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A Fire Truck Pull Like No Other

Wild Roots annual truck pulling event a success sion is to build a Vermont where LGBTQ youth have hope, equity and power While the annual even

BY STAFF REPORTER

n Sunday, Sept 26, the First Roots - Wild Roots early childhood teachers (formerly Annette's Preschool) dressed in colors of the rainbow and gathered in a Hinesburg parking lot to document their own "fire truck" pull in support of OutrightVT, a state wide non-profit organization whose mission is to build a Vermont where LGBTQ youth have hope, equity and power. While the annual event is virtual this year, the teachers (Team "The Wild Things") were determined to pull in real life and create an interpretation of a fire truck: their school van decorated with creative murals made by each classroom. The van also sported a red cone as a siren on it's hood, a painted ladder made of sticks and hand painted flags with the message: "First Rooted in Love."

Andrea Sambrook, Director of Annette's Preschool in Hinesburg, shared "We're pulling to raise awareness and funds to support the life saving work OutrightVT does through programs and services for LGBTQ youth up to age 22 and their families. We know that there is no one way to be a boy, a girl, both or neither and every young child deserves to be affirmed in their own true self. Every day, LGBTQ youth carry the load of trying to fit in, of

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Supporters pull the load to support LGBTQ youth and Outright Vermont. Photo courtesy of Mary-Jo Brace.

Russell Trails Turnpike – Work in Progress

BY JANE SHELDON, TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

he Russell Trail System is pretty much smack dab in the center of Hinesburg. With its three miles of easily traversed paths through a working farm, it is the most popular set of trails for our residents. As a result, the foot traffic creates quite a bit of wear and tear. Where the soil is mostly clay, drainage is an issue and muddy stretches appear.

The worst problem has been the south side of the Perimeter Trail. The Trails Committee (TC) has been grappling with how to resolve

it for some time now. Some options considered included installing water bars or PCP tubes to help drain rainwater, building wooden puncheons (raised walkways) and even rerouting the trail entirely. Each of these solutions were eliminated due to their expense, short-term nature or potential adverse effect on the working of the farm.

In the spring of this year, Chic McArthur was hiking on a particularly wet section of the Mt Philo trail and noticed a raised frame of wood filled with gravel. That was his "Aha moment." After meet-

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Hikers on the Turnpike

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From Crisis Comes **Opportunity:** What I've Heard from Vermonters

BY LT. GOVERNOR MOLLY GRAY

year and a half after the onset of the pandemic, ✓ ✓ Vermont remains in the midst of ongoing recovery efforts. While there is so much uncertainty about the future, one thing we can be sure of is that our state is in a unique position to emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever.

Thanks to the hard work of our Congressional delegation, Vermont is set to receive \$2.7 billion in federal aid through the American Rescue Plan as well as potential additional

LETTERS

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he Hinesburg Record welcomes

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those letters rolling in. Send them via

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funds from the Build Back Better Agenda. We have a responsibility to ensure these one-time funds result in lasting investments for our working families, communities, and future generations of Vermonters.

From the day I took office, my commitment has been to give Vermonters a seat at the table and a voice in the conversation. For that reason, my focus since the legislature adjourned in May has been the Recover Stronger Tour, where I spend time meeting directly with Vermonters impacted by the pandemic. Here are some of the top concerns shared with me over the past two months:

Housing

Like so many, I've been a renter all my adult life, and know first-hand how expensive it is. But the pandemic has made things worse. It's no secret that Vermont is also facing

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was not true.

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Hinesburg Police

us. It appears this town needs you

ly although a part of me wishes it

I have lived here for decades and

never before read a police report.

For the months of June and July, the

before seen 17 car crashes reported,

all of which you duly attended to. I

do not know why there were approx-

imately three times as many as auto

crashes as in the past, but I am

report had 95 entries. I have never

more than ever. I mean that sincere-

Thank you, Hinesburg Police

Department, for being there for

a workforce shortage, and the two are clearly connected. Vermonters are struggling to live where they work and work where they live. The Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) shared that in August, they had just three available apartments in their nearly 300-unit portfolio. Only one of these units was subsidized, and LHP received 71 applications for this single unit. Overall, LHP's waiting list runs 486 applicants deep. Meanwhile, Mark Frier, owner of several Stowe and Waterbury establishments, is one of many employers around the state who has spoken candidly with me about his struggle to find restaurant staff and cooks. The main issue? Housing is simply no longer available or affordable for working Vermonters in the Stowe area. In order to begin addressing this crisis. Vermont must commit to a statewide housing audit to determine the scope of the issue.

Childcare

While it's always been a struggle for Vermont families to find and afford childcare, the pandemic has

has to do with texting and talking and even taking pictures with cell phones while driving. We can't blame the weather. There is no snow or ice to navigate. I hope when there is, drivers will leave their cell

A lot of us who live in Hinesburg remember when no one had burglar alarms. Farmers could leave unattended cash jars at the top of the road where they set up vegetable stands because there was an unheavy drinkers prone towards domestic violence and DUIs did not rob cash jars at farm stands. Now, farmers get robbed. Now, farmers, businesses, schools, and the bank have burglar alarms. Ten alarms went off in June and July this year: at the bank, CVU, businesses, and homes Add to that, six burglar-

Worse still, kids with BB and pellet guns keep vandalizing property in the village. Apparently, no one has and safely. They undoubtedly think that what they are doing is fun and who would never allow such behavior. Is there no way to address this has life altering consequences?

-Lori Wilson

phones alone.

spoken honor system in place. Even ies and thefts reported at various homes and businesses. Depressing.

taught them to handle guns properly games. What's going to happen when they grow up and use guns outside of shooting ranges and hunting zones? I know a lot of responsible gun owners problem by teaching these kids there are right and wrong ways to go shooting? And that doing it the wrong way

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- today.

Hinesburg **Record Annual** Meeting he Annual Meeting of the

only exacerbated the crisis. In

South Hero, I met with a woman

named Molly, who had to leave a

job that she loved because the cost

of childcare for her three children

was simply too much to afford dur-

the 5 million American women who

left the workforce this year in large

part due to caregiving responsi-

bilities. While up in St. Albans, I

met with the incredible employ-

ees at Northwestern Counseling

& Support Services (NCSS) who

served by NCSS, there were only

44 total openings for childcare; 17

of which were slots for infants and

toddlers. Addressing this childcare

crisis will require that we pay child-

care providers what they deserve

those who choose a career in early

We know all too well that the pan-

mental health and support servic-

es, but the demands on providers

are reaching unimaginable levels.

Services (HCRS), Spectrum Youth

and Family Services, and at the

Clinicians I met with at the Howard

Center, Health Care & Rehabilitation

Central Vermont Hospital, all spoke

about the rapid rise in Vermonters,

especially young people, in need of

mental health and support servic-

es. Resources are stretched incred-

ibly thin, while organizations with

dwindling numbers of staff struggle

to meet increasing caseloads. Staff

were clear that in order to attract

and retain workers, their organiza-

tions need sustained funding and a

cost of living adjustment that's in-

I cannot name a single commu-

where I have not heard how a

lack of broadband access has di-

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Telehealth

demic has exacerbated the need for

and provide loan forgiveness for

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Mental Health

shared that in the 900 square miles

ing the pandemic. Molly is one of

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Vermonters. What has surprised me most, however, is the extent to which patients and providers alike have come to rely on telehealth to access and provide health care, including mental health and support services. When asked about the greatest barrier to care for clients at HCRS in Springfield, Warren Sergent, the Informations Systems Director, was unequivocal: "broadband." I heard the same from the leaders at Rutland Regional Medical Center who explained that while telehealth is not right for every patient, for every patient it must be a right. Closing the broadband gap must include permanent coverage for telehealth for Vermonters along with the tools and training necessary to access care.

Strategic investments in these areas are paramount. While daunting, these challenges are not insurmountable. We have before us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to do things differently.

My Recover Stronger Tour is far from over and will continue in communities throughout the fall. As I continue to assess the need and prepare recommendations for the Legislature, Governor, and Congressional delegation, I want to hear from you. To share your ideas, you can contact me directly via my official website or follow along at @ LtGovGray.

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POLICE

Incidents

August 12: 1:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

2:53 p.m. An officer investigated the report of property stolen from a motor vehicle.

7:45 p.m. Officers assisted with a medical issue on Shelburne Falls

8:40 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

August 13: 1:35 p.m. An officer investigated the report of an individual experiencing a mental health crisis on Richmond Road. A member of the Community Outreach program also responded.

5:48 p.m. An officer assisted staff members at the Hinesburg Family Health Center with a patient.

10:12 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Richmond Road was investigated.

August 14: 11:40 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

1:51 p.m. Officers responded to Lincoln Hill Road for the report of an unresponsive male. A death investigation is ongoing.

August 15: 4:35 a.m. An officer responded to the area of Tyler Bridge Road to assist other agencies with a single car crash involving a stolen vehicle and a pursuit of the suspect.

8:25 a.m. Suspicious circumstances on CVU Road were investigated.

10:11 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for a domestic disturbance.

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Hinesburg Food Shelf hours are: Tuesday nights 5:30 - 7:30 Friday mornings 10:00 - 12:00 **August 17:** 5:37 p.m. Officers responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Charlotte Road.

August 18: 7:41 p.m. Officers responded to North Road for the report of a dog attacking a child.

August 20: 11:20 a.m. An officer investigated vandalism to a property on Richmond Road.

August 21: 8:00 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout on Route 116.

8:41 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Hillview Terrace.

August 22: 6:55 p.m. Officers responded to the town walking trails behind Lantman's Market for a domestic disturbance.

August 24: 8:04 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Major Street.

August 25: 2:45 p.m. An officer assisted with a medical call on Hayden Hill Road West.

August 27: 6:10 p.m. Officers investigated the report of suspicious activity on Route 116.

8:02 p.m. A welfare check on Silver Street was conducted.

August 29: 1:12 a.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Lincoln Hill Road.

6:56 a.m. A commercial burglary alarm on Route 116 was investigated.

8:07 a.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Tyler Bridge Road.

August 30: 10:30 a.m. An officer responded to the parking lot of CVU for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

7 p.m. Officers investigated the report of an intoxicated male who had stolen merchandise from the Mobile on Commerce Street.

August 31: 3:45 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road.

5:25 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Route 116. The operator was cited for driving with a suspended license.

September 1: 4:35 a.m. A burglary alarm activation at CVU was investigated.



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2:20 p.m. A 911 hang up at the Hinesburg Community School was investigated.

5:08 p.m. Officers responded to Hollow Road for a citizen dispute.

11:18 p.m. An officer assisted medical responders on Lavigne Hill Road.

September 2: 8:50 a.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Pond Brook Road. 9:52 a.m. An officer assisted with a

disabled vehicle on Route 116. 11:17 a.m. A welfare check on North Road was conducted.

September 5: 12:25 a.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Charlotte Road.

September 6: 10:16 a.m. A trespass order was served at Beaver Pond Road.

3:15 p.m. Officers investigated the report of suspicious activity on Farmall Drive.

8:15 p.m. A welfare check on Silver Street was conducted.

9:30 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Lyman Meadows.

September 7: 2:04 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

3:30 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen on Hillview Terrace with a lockout.

8:12 p.m. Officers assisted first responders with a medical call on North Road.

September 8: 3:30 p.m. An officer responded to the Lantman's parking lot for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

8:30 p.m. A commercial burglary alarm on Route 116 was investigated.

September 10: 8 a.m. A report of vandalism on Route 116 was investigated.

4:10 p.m. An individual on Commerce Street was ticketed for attempting to purchase alcohol with counterfeit identification.

September 12: 4 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen on Route 116 with a lockout.

September 13: 9:36 a.m. A 911 hang up on Commerce Street was investigated.

FIRE

Call Log

During August, there were 37 medical calls with 23 patients transported.

Aug. 2: 4:44 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Silver Street. There were no injuries. Engine 1 and seven members responded.

Aug. 5: 1:15 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Silver Street. One patient was treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported to UVMMC by Richmond. Engine 3, Med 100 and six members responded.

Aug. 13: 2:02 a.m. Dispatched to Dynamite Hill for a fire alarm. Possible faulty detector. Engine 1 responded with three members.

5:55 p.m. One car crash on Rte. 116 just south of S Brownell Rd. One person was treated and refused transport. Engine 1, Med 100 and five members responded.

Aug. 14: 5:57 p.m. Report of an oil spill on Rte. 2A near Breezy Valley

Rd. Responders placed speedy dry on the spill. Engine 1 responded with three members.

Aug. 15: 4:15 a.m. Richmond Fire requested mutual aid for a structure fire on Hinesburg Road. Hinesburg responded with our Tanker and two members.

4:37 a.m. Dispatched to Rte. 116 and Tyler Bridge for a reported motor vehicle crash with the vehicle on fire. On arrival, the operator had left the scene. The vehicle was not on fire. Engine 1, Med 100 and five members responded.

Aug. 17: 7:05 a.m. Dispatched to Hinesburg Community School for a fire alarm. Dispatch received a call that the alarm was accidental due to work being performed at the school. Four members were at our station preparing to respond when the cancellation call was received.

5:39 p.m. Dispatched to Charlotte Rd near Baldwin for a report of a **continued on page 6**

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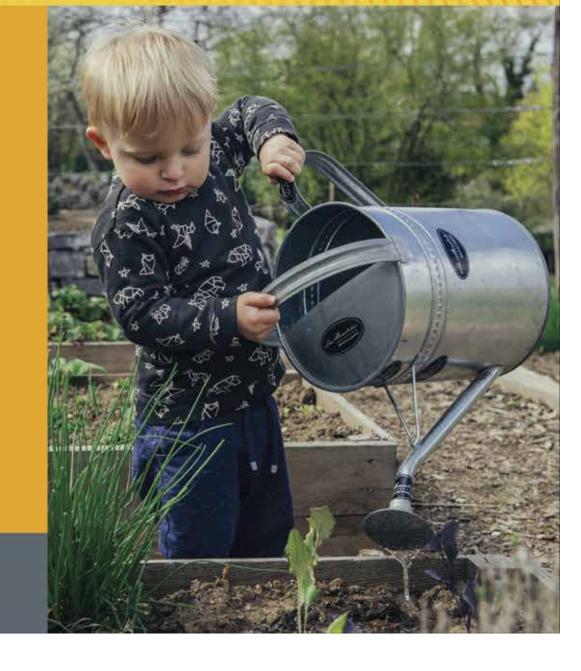
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ll of us hope to live long. healthy lives, so we do what we can to take care of ourselves through proper diet, exercise and avoiding unhealthy activities. However, none of us can predict our future, so it pays to be prepared for anything - including a serious physical illness or the onset of some type of mental incapacity, such as Alzheimer's disease.

Of course, you may never face these infirmities, but you should be

aware that they could upset your long-term financial strategy and place considerable stress on your loved ones. What steps can you take to head off these threats?

First, make sure you know what

your health insurance covers and how much you might have to pay out of pocket for treatment of illnesses such as cancer or kidney ailments. If you're on Medicare (supplemented with Medigap) or Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C), you'll want to know all about deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. However, if Alzheimer's or another type of dementia is involved, Medicare may not cover the costs that could be incurred in an assisted living facility, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest ways of protecting yourself from long-term care costs, which can be quite high.

Your next move is to make sure you have adequate liquidity. It's hard to predict how many out-of-pocket costs you could incur when coping with a serious illness, but it's a good idea to have enough cash readily available, rather than dipping into your 401(k) or other retirement accounts. So, if you're retired, you might want to keep up to a year's worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account.

Here's another important step: Update your estate plan. Hopefully, if you have a serious illness, you'll

be able to recover. But it's still a good idea to review vour estate plan to ensure everything is in order, such as your will and your living trust, if you've created one. If you've kept up your life insurance, you'll also want to ensure

your premiums are still being paid. And don't forget to review your beneficiary designations on your 401(k), insurance policies and other financial documents, since these designations can supersede the instructions in your will.

As part of your estate planning, you may want to include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you name someone to

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motor vehicle crash. The car was reported to be on its side with the occupants still inside. Since there were multiple occupants and unknown injuries, a second ambulance was dispatched. Responders arrived and assisted the occupants from the vehicle. Hinesburg EMS treated the occupants. One person was transported to UVMMC by Charlotte. Engine 1, Med 100 and nine members responded.

Aug. 18: 10:03 a.m. Dispatched to Richmond Rd in the area of Iroquois Manufacturing for a traffic hazard. The first arriving responder did not find anything in the area and held all apparatus in quarters.

Aug. 20: 9:52 p.m. Dispatched to Wood Run for a residential fire

Gas Leak or Haz Mat Spill

Flooding/Trees/Power Lines Down

Smoke in building or Structure Fire

Fire or Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Motor Vehicle Crash with Injuries

Motor Vehicle Crash no Injuries

Public Assist

Fire-Non Structure

Mutual Aid

alarm. The residence was checked. and nothing was found. Engine 1, Med 100 and six members responded.

Aug. 24: 9:11 a.m. Dispatched to Forest's Edge in St George for a report of smoke in the area. The Fire Warden responded to investigate a possible unpermitted burn.

Aug. 25 12:02 a.m. Dispatched to Lyman Meadow for a report of an unknown type of alarm sounding. The residence was checked. The cause was determined to be an outof-date smoke detector.

Aug. 29: 1:19 a.m. Dispatched to the area of 725 Lincoln Hill for a reported motor vehicle roll over. On arrival, the operator had self-extricated and was on the side of the road. The operator refused medical treatment. Engine 1, Med 100 and

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HFD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, AUGUST, 2021

six members responded **Aug. 30:** 8:42 a.m. Dispatched to

Rte. 2A by Barber Rd for a report of a motor vehicle crash. Responders arrived to find a minor four car crash with no injuries. Engine 1, Med 100 and three members responded.

Kitchen Fire

At 1:45 p.m. Sept. 15, HFD was dispatched to Major Street for a reported kitchen fire. Shelburne Dispatch provided an updated report that the fire was extending to the rest of the home. Dispatch was requested to sound a second alarm/ working incident tone for Hinesburg and send mutual aid companies.

Engine 1 arrived and reported heavy fire showing from the front on the residence. The responding firefighters stretched a handline to the door, made entry and proceeded to knock down the fire. The fire was declared under control at 2 p.m. Crews continued to check for any fire extension.

The building was not occupied at the time of the fire. The cause has been determined to be an unattended stove top fire. There were no fire- it easier for us to find the source of fighter or civilian injuries sustained during the incident. Multiple animals were freed by a neighbor prior to HFD arrival. The structure has been deemed at total loss.

aid partners Williston FD, Richmond FD, Shelburne FD, Charlotte FD, and Richmond Rescue for their quick response to the scene, and Starksboro FD for station coverage. All apparatus cleared the scene by

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tive or living will to express your wishes if you don't have a power of attorney for health care, or the person named in a power of attorney for health care can't be reached in an emergency. And since estate planning can be complex, you'll certainly want to work with a legal professional, and possibly your tax and financial advisors, as well.

You might think it's somewhat grim to prepare yourself financially in case you become seriously ill or if your life is touched by Alzheimer's or another mental infirmity. But it's a positive move – you're protecting yourself and your loved ones from whatever life may throw at you.

make medical decisions for you if

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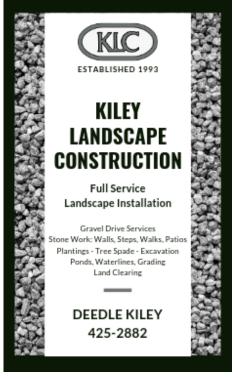
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BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

rappy Fall Y'all! While I am tapping out this article, it's a gorgeous, sunny fall day - actually, it feels more like summer, but there are mums and pumpkins galore at Aubuchon Hardware and the youth soccer season is up and running with 133 players (can you believe it?!), so indeed it's fall. Speaking of Aubuchon Hardware, please give a huge shout of thanks to Trish and the crew at Aubuchon for supporting the Hinesburg Fireworks for 2022! One day in mid-July, I chatted with Trish in the parking lot confessing that without the HBPA Golf Tournament that's usually held in June, we are at approximately zero again for our fireworks fundraising. Because Trish is a person of action and loves this community, along with the fireworks, she came up with a plan almost immediately! From about mid-August till about mid-September, a portion of their sidewalk sales were earmarked for the fireworks, along with jars in the store where people could donate. Today, I accepted a check toward the 2022 display from Aubuchon for \$1941.01, thanks to Trish and her amazing crew! There is still more to do, but please be sure to thank Trish and the crew for their outstanding support.



Hinesburg Friends of Families Bi-Annual Children's Clothing &

Saturday, October 16, from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Hinesburg Town Hall.

To donate clothing and books, please drop off items on Friday, Oct. 15, noon till 8 p.m. There will also be a bin on the north end of the front porch of Town Hall for the Maximum: 8 participants. week prior to the swap.

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Who: Ages 6–14. When: Tuesdays: Session 2 Oct. 5–26; and Session 3 Nov. 2-23. Fridays: Session 2 -Oct. 1-22; and Session 3 Oct. 29-Nov. 19. Where: Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg. **Time**: 3–5 p.m. **Cost**: \$160. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

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their lesson day and time for entire school year and subsequent years, unless they choose not to continue. Enrollment is based on availability. If there are no openings, you are placed on a wait list and offered a date and time as available. A spring recital celebrates a year-long commitment by students and instructor.

Who: Grades 2-8. When: First semester lessons begin week of Sept. 7 through week of Dec. 13. Classes are prorated for later starts. **Where**: HCS Piano Lab, virtual, and private options. Cost: In-person semi-private 40- minute lesson \$22. Billed per semester. Private 30-minute les-

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or to be placed on the wait list.

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Grades: 6-8. Classes are 9 a.m.–3 p.m. in each location.

Shelburne: Saturday, Nov. 6. shelburnevt.org.

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Location: Good Time Café. **When**: Monday October 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$85. Limit: 10 students

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Library News

ctober is a transitional season, and at the library, we will encourage you to check out peak foliage (purportedly October 12–14). We have many happenings on tap in October both in real life and in a virtual realm. As we continue to monitor the situation with the delta variant, we encourage you to check our website for any changes to the way events listed below wind up happening.

In addition to the leaf show, we want you to check out some of the new titles hitting the shelves in this spooky season: David Sedaris has a new collection of his darkly hilarious essays A Carnival of Snackery. Big American novelist (and bird admirer) Jonathan Franzen is dropping another big book, his newest is called *Crossroads*. Fans of *Olive* Kittridge and the related Maine universe Elizabeth Strout conjures will be excited for O William!

Amor Towles is back with a story about four young boys traveling from Nebraska to New York set in 1954 called *The Lincoln Highway*. Bob Woodward covers our recent events in the transition between the Trump and Biden Administration in his latest, Peril. John Grisham conjures another suspenseful judicial novel called *The Judge's List*. Finally, Louise Penny and Hillary Clinton's co-written mystery is out this month and it's called State of Terror or, if you prefer pet-based mysteries, check out David Rosenfelt's newest, Best in Snow. Read on for October events at the library this

Youth Programs Weekly Outdoor **Storytime**

ome join the fun and learning on Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30 a.m. for outdoor storytime at the library! We will meet every Tuesday morning throughout September, either on our covered patio or on the lawn to the left of the library. Library story times are designed for children ages infancy-six 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 and book browsing. We ask that adults and children over two years old wear

masks inside as well as outside the library. Please email jen@carpentercarse.org with any questions.

October StoryWalk

Visit us all Month long for StoryWalk at the library. StoryWalks are an outdoor installment of laminated storybook pages that you read while walking along with your children. A new story will be posted on the library grounds during October for your family to read while getting outside and enjoying our beautiful Fall weather! StoryWalks are self-guided and can be enjoyed even when the library is closed. Please call us at 482-2878 with any questions.

LEGO On Picnic Tables

...which means we are holding a LEGO Club outdoors this Fall! Join us on Friday, October 15, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. for LEGO building and LEGO crafts and activities. This event is for children ages 5-11 years old. Registration is required, so please contact us at 482-2878 or email jen@ carpentercarse.org to sign up.

Outdoor Learn and Craft Session: Bats!

We invite children ages 5-11 to join us for an activity-packed afternoon on Wednesday, October 27, 2:15-3:30 p.m. Educator and presenter, Jerry Schneider, will be teaching us all about bats and leading us in a t-shirt making craft activity. Registration is required, and you can sign up at the library front desk or email jen@carpentercarse.org, then join your friends for Halloween snacks, crafts, and learning about

Adult Programs

Monday October 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Have a morning of creativity and conversation with "Hands and Needles." Bring whatever project you are working on quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc.

Thursday, October 7 at 6 p.m.

Whether you play an acoustic instrument or simply enjoy singing along with live folk music, come join the SongFarmers during their monthly gathering. Free and open to the public. Wednesday, October 13 at 10:30

a.m. The mystery book group will be meeting to discuss *An Event* in Autumn by Henning Mankell. Request a copy from the library.

Wednesday, October 20 at 6:45 **p.m.** Film expert Rick Winston will discuss the evolution of director Alfred Hitchcock's craft, exploring his favorite themes, his relationship with his collaborators, and his wry sense of humor no matter how grisly the subject matter. This is a Vermont Humanities program (supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities).

Thursday, October 21 at 7 p.m. What experiences and challenges have you had talking with the young people in your life about racism? Using The Talk – a new anthology from middle-grade writers and illustrators – as a starting point, we invite adults in the local community who are navigating these important conversations to read and discuss this collection together. Find more information on our website, including how to get a copy of the book and register. This is part of CCL's participation in Libraries

Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an initiative of the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

Friday, October 22, at 7 p.m. With Halloween around the corner, we'll lean into the suspenseful spirit with a movie night. Bring some

cozy seating, and we'll provide the popcorn. Find more details at our website.

Tuesday, October 26, at 7 p.m.

The evening book group will meet via Zoom to discuss the classic Gothic novel *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. Request a copy from the library.

COMMENTARY

Citizens United or Citizens Benighted?

BY BILL SCHUBART

hy are we surprised that our nation doesn't function? Or that we're so divided politically - unable to talk to one another? Or that our children don't vote or volunteer for civic causes when we don't even teach them to do so?

Today, when 80% of us don't trust our own government (tiny.one/ **PewTrust**), we must ask ourselves how many of us even understand how our government works or what our own critical role is in sustaining that three- quarters of Americans a vibrant democracy.

In 1956 when I was a sixth grader in Morrisville, we had a civics course taught by Mr. Dodge that grounded us in a rudimentary understanding of how local, state, and federal government worked. The course also instilled in us an understanding of our obligation to participate, vote, and serve in various civic functions. In the most recent presidential elec-

In our school, family, church, and community, it was borne in on us by lesson and example that we each had an obligation to participate in and contribute to community, either in direct service and, if we could, by giving money. As adults, we were expected to serve on community organizations: select, school, and library boards, cemetery commissions, church and charitable organizations. Some might run for State or Federal office. We often heard the then-prevalent phrase, though only to boys, "You could be President of the United States!'

If we are to secure our increasingly fragile democracy, it's time to require civics courses again and to introduce media literacy in our public-school curriculum. A democracy depends on its citizens understanding how their government works. their role in sustaining it by voting

and also serving as needed in various elected or appointed roles.

In yet another signal that citizens are no longer the engine of democracy, we've dropped compulsory military service except for those with no other economic or educational options, and have no apparent plans to initiate a non-military national service.

On the encouraging side, the pandemic and resultant division has led to a modest improvement in Americans' understanding of the architecture of their government (tiny.one/civics2021). In 2020, over half of Americans (51%) were able to name all three branches of government, an improvement over earlier survey results which indicated couldn't; one-third couldn't even name one branch of government. An electorate that condemns its own government without understanding its functions and purpose or doesn't step up to assume civic responsibilities can hardly be counted on for informed participation, voting, or advocacy.

tion, there was a significant uptick in the number of young people (18-25) voting (53%). In the 2016 election, however, less than half the number (45%) of eligible young voters went to the polls.

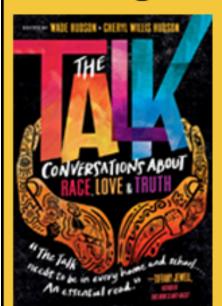
We Americans hate mandates.

But in Australia, voter registration and participation are required by law and some 96 percent of eligible Australians are enrolled to vote. Of those, more than 90 percent typically turn out to cast ballots in a federal election, far more than the 55 percent of eligible Americans who participated in the 2016 presidential election.

It's also past time to teach our children how to understand and evaluate the myriad sources of reliable information and misinformation

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What experiences and challenges have you had talking with the young people in your life about racism?



Carpenter-Carse Library invites local adults to a discussion centered on The Talk, an anthology from notable middle-grade writers and illustrators sharing personal conversations about how racism impacts their lives.

Participants will be asked to read and think critically about the book's themes and essays, and reflect on where they are personally when it comes to having honest conversations about racial justice with kids. As participants seek to grow in awareness and empathy, how can the library be a source of community support for these important ongoing discussions?

Join us Thursday, October 21 at 7 pm Email meg@carpentercarse.org for a copy of the book and to register.

This conversation is part of Carpenter-Carse Library's participation in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Smail and Rural Libraries, an Initiative of the American Library ssociation in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Book cover image courtesy of Penguin Random House



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available to them. If current political events have taught us anything, it's how vulnerable we all are now to misinformation, innuendo, "influencers" (clickbait), and propaganda.

In an earlier Digger column, I suggested making media literacy a required curriculum element beginning no later than high school. Informed citizens know the difference between reliable journalism and opinion/blogs, as well as how to fact-check and find trusted sources.

Media literacy can also help young and old identify social media misinformation, hype, and propaganda.

When I was young, we got our news either from trusted national sources like Walter Cronkite, Edward R. Murrow, or Huntley-Brinkley or from Vermont's WDEV or our local paper The News and Citizen. We could trust these reliable sources, although asking questions rather than taking things on faith was a habit ingrained in most of us. These sources formed the basis of how we thought about world, state, and local affairs, and we were expected in school and at the dinner table to be able to discuss "current events."

Today's young people are facile users of social media, but they and too many of their elders are dangerously ignorant about the consequences of using it unquestioningly. Cyber-bullying, revenge porn, paid influencers, stalking, clickbait, and fake news are all dangerous consequences of our naivete and the lack of regulation of social media. There is a steep price to pay for being on Facebook and other platforms and not paying sufficient attention to privacy and its importance in a world of relentless and malfeasant hacking, exploitation, and misinformation.

The News Literacy Project (newslit. org) urges readers to ask the basic question: "What is the primary objective of the information being provided?"

News: Informs us through objective reporting, about local, national, and international events, issues, and people of significance or of interest.

Opinion: Persuades us, ideally using fact-based evidence, to adopt a specific point of view about an issue or event

Advertising: Sells us a product or service.

Entertainment: Amuses, pleases,

relaxes, or distracts us.

Propaganda: Provokes us — often by using false or distorted information to manipulate our emotions.

Raw information: Documents an event or trend but has not been analvzed, checked, edited, explained, or placed in any context.

There are many corrosive elements weakening our democracy: corruption, equating money with free speech (Citizens United), voting restrictions. But our own basic ignorance of government's purpose and function and our inability to differentiate fact from political propaganda could sound our democracy's death knell.

The Island of **Pines**

BY ROGER DONEGAN

his past summer, a good friend vacationing in North Hero drew attention to an announcement of a lighthouse tour in the *The Islander*, a Champlain Islands newspaper. The Clinton County Historical Association was to sponsor a ride to Valcour Island plus hold an open house at the Bluff Point Lighthouse overlooking the bay between the island and Plattsburgh. Within the colonial territory of New France until 1763 the island was originally named "Isle de Valcours" or "Island of Pines."

The chance opportunity to visit an old sentinel of a lighthouse or even the typically stunning location yields insights on the promontory, the waterway, the role played in local history, and the story of the men, women or families who dutifully attended to the performance of the lights, and occasionally foghorns, under every weather condition.

The type of lighthouse operation, design and construction also explain a lot.

While the remaining Lake Champlain lighthouses have outlasted their purpose as essential aids to navigation many of the lights that dot our seacoasts still reveal the waypoints to steer clear of at night by blinking an identifying code marked by the color of light, duration, and sometimes the number of flashes assigned them on a navigational chart.

In anticipation of the Bluff Point Lighthouse tour, a check of the last and thinnest section of *The* Lighthouse Handbook: New England (2012) identifies five lighthouse locations on the Vermont side of Lake Champlain with just a mention of six lighthouses on the New York side. Casting a wider net but incon-



Lighthouse Society Passport stamp

sistently with a handful of token photographs Lighthouses of North America (2008) singularly describes the Split Rock Lighthouse in Essex, New York, revered by the Iroquois and just three in Vermont. Hands down the best reference and amenable to school age children is Lake Champlain Lighthouses by George Clifford, richly illustrated by Sid Couchy (2009 last edition).

Lake Champlain Lighthouses does justice to all the lighthouses in their original appearances by illustration but in reality the lighthouses are in varying stages of material condition, are privately owned without public access, or viewing them is possible only from the lake. A few are obscured by ever maturing trees or are stuck in time between an unkempt period and a sorely



Bluff Point Lighthouse on Valcour Island

needed upgrade. The first federal lighthouse on the Lake was at Juniper Island in 1825. The "Three Sisters" Windmill Point (Alburg), Point Au Roche (Beekmantown) and the original Crown Point's Lighthouse were octagonal towers built of blue limestone block. The Cumberland Head Light was built of stone block hauled across the lake ice by oxen from an Isle La Motte quarry while the Isle La Motte Lighthouse itself is an iron prefab like several of those on Cape Cod. According to local opinion its original bright orange color has faded to a shade of "Nantucket Red." Many are familiar with the Colchester Reef Lighthouse moved to the Shelburne Museum in 1955.

Predominantly, the Lake's lighthouses were in their present locations by the early or middle 1800s then underwent an expected progression of ingenuity to project their light. First used was an arrangement of polished reflectors that threw the light of burning oil lamps. Next were the Fresnel lenses of the 4 to 6 size order. Incandescent oil vapor produced the brightest and cleanest flame. Most locations were automated in the early 1930s by an acetylene light placed atop a usually taller iron skeletal tower set near the original lighthouse. In what seems to be a nod to antiquity at the start of this century, solar panels teamed up with battery backup systems to energize a 300mm optic light that were reinstalled in the glass enclosed "old lanterns" in a wholesale re-lamping effort of old but restored lighthouses.

By the day of the tour on August 8th, we, a trio of young enthusiastic boys and I, had boned up on early American history where Lake Champlain figures very large. Not surprisingly, two Lake Champlain Lighthouses were eventually set over the exact same waters in-

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successive early American naval battles for independence from Britian, not for historical reasons but to be essential aids to navigation for commerce on the Lake. The interior rooms of the Bluff Point Lighthouse were chock full of static displays and wall mounted exhibits. The Battle of Valcour Island of October 11, 1776 under Benedict Arnold predated the Bluff Point Lighthouse by 98 years. The Battle of Plattsburgh of September 1814 under Commodore Thomas Macdonough, fought with cannon balls forged from Monkton bog iron, predated the establishment of the Cumberland Head Light, within sight there just miles north of Valcour Island, by 24 years. While waiting at a public boat

volved in two very significant

launch for the ride to the island by a volunteer skippering his tidy Boston Whaler a very sweet senior lady of the Historical Association coordinating the event quietly shared that cannon balls could still be found at the southern end of the island but loud enough for the boys to hear. The Association covered the island's own modern history too which is within the Adirondack Park Agency. Former camp structures are gone while a scattering of primitive camp sites for boaters to wade ashore to rim the island. The circumferential trail is 7.5 miles. Leaving the lighthouse, but not before presenting a blank postcard to retain a customary Lighthouse Society Passport stamp imprint, we headed for the south end single file down a narrow foot path. Declining to go the whole way we stopped at Indian Point to eat lunch and enjoy a safe swim off trail. However eventful it would have been to find cannon ball the bright side is we didn't have to carry any back.

The Valcour Island Heritage Trail Guide flags Indian Point with the fol-

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lowing quote: "...If you were standing here that day, you'd see a line of small American boats in Valcour Bay firing cannon at British vessels struggling against a strong headwind. The Americans battered by the superior firepower of the British, made a dramatic escape that night...'

Editor's note: Commodore Thomas MacDonough's last name does appear spelled two ways in published references, either Mac Donough or Macdonough.



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ing with Justin Geibel of Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC), and other TC members at our site in early April, it was determined that this "turnpike" design could work well in our trouble spot.

In mid-May Chic met with Lisa Thorton at Mt. Philo, who is with the Forestry Division of Vermont Parks and Recreation, the department that had built that turnpike. She explained the benefits and gave Chic advice on how best to construct one on our trails. After scoping out the dimensions of the most problematic

of the area and determining the cost and labor force needed, Chic presented the information to the TC at the May meeting. The vote was unanimous...we would go forward with this project. And most importantly, James Donegan, the farm owner, gave his permission!

But when could we get all the people we would need to haul the wood and gravel to the site, construct the frame and fill it in? Luckily, the TC had planned to organize a trail maintenance workday in conjunction with National Trails Day on June 6. The call went out on Front Porch Forum and we were lucky to

get several interested and motivated volunteers. It was decided to just build the frame that day, then do the filling with gravel at a later date.

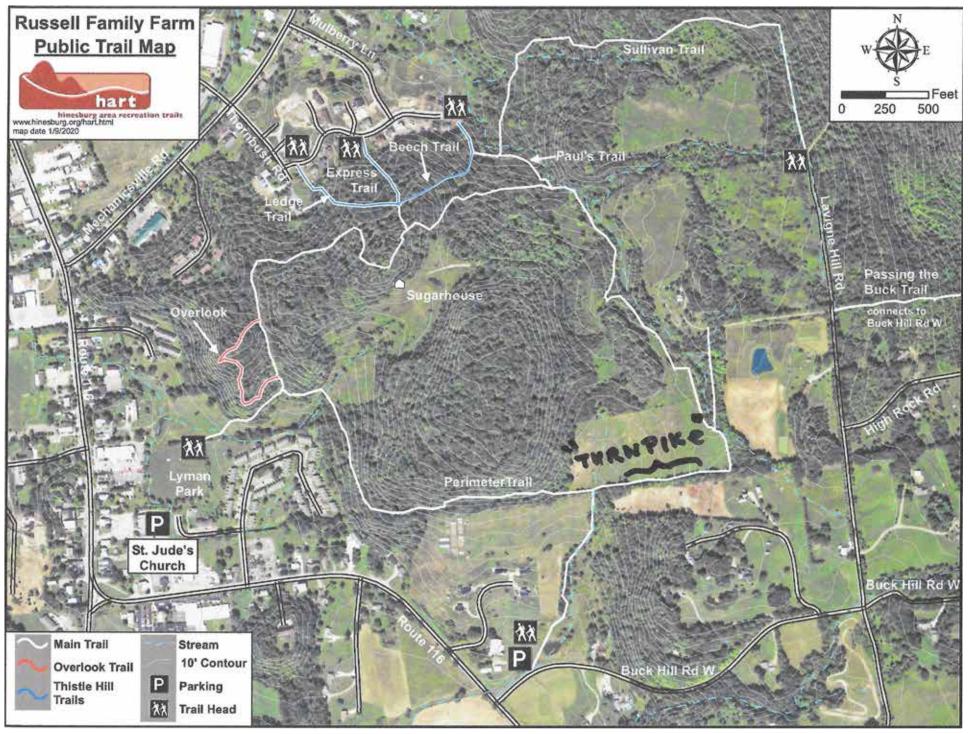
Chic and Ray Mainer, another TC member, had purchased the wood and drilled holes for spikes the week before. All the materials were delivered to the site on June 5.

That Saturday was warm and humid day. Undeterred, Chic along with Bret Golann, another TC member, labored with three volunteers to construct the first 125 feet of the frame. By the end of the morning, this first part of the construction was complete! Thanks go to Jim

Goldsmith, Brian Bock and Wavne Maceyka for their very hard work.

In late July, another 35 feet of frame was added. Finally in August, with the help of borrowed trucks and front loader (thank you, Andrea Morgante), Chic, Ray, Bret and Brian were able to fill the entire 160 feet with gravel.

The TC will be adding another 35foot section soon. Since there are still some stretches which can become too moist if the warmer seasons are particularly rainy, we expect that this project will be on-going over the years. Look for our eager call for volunteers in the future!



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EDUCATION

Vermont Adult Learning launches FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE free Online **Learning Center**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont Adult Learning Center launches Online Learning Center, Aallowing students to earn their high school diplomas and more - for free

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), serving Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden, Addison, Rutland, Windsor and Windham Counties, is launching an Online Learning Center (OLC) to complement in-person services. Students are now able to pursue their high school diploma for free via in-person, online or hybrid models.

"Vermont Adult Learning has taken our experience during COVID-19 and turned it into something positive and exciting - an Online Learning Center - where students have access to more teachers, a greater variety of courses, and a more varied schedule than ever before. The OLC was created to reach a broader segment of Vermonters, those hard-working individuals who lack reliable transportation, are busy parenting young children and/or have demanding work schedules.

VAL has served tens of thousands adult learners, ages 16 years and older, since our founding in 1980. Our programs include basic education and literacy, high school completion, GED tutoring and testing, courses for English Language Learners, workforce readiness and development, and transition to post-secondary education and/or the workforce. Our services are free.

For more information, please access the OLC course catalog at sites. google.com/vtadultlearning.org/ course-catalog. To learn more about VAL, visit vtadultlearning.org.

CVSD News

E-Busses Have Arrived in CVSD

n late 2019, the Champlain Valley School District (CVSD) was selected to be a partner in the Agency of Natural Resources Electric School and Transit Bus Pilot Program. The announcement read:

"Champlain Valley stood out in both your level of support for and engagement around this pilot and our confidence in your capacity to be a great Project Partner in deploying electric buses."

Due to a variety of factors, the delivery of the two new buses for CVSD was delayed a number of times since the purchase was approved by voters in March 2020. We are happy to announce that they have arrived!

The district pays a share of the cost of two electric buses. Our share is the equivalent of two diesel buses, with the grant making up the substantial difference.

The Champlain Valley School District prides itself on being a leader in sustainable practices. This opportunity allows us to not only transport students more safely and efficiently, but to make a concrete example of living up to our values. We are excited to take such an important role in helping Vermont reduce carbon emissions and improve energy efficiency. Our whole community is thrilled to see the electric buses rolling through CVSD.

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•The amount of Federal funds we receive to support early literacy and math intervention services is based on the percentage of students receiving Free and Reduced Meals. If you don't enroll, these programs will disappear.

•The USDA is implementing a P-EBT (Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer) card program for families whose children are not in school due to school closure or quarantine. The details are being rolled out later in September, but we know that in order to be eligible, your student must be approved for Free or Reduced Meals. •Later this fall we will be announcing a Federal program to provide

broadband assistance to CVSD families. This program will help with paying for internet access, provide a new internet hookup, or provide hotspots, if necessary. Again, your student must be approved within the Free and Reduced Meal program to be eligible.

The application is short and easy. An online or printable application is available on the CVSD website under "Food Service," or contact your school directly. The printable for can be found at tiny.one/ CVSDmeals.

Over 40,000 meals were prepared and served by our food service team this summer!

Access CVU Registration is Open with Over 200 Classes

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Access CVU, your destination for community education, based out continued on page 14



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of CVU High School right here in Hinesburg, has opened our class registration for the Fall. With over 200 classes to choose from, including a mix of past favorites and creative new options, there's something for everyone! We are excited to be back to meeting inside the CVU building, and the majority of our classes will meet inside CVU. Masks are required, as we all work to keep our community safe. And if you'd rather stay home, we will continue to offer some classes online with the userfriendly Zoom platform.

Some highlights of new classes starting in October include:

- A Handyman Series- choose from between 1 or all 8 classes in the series, and learn everything from how to build your toolbox and repair a damaged wall, to how to flip
- Pollinator-Friendly Fall Garden Prep- Hattie is a popular Access instructor for gardening classes, specifically native pollinators, and this new class is focused on fall garden clean-up.
- •Batik this was run as a 4-week class in the Spring and filled quickly; now you have the chance to learn this beautiful art in just a one-night commitment
- Sewing with Knit Fabrics-learn to make a t-shirt with Kristi Kilpatrick that fits you perfectly with the fabric of your choosing; come back in January and learn to make a skirt.
- Make Your Own Cutting Boardslearn to make cutting boards- one small cheese board, and a larger serving/carving board- from start to finish over the course of 4 nights
- How Shall we Remember our War Dead? - Bill Mares will lead a discussion of how American war memorials have changed, as have wars themselves, and consider how we can best honor our veterans.



Batik art from the spring class. It is now being offered as a one-night class.



• A series of nutrition classes including meal planning, nourishing your brain and body after 50, and fueling a tween/teen athlete will all be taught by Joanne Heidkamp

Need help getting signed up for a class, or getting setup for online learning? Have a question about a current class or a suggestion for a future class? Want to teach with us? We want to hear from you! Call 482-7194 or email access@cvsdvt. org. Visit cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com (or Google ACCESS CVU) to see a full class list and search by category, date, instructor and more. We offer senior discounts, and scholarships are available thanks to the support of our community. We provide enrichment and learning opportunities for anyone, anywhere, and anytime! Come explore new passions, ignite your imagination, learn a new skill and connect with life-long learners.

ORGANIZATIONS

Hinesburg Little Free Pantry Needs Your Support

BY DAWN FRANCIS

ome 60 million Americans received food assistance from a food bank, food pantry or other charitable program in 2020, an increase of 50 percent over the previous year according to Feeding America. One in three people in Vermont rely on these programs (UVM study 2020). Hinesburg's own Little Free Pantry distributed over \$12,000 worth of canned, dried and fresh food/local produce during the last year. Through the generosity of our community, we received monetary donations as well as fresh eggs, vegetables, syrup, honey and nonperishable food.

We continue to see increased usage of the Free Pantry built by the Burlington Sunrise Rotary Club and located outside the United Church parish hall on Route 116 in Hinesburg. The mission is simple take what you need, and leave what you can.

The ways you can help: monetary donations which allow

the volunteers to shop for food items. Mail to the United Church of Hinesburg, with Little Free Pantry in the memo (address is PO Box 39. Hinesburg).

• leave donations of cereals, snack items like dried fruits, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, tuna pouches, dried soups and pasta mixes, etc. (please no expired foods!) With freezing temperatures approaching, we will not be able to use as many canned goods as they freeze on the outdoor shelf. However, donations of cheeses,

Vermont, we would like to hear from you. Sometimes parents are unaware that special education services are available to their

Please contact the School 985-3331, Williston Central/Allen Services, Meagan Roy at 383-1234

cured meats, and other items that can tolerate the cold will be welcome

• If your group is considering a community outreach effort, sponsor a food drive to help us restock our pantry. We shop once a month in addition to receiving donations.

Thank you for your support of this important community resource!

SCHIP Grant Application Deadline

FROM PRESS RELEASE

he Autumn deadline for SCHIP grant applications is Wednesday, October 15, 2021. Since SCHIP (Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects) began making grants many non-profits have used their awarded funds to continue their mission to improve the lives of our neighbors and strengthen our communities. Grants range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Grants may not exceed \$3,000 per request and only one grant can be received within a year by any one entity.

Applicant requirements:

- •Be a 501c(3) or submit the application through such an organization.
- Projects must serve residents of Shelburne, Charlotte, and/or Hinesburg.
- Funds may not be applied to annual operating budgets or permanent staffing.
- •One application per organization per calendar year.

Grants deadlines are now May 15 and October 15.

To obtain an application go to the "Contact" link on the SCHIP's Treasure website at: SCHIPSTreasure.org.

Birds of Vermont Museum Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Birds of Vermont museum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Road Huntington. For more information, call (802) 434-2167, go to birdsofvermont.org/events or email museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Green Mountain Woodcarvers Carve-in and Annual Meeting Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Sunday, October 10, 2-4 p.m. Meeting Place: Office Building, **Audubon Vermont**

Join us at Audubon for a birdy/ nature adventure with Outright Vermont's Gender Creative Kids Group. Audubon is an amazing place to explore. We'll listen for birds, look for signs of fall, marvel at mushrooms, and visit the pond to search for frogs, newts and tadpoles. We will let curiosity be our guide and follow our interests.

Gender Creative Kids is a social group for kids under 13 and their parents/caregivers. We loosely define gender creative as kids who fall outside traditional ideas of gender, but welcome other definitions.

Contact David Glidden at Outright Vermont to join us: david@outrightvt.org. Masks are required.

Trail/accessibility information: Our outing will be at a slow (birding) pace and will cover approximately 1.5 miles. The trail is unpaved and there are a couple of short steep



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The Green Mountain Woodcarvers

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Go to vt.audubon.org/events/gender-creative-kids-outing-audubonvermont for more information including Covid safety info.

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CVSD PRESS RELEASE

📉 hamplain Valley School District (Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston) is required by federal law to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities. The process of locating, identifying and evaluating children with disabilities is known as Child

Champlain Valley School District schools conduct Kindergarten

screening each spring, but parents may call to make an appointment to discuss their concerns at any time. As the school district of residence, CVSD has the responsibility to identify and provide services to any child with special needs who may require special education and related services in order to access and benefit from public education.

If you have, or know of any CVSD resident who has a child with a disability under the age of 21 or a child who attends a private school located in Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George or Williston,

Principal (Charlotte Central School – 425-2771, Hinesburg Community School – 482-2106, Shelburne Community School -Brook Schools – 878-2762) or the Director of Student Support or mroy@cvsdvt.org.

OUTDOORS

BY ETHAN TAPPER IS THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

orests are complex, intricate and nuanced, and also massive, expansive and interconnected. To be responsible forest stewards, we need to both zoom out to understand our role in a giant

Bugs in the Woods landscape, and zoom in to recognize the tiny pieces and parts that make forests work. We must (somehow) hold both of these realities in focus

> This month I want to zoom in, to talk about invertebrates. Simply put, invertebrates are organisms without spines, an incredibly diverse group of critters, which includes ev-

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erything from insects to sea sponges, squids, slugs and worms. What most people call "bugs," are arthro*pods*, a sub-group of invertebrates which includes insects, spiders, and even lobsters.

Invertebrates are an incredibly adaptive and resilient bunch, having been around since before the dinosaurs. In terms of sheer abundance and diversity, they stand alone: of the approximately 2 million known species on Earth, about 97% are invertebrates (900,000 species are just insects), with somewhere between 8 million and 30 million species still undiscovered. Besides accounting for a huge proportion of our biodiversity, the sheer amount of bugs on Earth is startling: there are around 200 million insects for every human on the planet, about 300 pounds of insects for every pound of human. To put us in perspective, the combined mass of all the humans on Earth is about equal to that of all the ants. or the mass that all the spiders on Earth eat in one year.

In Vermont, there are more than 20,000 known species of invertebrates, compared to 58 species of mammals.

These invertebrates support our ecosystems in countless ways, mostly unseen. They are what biologist E.O. Wilson calls "the little things that run the world," subtly working behind the scenes to make our world work.

Invertebrates are the base of the forest food web, directly and indirectly feeding larger wildlife. Moth and butterfly caterpillars, for example, are critical sources of protein which songbirds rely on to feed their young in the spring.

Caterpillars and other bugs often have close, co-evolved relationships with one or a few different tree species, and so diverse forests are critical to providing habitat for them and the species that eat them.

Invertebrates are also decomposers, turning organic material like wood into soil. Soils are largely biological in nature - their physical and chemical composition a result of being passed through the bodies of countless tiny organisms, transformed by mites, springtails, nematodes and more. A handful of forest soil may contain thousands of invertebrates of hundreds of different species, not to mention millions or even billions of organisms if you include bacteria. protozoa, algae, and fungi.

Invertebrates perform a huge number of other essential functions. Some, especially flying insects like flies, beetles, or Vermont's more than 300 species of native bees, are pollinators, helping more than twothirds of Vermont's plant species reproduce. Others, like ants, disperse the seeds of some of our native spring wildflowers. The list goes on.

Not all is good with bugs in the woods. Some invertebrates are nonnative tree pests, like the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Hemlock Wooly Adelgid (HWA). Some nonnative bugs which are celebrated in agriculture – the Eurasian honeybee and earthworms – can be problematic in our ecosystems. Non-native invasive plants like honeysuckle, buckthorn, and barberry take over forests, providing habitat for only a tiny fraction of our invertebrates. For many reasons, invertebrates are going extinct at an incredibly fast rate, with as many 100,000 species lost since the 1600s and 40% of known invertebrate species thought to be under threat of extinction.



Ichneumen Wasp. Photo by Gary Sturgis

Invertebrate habitat is as diverse as they are. They live in rotting wood, in soil, in the leaves and branches of young, healthy trees and the complex bark of big, old trees. On a large scale, the most important thing we can do for invertebrates is to protect our forests from fragmentation and loss, managing for diverse, intact, connected landscapes. On a smaller scale, we can manage for complex forests, encouraging different sizes, ages and species of trees while also leaving some big "legacy" trees, dead-standing trees and lots of dead wood on the forest floor, and dealing with biodiversity threats like non-native

Great things come in small packages. As strange as it seems, healthy populations of bugs are critical to the integrity and the resilience of our forests and the beauty and function of our world.

invasive plants.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation. See what he's been up to at: linktr.ee/ **ChittendenCountyForester**

Vermont's Archery Deer Season Starts Oct. 1

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

he Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says hunters are looking forward to Vermont's upcoming October 1- November 12 and November 29 to December 15 archery deer hunting season.

A hunter may take up to four deer in Vermont's two-part archery season if they do not shoot any deer in the other deer seasons. The purchase of an archery deer license and tag is required for each deer. No more than one of the deer taken during archery season may be a legal buck if no buck is taken in the other deer seasons. Antlerless deer hunting is allowed during archery season statewide this year.

In WMUs C, D1, D2, E1, E2, G, I, L, M, P, and Q, a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler three inches or more in length. In WMUs A, B, F1, F2, H, J1, J2, K, N, and O, a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler with two or more antler points one inch in length or longer.

Hunters must have a standard hunting license in order to purchase an add-on archery deer-hunting license, except that nonresidents may purchase an "archery only deer license," costing \$75. Licenses continued on page 18

Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

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.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! Join us for our monthly Community Writers.

Group! All genres are welcome. 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@ beecherhilluoga.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.

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. https://meet.google.com/vruhvxh-xuw.

Third Floor Conference Room.

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.

Indigenous People's Day.

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417? pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFEc3lkQT09. Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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. Town Office, Lower Level Conference

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

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.

THESDAY OCTOBER 19

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

5:30-7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's, 10997 VT-116, Hinesburg. New members welcome! Contact HBPA President Laura Gurdak at.

802-482-2877 or hinesburghair@gmail.com. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Town Office, Lower Level Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Plau 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, OCTOBER 27

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, OCTOBER 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Economic Development.

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

3rd floor conference Room, Hinesburg Town

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See Calendar entry for Oct. 5 for details.

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, NOVEMBER 3 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. https://meet.google.com/vruhvxh-xuw.

Third Floor Conference Room.

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

Hinesburg Community Calendar.

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.

IONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting, Zoom Meeting, See Calendar entru

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for Oct. 12 for details.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main

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

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

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, NOVEMBER 16 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 Oct. 19 for details.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Town Office, Lower Level Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Plau 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, NOVEMBER 24

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

7:00-8:00 p.m.Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69

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may be quickly and easily purchased on Fish and Wildlife's website, vtfishandwildlife.com.

Hunters planning a Vermont archery deer hunting trip will find it helpful to download a copy of the 2021 White-tailed Deer Harvest Report from Fish and Wildlife's website at tinyurl.com/nz4ej23m. It has the number of deer taken in each town in last year's deer hunting seasons.

For more information and a summary of regulations, download the 2021 Deer Seasons Guide from Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website, or pick up a free copy of the 2021 Hunting & Trapping Guide from any license agent.

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Arts & Leisure

Shelburne **Museum News**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne Museum to be Powered by Solar Energy by the End of 2021

Shelburne Museum teams up with **Encore Renewable Energy and** Bee The Change to develop Two **Pollinator-Friendly Solar Projects**

Shelburne Museum will be fully powered by renewable energy when two new arrays constructed on museum property come online later this year.

Construction of the first phase of the project, a 500-kilowatt array on land adjacent to the museum cam-

Above: Mario Dominguez Hernandez

and Anne Kellogg, selling their home

Above right: Calvin Wuthrich.

Below, from left to right: Doug Ryan,

pus, was completed in December 2020. The second phase, a separate, smaller 150kW array, south of the museum campus, is under construction and scheduled to be complete in the fall. The museum partnered with Encore Renewable Energy of Burlington, on the development, financing and construction of both solar projects.

"At Shelburne Museum, we see our mission as not only focused on stewarding the museum's renowned collections, buildings and gardens, we also believe that responsibility extends to our impact on the planet," said Shelburne Museum Director Thomas Denenberg. "This solar project is an important step in our ongoing commitment to sustainability."

Once complete, the solar projects will generate an estimated 1,200,000 kilowatt hours of clean electricity

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annually. This is the carbon equivalent of powering more than 150 average New England homes and taking nearly 200 cars off the road per year. The museum will purchase the net metering credits generated by the systems at a discount, resulting in significant reductions in electricity expenses over the 25-year life of the project.

"Shelburne Museum's sustainability commitment only furthers its stewardship mission," said Chad Farrell, Founder and CEO of Encore Renewable Energy. "We are proud to have played a role in making Shelburne Museum one of the few museums in New England to be completely solar powered."

In addition, Encore and the museum partnered with Bee The Change, a non-profit based in Weybridge, Vermont, devoted to supporting pollinators through plantings in solar fields. The ground beneath the two sites is being planted with pollinator-friendly ground cover to support vital habitat for bees, butter-



Shelburne Museum's new 500kW solar array during construction. Photography by Andy Duback

er insects critical to food security.

"We are impressed by the museum's commitment to sustainability and stewardship," said Michael Kiernan, co-founder of Bee The Change. "The Shelburne Museum site is perhaps the most beautiful spot we have had the opportunity to install a pollinator habitat. This habitat will be the embodiment of the museum's mission and an opportunity to educate people about the critical importance of pollinators to the reproduction of flowering plants and all of the species who depend on their fruits and vegetable nuts and berries, including our own."

About Encore Renewable Energy

Encore Renewable Energy is a Burlington, Vermont-based leader in commercial renewable energy with a proven track record in solar development from concept to completion. Founded in 2007 as Encore Redevelopment, their team specializes in the design, development, financing, permitting and construction of solar and energy storage projects on landfills, brownfields, rooftops and carports. As a valuesled company, Encore is committed to revitalizing communities and creating a cleaner, brighter future for all. For more information about Encore, please visit encorerenewableenergy.com.

About Bee The Change

Bee The Change is a Vermont-based family farm using unused space in solar fields to support threatened pollinators and bees. For more information about Bee The Change, visit beethechangehoney.com.

Video: Webby's Art Studio - Nature **Printmaking**

flies, hummingbirds, moths and oth- Tune in to learn how to make your own nature prints using found flowers and explore prints from the Museum collection. View the video (and others) at **shelburnemuseum**. org/learn/webby.

Artists in Schools **Grants Available**

FROM VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

rtists in Schools grants fund artist residencies in schools. Residencies may be funded for up to ten days, are intended to serve as a model for the integration of the arts across the PreK-12 curriculum, both in the classroom and through remote learning. Artists completing the residency must be selected from the Council's Teaching Artist Roster and are expected to collaborate with classroom teachers to ensure that the residency meets student learning objectives and that there is a sustainable impact in the school community.

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- A physical education teacher works with a clown to integrate the circus arts and team building activates into the curriculum

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FROM VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

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Events include:

- •The Path to Climate Justice is Local with Puerto Rican climate justice leader Elizabeth Yeampierre (Oct. 6 at Middlebury College and via live stream)
- Thinking Through the Future with author Bill McKibben (Oct. 18 on Zoom)
- •Rising Tide: The Crossroads Project with the Fry Street Quartet (Oct. 22 at UVM and via live stream)
- NPR's Éric Westervelt on Climate Disasters (Oct. 23 in Colchester)

Most events are free!

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The events offered on Zoom and the Eric Westervelt talk require advance registration. The Fall Conference 2021 is sponsored in part by the **UVM** Office for Engagement.

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PEOPLE

Lydia Clemmons **Con Hogan Award**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

he Vermont Community Foundation and the organizing committee for the Con Hogan Award for Creative, Entrepreneurial Community Leadership are pleased to announce that Lydia Clemmons, PhD, MPH, will be honored with this year's award. Dr. Clemmons is President and Executive Director of the Clemmons Family Farm in Charlotte.

Established by a group of Con's colleagues in 2015, the annual award recognizes his life work by honoring a community leader who shares his vision of a better Vermont and seizes the responsibility for making that vision a reality. The awardee shows deep community involvement, generosity, enthusiasm, a collaborative approach, and a focus on data and measurable outcomes in their work.

Dr. Clemmons and her four siblings grew up on the 148-acre Charlotte farm her parents purchased in 1962, after her father, a pathologist, started a job at the University of Vermont. Her mother joined the medical center as a nurse anesthetist. At the same time, the couple worked on the farm, instilling in their children a deep respect for farming and manual labor. As African Americans, they also wanted to create a haven for their children and other African Americans, many of whom were artists and scholars, in a predominantly white state. The farm welcomed members of the community as well, providing, from the 1960s through the 1980s, a dynamic showcase celebrating African American music and

Dr. Clemmons left Vermont after high school to attend Stanford

University in California. Initially, she wanted to be a physician like her father. But after completing her pre-medical studies, she joined the Peace Corps and worked as a public health volunteer in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She fell in love with the Congolese people, cultures, and art and built a 35-year career in public health, living and working in more than 20 African countries. She returned to the U.S. to obtain new data and analysis tools to take back to her work abroad, and now holds a Master of Public Health in international health from the University of Michigan, and a PhD in medical anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Clemmons returned to Vermont in 2013 to help her parents plan for the future of their farm, one of just 0.4 percent of U.S. farms that remain in Black hands. In 2017, under her leadership, the Clemmons Family Farm won the prestigious **National Creative Placemaking** Award from ArtPlace America. In 2019, it became a nonprofit organization. According to its website, "the Clemmons Family Farm mobilizes the power of African American and African diaspora history, art, culture, and people to build a loving and supportive multicultural community in Vermont—and to both conserve and preserve the physical farm as an African-American owned land and cultural heritage asset for future generations."

Currently, the Clemmons Family Farm has two major programs. The "Windows to a Multicultural World" program brings African American and African diaspora history, art, and culture to Vermont's K-12 students, parents, and teachers, with a focus on joy and resilience. The "Beneath Our Skin COVID-19 Storytelling Project," funded by the Vermont Department of Health, collects stories and artwork by 100 Black Vermonters and



Lydia Clemmons, PhD, MPH, recipient of the Con Hogan Award

50 health care providers about their COVID-19 vaccination experiences. The Clemmons Family Farm will share some of the stories with the public and also provide the health department with findings and recommendations based on insights gained through the storytelling project, to improve the state's vaccination services.

The Con Hogan Award selection

committee chose Dr. Clemmons in large part because of her work, like that of her parents, to provide an empowering platform for Black artists and share Black culture and heritage with the Vermont community. Says Committee Chair Scott Johnson: "Clemmons has connected art and public health to improve people's wellbeing throughout her career, and we are fortunate that she is bringing that vision and experience to her work in Vermont."

The \$15,000 award, to be used however the recipient chooses, will be presented at a virtual ceremony on Wednesday, October 6, at noon. Visit vermontcf.org/ConHogan for more information about the award and to register for the ceremony.

Members of the Con Hogan Award committee are Will Belongia, Paul Cillo, Steve Dale, Scott Johnson, Ellen Kahler, Jane Kimble, Dr. Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Jericho Parms, Arnold Isidore Thomas, and Diana

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Higher Education Honors

Mike Goslin of Hinesburg has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2021 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

OBITUARIES

Memorial Service Scheduled

Paul Franklin Eddy *1926-2020*

who passed away on December 21, 2020 will be held on Sunday October 10, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Hinesburg (Route 116 in the center of Hinesburg).



Paul Franklin Eddy

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being bullied or harassed for their gender expression or identity. We are pulling the literal load with a rope and a truck as a metaphor so that youth don't have to do it alone."



Photo courtesy of Mary-Jo Brace.

A video of Sunday's pull will be submitted to OutrightVT for the competition. Sambrook continued, "The joy of the pull and the camaraderie it builds in our daily work and play is nowhere near as rewarding as hearing from a parent that because of our support of their child's non binary identity in preschool, they are now a happy, energetic and engaged 2nd grader. And, that we helped them be brave in the face of the unknown. If we can create affirming schools, we can change the future for LGBTQ youth." said Sambrook. "Children can't be what they can't see. Every child de-

serves to learn alongside peers and teachers that think of a spectrum instead of boxes when we think of who we are." Team Wild Things has a fundraising goal is \$3,000 and donations can be made to: give.outrightvt.org/thewildthings. First Roots - Wild Roots is a 5 STAR

nature based early education program in Hinesburg Vermont serving families with children aged 6 weeks - 8 years (formerly Annettes' Preschool). First Roots Hinesburg and Underhill were newly opened in October 2020, and together serve over 30 families 6 weeks - 8 years.



Early Educators at First Roots - Wild Roots and their "fire truck." Photo courtesy of Andrea Sambrook



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

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

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

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

Saint Jude the Apostle **Catholic** Church

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Pastor's Residence: 425-2253. stjude@gmavt.net.

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

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

Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 879-3446, Rectory, 482-2290, marietcookson@aol.com

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

Weekday Masses:

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

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

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 879-3446

Religious Education (CCD): The first Sunday of each month following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Students and parents meet each month.

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

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

Lighthouse **Baptist Church**

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com Location: Hinesburg Village Center,

90 Mechanicsville Road Address: P.O. Box 288

Regular Services:

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30

a.m. Nursery provided.

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

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

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

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

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

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Website: steeple.org Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

Worship service:

Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Worship service and Sunday School:

Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Pastor: Rev. Don Chatfield

Phone: 985-3819

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

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation

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



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nized and running smoothly.

Sengle is halfway done with a retail order from Thuja for Outdoor Gear Exchange. The order should be completed and on the rack by October, he said. The hoodies sold in the store will be \$85. Custom hoodies are \$90 plus \$8 for shipping.

Right now, Thuja is a one-person team. Sengle talked about possibly taking on an employee, as well as eventually making this a full-time job if the business continues to grow at this rate.

But why the name? Besides Sengle liking how it looks, Thuja is also the name for the genus of a cedar tree.

"I'm pretty obsessed with trees, so at some point, I'm definitely going to sort of make that part of the company or the brand," Sengle said. "Whether that's donating to the American chestnut foundation, or like some sort of contribution to helping to keep Vermont forests healthy."

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Hinesburg **Record Annual** Meeting

he Annual Meeting of the Hinesburg Record will be held via Zoom on Thursday, November 17 starting at 5 p.m. All are welcome! Please go to hinesburgrecord.org/calendar for details. The Hinesburg Record Board will meet at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.



a Thuja hoodie, photographed by Anders

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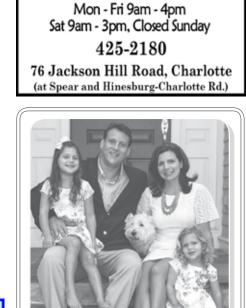
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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Thuja, a Handmade Hinesburg **Hoodie Business, Takes Off**

BY RACHEL WEED, COMMUNITY **NEWS SERVICE**

enry Sengle, a Hinesburg native, returned to his home state and found a way to combine his passion for the outdoors and love for sewing to start Thuja, a sustainable hoodie company.

The Thuja (pronounced thu-yuh) sweatshirt design has three basic parts. A solid color for the sleeves and torso, and a print for the pockets. The material is a waffle fleece.

the same fabric used by Patagonia for their "R1" temperature-regulating layers.

"I sort of wanted to just make myself the perfect laver, very much as a project for myself," says Sengle when asked about the design logistics and inspiration.

Sengle started to dabble with sweatshirt patchwork in high school at CVU. He experimented with combining bright-colored sweatshirts together for himself and his friends to participate in ski culture, he said.

Toward the end of 2018, this side project turned into a business.

After wearing his design to work, at Outdoor Gear Exchange in Burlington, his co-workers started asking where they could get one, so he started making custom orders. Soon enough, people from all over Vermont, and eventually, nationwide started requesting hoodies.

His work has been entirely selftaught. Though sewing is nothing new to Sengle, he had to learn how to efficiently produce large amounts of high-quality sweatshirts.

One challenge is sizing. Starting out, the only size he has was based on his own measurements, so establishing smaller and larger sizes took a lot of trial and error, Sengle

Winter of 2020, Thuja took off. New orders were constant. During this time, Sengle made the call to officially, and legally switch the project to a business.

"I've done no marketing at all. It's been entirely word of mouth," says Sengle.

He does have an Instagram account where he has posted a few pictures but leaves it up to his followers to do the promoting. While wearing his design, accounts will tag @ thuja_vt, and the hoodie speaks for itself.

Instagram users can use the link **Thuiavt.com** in the account bio to custom make a sweatshirt. The website is currently a Google Forms where customers specify how to personalize their hoodies.

The business started in Sengle's bedroom. Since then, he has had to upgrade to a larger space and relocate. Now he dedicates an entire room to sweatshirt making.

Sengle attended undergrad at Ithaca College and majored in business, which has given him a leg up in the entrepreneurial aspect of Thuja, he said. This has helped him in making sure the business is properly orga-

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make a Difference

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

Mentoring

Hinesburg Community School is looking for Mentors! Mentors are distinct members of a team of caring adults who show up to spend an hour a week with a 5-8th grader during the school year.

Mentors bring with them a sense of shared fun, new experiences and great listening skills. Mentors bring encouragement and options for expanding a young person's regard for themselves and their world. By sharing yourself with your mentee you can inspire them to create a richer future for themselves. Contact Program Coordinator Livy Bulger at lbulger@cvsdvt.org or 482-6248 for more information.

Hinesburg Trails

Help maintain public trails. All skill levels from none (just enthusiasm) to experienced chainsaw operators, and trail designers are needed. For more information contact Jane Sheldon at elcabi2@gmavt.net.

Meals on Wheels

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

Visit a Senior

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 Commision
- · 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

Help publish your community newspaper which is produced by volunteers who write, edit, and lay it out each month. The Record needs people to write and edit copy, take photos, and help with distribution and mailing. One-time or occasional submission of articles is more than welcome.

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Courtesy photo of Henry Sengle wearing his own design