fire Service Training Council, State Emergency Response Commission and Vermont Communications Board of which he chaired the Technical Subcommittee, Chittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee and Chittenden County Mutual Aid System. He was a member of several state working groups. Al is still involved with some of these committees.

Within Hinesburg, Al has served on the town safety committee, the Community School and CVU High School safety committees and is the town emergency manager.

On June 9, 2012, Alton Barber received the governor's Adult Volunteer Service Award for Outstanding Community Service. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service that has made an impact within the community.

Over three years ago, when St. Michael's Rescue notified Hinesburg that they would no longer be able to provide ambulance transport service, Al was instrumental in organizing department members in looking at options for ambulance transport. After the town approved of starting a town-operated transport ambulance, he has kept, and continues to keep, the ambulance committee on track so the de-

partment and town are ready when the ambulance arrives.

The members of Hinesburg Fire Department greatly appreciate all the time and work Al has put in to, and on behalf of, the fire department. We look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role as a senior firefighter/engineer.

Call Log

During May, there were 18 medical calls with 12 patients transported.

May 2: Shelburne Fire requested mutual aid from Hinesburg, South Burlington and Charlotte for a report of a barn fire at the Bread & Butter Farm off of Cheese Factory Road. The fire was in a hay shed, with no other structures involved. Hinesburg Fire Department responded with Engine 1, Tanker 1 and six members.

May 3: 7:03 a.m. HFD was dispatched to Green Street for a gas odor. The cause was found to be a backup of sewer gas. A property maintenance person was on scene and had already requested a technician be dispatched. Engine 1 and four members responded.

May 4: HFD and Hinesburg Police Department were dispatched at 10:18

p.m. to Route 116 at Tyler Bridge Road for a report of a motor vehicle accident. On arrival, a vehicle was found in the ditch off the east side of Route 116. The operator stated that they took the turn from Tyler Bridge too wide, causing the right-side tires to catch the soft shoulder and the vehicle slid off.

One person was treated for minor injuries by Hinesburg EMTs and transported by St. Michael's.

Engine 1, Engine 3 and Med 100 responded with 11 members.

May 9: At 3:55 p.m. Charlotte Fire requested Shelburne, Hinesburg and Ferrisburgh to Dorset Street Extension for a report of a propane tank leak. A vehicle struck the fill valve of a 1,000-gallon buried propane tank, breaking the valve and coming to rest on top of the pipe.

A tanker shuttle was established for water supply and hose lines were deployed using a fog pattern spray to disburse the outflowing propane.

Hinesburg responded with Engine 1, Tanker 1 and eight members.

May 10: Dispatched to 8066 Route 2A in St. George for a reported vehicle fire. The first arriving member determined it was smoke from the engine compartment. Engine 1 responded with four members.

May 12: Dispatched to Mulberry Lane for a fire alarm sounding. It was determined to be a faulty detector.

May 14: Dispatched to Crow Hill Road for an alarm sounding. On arrival, it was determined there was no one home. Dispatch was asked to contact the security company and try to locate the homeowner. While waiting, re-

sponders checked the house from the outside and did not see any indication of smoke.

Engine 1, Engine 3, Tanker 1 and Med 100 responded with four members. Engine 1 and Tanker 1 were placed back in service after the initial investigation. Engine 3 and Med 100 remained on scene for the homeowner and performed a more thorough check of the residence. There was nothing found. The cause appeared to be a faulty detector.

May 14: Dispatched at 8:53 p.m. for a report of an unknown type of fire on Route 2A near Beliveau Road. It was determined to be a bonfire at a residence.

May 18: Dispatched to Route 116 and South Brownell Road for a report of a truck rollover. Responders arrived to find a Budget rental truck had gone off the west side of South Brownell just north of the intersection. The driver was assisted in extricating the vehicle and checked by Hinesburg EMTs. The driver refused transport.

Hinesburg remained on scene while Rick's Towing removed the truck. Engine 1, Med 100 and eight members responded.

May 20: Dispatched for a motor vehicle crash on Route 2A at the Williston town line. Two persons were treated by Hinesburg EMTs. One was transported by St. Michael's and the second refused transport.

Engine 1, Med 100 and four members responded.

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BUSINESS

Thank You, Rain News From Red Wagon Plants

BY JULIE RUBAUD

There should be a word for that feeling you get when walking through a freshly rained upon garden after a long period of dryness. Whatever that word is, the plants are definitely saying it right now.

I am very excited to share with you a few in-person events that we have scheduled for the summer. You can find all the info and register at shop.redwagonplants.com/shop/events/35.

We want to make a container garden in a wooden crate with you, in person.

We want to talk chicories and radicchios with you, in person.

We want to take a deep dive into harvesting and processing medicinal herbs with you, in person.

And best of all, we want to do a plant walk around our gardens, herb farm and greenhouses with you on the first Thursday of the month, starting July 1. RWP team members will show you some garden techniques, you can ask **all** of the questions, and leave armed with a project to do at home. You will see behind the scenes, we will show you our wins and losses, and together, will be part of a lovely garden community. Free and open to all.

The website has all the info you need, and we will send out more details prior to each event. We have shut down the virtual programming for now. I am so grateful for all of the Zooming we did together. Now, let's enjoy each other's company face to face.

In the Garden

- Keeping up with the weeds after the rain is a priority. They will all bounce up and make a carpet in no time. For best results, cultivate when the weeds are young, once the soil has dried out.



Verbena bonariensis is the perfect plant to tuck into little micro-openings in the vegetable garden. It has tall wiry stems topped with purple blooms that nod in the breeze, and they self-seed so the joy will continue next year. They look great with zinnias, poppies and scabiosa, as pictured above, all available at our Hinesburg greenhouse.

- Fertilize onions, leeks and shallots because this is when they put on the most growth. I use Compost Plus and water once or twice with fish emulsion during the weeks of late June and early July.
- Stake and prune tomatoes. Keep the suckers pinched off, and the foliage off the ground. Doing this now will keep the plants disease free for much longer. If you have not yet, I recommend mulching under the plants to keep the soil from splashing up on the leaves since this is one of the ways disease can spread. We will show you how to do this on our July 1 Plant Walk.
- Now is a great time to put in a strawberry or asparagus patch. We have both available as bare root stock and our retail team can explain how to do it if you are not sure.
- I have planted all the required staples such as tomatoes, peppers, squash,

etc., and now I am ready to plant the electives. This week it is the cut flower garden. I have the following combos planned for different spots in the new display garden (which you can see on our First Thursday Plant Walks).

- Marble arch mix salvia, cosmos, Benary's giant white zinnia - Verbena bonariensis, Benary's giant mix and state fair mix zinnias and Rudbeckia hirta (black-eyed Susan)
- Statice, strawflower, gomphrena, celosia, amaranth (all for drying)
- Sunflowers — a crazy mix of all of our varieties

And please remember to enjoy the garden. Our season is short, so don't let the garden stress you out. All gardens are good, no matter how weedy or buggy. The garden is a guilt-free zone.

Financial Focus: Don't Let Investments Go on Vacation

FROM EDWARD JONES PRESS RELEASE

Now that we've gained at least some space from the COVID-19 pandemic, summer travel is heating up. But while you might be eager to hit the road, you won't want your investments to take a vacation — you need them to work hard for you consistently. But how can you make this happen?

Here are some ideas:

- Know your destination. "If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." This bit of wisdom, paraphrased from the classic children's book, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," may be appropriate for, say, hikers exploring a new landscape. But as an investor, it matters a great deal which path you take. If you only dabble in investing, occasionally putting some money into one investment or another, it will be difficult to build a portfolio that's consistently working in your best interest. It's important to create a long-term investment strategy based on where you want to go in life — that is, how long you plan to work, what sort of retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.



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- Match goals with investments. Some investments are designed to achieve certain goals. To illustrate, when you contribute to an individual retirement account and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you're investing for one specific, long-term goal: a comfortable retirement. While you can tap into these accounts for other purposes — though doing so might incur immediate taxes and penalties — they are designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. Similarly, you may have other investments for other purposes, such as a 529 education savings plan. Here's the key point: Goals-based investing, by its nature, can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

- Invest for growth. Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is growth — that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are over-concentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and Treasury bills are in some sense "lazy." They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.
- Check your progress. How else can you ensure your investments aren't just taking it easy? By checking up on them. If you follow a buy-and-hold strategy, your portfolio shouldn't require many changes if it already reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Too much buying and selling could jeopardize your ability to follow a consistent, long-term strategy. However, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." By reviewing your portfolio at least once a year, you can determine if your investments are performing as they should. If they're not working for you as you'd like, you may need to make some changes.

If you're traveling this summer, relax and enjoy yourself — but keep those investments working hard.

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RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

July 4th Returns! 2021 Theme — Hinesburg Strong

In lieu of selecting one grand marshal for this year's parade, the Hinesburg Recreation Commission recognizes the entire Hinesburg community for their strength and endurance over the past year and a half. We are Hinesburg Strong!

Saturday, July 3:

6 p.m. — Hilly Hobbles Foot Race registration begins in front of Hinesburg Community School.

6:30 p.m. — 10K begins at bottom of Buck Hill Road West.

7 p.m. — 5K begins at bottom of Buck Hill Road West.

7:10 p.m. — Kids' (12 years and under) 2K race begins at Veteran's Park — Good Times Café. Dress up in Independence Day attire to celebrate. Race finishes in Veteran's Park.

Sunday, July 4:

11 a.m. — Parade assembly begins at bottom of Buck Hill Road West and Route 116. Register your float or organization at hinesburgrec.com.

Please note that Route 116 is closed 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Noon — Parade starts at bottom of Buck Hill Road West and Route 116, follows through village, turning onto Mechanicsville Road.

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Lawn Party. Lawn games like corn hole and tether ball, a dunking booth, bocce courts and music with food and beverage being served. Please note the restaurant will not be serving dinner on July 4.

Dusk — Fireworks behind HCS. Vendors are Mac's Sugar Shack, Fried Dough and Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream.

Up-to-date schedule of events and parade registration at hinesburgrec.com. Contact HRD hinesburgrec@gmail.com or 802-482-4208.

Concerts in the Park

They're back! Hinesburg Recreation Commission presents Summer Concerts in the Park. There's no need to leave town to hear great music ... lots of talented performers perform right here in Hinesburg, so come enjoy this tradition that's been going on for over 20 years. Grab a blanket or chair, some snacks, and a few friends and enjoy a free concert in the park — a great community event with lots of space to distance or connect. See you there!

July 14 — Rodney Putnam

July 21 — Mango Jam

July 28 — Atlantic Crossing

Aug. 4 — Hinesburg Community Band

Aug. 11 — About Time

Aug. 18 — The Sixth Finger of Jazz

No rain dates.

Classes and Camps

Register for classes at hinesburgrec.com.

Tennis Lessons with Myles

Hinesburg Community School courts. Dates: July 19-23. Beginner 4-5 p.m. Cost: \$85.

Youth Summer Soccer

Hinesburg resident Mike Webb will

share his love of the game while organizing ongoing pickup soccer to co-ed kids ages 6-10 on Wednesday afternoons at Millie's Field at the Bissonette Recreation Area.

This pickup style program allows participants the flexibility to attend as their schedules allow through the summer. Each week will consist of playing scrimmage-style soccer games with a focus on having fun.

Registration is required prior to participation. Participants can join anytime. Space may be limited.

Ages: 6-10. Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 25, 4-5 p.m. Millie's Field, Bissonette Recreation Area. Fees: \$0 but you must register at hinesburgrec.com.

Hinesburg Adult Co-Ed Pickup Soccer

Monday afternoons at Millie's Field at the Bissonette Recreation Area.

This pickup style program allows participants the flexibility to attend as their schedules allow through the summer. Each week will consist of playing scrimmage-style soccer games with a focus on having fun.

Registration is required prior to participation. Participants can join anytime.

Ages: 18 and older. Mondays through Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Millie's Field, Bissonette Recreation Area. Fees: \$0 but you must register at hinesburgrec.com.

Summer Golf Camps

with new Cedar Knoll golf pro Mike Slayton

Tuesdays through Friday from 9-noon. 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@gmail.com. Private lessons: \$100 per hour, three-lesson series is \$270, five-lesson series is \$400.

Website: carpentercarse.org

Email: library@carpentercarse.org

July & August at the Library

Beginning in July, you can visit the library without an appointment. We

are still asking library visitors to wear masks when in our shared space to ensure the safety of young people who are not able to get the vaccine. We may re-evaluate this policy as the summer goes on, check out website for the latest.

New adult books here or on the way: "The Other Black Girl" by Zakiya Dalila

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Harris, “With Teeth” by Kristen Arnett, “Golden Girl” by Elin Hilderbrand, Emily Henry’s “People We Meet on Vacation,” Jennifer Weiner’s “That Summer,” Chandler Baker’s “The Husband,” Bill Clinton and James Patterson’s “The President’s Daughter,” Michael Pollan’s “This is Your Mind on Plants,” and Sara Nisha Adams’ “The Reading List.”

Adult Programming

Updates and further details about library events can be found on our website’s program calendar. To sign up for any of the below programs, ask questions or discuss accommodation needs, please reach out to programming librarian Meg Malone (meg@carpentercarse.org).

Mondays*, 10 a.m.-noon Have a morning of creativity and conversation with Hands and Needles. Bring whatever project you are working on — quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc. This adult program will be meeting outdoors in the summer, on the side of the library building. (*The library will be closed on Monday, July 5.) **Wednesday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m.** The morning book group will be meeting to discuss “A Beautiful Place to Die” by Malla Nunn. Request a copy from the library.

Thursday, July 15 at 6:45 p.m. Show off your skills during an hour of (low-key) Zoom trivia on a mix of topics, with a prize for the winning player or team.

Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. The evening book group will meet to discuss Jacqueline Woodson’s novel “Red at the Bone.” Request a copy from the library.

Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 10:30 a.m. The morning book group will be meeting to discuss Ellen Raskin’s “The Westing Game.” Request a copy from the library.

Thursday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a special offline and outdoor version of CCL’s trivia night — and this time it’s going to be all about Vermont. Some history, some pop culture, some geography ... we’ll try to hit a little bit of everything related to the Green Mountain State. Pack a picnic and join us just outside the library for some friendly competition. There will be a prize for the winning player/team, plus dessert for attendees.

Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. The evening book group will meet to discuss the novel “Go, Went, Gone” by Jenny Erpenbeck and translated by Susan Bernofsky. Request a copy from the library.



A book club meeting outside.

Youth Programming

Weekly Outdoor Storytime

Come join the fun and learning on Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m. for outdoor storytime at the library! We will meet every Tuesday morning throughout the summer either on our covered patio or on the lawn to the left of the library. For now, we are asking adults and children over 2 years old to wear masks when arriving to storytime, but everyone can remove masks once settled outdoors. Library storytimes are designed for children ages infancy-6 and their caregivers. Join us for picture books, songs and movement, rhymes and simple crafts that are designed to promote early literacy skills in a fun, safe and friendly environment! Storytime is followed by snacks, coffee and outdoor or indoor book browsing. Please email jen@carpentercarse.org with any questions.

Summer Storywalk

Visit us all summer long for monthly Storywalks at the library. Storywalks



Storytime under the porch.

are an outdoor installation of laminated storybook pages that you read while walking along with your children. A new story will be posted on the library grounds each month for your family to read while getting outside and enjoying our summer weather! Storywalks are self-guided and can be enjoyed even when the library is closed. Please call us at 802-482-2878 with any questions.

2021 Summer Reading Club

Join us every Wednesday in July for a different Summer Reading Club event that ties into our Summer Reading theme this year, “Tails and Tales.” All ages are welcome, and all activities are free. Registration is required and you can read event descriptions and sign up for Summer Reading Club activities on our website (carpentercarse.org). All sessions are from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 7: “Tell an Animal Tale Through Dance!” presented by Ashley Hensel-Browning of “Dance with Ashley”

Wednesday, July 14: “Meet the Violin Family!” presented by Vermont cellist and author, Melissa Perley.

Wednesday, July 21: “Swallowtails” presented by Vermont educator and creator of Morpho Productions, Jerry Schneider.

Wednesday, July 28: “Becoming an Animal Detective: What Tales Do Tracks Tell?” presented by naturalist and educator from Four Winds Nature Institute, Ellen Gawarkiewicz.

ly going to cause these problems in the future,” Silverman said.

In an effort to combat the event’s homogenous turnout, Silverman and her fellow peers reached out to all CVU sports teams, hung posters across greater Burlington and posted on social media to spread the word. Silverman is planning on making this an annual event, and will continue to brainstorm ways to diversify the turnout.

Bunting agreed, and said the school is also working on diversifying turnout.

“One of our goals next year is increasing the number of those who identify as male in our social justice groups. I think that needs to start with modeling,” said Bunting. “So, I actually have a meeting next week with the head of our social justice lines and the two of us are going to be talking about ways in which we can create some pull energy to get more of our males involved in this discussion.”

“I just hope,” Bunting said, “Our students know that the leaders in this building are with them in this.”

Editor’s note: This article was written by Joia Putnoi, a student at the University of Vermont and a reporter for the Community News Service, a student-powered partnership with local community newspapers.

EDUCATION



Sarah Sargent (center), recipient of the Golden Apple Award, with Peggy-Sue Van Nostrand, SCS director of special education; and Meagan Roy, CVSD director of Student Support Services.

CVSD Special Educators and Team Honored

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

Champlain Valley School District is proud to announce that several special education team members have been honored by the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators as the 2021 recipients of the team and individual Golden Apple Award. The Golden Apple Award is presented each spring to one individual and one team who have shown exemplary advocacy in support of students with disabilities. The award honors professionals who:

- Focus on student strengths in the development of programs or activities that maximize students’ potential
- Actively create opportunities for students with disabilities to be fully engaged as members of the school community
- Participate and contribute to a collaborative team process
- Demonstrate resourcefulness in meeting student needs, and
- Demonstrate compassion and respect for students, family members and all members of the school community.

Sarah Sargent, Shelburne Community School special educator, was nominated by her teaching team for her professionalism and masterful skill at creating opportunities for all students to be meaningfully engaged on their team. One of her nominators shared that “In a year fraught with uncertainty, anxiety and more complexity than ever, I cannot think of another educator who has worked as tirelessly as Sarah. Her passion for special education and inclusivity, her belief in all of her students, and the support she provides our team and our school deserve recognition.”

The CVSD Consultation Team (Jennifer Randall, Cindy Cole, Katey Wisse, Janelle Moynihan, Tracy Titchner and Ali Karmosky) is a multidisciplinary group of professionals who provide indi-

vidual team consultations, faculty and staff trainings, and systems-level analysis to all Champlain Valley Schools to support students with significant or low-incidence disabilities. From the nomination: “Over the course of my career, I have had the privilege to work with countless professionals who make a difference each and every day in the lives of their students; [this] team of professionals stand out as the epitome of what your committee is seeking to recognize with the Golden Apple Award. As a result of their leadership and expertise, we have countless students whose programming is more fully engaged in the classroom and whose teams work more collaboratively together.”

CVU “Brews” Awareness Around Teen Mental Health

FROM PRESS RELEASE

This semester Champlain Valley Union’s Cohort One Principles of Business class started a short-term business called CVBrew to raise money for Project Hoepfner. They were

tasked with coming up with a business idea and pursuing it for the remainder of the school year. After much deliberation, they decided to develop a maple-brew cold coffee product. Instead of working individually or in smaller groups, as a class they decided to collaborate. With lots of planning, hard work and community support, they were able to make their business idea a reality. Thanks to Shelburne Sugarworks, they had an amazing location to sell their homemade coffee three weekends in a row. In addition, they sold at various CVU sporting events. They raised \$1,500 for Project Hoepfner as a result of this hard work.

When deciding where they wanted the money to go, they took the time to think about their values. This past

year, especially, mental health has been something many students have struggled with. When the idea of supporting Project Hoepfner came up, they thought it would be the perfect fit. Project Hoepfner is a local non-profit started by CVU parents Joe and Sue Hoepfner, whose mission is to “Increase awareness around the catastrophe that is teen suicide.” Not only did Project Hoepfner’s mission align with the class’s values, they also liked the idea that it was a local organization started by fellow CVU community members. The class reached out to Joe, and he was excited to support their project.

This project was a huge team effort. Every member of the class played a crucial role in the success of the busi-

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the Student ACT club. The campaign amended the school’s sexual assault reporting process by making it more respectful to survivors.

According to student and “Take Back the Night” organizer Eva Frazier, the revamping of CVU’s reporting process has been in motion since January. She remarks that the school has seen a large increase in reporting since those changes were made.

After hearing about this campaign, Silverman became interested in holding an event centered around supporting survivors in her community. In collaboration with her friends and classmates, Take Back the Night began to be pieced together.

“I needed there to be an event to unleash this rage,” said Silverman when asked what sparked her motivation.

“My most important focus,” said Silverman, “is to empower survivors and allies and show that we are here and we are not giving up.”

“This is not a one-school scenario,” she said. “People may think that living in Vermont, it’s different here, that the administration is going to listen to you and be super respectful and caring toward your time, and then you are just kind of hit with the awful realization that it is no different here.”

CVU Principal Adam Bunting is working closely with his community to ensure that the school is a safe place for survivors, he said.

“The students have really helped us address some of those, you know, I’d say blind spots,” said Bunting. “For example, how much courage it takes to go forward and speak up. And even some of the challenges that are like, ‘Well, who do I go to to feel safe with?’”

The school put up posters with scannable QR codes (two-dimensional barcodes) that go right to the harassment, hazing and bullying form that is seen immediately by an administrator, Bunting said.

The school now offers advocates for students going through the reporting process, Bunting said, as well as adding two diversity, equity and inclusion coaches to the school’s faculty.

Bunting said he recognizes that these changes are oftentimes incited by students.

“One of the things that I’ve really heard clearly from my students too, is that they don’t want to be in a position of always pushing the school to be doing this. If it’s truly a partnership, then where is the adult leadership from this all the time?” said Bunting.



Photo by Joia Putnoi.

In an attempt to bridge this gap, CVU recently received the funding to hire a justice, equity, diversity and inclusion coordinator for the 2021-2022 academic year. The position will also serve as a Title IX coordinator as well as an advocate for students going through the reporting process.

Silverman reflects on the difficulty of reaching her CVU community beyond her circle of female allies.

“I wanted to reach outside the Social Justice Alliance. They know the importance of this topic,” she says. However, the absence of other social groups, especially those participated in by male classmates, is hard to look past, she said.

“Some people might not really grasp this or not feel any sense of attachment to this issue, even though that is the group of people that are most like-

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ness. From making the coffee, to labeling cups, to marketing on social media, to logistics, to selling the coffee — everyone had a role. Students found it rewarding to apply the skills they learned in class to a real-world environment. They met many obstacles along the way, but they were able to work through and learn from them. This project will definitely be an unforgettable experience, and they could not have done it without the support of the community; specifically, Project Hoepfner for the T-shirts they donated and their support, Shelburne Sugarworks for giving them a great location to sell the coffee, and Russell Kramer at Hacienda La Minita for donating time and coffee.

The students behind this project: Shahin Ardesb, Holden Bachelder,



Principles of Business Students selling their cold brew at Shelburne Sugarworks.

Jack Biggins, Riley Clos, Zach Doane, Hiwot Eshete, Shane Gorman, Hayden Hilgerdt, Braedon Jones, Rae Kanarick, Henry Kramer and Nolan Shea. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of their teacher, Tamie-Jo Dickinson!



Students raised \$1,500 for Project Hoepfner.

Looking Back on a Unique Year at ACCESS CVU

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Wow! The spring semester at Access CVU has come to a close. We are so thankful to have made it through this strange year. And proud that we offered over 170 classes and welcomed over 1,700 registrations. We couldn't have done it without the support of our community — so thank you for taking classes, sharing kind feedback and sending donations when you could. It kept us going to know that we were continuing to provide you a way to connect with the community whether in a virtual or outdoor class. We strive to be the place to go when you are looking to move your body, get creative or learn a new skill!

Planning for the fall is underway and we're looking forward to welcoming you back into the building for classes at CVU, as well as continuing to offer some online classes. Some highlights for the fall include the following:

- Cooking classes will be offered in our newly renovated kitchen!
- Offering a new Darkroom Photography class where students will learn the basics of using a manual film camera, developing film and



In an ACCESS CVU Botanical Dyeing class, students learned techniques for dyeing natural fabrics with plant materials.




printing images.

- Hosting Craft Fairs at CVU once again; they are scheduled for Oct. 16 and Nov. 27.

Look for fall registration to open on Friday, Aug. 27, and classes will start mid-September. What are your class wishes? Do you know of a great instructor we should add to our lineup? Do you have a special talent that you want to share with the community? Call 802-482-7194 or email access@cvsdvt.org. We are particularly interested in teachers in the following areas: cooking, art/craft experiences for adults and kids, hip hop dance, and high-intensity interval training/strength training.

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Spring 2021 SCHIP Awards Announced

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Project (commonly referred to as SCHIP) has announced its Spring 2021 grant awards. Recent monies in the amount of \$14,060 were awarded to six nonprofits in our towns that met the criteria of serving the people of our communities in a variety of ways. The recipients for this cycle included: COTS, Vermont Parks Forever, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, Shader Croft School, Shelburne Rescue, and YWCA Camp Hochelaga.

These awards are made possible as a result of SCHIP's mission to raise funds through the sale of donated, gently used clothing, household items, accessories, art and collectibles at its resale

shop in the distinctive yellow building on Route 7, next to the town offices. Since the first grants were given in April 2005, more than \$764,000 has been distributed.

SCHIP accepts grant applications twice a year. The deadlines are April 15 and Oct. 15 of each year. The maximum grant size is \$3,000. Application forms are available on the "Contacts" page at schipstreasure.org.

As a member of our communities, you too are an intimate part of our mission. Come shop, donate, volunteer and help us continue to meet our objectives for the future. For more information on grant recipients or the organization, please visit our website or our Facebook page (SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop) or call the shop for volunteer or donation inquiries at 802-985-3595.

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SPORTS

First Annual CVU Redhawks Girls' Basketball Golf Tournament

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Please mark this date on your calendar and join us on Sept. 26 at Cedar Knoll Country Club in Hinesburg for the first annual CVU Redhawks Girls' Basketball Golf Tournament. Registration includes greens fees, cart rental, food (a light breakfast, lunch, appetizers and cash bar,) raffle prizes and a great view for the sunset. The cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per foursome who register by Sept. 1. Players will also have a chance to win a car from Goss Dodge if they make a hole-in-one on the designated hole. To sign up for your spot or register a foursome, contact Amy Armstrong at amyarmstrong@hotmail.com.

CVU Girls' Basketball is hosting its first annual Golf Scramble to raise money to support the program. We hope this will become an annual tradition where friends and family can enjoy good-spirited competition while raising money for a worthy cause.

CVU is the preeminent girls' basketball program in the state of Vermont, winning six state championships in the past nine years, and accumulating a 210-11 record over the past decade. The program serves over 30 girls each year, teaching them the importance of teamwork, discipline, maximum effort and sportsmanship. We produce confident, determined young women ready for the challenges of college and career. The fundraising provides money for players to attend team camp and tournaments in the summer, and allows us

to offer scholarship money to children attending our CVU Girls' Basketball Camp. It lets us provide practice gear and warm-ups to all members of the program, to celebrate the seniors in style, and to reward excellence at the end of the season.

Former Hinesburg resident Tom Hart and CVU Teacher/Coach Breaks 4 world records.

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday June 13th in Fair Lawn New Jersey Tom Hart, broke and set 4 World records in Strict Curl with the 100% Raw Power Lifting Association. Tom's first attempt set a new world record lifting 101 lbs. and then continued to lift 103 lbs., 105 lbs. and finally ended his ascendancy at 107 lbs.

Tom Hart taught at CVU for 35 years. He was the Founder/ Director of Life Program (an off campus educational program) for 27 of those years and former Soft Ball coach.

Tom (78 years old) competed in the 75-79 age group, 181 weight class for the 100% Raw Powerlifting Association. Tom currently holds 3 World and National records in Strict Curl and 8 Vermont Strict Curl and Bench Press records. Ed Kutin, Executive Rules Committee Chairman stated, "Mr. Hart's record in the 181 lb class has stood since September 2014, and his record at 220 has stood since March, 2018." Tom Hart has broken 8 World and National Strict Curl records in the past 7 years and plans to continue his streak.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering, Shelburne; Ascension Lutheran Church, South Burlington; Charlotte Congregational Church; Hinesburg United Church; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Charlotte; Shelburne United Methodist Church; St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Shelburne; St. Jude's Catholic Church, Hinesburg; Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne; Vermont Zen Center, Shelburne.

Selectboard Endorses Campaign for Water Quality Protection

BY LINDA PATTERSON, LAND USE PLANNER AND WATER QUALITY EDUCATOR, LAKE CHAMPLAIN SEA GRANT

On May 5, 2021, the Hinesburg Selectboard voted unanimously to endorse the Raise the Blade lawn care campaign (lawntolake.org, then click "Raise the Blade"). With support from the Hinesburg Conservation Commission, the selectboard officially recognized the value of raising the blade on town lawnmowers to three inches and leaving the grass clippings on the lawn. These practices help reduce stormwater runoff into our lakes and streams.

Grass cut at three inches grows longer roots, creating air pockets that allow for more rain absorption. Clippings left on the lawn decompose, serving as a natural fertilizer for healthy soils. Healthy soils act like a sponge, soaking up, filtering and storing rainwater and snowmelt. Cutting only about one-third of the length of the grass at each mowing adds other benefits: grass conserves energy for growing strong roots, and the clippings decompose more quickly.

Bob Wahl, of Wahl Landscaping, mows several areas around Hinesburg. Wahl cuts the grass at three inches wherever possible because he believes it is better for the health of the grass.

"Lawns don't suffer 'burn' as quickly in dry weather, longer grass shades out weeds, and thicker grass helps prevent erosion," said Wahl, who believes that as people learn of the benefits for their lawns and for the environment, more will adopt the practices. This will take time, as many of his customers "still prefer the 90% short look," but he thinks the benefits will soon result in a new approach to lawn care.

To help provide maximum publicity for this important campaign, Raise the Blade signs will be placed around town on lawns mowed at three inches. Raise the Blade informational brochures will be available in several locations.

Hinesburg has joined a growing list of municipalities and businesses committed to following the practices. Participants include Shelburne, Hyde Park and South Burlington and more than a dozen businesses including Bibens Ace Hardware, Lake Champlain Chocolates, Coldwell Banker Hickok & Boardman Realty, and many more. Campaign organizers hope that home-

owners and residential property managers will be encouraged by the commitment of these participants to "raise the blade" for their own lawns. Across the lake, the city of Plattsburgh recently included Raise the Blade information to 8,000 water bill recipients.

The Raise the Blade campaign is part of Lawn to Lake, a collaboration of regional and state organizations* devoted to water quality protection and healthy soils. The campaign's goal is to educate the public about a scientific approach to lawn care that reduces stormwater runoff and improves soil health.

For more information about Raise the Blade and other tips on how to manage your lawn in an environmentally friendly manner, visit lawntolake.org, look us up on Facebook, or contact Linda Patterson, Lake Champlain Sea Grant, at linda.patterson@uvm.edu. Website visitors can also enter a drawing for a free electric mulching lawnmower.

*Lawn to Lake partners include: Composting Association of Vermont, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lake Champlain Basin Program, Lake Champlain Committee, Lake Champlain Sea Grant, State University of New York at Plattsburgh, University of Vermont Extension, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

Restoration Project Underway at LaPlatte Headwaters

BY GUS GOODWIN, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Visitors to the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest might have noticed an extra flurry of activity this spring. The packed parking lots, brightly colored flagging tape and curious-looking fences are the first signs of an exciting restoration project by The Nature Conservancy (often abbreviated as TNC).

TNC is pleased to join a community of engaged citizens, land managers and scientists who are already working at the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest to restore its forests and floodplains. While floodplain forests are essential for improving water quality, habitat and floodwater storage, they are among our state's most heavily impacted natural communities. With funding from the Department of Environmental Conservation and an anonymous donor, TNC launched a 2,600-stem tree planting project that will help restore 13-acres of abandoned agricultural land to riparian forest and shed insights that can inform riparian restoration at similar sites across Vermont.

Key to the design of the project is vegetation mapping conducted by graduate and undergraduate students at UVM, led by Morgan Southgate (UVM) and Dan Farrell (TNC). This mapping ties recurring assemblies of meadow vegetation to soil conditions, such as moisture, effectively creating a map of microsites within the planting site. Trees and shrubs commonly used in restoration

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will be planted systematically across these vegetation types and carefully mapped, allowing for follow-up monitoring of survival and performance. The results of the monitoring will indicate if restoration by tree planting is more or less effective in some vegetation types than others, and what species of tree or shrub perform best within and across different vegetation types. Ultimately, this information should help land managers choose species and design restoration plans that make more efficient use of scarce resources.

TNC has also included 14 small-scale deer exclosures in the study design. These 30 feet by 30 feet exclosures will protect some trees and shrubs from deer, providing evidence about the degree to which deer can influence the success or failure of restoration projects.

The project draws upon a range of contractors from across Vermont’s restoration community. The trees were planted by the Intervale Conservation Nursery, who was able to provide most of the stock for this large planting from their Burlington nursery. The herbicide application was conducted by Habitat Restoration Solutions, a Hinesburg-based company. Vermont Youth Conservation Corps will be doing the initial mapping and baseline data collection. The trees will be evaluated in three years for survivorship.

TNC is grateful for the enthusiasm and support for this project, especially from the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee, who has provided essential input into the design and implementation. Several members have generously donated their time in the field to install and maintain the deer exclosures.

OUTDOORS

Managing Forests for Pollinators

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

In recent years, there has been an increase in interest in managing our yards and meadows for pollinators. Simply put, pollinators are the creatures that help our flowering plants reproduce by carrying pollen between flowers. Around 60-80% of Vermont’s plants, including many of our food crops, require the assistance of pollinators. While many people think of pollinators as critters of wildflower meadows, most require healthy forests to thrive.

Many different species pollinate plants — bats are a pollinator of bananas, for instance — but when we talk about pollinators we’re usually talking about bugs. In scientific terms, “bugs” are invertebrates, animals without spines, a category that includes everything from crayfish to spiders, insects and snails. About 90-97% of all the species on earth are invertebrates. There are 1.25 million known invertebrate species (as many as 30 million may actually exist), compared to 60,000 species of vertebrates (what most of us would call “animals”). Vermont is home to about 21,000 species of invertebrates, compared to 58 species of mammals; “bugs” represent a massive share of our local and global biodiversity.

While perhaps our most-celebrated pollinator, the Eurasian honeybee, is not native to North America, Vermont is home to about 300 species of native bees, many of which are important pollinators of both wild and domestic

plants. Vermont’s bees and butterflies get the lion’s share of the credit, but equally important pollinators are flies, beetles, slugs and moths.

In fields and yards, we can improve pollinator habitat by encouraging a diversity of plant species, mowing less and planting or encouraging native annual and perennial plants. We can introduce more complexity by planting native shrubs like dogwoods and Viburnums, which provide habitat for pollinators in addition to other wildlife species like songbirds. Excellent resources about managing for pollinators in open areas abound, but a good place to start is with the Xerces Society (xerces.org).

In focusing on yards and meadows, most people don’t realize the profound importance that forests play in maintaining pollinators on our landscape. While some pollinators, like the monarch butterfly, spend most of their life in the open, most of Vermont’s pollinators are completely reliant on, and adapted to, forests. These pollinators may **visit** your yard, but they **live** in the woods. Many species of bees, for instance, nest in tree cavities, rotten wood and in leaf litter, and a huge number of moths and butterflies rely on native trees to complete various parts of their life cycle. Forests also need bugs. In addition to helping plants reproduce, pollinators perform other critical ecosystem roles like acting as decomposers and feeding larger species like songbirds.

To protect and enhance pollinator habitat in the woods, the answer is a mix of good forest stewardship and addressing biodiversity threats. Vermont’s dynamic forests support a wide variety

of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants that occur on different sites at different stages in forest development. Managing Vermont’s relatively young, simple forests to be more diverse and complex provides opportunities for a wider range of flora to thrive, in turn providing a more diverse array of niches and habitat opportunities for pollinators. We need to recognize the importance of tree mortality in providing growing space for diverse plant and shrub communities, in addition to creating features like dead wood, which provides critical habitat for pollinators like our wood-boring bees. Managing forests for complexity can also help make them more adaptive and resilient in a changing climate, ensuring that there is habitat for pollinators into the future.

Providing habitat for pollinators involves much more than the flowers in your yard; any threat to forests is an existential threat to pollinators. Protecting forests from fragmentation and development is critical to pollinators, not to mention to forests’ ability to clean our air and our water, provide habitat for wildlife, and to sequester and store carbon. When we think about protecting pollinators, we need to expand our efforts to include things like controlling the invasive exotic plants and addressing deer overpopulations, both of which can have a massive negative influence on diversity in our forests.

In providing habitat for pollinators, as with many other things, forests are behind the scenes, subtly and unpretentiously making the world work. They are what allow us to enjoy beautiful native wildflowers and the food in our gardens and farmers markets. To protect pollinators, we need to think beyond the meadow.

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

Local Motion Puts Businesses on the Map...the Interactive Map

FROM LOCAL MOTION PRESS RELEASE

Local Motion announces it has launched a new Interactive Biking and Walking Map of the Greater Burlington area and beyond. Developed for mobile phones, vtbikeped.org, is a web-based map that will pinpoint user locations and track their progress as they navigate the Island Line Trail as well as local streets. The map will help them “know where to go” as they discover local parks, beaches, restaurants and bars, hotels, shops, parking facilities and public restrooms. Connecting to the map will be made easy by scanning conveniently placed QR codes (a two-dimensional barcode) around town or simply by adding the map URL into their mobile browser.

The 2021 map will feature the Burlington Greenway aka Island Line Trail and extend east from the waterfront to include downtown Burlington, south from Oakledge Park, and north well beyond the village center in South Hero. The map is loaded with information the user will find helpful. A simple tap on a location icon will display a window describing the business or point of interest. A second tap will connect the user to the location’s website for more information. “A majority of Local Motion’s bike rental customers and bike ferry passengers are from out of town. It’s really important that we welcome visitors by helping them to get around and discover all the cool places to drink, eat and shop,” added Tom Clark, director of Services.

Local Motion, a nonprofit biking and walking advocacy organization, considers the mapping technology a wise investment and is signing up advertisers to help offset the cost. Each advertiser gets a map location icon with an embedded website link and a rotating ad display along the bottom of the device screen. By using their mobile phones, Local Motion expects to introduce thousands of summer visitors to the joy of exploring Burlington and the Champlain Islands by bike and by foot.

LCA Continues Combating Aquatic Invasive Species at Bristol and Monkton Ponds

BY MATTHEW GORTON AND KATE KELLY

Aquatic invasive plant species have been present in the Lewis Creek watershed for decades and outcompete native plants by forming dense mats of vegetation. These dense mats impede recreational boaters, swimmers, and anglers and de-

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

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

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day.

MONDAY, JULY 5

Independence Day observed.

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, JULY 6

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers’ Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s 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@beecherhill yoga.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, JULY 7

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JULY 8

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 12

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

TUESDAY, JULY 13

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3EOYndmZkZEYzFECjklQTQ9>.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

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 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, AUGUST 9

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. See Calendar entry for July 13 for details.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

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 instead of Town Office.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

5:30-7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick’s, 10997 VT-116, Hinesburg. See Calendar entry for July 20 for details.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Remote Meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

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, AUGUST 25

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, AUGUST 26

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

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ARTS & LEISURE

Shelburne Museum Open With New Exhibitions and Programs

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne Museum opened on Wednesday, June 2 with a full slate of new exhibitions and programs. Northern New England's largest art and history museum will be open five days a week, Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 17.

Seventeen of the museum's 39 buildings will be open — including the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education, Pleissner Gallery, Webb Gallery of American Art, and the 220-foot steamboat Ticonderoga. The Weathervane Café and museum store at Diamond Barn will also be open along with a popular favorite, the Carousel, with free rides scheduled every 15 minutes.

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 experience selections from the muse-

um's expansive and compelling collections including:

“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 issues and topics relevant to our region and beyond.

“Peter Kirkiles: At Scale” (June 2-Oct. 17) with 14 sculptures throughout the southern half of the museum's campus. Whether an exact replica of an antique tall clock made in weathering steel, a measuring ruler enlarged 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.

Tickets are available at the museum's admissions desk and no preregistration is required. The museum will be monitoring guidance from state and federal officials related to COVID-19 safety, with current information posted on the website. For full details related to reopening and COVID-19 related regulations, please visit shelburnemuseum.org.

About Shelburne Museum

Founded in 1947 by pioneering folk art collector Electra Havemeyer Webb (1888-1960), Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont, is the largest art and history museum in northern New England and Vermont's foremost public resource for visual art and material culture. The museum's 45-acre campus is comprised of 39 buildings including the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education and Webb Gallery featuring important American paintings by Andrew Wyeth, Winslow Homer, Grandma Moses, John Singleton Copley and many more. For more information, please visit shelburnemuseum.org.



The 220-foot steamboat Ticonderoga is a perennial favorite stop for visitors to Shelburne Museum, northern New England's largest art and history museum with 39 buildings on a 45-acre campus. The museum opens on June 2, 2021. Courtesy of Shelburne Museum.

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

Vermont Reads Book Choice 2021: “We Contain Multitudes” by Sarah Henstra

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont Humanities recently announced its Vermont Reads book choice for 2021: “We Contain Multitudes” by Sarah Henstra.

Vermont Reads is Vermont Humanities' statewide community reading program. Since 2003, the organization has invited students, adults, and seniors across the state to read the same book and participate in a wide variety of community activities related to the book's themes. Over 200 different Vermont towns, cities and villages have participated in Vermont Reads to date.

This year's book, “We Contain Multitudes” explores themes of love, friendship and survival through the growing relationship between two high school boys. Author Sarah Henstra is a professor of English at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario, and the author of two previous novels, “Mad Miss Mimic” and “The Red Word,” which won the Governor General's Literary Award in Canada.

“Henstra shows us the deep resilience of these two boys struggling with powerful forces in their lives, while demonstrating how writing, music, and poetry can bridge wide gaps between people of diverse backgrounds and experiences,” said Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup, executive director at Vermont Humanities. “Vermont Humanities is proud to launch Vermont Reads 2021 during the month of June, known as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in countries around the world.”

Additionally, Vermont Humanities has partnered with organizations that can assist in community discussions around the book. They are Outright Vermont, the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence's Youth Advocacy Task Force, the Howard Center, and Recovery Vermont. Each of these organizations is prepared to offer resources and assistance. Those interested in engaging with the book through dynamic facilitated discussion can contact Vermont Humanities for more information.

“I couldn't put ‘We Contain Multitudes’ down because the story unfolded with so many interesting hooks and tempting calls to find out what happened next,” said Mara Iverson, director of education at Outright Vermont. “And the most important part, for me, is that it depicted a realistic queer teen relationship. We witness two people learning more about themselves and the world through their connection. It's not a fairy tale story, but the tough and lovely realities braided together make it a powerful read.”

Kaufman Ilstrup said that Sarah Henstra will be available to participate in a limited number of Vermont Reads

projects via Zoom throughout the program year. Any community organization may apply to host Vermont Reads. Vermont Humanities strongly encourages collaborations with other organizations and businesses.

Visit vtreads.org for application information and additional resources.

About Vermont Humanities

A statewide nonprofit organization founded in 1974, Vermont Humanities seeks to engage all Vermonter in the world of ideas, foster a culture of thoughtfulness, and inspire a lifelong love of reading and learning. Learn more at www.vermonthumanities.org

PEOPLE

Recent College Graduates

Lillian M. Cartularo, Jordan Michelle Charland and Spencer Clark, all of Hinesburg, earned associate degrees in Spring 2021 at the Community College of Vermont.

The following Hinesburg residents have recently graduated from the University of Vermont:

**Grace Brown
Elora Buscher
Jeffrey Giroux
Marc Hoepfner
Erika Laszlo
Tyler Marshall
Carlie Mashia**

**Harrison Mead
Sierra Morton
Sarah Nelson
Kiera O'Brien
James Raymond
Savannah Zigic**

Higher Education Honors

Faraja Achinda, Jayden Grant and Mary Titus, all of Hinesburg, were named to the Castleton University dean's list for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student

must maintain full-time status and have a semester GPA of 3.5.

Madeline Baker, Samantha Haviland and Alix St. Hilaire, all of Hinesburg, have been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 president's list. The winter term runs from January to May. Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.70 and above are named to the president's list.

Emma Bissonette and Abby Ferrara, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Spring 2021 dean's list at the University of Rhode Island. To be included on the dean's list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 GPA.

Elora Buscher, Alice Drew, Andre Eastman, Lena Heinrich, Julia Hillier, Harper Mead and Savannah Zigic, all of Hinesburg, have been named to the University of Vermont dean's list. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20% of their class in their respective college or school.

Graham Perry Coates-Farley of Hinesburg has been named to the dean's list at Clarkson University (Potsdam, New York). Dean's list students must achieve a minimum 3.25 GPA and also carry at least 14

credit hours.

Ann Howard of Hinesburg was recently named to the Castleton University president's list for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year. To qualify for this highest academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester GPA of 4.0.

Lucy Mathews of Hinesburg has been named to the dean's list at St. Lawrence University (Canton, New York) for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2021 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Anna Pelkey of Hinesburg has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester, at Colorado State University. In order to be on the dean's list, students must maintain a 3.75 GPA or higher in at least 12 GPA-related credits.

OBITUARIES

Elaine L. Place



Elaine L. Place

Elaine L. Place, 83, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother died peacefully at home on Nov. 20, 2020 surrounded by her family after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Elaine is survived by her husband Hilton F. Place, their children and their children's spouses, Louise and Bill Gregorek, Suzanne and Jim Sitek, Lynn and Leigh Jr. Lacaille, Michael and

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► Elaine L. Place

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Mary Place, and Allison Place Adams; her grandchildren, Kari, Heather, Eric, Veronica, Evan, Chad, Victoria, Sarah, Valerie, Amanda, Rachel, Brittany, Matthew, John, Julia; and 14 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are Elaine’s siblings and her siblings’ spouses, Albert and Donna Laberge, Jeanne and Norman Leduc, Paul and Diane Laberge, Maurice and Mindy Laberge, Lucille and Art Desilets, Peter and Lori Laberge, Gerald Laberge, Amie Laberge, Mark and Terri Laberge, Denis Laberge and sister-in-law Judy Laberge, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her brother Louis Laberge and sister-in-law Yvonne Laberge.

Elaine, the oldest of 12 children, was born in Burlington, Vermont to Raymond and Marie (Aube) Laberge. She grew up on the family farm in Charlotte, Vermont. Elaine graduated from Mount St. Mary’s Academy and attended Becker College in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Elaine’s family was her pride and joy. Each of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her nieces and nephews, held a special place in her heart.

Shortly after entering college, she met the love of her life, Hilton, while working at a summer home at Thompson’s Point in Charlotte, Vermont in 1956. They were married soon thereafter in Charlotte and lived in Hinesburg where they raised their family.

Elaine started her career in bookkeeping with McGraw-Edison in Burlington and continued working at several local companies including the Hinesburg town clerk’s office and the Ethan Allen furniture company, as well as her husband’s excavating business. She was also a seamstress for many years at

College Formals and Bridal Lane.

Mom enjoyed sewing, cake decorating, reading, crafting, crossword puzzles and cooking. She baked and decorated wedding cakes for each of her children and was famous for the diaper bags she made for expectant mothers, as well as for her homemade cheese ball and caramel for the holidays. Whenever something needed hemming or patching, Mom was there to fix it. She provided rides to or from school to many of her grandchildren and was always available without hesitation whenever she was called upon. She was affectionately known as “Grandma Next Door” to many.

To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Mom and Dad went on an Alaskan cruise, a trip they thoroughly enjoyed and of which they shared many memories of with family and friends.

From planning and cooking family meals, making birthdays special for every member of the family and decorating for the holidays, Mom was the glue that tied our family together.

We would like to extend special thanks to “Mum’s” caregivers, Holly, Gloria and Susan, among others. Your loving care of our mother during the past year did not go unnoticed and was so appreciated. Special thanks also to the Newport Ambulance crew for transporting Mom home to be with her family during her final hours.

A memorial Mass is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Jude’s Catholic Church, 10759 Vermont Route 116, Hinesburg, Vermont.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Elaine’s memory to the Hinesburg Firemen’s Association, P.O. Box 12, Hinesburg, VT 05461 to benefit the new Hinesburg ambulance service.

COMMENTARY

Vermont Health Care: A Vacuum of Leadership

BY BILL SCHUBART

As I’ve written in the past, we’ll never sort out the hot mess that health care has become in Vermont and in the U.S. until we agree on the fundamental question of whether health care is a definable right or just a lucrative business.

Our persistent ambivalence only extends its cost and complexity with second-class outcomes. With a total domestic cost of \$3.8 trillion (17.7% of gross domestic product/\$11,600 per American) and worse health outcomes than those of our peers abroad, we can no longer evade the question. Reduced to its simplest terms, today the health of Vermonters must compete with the privilege of those who make billions out of misfortune.

My knowledge about the health care industry dates from 2002-2006 when I was recruited to chair the recently consolidated Fletcher Allen Hospital, just as its former president Bill Boettcher was indicted for lying to regulators about the hospital’s expansion and began serving a two-year prison sentence. My cram course in the health care industry left me full of questions about its future.

Where to start? The arcane lexicon of health care doesn’t help. Don’t know what “denial management,” “capitated payments,” “open-source wellness” or “OneCare,” mean? Join the crowd.

To begin with, do 620,000 people living in such a small state need 14 hospitals? Arguably not. Instead, adding five federally qualified health centers to the 11 hyperlocal FQHCs we currently have would more cost-efficiently serve Vermonters’ health needs — a key focus of Senator Sanders. Encouraging our two tertiary-care hospitals, UVM Medical Center and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and perhaps six regional critical-access hospitals

to collaborate (rather than compete) on allocated specialty care and procedures would enhance quality while lowering system costs.

It might also help alleviate the severe shortage of health care professionals. From nurses to nurse practitioners, physician assistants, primary care doctors and specialists, hospitals are struggling to find staff. And the well-documented lack of primary care doctors turns the system on its head from a cost-efficiency perspective.

Before becoming chair, I chaired the physicians’ compensation committee, and learned that contrary to conventional market-demand algorithms, the doctors most in demand were at the bottom of the pay scale while the few marquee surgeons earned more than the CEO. Why? Because compensation was based on billing potential rather than need or systemic — read preventive — value. It’s encouraging that UVMHC is currently reviewing their compensation philosophy.

At UVMHC, this personnel shortage is leading to long delays in patient scheduling.

Patients seeking orthopedic, spinal or pain treatment can wait months for an appointment. I was initially told it would be four to six months before I could get a hip replacement. Many prospective patients now resort to the growing number of for-profit specialty clinics popping up around Chittenden County or travel to Dartmouth where these procedures are more accessible.

Governor Scott, celebrated nationally for his management of COVID-19 in Vermont, remains curiously silent on the broader issue of health care strategy. So, who owns health care vision and policy formulation in Vermont: the Agency of Human Services with its six departments, including the Vermont Department of Health, Department of Health Access, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Corrections, or ... the Green Mountain

Care Board? Is it not the governor’s task to lead or assign responsibility?

Who will be the driver and champion of a vision for improving health care access, affordability and outcomes and deployment of OneCare if not Governor Scott; his AHS secretary, Mike Smith; the Green Mountain Care Board; or John Brumsted, MD, CEO of Vermont’s largest health care delivery system?

Without OneCare becoming a reality across our network of health care delivery systems, our Medicare waiver will not work nor will we ever be able to manage the consumer cost escalations for those who can afford access.

This disturbing lack of vision, leadership, policy formation and accountability in health care strategy is at the root of the problem.

GMCB’s original 2011 mission called for experienced leaders in health care policy to:

1. improve the health of the population;
2. reduce the per-capita rate of growth in expenditures for health services in Vermont across all payers while ensuring that access to care and quality of care are not compromised;
3. enhance the patient and health care professional experience of care;
4. recruit and retain high-quality health care professionals; and
5. achieve administrative simplification in health care financing and delivery.

Under Governor Scott, with the appointment of Sen. Kevin Mullin (R-Rutland) as chair, the focus of the GMCB tilted from visionary goal-setting by experienced health care professionals to more bottom-line cost-control overseen by financial experts. The 50-member GMCB Advisory Committee (of which I was a member) shrank to less than half that number, many of whom are now stakeholders in the current system.

Although Vermont has partnered with the federal government and bought into the concept of OneCare, it still faces stiff headwinds — not because it’s a faulty concept but because it lacks government leadership. OneCare’s core tenet is philosophical. To quote Ben Franklin, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Move the \$6 billion spent each year in Vermont in transactional costs upstream into prevention and “population health.” But OneCare is misunderstood by many in the health care and legislative communities. Often confused with single-payer and multi-payer systems, it works with either, although the latter is clearly becoming the norm.

As one hospital administrator put it, and I paraphrase:

We’re dependent on a steady stream of broken people for our survival. We repair and bill transactionally. The sum of those transactions keeps our doors open. If we were simply given our annual budget against an accountable and measurable commitment to invest in prevention, education and maintaining population health, we would save money and see fewer sick Vermonters.

If we are ever to achieve “population health,” it must involve committing to an integral understanding of physiological and mental health from a care perspective. We closed most of our “mental hospitals,” such as they were, and built more prisons. Now we have the tragedies surrounding teens and adults being housed in emergency rooms for lack of any resources in mental health, which is shameful. The Howard Center and Brattleboro Retreat are at capacity and underfunded. Until we integrate physical and mental health, we’ll succeed at neither. Do we also not understand that poverty, homelessness, hunger, abuse and lack of access to health care are all precursors to mental and physical illness? Is the prison endgame at \$50,000 per prisoner per year really cheaper than population health?

We have the resources and the money to get this right. There are cutting-edge resources in the Vermont Department of Health, as we’ve seen in the crisis management of COVID-19. Our two colleges of medicine, Larner at UVM and Geisel at Dartmouth, are doing world-class research, have a trove of relevant data and a cadre of committed professionals. We have the legislative and regulatory resources. What we’re lacking is the leadership to deploy these resources to forge and execute a vision for preventive managed care.

True leaders don’t try to satisfy everyone. They take political risks. They pioneer. If pleasing everyone, positive polling and reelection are leadership’s goals, we’ll never see change. Governor Scott has vastly outperformed his peers in COVID-19 crisis management. He must now understand health care itself as the crisis and lead.

The Adirondack Affair

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Dwindling automobile and passenger ridership on the Burlington, Vermont-Port Kent, New York seasonal summer ferry route may have been the principal reason ferry service was curtailed in 2018. However, that occasion marked the start of a unique effort to retire the 108-year-old Adirondack in a manner befitting her and the state’s regional maritime legacy. The Lake Champlain Transportation Company and the State of Vermont Division of Historic Preservation were co-applicants in a high-profile permit application that was entering the public comment phase to soft land the Adirondack right side up in some 65 feet of water south of Rock Point but outside Burlington’s breakwater. She was to be the newest addition to the Vermont underwater preserve of wrecks overseen by the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and guaranteed to be a boon to recreational diving in the region.

In late April three conservation groups, the Lake Champlain Committee, the Vermont Natural Resources Council, and the Conservation Law Foundation submitted a petition to oppose the permit that had passed state review

and was ready to be issued by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Division. The Burlington Harbor Commission reportedly had scheduled a June meeting to join the 11th-hour pile in opposition. The LCTC then pulled the plug on its application in the first week of May citing the additional costs of a would-be lengthy legal review in Vermont Superior Court, Environmental Division.

That “the Adirondack contained PCBs” was the canard hastily blared about by the opposition. The truth of the matter is that miniscule residual PCB(s) in fire retardant and metal-preserving lead paint, once imperative in salt water, was applied decades ago. LCC and VNRC threw their environmental stewardship babies out with the bath water. The unimaginative spoil sports and sore losers executed a vengeful hit job on the governor, stigmatized recreational divers, wasted the energies of several state agencies, looked a gift horse (in the form of LCTC) in the mouth, and ripped a chapter out of Vermont history. The Adirondack ferry is not to be confused with the wreck of the Adirondack steamship, which is already in shallow water in Shelburne Bay, that was sidelined in 1875 due to competition with the railroad and currently described as a “sunken cultural treasure” in a Shelburne Bay Interpretive Water Trail pamphlet.

Some of the ferry’s background comes from “A Short History of Lake Champlain and the Story of Over 200 Years of Lake Champlain Ferryboats” (LCTC, 1990) that cites the vessel’s record of service at four previous ferry crossings on the east coast beginning in 1913 under ferry names that matched the former locales we might consider aliases. In each of the previous settings its ferry service, which began in Florida, was made obsolete by new bridges and tunnels. The last was the opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel in 1952. While the ferry service runs were obsolete, the boat wasn’t although she still retained a voice tube that connected the bright brass pilot house to the engine room. The original coal-fired steam engine was replaced with its first set of diesel engine upgrades in 1945 which engenders the official “M/V” designation for “motor vessel” instead of steam ship (SS). LCTC purchased the vessel in 1954, brought her to the North Country, and aptly renamed her Adirondack.

In an earlier part of its life the Adirondack served a full decade fording strong East River tides and heavy boat traffic between Queens, New York and Manhattan’s East 34th Street Ferry Landing which rightfully entitled her to end her career in the serene Lake Champlain ferry route between the Adirondacks and Green Mountains.

The East 34th Street Ferry Landing is still a site of furious ferry activity where a major difference today is the faster, more maneuverable ferries that use water jet propulsion. On Feb. 24, 2018, about the time Adirondack became a candidate for permanent retirement, the U.S. Navy Burlington (T-EPF 10), which belongs to the Military Sealift


Command, was christened in Mobile, Alabama in a ceremony where Senator Patrick and Marcelle Leahy were the principal dignitaries. Designed in a ferry-like manner, this expeditionary fast transport has a crew of 26 civilians, airline-style seating for 312 embarked troops and fixed berthing for an additional 104 personnel (USN Fact Sheet). The “double decker” and possibly the very last existing “double-ended” car ferry Adirondack sports two five-foot diameter propellers, has a total displacement of 425 tons, a length of 152 feet, and a maximum speed of 10 knots compared to U.S. Navy Burlington’s 2,460 tons of displacement, 338-foot length and maximum speed of 35-40 knots under the propulsion of four water jets.

Like ships, ferries have legacies all their own. In the middle of its 14-year stint crossing the Chesapeake Bay during WWII, the Adirondack witnessed the call up of larger overnight passenger and car ferries to serve the British fleet on the English Channel. A convoy of 10 east coast vessels dubbed “The Honeymoon Fleet” crossed the Atlantic in September 1942. The New York, the Boston and the Yorktown were torpedoed with the loss of 131 lives. The President Warfield of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company survived this Atlantic crossing and the war. Upon return to the United States, she was sold and renamed the Exodus in 1947. The Exodus is widely known for ferrying 4,600 Jewish refugees to Palestine through a blockade by the British Navy. (“The Honeymoon Fleet,” Sea Classics Magazine, December 2013).

Modern wreck diving is a very legitimate recreational activity.

Consider the U.S. National Park Service Truk Lagoon Underwater Fleet, in the Truk Atoll in the Caroline Islands of the South Pacific. It is considered the best diving location in the world. It features more than two dozen Japanese shipwrecks and a half dozen aircraft wrecks resulting from Operation Hailstorm executed by U.S. Navy Task Force 58 on Feb. 16 and 17, 1944. A dive on the Adirondack wreck off Rock Point would not have been extreme but it would be a real dive nonetheless. Such a dive would be safe and accommodating as a submerged passage through the commodious vehicle deck by diver or alternatively by a remotely operated vehicle. It would not have the dual treacheries of confined space and unseen entanglements that are generally lurking around modern wrecks.

Burlington’s waterfront already has a feel like it’s waiting for its ship to come in since the cessation of the ferry service. Gone are the days when there’d be a fresh photo or news clip that featured a LCTC ferry passing through the breakwater. Thousands, if not tens of thousands, of people would have had some consolation knowing or hearing that the Adirondack was still within reach just off shore.



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Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation

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

► Parkside

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Tacos with her when she began to run
the Parkside Café. While it is still a ha-
ven for burger lovers, the shop is also
priming slow-roasted carnitas tacos
and flipping quesadillas.

The café continues to serve the old
menu in addition to some of Amparo's
own specialties.

***A customer favorite, she
shares, are the eight-hour
carnitas tacos.***

"A lot of people ask why I don't cook
Dominican food. I know how to cook
Dominican food perfectly, because I
was raised by my grandmother, and I
can cook Dominican food with my eyes
closed," said Amparo. However, her cu-
linary training was in Mexican cuisine.
"I got involved with the taco commu-
nity," she said.

Customers have appreciated the updat-
ed menu and prices.

"The food has definitely gotten a lot
better," said CVU student and custom-
er Evan Statton, "I've also noticed a
change in price. This place used to be,
like, insanely expensive, but the CVU
special is like five bucks."

Amparo does have plans for the future
of the café. She is hoping to open the
café for dinner and to host jazz, salsa
and reggae-themed nights to get her
community mingling in the wake of
the pandemic. One of the main factors
that is prohibiting these plans is her
lack of staff.

She has been working with one other
cook to prepare all the food at the
café. Due to Amparo's shortage of
staff, the upkeep of her storefront has
relied on her 70-year-old father, who
regularly cleans the tables and takes
out the garbage.

A massive labor shortage has been
Amparo's biggest challenge since tak-
ing over the café.

"I guess that's the story of every resta-
urant right now," said Amparo. "I'm hir-
ing CVU students, who are 15 years old.
They are a lot of help, but they are also
a lot of training."

Amparo has cast a wide net in hopes of
finding more co-workers. After exhaust-
ing the typical methods of job post-
ings, Amparo spoke with the Hinesburg
Police Department.

"They sent me to the prison system
to talk to the parole officer, and they
said that if there's an inmate coming
out that was interested in finding a job
in cooking, they would send them to
me," said Amparo. She also hung post-

ers outside rehabilitation centers and
shelters.

Amparo's empathy for others is reflect-
ed in her willingness to open her doors
to anyone.

"As soon as I got to this place, the first
thing I told my co-workers is that I do
not call them employees. They are all
co-workers. We are all in this. It is not
like I am more than you," said Amparo.

She has trained her co-workers to learn
the names of customers, and to take
the time to connect with the communi-
ty that they serve.

"The seniors from CVU came to say
goodbye to me, and I cried because
all of these months I have been giv-
ing them food and I have been talking
to them, it's kind of like therapy too,

you know, you really get to know these
kids," said Amparo.

Amparo mentioned that she has not
had time to attend church between her
hours at Parkside and the food truck.
"For now, I pray in the kitchen. We pray
in the kitchen all the time.

"It's true what they say, when you love
what you do you do not get tired,"
Amparo said. "My body gets tired but
when I go home, I still go home with a
smile on my face because I do what I
love to do."

*Editor's note: This article was written by
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Community News Service, a student-pow-
ered partnership with local community
newspapers.*

SANDRA B. LEWIS CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A celebration of life will be held June 27th at the Old Lantern in
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up on Harbor Road in Shelburne, graduated from Burlington High
School, and settled on Falls Road. Her door was always open.



Sandra B. Lewis

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Hinesburg's Parkside Café is in New Hands

JOIA PUTNOI,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

From the Dominican Republic, to the Bronx, and now to Hinesburg, the new owner of the Parkside Café is bringing decades of experience — and new cuisine — to the café on Route 116.

Since last November, the Parkside Café has been run by Claudia Amparo, a Hinesburg resident of five years.

The shop was previously owned by Kevin Harper, who changed its name from Bristol Café to Parkside Café following the sale of his café's Bristol location.

Amparo bought the restaurant after coming across the listing online, she said. After sharing her plans with her husband, the two of them toured the space and put an offer down on the café.

Amparo and her husband came to Hinesburg from New York City in 2016. Without researching the town beforehand, they came across a Zillow listing of a home in Hinesburg. "It was everything by pictures," said Amparo.

"As soon as I saw Hinesburg I fell in love," she said. "It looks like a small town, but it's so big and I am seeing a lot of diversity, something that I never saw when I came in. I feel like I was born here. I have never experienced nothing out of the ordinary

because of my color or because of the language I speak."

While Amparo is originally from the Dominican Republic, she immigrated to the Bronx to live with her grandmother at age 9. She comes from a family that cherishes food, and it was through living with her grandmother that she was able to form her passion and skill for cooking.

Amparo did not speak any English. She began to learn through the English as a second language classes offered at her high school, though the quick, 40-minute sessions made it difficult for her to pick up the language.

Amparo later attended a community college in the



Pictured above are Claudia and her assistant cook in the kitchen of the Parkside Café.

Bronx, where she was able to take English classes, where she grasped the language with fluency.

Amparo put herself through college with the money earned from working as a line cook at a Mexican restaurant in the Bronx. These years laid a strong foundation in Mexican cooking, which Amparo has built upon since coming to Hinesburg.

Out of college, Amparo got a job working as a phlebotomist in New York City. While this was her primary job, cooking has always been an important part of her life. After graduating college, she felt that she was not ready to dedicate her life to the kitchen.

It was not until she moved to Hinesburg that Amparo decided to switch gears.

"When I got to Hinesburg, God gave me the idea that this is what I love to do. I was always asking 'what can I do?' I don't want to be a housewife. I want to help out," said Amparo.

Amparo and her husband first opened the Baba's Tacos food truck. The truck, now in its fourth year, caters to events like weddings and graduations, and it is also stationed at Adam's Apple Orchard & Farm Market in Williston on Truckin' Tuesdays.

Amparo carried the success of Baba's
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Claudia's eight hour carnitas tacos served with cilantro, lime, onion and two types of sauces.



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

Visit a Senior

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

Town Committees

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

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

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

The Hinesburg Record

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If you are interested contact us at news@hinesburgrecord.org.