

the HINESBURG Record

MAY 2022

Hinesburg Artist Series to Perform Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo"

BY DOTTY SCHNURE, HAS BOARD MEMBER

The Hinesburg Artist Series is bringing back Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo" on Sunday, May 22, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Hinesburg, with performances at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Originally scheduled for March 2020, members of the Hinesburg Artist Series are thrilled to finally perform this marvelous work for the community.

Rufus Patrick, HAS music director, said, "The 'Jubilate Deo' is one of the most exciting pieces we have ever performed. Some movements are so joyful we can barely keep from dancing in our seats, and others are sublimely beautiful. This is a concert not to be missed!"

Set in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences, the "Jubilate Deo" is very accessible to all listeners.

With text in Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Zulu, Spanish and English, the piece is a symbolic gesture of unity between cultures while the music has universal appeal.

Maris Rose, a soprano who has performed with the Hinesburg Artist Series for many years, said "It is so satisfying relearning the 'Jubilate Deo' after coming within days of performing it in 2020. Singing this piece is incredibly emotional, and I feel fortunate to be able to perform it this year."

The performance will include vocal soloists Amy Frostman, and Hinesburger Amy Patrick.

There will be a featured violin duet featuring Chris Stork and Kimberley Durlinger. There will also be a trio featuring Chris Stork, violin; Margaret

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Hinesburg Artist Series orchestra.

Green Up Vermont

Saturday, May 7

BY PHIL POUECH

Mark your calendars for Green Up Day 2022. It is the 52nd anniversary of this unique statewide tradition. In 1970, Vermont was the first to designate a statewide cleanup day. Governor Deane C. Davis gave us all this great opportunity to give back to our community. Here in Hinesburg the tradition is as strong as ever. We have up to 100 volunteers participating each year. Many Hinesburg children first learned about civic responsibility through Green Up and look forward to this community-wide event to reconnect with their family, friends and neighbors.

Green-Up bags will be available starting Wednesday, April 27 at the Town Hall and Carpenter-Carse Library. Green Up Day begins Saturday, May 7

at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. You can get more bags, grab a quick doughnut, review the town map, and sign up for a road section. We also have some visibility vests to keep you safe along the roadsides.

We will again use the Sign-Up Genius website to allow volunteers to sign up for different predetermined road sections to keep track of which roads are getting done and which roads are still available. You can find the link on our town website hinesburg.org or use this direct link: tiny.one/GreenUpHinesburg.

Green-Up bags can be brought to the town garage (next to the Chittenden Solid Waste District transfer station) between 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Green Up Day. If you need our volunteers to pick up your bags, you can leave them tied up and secured on the side of the

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Congratulations to Marina H., a seventh grader at Shelburne Community School, who is the winner of the 2022 Green Up Vermont poster art contest.

Hinesburg's independent, nonprofit community newspaper

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Town News

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BY MISSY ROSS

Election News

As most of you are aware by now, the Town will hold a revote on the police department budget and the date has been set for May 24, 2022. As always, you may request a ballot by mail in the following ways: by visiting mvp.vermont.gov and using your voter page; by emailing Missy at mross@hinesburg.org or Heather at hroberts@hinesburg.org; or by calling 802-482-2281 x1. The polls will be open as usual from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the downstairs conference room.

It is useful to become familiar with your “My Voter Page” in the Vermont Elections Management System. You can log into your voter page at mvp.vermont.gov to update your mailing address, request ballots by mail for a date range or a specific election, and to track the status of your ballot when you request one. Voters will now have the opportunity to “cure” their ballot if they make an error on the certificate envelope when voting by mail. If you include contact information on your voter page such as your phone number or email address, we will have a way to get in touch with you should we need to in the event of a rejected ballot.

LETTERS

Letter Policy

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

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

Letters should be 500 words or less, and we reserve the right to edit based on available space. To the extent possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for discussions of statewide, national, and international issues.

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

There was a law passed by the Legislature in 2021 that permanently changed the way the State will run elections moving forward. All voters will automatically be mailed a ballot for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022 and for all subsequent General Elections. You will still need to request ballots by mail for the August Primary and all local elections. This change was prompted by the significant increase in voter participation during the 2020 General Election when all voters were mailed a ballot in response to the Covid pandemic. Hopefully the convenience of voting by mail will continue to make voting more accessible.

Redistricting News

The Legislature has completed its once-a-decade task of creating new senatorial and representative districts for the entire state. We were notified of proposed maps back in October of 2021 and the Boards of Civil Authority around the state met to review the maps that would impact their respective communities. The proposed map for Hinesburg had approximately 400 residents being moved to a representative district that would be combined with Charlotte to create CHI-5 while the balance of Hinesburg would be CHI-4. The BCA countered with a proposal to keep Hinesburg intact as a community as we were within the Constitutional deviation of 10% of the “ideal” number for a representative district, according to our new population figures. The committee tasked with creating the representative districts partially heeded our request and reduced the number of people in the combined CHI-5 district to include approximately 70 voters from Hinesburg rather than the originally proposed 400. This change only impacts your vote for your state representative. A small portion of Hinesburg has been in the Charlotte District for the last 10 years. The additional area added to that district includes everything on the south side of Burritt Road and the west side of Baldwin Road down to Drinkwater Road. Those people who have been voting in the Charlotte District for their representative will continue to do so. This doesn’t mean you have to go somewhere other than Hinesburg to cast your ballot. It simply means that in the primary and general elections, one race on your ballot will be different than the ballot for CHI-4.

The senatorial district that formerly had all of Chittenden County in one district with six senators has also been broken up into smaller units. Hinesburg will vote for their senators in a district that includes South Burlington, Williston, St. George, Shelburne and Charlotte with three senators to be elected from said

district. I believe this will create a more manageable number of Senate candidates.

Green Mountain Passports

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

Dog Licenses Still Due

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, dog licenses are required by law and you still need to make the effort to get one for each dog in your household. The fee will increase to \$15.00 per dog on May 1 as the licenses were due on April 1 and we allowed a 30-day grace period. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to seeing you soon!

As always, please call with any questions or concerns you might have. Enjoy the coming of spring! Watch out for ticks and be careful and respectful of bikers, walkers and others enjoying the roads. Let’s all work together to keep our community a safe and healthy place for all residents.

April Showers ...

BY JIM JARVIS, TOWN OF HINESBURG ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

April showers ... in Vermont, they bring us mud roads, construction projects and stormwater runoff.

The spring building season means working on the land to prepare building sites. The state has regulations regarding the management of site stormwater control in order to keep erosion to a minimum and reduce the impact on our lakes and surrounding streams.

So, Where Do the May Showers Go?

With many of our building projects, some form of site preparation or excavation is required. The state of Vermont gets involved in its efforts to protect our waterways from runoff that impacts wildlife and water quality. Sediment washdown chokes out foliage and kills aquatic life.

The state has a guide for erosion control.

Following the principles laid out in the handbook not only protects your surroundings, it can make your work-site more comfortable when things

are wet.

The Vermont Low-Risk Site Handbook for Erosion Prevention and Sediment control can be found at: dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater.

You can also get a copy at the town Planning and Zoning office. Give us a call!

Hinesburg Zoning Regulations require that a zoning permit application include a stormwater runoff control plan if 10,000 square feet or more is disturbed. **The state regulations** impose requirements at 3,000 square feet. Disturbed land must be stabilized within 14 days of disturbance, and at the end of each work day.

In particular, town regulations apply if there is a disturbance with a 15% slope or greater, or within a town designated stream setback, buffer, channel, ditch or concentrated stormwater conveyance.

Do I Need a Zoning Permit?

Zoning permits are required for all land development if the total added square footage is 100 square feet or more. This includes houses, finished basements, sheds, decks, garages, barns, swimming pools and ponds. Buildings under 100 square feet must still meet setback requirements for front, side and back property lines, even though they don’t require a permit.

When Can I Start Building?

Plan on three-four weeks from the time we get your completed application. This includes a mandatory two-week appeal period, from the time the permit is issued. In addition, state law requires that I issue a decision on an application within 30 days, but this office tries to get them issued within two weeks. Once we get into late spring and the flood of applications hits, we may need every bit of that two weeks

What Are the Permit Fees?

The total permit fee varies by the type of construction. You’ll need to submit a dimensioned sketch or drawing of the project with your application. Once I review the drawing, I can determine what the required fee will be. An application is considered complete once the check arrives.

Are There Other Requirements?

It depends. If you want to add a new bedroom to your home, you might



require a Vermont Water & Wastewater Permit or water allocation from the town. If you want to expand a house or camp that doesn’t conform to present regulations, you might need a Conditional Use Approval from the Development Review Board.

Got questions?

Contact me at 802-482-4213, or via email at jjarvis@hinesburg.org.

org. I’m usually in the office Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. You can also look at the zoning regulations and applications on the town website: hinesburg.org/planning.html.

Selectboard Highlights

MERRILY LOVELL, CHAIRPERSON, HINESBURG SELECTBOARD

April 6

The selectboard approved the appointment of Tobiah Schulman to the Conservation Commission.

The selectboard approved the proposal from Desorcie Emergency Products, LLS, of St. Albans, Vermont of \$394,700 for the replacement of Engine #3. After reaching out to other companies and getting other bids, this was found to be the best offer.

The selectboard approved the proposal from Fire Chief Nick Baker to put out bids to qualified firms or individuals to get a needs assessment for the fire station. This is not a new issue as the selectboard has been hearing about the need to update our current fire station or to build a new one for some time. As a first step, Chief Baker and Town Manager Todd Odit recommended the needs assessment. There will be no cost at this time because

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Do you need a Ride?

A Hinesburg Community Resource Center Program

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TOWN HALL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

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

Hours for **Hinesburg Food Shelf** are Fri. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

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

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

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

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

Hinesburg Business & Professional Association: business directory, membership, news and events. HBPAVT.COM

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

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

Have news? 999-2410 or news@hinesburgrecord.org.

LEGISLATIVE

Fern Feather of Hinesburg

BY HINESBURG REPRESENTATIVE
BILL LIPPERT

The recent political targeting of trans youth and their supportive families in Texas, had seemed so hateful and yet so far away from the ‘safety of Vermont.’ Until the same hateful rhetoric, targeting trans youth and those supporting them, started being echoed and amplified by some political leaders in Vermont and Burlington. These attacks were now in our own backyards. Fortunately, Gov. Scott pushed back against this rhetoric.

Last year the Vermont Legislature outlawed the so-called “gay/trans panic defense” for use in criminal assault cases. At that time, many of us believed that putting this law on the books was an important political and moral statement about the value of

trans and gay people’s lives. Not a law that would suddenly be needed and tested in the courts of Vermont. Why should an assailant be allowed to justify their violent assault based on the fact that someone was discovered to be, or thought to be, gay or trans?

And, now, as if in a nightmare, the violent and tragic murder of Fern Feather has shocked, shaken and angered the Vermont trans community, the broader Vermont LGBTQ+ community, along with our friends, families and allies. How could this senseless act of violence take someone from us right here in Vermont? A neighbor and friend from right here in Hinesburg.

You do not have to have known Fern Feather personally to be deeply touched by this tragedy. Those who had the good fortune to have been known and loved by Fern have spoken of Fern’s gentle, loving actions and spirit. Fern’s death is a loss for each and every one of us.

The selectboard reviewed the Operating Guidelines we had accepted last May. As board members looked at and discussed requirements about supporting board decisions, there were questions about the meaning of some guidelines. It was decided that staff will revise the guidelines to clarify these issues and bring them back at a future meeting.

April 13

The selectboard, after some valuable discussion, unanimously approved a revised police budget to put before the voters. Out of various options put forward (which can be found in the selectboard packet for the April 13 meeting), the selectboard chose the revised budget that fully cuts the administrative position, but keeps the six full-time officers.

At our next meeting, on April 20, the selectboard will approve a date for a public meeting on this budget (April 28 or May 4) and a date for a vote on this budget (likely May 24, 2022).

The selectboard approved the Selectboard Operating Guidelines that were discussed at our previous meeting.

A new document, the Selectboard Code of Ethics, was looked over. After commenting on the necessity of several edits on issues that were unclear, the selectboard decided to bring this back at a future meeting.

Paul Wiczoreck, our Hinesburg Tree Warden, was awarded the 2022 Vermont Tree Steward Hamilton Award for his tireless energy and steadfast work in urban and community forestry and his long-term commitment and love of trees.

Earlier this weekend, in an entirely different context, I was reminded of some profound words (from economist Max Roser).

“Three things are true at the same time. #1 The world is much better. #2 The world is awful. #3 The world can be much better.”

#1 The world is much better: We know that our work in Vermont of supporting and celebrating the lives of all LGBTQ+ people, and especially of trans people, surely helped Fern find and live her true self.

#2 The world is awful: As we mourn and are filled with fear or anger, the world can truly feel profoundly frightening and awful, knowing that so much more still needs to be done.

#3 The world can be much better: In order to create the “much better world” that we all deserve, we must persevere in our commitment to create a Vermont, a Hinesburg community and a world, where all trans youth and adults are free from fear, welcomed and celebrated for the beauty of their diverse lives.

In the aftermath of the tragic loss of Fern Feather, we must hold all three of these experiences to be true.

As we do this, we must resolve to support and celebrate, rather than to fear, the diversity of gender expression that allows all individuals to live fully and affirm their lives.

With that, hopefully we may move forward together — to a “better world.”

Welch Supports Legislation to Provide Aid to Local Restaurants and Performance Venues

Bill Could Help Over 500 Vermont Restaurants Get Essential Support

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On April 11, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3807, the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act, which Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.) has long championed. This bill will allow eligible restaurants that did not previously receive funding through the Restaurant Revitalization Fund to apply for critical aid. The bill also extends the deadline for performance venues to use funds received through the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program, which Rep. Welch helped initiate. The RRF and SVOG programs have provided much-needed financial support to local small businesses that have been impacted by pandemic-related closures, staffing shortages and other operational challenges.

“Restaurants and performance venues are the heart of our downtowns,” said Rep. Welch. “These programs were

designed to keep our local businesses afloat through this unprecedented time, and they have been a critical lifeline for many of our restaurants and venues. But there’s more work to be done. We’ve got restaurants that qualify for support but haven’t been able to receive it, and performance venues that need additional time to make the most of the funds they received. Passing this legislation will allow many more businesses to benefit from these vital programs and help our communities.”

“The Vermont restaurant community is deeply appreciative of Congressman Welch’s steadfast support of Restaurant Revitalization Fund replenishment. Today, we are one step closer to ensuring that restaurants and bars can keep their doors open, securing the future of our vibrant and innovative food scene that employs thousands of talented Vermonters,” said Sue Bette, founder and head coach at Bluebird Hospitality, council chair of Vermont Independent Restaurants and a member of the board of the Independent Restaurant Coalition. “With Congressman Welch’s leadership, the potential for true industry recovery is closer now than ever before. The ability for restaurants here in Vermont, and across the country, to once again thrive, now depends on this measure receiving the same support in the Senate.”

“Congressman Welch has once again demonstrated a deep commitment to the Vermont restaurant industry,” said Amy Spear, vice president of tourism for the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. “With the peak tourism season right around the corner, the Vermont economy depends on the vitality of our hospitality industry. The Congressman understands that replenishment of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund is crucial to making these businesses, and their communities, whole again.”

In Vermont, almost 400 businesses received grants through the RRF. 581 businesses qualified but were unable to receive support before the funds ran out. Passing H.R. 3807 would allow these businesses to get the support they need to weather challenging times.

For more on H.R. 3807, please go to tiny.one/HR3807.

Advertising and news deadline is May 12 for the next issue. Publication date is May 26. Call 482-7227 for more information. Material not received by deadline will be considered for next issue.

CSWD

It’s Spring!

BY ALISE CERTA, CSWD MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

I am so excited to see the sun and the buds starting to form on my trees. And believe it or not, I’m also excited to start thinking about cleaning up my home — inside and out!

If you’re like me, you’re itching to spring clean. And you probably also have a lot of questions about what to do with all that stuff that has been hiding in your basement/shed/garage all winter.

Well, you’ve come to the right place! Your first stop should always be our website’s A-Z list of more than 300 items. Another page to check out is the nearly 50 options listed on our Reuse and Donations page at cswd.net/reduce-and-reuse/reuse-options, and don’t forget our Packaging Reuse page at cswd.net/reduce-and-reuse/reuse-options/packaging-reuse for things like bubble wrap and packing pillows.

And if you’re handy, or not so sure but still want to take a crack at fixing that (insert kind-of-busted-item here) that your significant other has been hoping you will finally give up on, we urge you to check out the tens of thousands of solutions offered by the iFixit experts at ifixit.com. (WARNING: Some of our staff have been known to fall deep into these repair rabbit warrens! Be sure to pack a lunch.)

Whew! So many options for starving that landfill. Happy spring cleaning, and be sure to keep those “ask the CSWD experts” questions coming — you can email me at acerta@cswd.net.

Ask the Expert — Question of the Month

Can wooden matchsticks (that have already been lit) be added to food scraps for composting?

“My husband says yes, I’m not so sure.” Janet R., Williston.

This one is simple, but also tricky.

Perfect for Backyard Compost

Used matches are just plain, untreated wood, which is fine to include with food scraps in your backyard compost pile.

Not so Perfect for CSWD

Though used matches themselves would not be problematic for our compost operation, they are NOT on our acceptable materials list, which is limited to:

- All food scraps of any kind
- Certified, clearly labeled compostable bags used for lining food scrap containers
- Coffee filters and tea bags (paper only — no plastic tea bags)
- Newspaper and untreated paper bags used to line food scrap containers
- Paper towels and napkins — only if they do not contain bodily fluids or chemicals of any kind
- Wooden or bamboo stirrers, toothpicks (no plastic frills), chopsticks

We included only these items because they are closely associated with food scraps and because they aren’t likely to invite non-compostable contamination. The more items you add that don’t meet those two main requirements, the greater the risk that people will make leaps about what is and isn’t acceptable. We had to draw some difficult but very clear lines.

So use those matches as kindling for a tiny campfire or add them to your backyard compost, but please do not include them with any food scraps that will be coming to our compost facility.

Thanks so much for the question!

To read more about why we changed what we’ll accept for composting at our Organics Diversion Facility (where Green Mountain Compost is made), please visit our blog at cswd.net/community-announcements.

Send us your questions for the Ask the Expert! acerta@cswd.net

POLICE

Incidents

March 14: 10:22 a.m. Officers investigated a juvenile issue. The case was later referred to Community Outreach.

11:07 a.m. An officer responded to CVU to assist staff members with a student issue.

March 16: 3:20 p.m. Officers responded to CVU to investigate a shooting threat made to the school.

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

March 17: 12:02 p.m. Paperwork was served to a citizen on behalf of another agency.

1:37 p.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

3 p.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116 was investigated.

5:45 p.m. Found property was turned in to the police department.

8:30 p.m. Officers conducted a welfare check on Richmond Road.

March 18: 10:20 a.m. An officer investigated a burglary from a residence on Hillview Terrace.

7:20 p.m. Suspicious activity on Pond Road was investigated. Two individuals were cited for use of illegal

substances.

8:30 p.m. Officers responded to Molly Way for the report of suspicious activity.

March 19: 7:42 a.m. An officer investigated the report of a disabled vehicle on Swamp Road.

2:30 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a disabled vehicle on Lincoln Hill Road.

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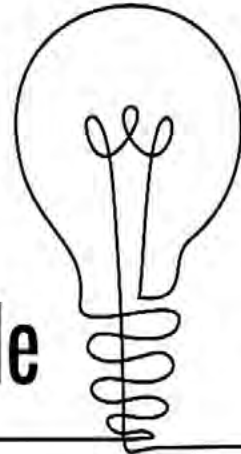
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3:50 p.m. A citizen on Jourdan Street was assisted with a landlord/tenant issue.

7:24 p.m. An officer responded to Texas Hill Road for a loose dog.

March 20: 2:35 p.m. An officer followed up with a citizen on Hollow Road concerning a neighbor dispute.

6:08 p.m. Officers conducted a welfare check on Major Street.

7 p.m. An officer responded to Molly Way for a loose dog.

7:25 p.m. A disabled vehicle on Burritt Road was investigated.

March 21: 7:43 a.m. A citizen was as-

sisted with a lockout.

1:30 p.m. Officers responded to Patricia Place for a citizen dispute.

2:30 p.m. A noise complaint involving fireworks on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

3:10 p.m. An officer investigated a two-car motor vehicle crash on Farmall Drive.

5:54 p.m. An officer assisted with a citizen dispute on Farmall Drive.

10:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

March 22: 7:12 a.m. An officer responded to Pond Brook Road for a single- car motor vehicle crash.

9 a.m. An officer responded to Magee Hill Road for a loose dog.

10:30 a.m. An officer investigated a burglary from a residence on Pond Road.

10:35 a.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

12:50 p.m. An officer investigated the report of erratic operation on Shelburne Falls Road.

1:45 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

March 23: 10 a.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

11:35 a.m. An officer responded to CVU where he worked with CVU staff and the Department of Children and Families regarding a reported sex offense.

1:30 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a citizen dispute on Commerce Street.

March 24: 10:08 a.m. An officer responded to CVU where he worked with CVU staff and the Department of Children and Families regarding a reported sex offense.

11:54 a.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

3:20 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprints for employment purposes.

4:15 p.m. A traffic stop for speed was conducted on Richmond Road. The operator was subsequently arrested for an extraditable out-of-state warrant.

March 25: 9:50 a.m. An officer assisted with traffic control as a result of a downed utility pole on Texas Hill Road.

9:45 p.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on North Road was investigated.

March 26: 8:35 a.m. An officer investigated a commercial fire alarm activation on Route 116.

2:40 p.m. Officers assisted Hinesburg First Response and Richmond Rescue with a medical emergency on Patricia Place.

March 28: 10 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle identification number verification.

8:35 p.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

March 29: 8:24 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

7 p.m. Officers responded to Mechanicsville Road for the report of suspicious activity.

March 30: 1:06 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprints for employment purposes.

March 31: 8:31 a.m. An officer investigated the report of suspicious activity on Weed Road.

2:45 p.m. Officers assisted a citizen with obtaining a Relief from Abuse order.

7:23 p.m. A 911 hang-up on Pond Road was investigated.

10:30 p.m. Officers investigated the report of suspicious activity on Charlotte Road.

April 1: 7:15 a.m. An officer investigated a traffic hazard on Swamp Road.

12:47 p.m. Officers investigated the report of suspicious activity on Place Road West.

4:25 p.m. An officer responded to Birchwood Drive for a citizen dispute.

5:45 p.m. Officers attempted to serve a Relief from Abuse order on behalf

of another agency.

April 2: 11:22 a.m. Officers investigated a citizen complaint, which was later deemed to be a civil issue.

April 3: 4:40 p.m. A commercial burglary alarm on Commerce Street was investigated.

April 4: 12:50 p.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School to assist staff with a student issue.

6:50 p.m. An officer investigated the report of illegal dumping on Buck Hill Road East.

7:55 p.m. An officer responded to Shelburne and assisted police there with a DUI arrest.

11:17 p.m. A 911 hang-up on Observatory Road was investigated.

April 5: 6:45 a.m. An officer responded to Majestic Lane for the report of livestock in the roadway.

1:45 p.m. The report of erratic operation on Route 116 was investigated.

3 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

April 6: 7:50 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a disabled vehicle on Hollow Road.

1 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

1:25 p.m. Suspicious activity on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

April 7: 6:51 a.m. An officer responded to CVU for a burglary alarm activation.

10:45 a.m. A welfare check on North Road was conducted.

April 8: 8:05 a.m. A commercial burglary alarm on Commerce Street was investigated.

10:55 a.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School to assist staff with a student issue.

8:16 p.m. An officer conducted a motor vehicle stop on Richmond Road for speeding. The operator was arrested for DUI.

April 9: 5:22 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

5:50 p.m. Officers investigated the report of a violation of a Relief from Abuse order. The threat was made by electronic communication.

April 10: 3:51 p.m. An officer assisted Hinesburg First Response with a medical emergency at Kelley's Field Road.

April 11: 2:50 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a disabled vehicle on Mechanicsville Road.

3:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a landlord/tenant dispute.

April 12: 7:40 p.m. Suspicious circumstances on Richmond Road were investigated.

FIRE

Craft Fair

Join the Hinesburg Firefighters Association for their Spring Craft Fair, May 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hinesburg Fire Station.

We are hosting a craft fair that will give our sellers the opportunity to share their crafts and wares! The event will include local crafters as well as outside business consultants. We hope to include Thirty-One, Paparizza, Scentsy, Discovery Toys, Usborne Book consultants and many more. If you are interested in a space, contact dbarber7541@gmail.com.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hinesburg Firefighters Association.

Can We Find Your Home?

In an emergency, minutes count. If there was an emergency at your home, could we easily find your driveway? Maybe you share a driveway with your neighbor. Is there a marking at the fork showing which way to turn?

If you do not already have one, please consider contacting us for a 911 address sign. Signs are double sided and coated with high visibility reflective green material and reflective numbers making address identification fast and easy for emergency services.

The cost is \$25 per sign, which includes a free five-foot signpost if needed, as well as installation by a Hinesburg Fire Department member.

For more information about our 911 address sign program, or to place an order, please feel free to stop at the fire station, leave a message at the station, 802-482-2455 or email info@hinesburgfd.org

We thank you for your support. Please remember to always practice fire safety in your home, as well as always being safe and courteous while driving.

Joint Department Training

On April 2, members of the Hinesburg and Charlotte Fire Departments held a joint pump operations training in Charlotte. Senior firefighters, under the direction of the Charlotte assistant chief, practiced pump operations, switching between using the compressed air foam system and water. The Charlotte Fire chief and a Charlotte senior firefighter taught newer members and cadets the handling of hose lines.

Call Log

There were 19 medical calls and 12 persons transported.

March 3: 5:36 a.m. Birchwood Drive for a burst water pipe in the kitchen. The water valve was shut off. The resident contacted a company for repairs.

March 13: 10:50 a.m. Williston Fire requested several departments to respond with engines or tankers for a possible barn fire on Oak Hill Road. HFD responded with Engine 4, Tanker 1 and nine members. The fire was contained to one room in the barn. HFD was released from the scene at 11:50 a.m.

March 13: 1:12 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Route 116 at South Brownell. Dispatch reported a two-car head-on collision with possible injuries. On arrival, two vehicles were located off the west side of Route 116, with debris across the roadway. Traffic was diverted around the South Brownell island to allow responders to work safely. The operators and passengers were checked by Hinesburg EMS and denied injuries.

March 21: 1:03 p.m. Dispatched for fire alarm at CVU. On arrival, CVU staff advised there had been a fire in

the student kitchen, which was extinguished. Fire crews located a plastic cutting board that had melted on top of the stove. The classroom had a strong odor of burned plastic and light smoke. The room was ventilated, and carbon monoxide readings were monitored to ensure the readings were at/near zero. The room was closed to students for the remainder of the day.

March 25: 10 a.m. Hinesburg Police requested assistance with traffic control for power lines down in the area of 700 Texas Hill Road.**March 26:** 8:33 a.m. Fire alarm activation at 10212 Route 116, Kinney Drugs. The cause was burned food in the toaster.

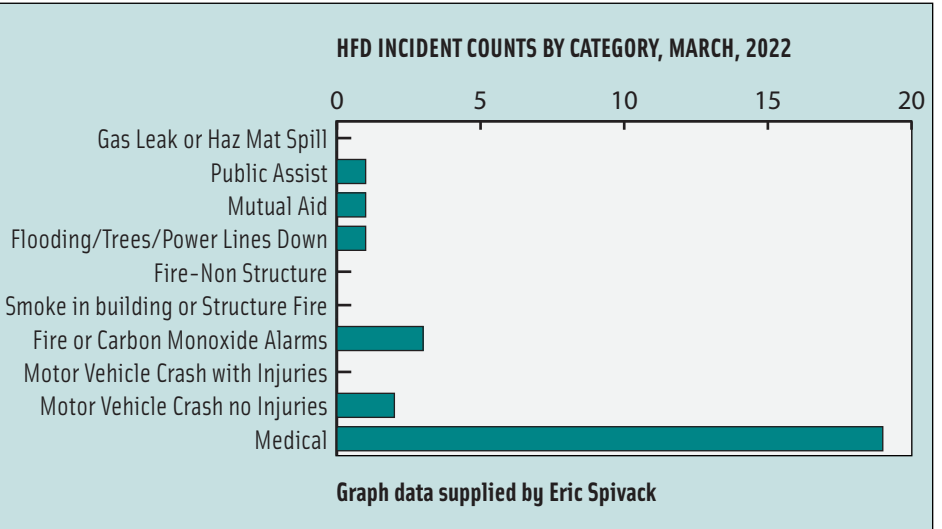
March 27: 4:36 p.m. Route 116 and St. George Boulevard for a reported two-car collision. There were no injuries. HFD cleared debris and assisted with traffic control until the vehicles were removed.

March 29: 7:26 p.m. A CO alarm sounded on Ledgewood Lane. The residence was checked with our CO meter, which showed no readings.

Follow us on Facebook at HinesburgFireDepartment and be sure to visit our website hinesburgfd.org.



Hinesburg and Charlotte fire cadets are all smiles after practicing how to handle hose lines.



*HFD responded to 27 calls in March. *an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.*



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BUSINESS

Red Wagon Plants Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Unless specified below, all events will be held on-site at Red Wagon this season. Sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media to stay in the loop for all of our events. Scholarships are available. Please visit our website at shop.redwagonplants.com/shop/events/35 for more information, event registration and our COVID-19 safety policy.

Ben Mayock: Basket Weaving Workshop: Harvest Tote

Sunday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Learn to weave a two-handled "Lading Round," a sturdy basket built to carry everything from clothes to crops. Cost \$90, includes materials. Registration required by May 22.

Hope Johnson: Make and Take Tuesday: Colorful Annual Planter

Tuesday, June 7, 6-8 p.m.

Design and plant your own colorful annual container with tips and techniques from artist and horticulturalist Hope Johnson. Cost \$45.

Julie Rubaud: Make and Take Tuesday: Build Your Own Shade Planter

Tuesday, June 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Make a planter with shade-loving plants to decorate your porch or to brighten a shady corner of the yard. Cost \$45.

Join Red Wagon Plants Every Thursday in the Garden This Summer

Red Wagon Plants in Hinesburg invites the public to join us for a weekly, free community gathering every Thursday, beginning June 2 and running through Aug. 25. Chad Donovan, horticulturalist and Red Wagon team member, will host an informal and interactive workshop every Thursday in our learning gardens. Come meet other local gardeners of all levels, learn from each other, and elevate your gardening practice. Every week, we will focus on particular plants, tips and methods. Bring your gardening gloves, curiosity and friends!

These garden days are free and open to all, but space is limited. Registration is required. Find out more information about each week's theme and our current COVID-19 safety policy on our website.

Community Bank Donates \$1,000 to the Central Vermont

Humane Society

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Community Bank recently supported the Central Vermont Humane Society with a \$1,000 donation to their 30th Annual Walk for Animals. The Central Vermont Humane Society was founded with the mission to protect and advocate for companion animals in need, while working to build a community that promotes compassion and seeks to strengthen the human-animal bond. The Walk for Animals helps the organization continue to go the extra mile to save lost, neglected and homeless animals, to be a crucial resource for people in the community who are struggling with issues that impact their pets and to provide a safe haven for needy animals waiting for a new forever home.

Financial Focus: Should You Make Extra Mortgage Payments?

FROM PRESS RELEASE

You might enjoy owning your home — but the mortgage? Not so much. In fact, you might want to do everything you can to pay it off as quickly as possible. But is that always the best strategy?

In one sense, your mortgage can be considered a "good" debt because it's backed by a tangible asset — your home — that has real value and may even gain further value. Furthermore, by historical standards, you're probably paying a pretty low interest rate on your mortgage, so you're getting a lot of benefit — a place to live and a potentially appreciating asset. And if you itemize on your taxes, you can possibly deduct some, or maybe all, of your mortgage interest.

Nonetheless, despite these benefits, a mortgage is still something you have to pay, month after month and year

after year. And for some people, it may feel good to pay it off. After all, there may well be a psychological benefit to being free from this long-term debt. But is it really in your best financial interest to make extra payments?

Suppose, for example, that you need a large sum of money quickly for a new car, a new furnace or some other unexpected, significant expense. Or, in an even more serious scenario, what if your job ends and you need money to tide you over until you get a new one? In these situations, you need liquidity: ready access to available cash. And your house may not be the best place to get it. You could apply for a home equity loan or line of credit, but these typically require approvals (which might be difficult if you aren't employed), and you'll be using your home as collateral. A home equity loan or credit line isn't always bad — under the right circumstances, it can be a valuable financial tool. But that doesn't change the basic fact that your home is essentially a non-liquid asset.

So, instead of making extra house payments, make sure you have built an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a low-risk, accessible account. After building an emergency fund, you should weigh extra mortgage payments against other uses of your money. For example, if you have other types of debt — such as credit cards or student loans — you might want to work on paying those off more quickly, as these debts may carry higher interest rates.

You might also consider increasing your contributions to your 401(k), IRA or other retirement/investment accounts.

You could spend two or three decades in retirement, so it's important to save as much as possible for those years



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As you can see, you do have some good reasons for using any extra money you may have for purposes other than making additional mortgage payments. Ultimately, though, it's a personal decision. In any case, think carefully about your choice. You may want to review the various tradeoffs with a financial professional, who can possibly recommend the most advantageous strategies. And you may also want to consult with a tax professional. By understanding all that's involved in the "extra payment" decision, you'll be better prepared to make the right moves.

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RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

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

After-School Horseback Riding

Enjoy horseback riding lessons and so much more with Kim Johansen at Livery Stables. Lessons are for beginning to early intermediate riders. In addition, Kim and staff will instruct children on basic horse care, tacking, feeding, watering and all that happens in the horse barn! Take the bus from Hinesburg Community School to Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road right after school. Please be sure to send a permission note with your child to ride the bus, pack a

snack for your hungry rider, and send boots and barn clothes.

Grades K-8. Tuesdays Session 1: April 26-May 17, Session 2: May 24-June 14. Fridays Session 1: April 29-May 20 and Session 2: May 27-June 17. Time: 3-5 p.m. Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. More information can be found at livery-horsefarm.com.

After-School Junior Golf Program

Cedar Knoll Golf Course Pro Mike Slayton has a nontechnical teaching philosophy but stresses the fundamentals of grip, stance, posture, balance and tempo. Although understanding that variations in swing techniques can all work, golf ball flight comes down to five basic laws. These

laws include club head path, angle of attack, centeredness of contact, club face angle and speed. “The golf swing is a series of movements that must be executed in the proper sequence for optimal results.”

Grades K-8. Cost: \$150. Cedar Knoll Golf Course, located at 13460 Route 116, Hinesburg.

Session 1 Tuesday/Thursday, April 26-May 5

Session 2 Tuesday/Thursday, May 10-May 19

Session 3 Tuesday/Thursday, May 24-June 2

Time: 3:30-5 p.m. Session 1 Wednesday/Friday, April 27-May 6

Session 2 Wednesday/Friday, May 11-May 20

Time: Wednesday 2:30-4 p.m. and Friday 3:30-5 p.m.

Boater Safety Course

Boating safety education is required for any motor boat operator, 12 years of age or older, born after Jan. 1, 1974. The Boat Vermont, eight-hour classroom course will enable you to get the certification that you need. The course is eight hours and is offered over four days. Participants must be present at all classes to be eligible for certification.

For ages 12 years and older. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 2, 4, 9 and 11. 6-8 p.m. Williston Community School Community Room. Cost: \$30.

Recreational Track and Field

Participants will learn the basics of running, jumping, throwing and relays. There will be meets with other area recreation departments. Athletes aged 7-14 are eligible to participate in state meets in-person or virtually, unless they are a high school freshman in 2021-22 school year. Aging date is Dec. 31, 2022. Instructors are program director Elise Seraus and CVU athletes.

Ages 6-14 years. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 15 to July 13, 6:15-7:45 p.m. CVU track. Cost: \$50 resident or \$60 nonresidents.

Horse Camp at Livery Stables

Join Kim Johansen and staff at Livery Stables for a weeklong horse camp. Enjoy riding lessons, grooming, tacking and general horse duties in the relaxed atmosphere of the barn. There are horse crafts, kittens to play with and an equestrian camaraderie that can't be beat! Please note below there are two options for camp times.

Ages: 6-12 years. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg.

Camp Week 1: Monday-Friday June 20-June 24

Camp Week 2: Monday-Friday June 27-July 1

Time: 8 a.m. to noon or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$330 for 8 a.m.-noon and \$450 for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Be sure to pack a lunch, water bottle, snacks and send boots.

Tennis Lessons with Myles & Sage

Join Hinesburg tennis enthusiast Myles and Sage Peterson for introductory to intermediate tennis lessons.

Ages: 6-12 years old, Monday-Friday, June 13-17. Time: 5-6 p.m. HCS tennis courts. Cost: \$85.

Vermont Voltage Soccer Camp

Vermont Voltage Academy offers an opportunity to learn and enjoy many aspects of the game of soccer in a fun yet competitive environment. Fundamentals, as well as sophisticated techniques of soccer will be taught on a personalized individual level along with various forms of group instruction provided by Camp Director Bo Vuckovic, a FIFA UEFA A Pro license holder, and the staff of the Vermont Voltage Soccer Academy who are all former professional soccer players. Emphasis is placed on the development, improvement and refinement of basic playing skills. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt and soccer ball.

Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1. Millie's Field at Bissonette Recreation Area. Time: 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$125.

Dog Obedience with Jim Warden

Join experienced dog trainer Jim Warden for this informative and beneficial dog training experience. This class is designed to provide enjoyment and interaction for both you and your pet. Jim makes it look easy, even with the most challenging dogs. Watch and see someone who truly “talks to the animals.” Please note — leave your dog at home for the first class.

Dog & owner(s). Town Hall Field. Thursdays, May 12-June 16, 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$75.

LIBRARY

Library Hours Year-Round

Monday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Phone: 802-482-2878

Address: 69 Ballard's Corner Road, Hinesburg 05461

Website: carpentercarse.org

Email: library@carpentercarse.org

May at the Library

As May gets underway, we are delighted for all the usual reasons: more greenery in our midst, the warmth for growing living things & chances to celebrate the beauty of our landscape without the need for quite so many layers of clothing.

New books arriving this month include: “Book Lovers” by Emily Henry, “The Lost Summers of Newport” by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig and Karen White, “The Summer Place” by Jennifer Weiner and “This Time Tomorrow” by Emma Straub. John Grisham's latest “Sparring Partners” arrives along with new books by Chris Pavone (“Two Nights in Lisbon”) and new books by Mick Herron, Chris Bohjalian and humorist David Sedaris.

We'll have Green Up Day Supplies beginning in late April, so you can help clean up the detritus of winter. Green Up Day itself is on Saturday, May 7. In early June, we'll be co-hosting the Welcome Baby Brunch with Hinesburg Community Resource Center, here at the library on Saturday, June 4, from 11-12:30 p.m. If you had a baby in the last couple of years, please come and pick out a bookplate for your little one. We will have a selection of new books from the picture book collection. This is an opportunity to meet other new parents in the community and to celebrate literacy. We'll serve some kid-friendly snacks. If the weather is good, we expect to be outside.

Finally, while the Friends of the Library aren't doing the Garden Tour this year, they will offer some garden-themed workshops, including one this month on May 21. However, the Fourth of July Friends' book sale is

back and we are now accepting donations of books in good condition. Please bring donations only during our operating hours and only books that are in great shape: if you wouldn't pay money for them, please don't bring them to us. More elaborate details are on our website: carpentercarse.org/book-sale. Please read on for more information about all the other happenings at the library in May!

Adult Programs:

To register for any of the below adult programs or to get necessary Zoom links to join, email meg@carpentercarse.org. Check the library website (or email Meg) for the latest on if the below programs will be taking place virtually or in-person at the library; masks continue to be required for all visitors to the library.

On display: The community room currently features nature photography by Janice A. Bauch. Visitors are welcome to peruse the exhibit during library hours when the community room is not otherwise in use.

Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon Have a morning of creativity and conversation with “Hands and Needles.” Bring whatever project you are working on — quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc.

Thursday, May 5, 6-8 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.

Wednesday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. This morning book group will be meeting to discuss the 1912-set mystery “Death of a New American” by Mariah Fredericks. Request a copy from the library.

Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30-8 p.m. The second meeting in Four Winds Nature Institute's series exploring topics and best practices in supporting nature-based play and adventure while nurturing a sense of wonder, place and well-being. “Adventure, Play, Peace,” by Nancy MacPhee Bower, will serve as the basis for the discussion group; borrow a copy via the library. Email meg@carpentercarse.org to register.

Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. Put on your thinking cap and join in for a bit of friendly Zoom trivia. We'll cover a variety of themes and topics over three rounds, and have a prize for the winning player/team.

Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. The Friends of the Carpenter-Carse Library invite gardeners of any level to join a casual meet up at a local community member's garden to chat and learn from one another. Registration required due to limited space; more information on the library website.

Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring a donation for the Hinesburg Food Shelf to the library, and receive a signed “seconds” copy of local author Francesca Arnoldy's picture book “Map of Memory Lane” — a story that gently introduces the topic of loss while celebrating the simple moments we share. More info on the library website.

Friday, May 27 We want to take the guesswork out of your movie night! Fill out a brief form on our website to help us get a sense of the type of film that you're looking for by end-of-day Thursday, May 26 and your bag with two movies — plus some snacks and other goodies — will be available for pickup by Friday, May 27 to enjoy over the weekend.

Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. The evening book group will meet via Zoom to discuss the novel “The Leavers” by Lisa Ko. Request a copy from the library.

Youth Programs:

Weekly Storytime

Join the fun and learning on **Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 9:30 a.m.** for picture books, songs and rhymes that are designed to promote early language, fine motor and pre-literacy skills in a friendly environment! We meet every week in the library community room, and the outdoor entrance to this room is to the left of the main library entrance.

As the weather gets warmer, we will also hold some of our storytimes outdoors on the library patio. Each week we will finish up Storytime with a simple craft or sensory activity and book browsing. Storytime is designed for babies, toddlers and preschool-aged children, and no registration is required.

On display: The warmer weather means **Library StoryWalks** are back! StoryWalks are laminated picture book pages posted on wooden stakes. We invite your family to take a short walk around the library grounds as you read a great story and spend time outdoors together. During the summer and fall, we post new stories each month.


Friday, May 20 at 3:30 p.m. Family Movie Join us in the community room after school for a family-friendly movie and popcorn! Check the library website for the movie title and description. No registration required.

Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. Saturday Storytime In May we will be meeting for stories, songs and crafts about frogs and ponds! Saturday storytimes are for youth of all ages and their caregivers, and are always free. No registration is required.

Wednesday, May 25, 2:15-3:15 p.m. Afterschool Lego Club Kids in kindergarten through fourth grade can sign up for Lego, fun, and friends! Work on your own to make your own Lego creations or work with a group to come up with something original. You can also complete one of our Lego challenges, and everyone will have the opportunity to present to the rest of the group if you choose to. Please register for this event at the circulation desk or by contacting jen@carpentercarse.org.

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COMMENTARY

Rare Plants Engender a Game of Thrones

BY ROGER DONEGAN

In February there was a fleet of utility line trucks corralled off road on timber mats in the fields on either side of Shelburne Falls Road near Geprags Community Park. Seeing these trucks reminded me of the drama that unfolded at this location in October 2016 as was recorded in the article “Six Arrested in Hinesburg Pipeline Protest,” Burlington Free Press, Oct. 21, 2016. “Those arrested came from Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The protest was organized by Rising Tide.” Earlier in the summer, the BFP focused on a rare plant found in the path of the pipeline project through Monkton. “Vermont Gas to Transplant Rare Flowers in Monkton,” “Vermont Gas to Drill Under Rare Flowers,” then “Rare Sunflower Plants Pulled without Permit,” were published on July 14, 19, and 20, 2016 respectively.

The last headline caused my indignation to rise as the strident reporting on the harsh sunflower, *Helianthus strumosus*, hardly a stunning flower to look at, sounded oddly familiar. I was reminded of the utility I worked for when it was entrapped by the same magisterial permit process in 2013 on account of a different rare plant. The state has 163 species of rare plants, but that time prairie redroot was the plant involved. Other media accounts say the harsh sunflower plants in question were weed wacked. Immediate blame was reportedly laid on Vermont Gas’ horizontal directional drilling contractor preparing to go under the plants, however there was no media follow-up to confirm this after an official investigation.

A rare state plant can turn up underfoot, in parks, in other public lands, or in the back forty.

While it’s possible to determine online the approximate location of an unnamed endangered or rare protected plant, it is illegal for the average citizen to share a document or photo that provides the exact location. While no one was certain when the prairie redroot in Burlington’s outback (formerly called the North Forty) was trampled, the presumed suspect was a right-of-way maintenance contractor. “Trampled” was the word coined to match the regulatory definition of a “take” or “taking.” For plants a “taking” violation means uprooting, transplanting, cutting, injuring or killing. If the electric utility had killed a protected animal, the penalty



Line trucks off Shelburne Falls Road in February 2022.



Full size beach pea flowers in Newport.

would have been a flat \$500 fine. The negotiations for the “taking” permit for the prairie redroot plant ranged in the tens of thousands of dollars. Come to find out the federal government never provides funds for the protection of rare state plants. While trampling may have been evident, the extent of the plant damage wasn’t documented. However, in drafting the conditions of the permit we learned that the real and long-term hazard to the prairie redroot plant community, the only one in the state according to Vermont Natural Heritage Harmonies (Summer 2003), are fast growing trees that leaf out perennially and block sunlight from reaching the rare plant. Of course, cutting back invasive trees around the site in no man’s land became a condition of the permit. One had to culture a sense of humor at the start of the permit process as it wandered further afield into unfamiliar and unlikely territory. Terms and conditions of the permit required the utility to pay others to do their own sort of “taking” for propagating prairie redroot, *Ceanothus herbaceous*, over a period of four years.

Seeds would be harvested and plant cuttings taken. Some seeds were to be frozen and preserved at the New England Wild Flower Society facility in Framingham, Massachusetts. We happened to visit the NEWFS shop and walked its “Garden in the Woods” trails on our own time in September of 2014. See “Ark Preserves Threatened Plants,” BFP Sept. 11, 2017. A second species of prairie redroot, *Ceanothus*



Queen of the prairie in Hinesburg in 2020.

americanus, is also called “New Jersey” or “Revolutionary Tea” as it became an alternative substitute for early American tea drinkers when imported tea was embargoed around the time of the Boston Tea Party. NEWFS actually sells *Ceanothus americanus* shrubs. Seeds are available on eBay. NEWFS “Garden in the Woods” re-opens Easter Sunday in 2022.

The stock of the lone surviving Vermont community of prairie redroot, common in other states, is held to be genetically more adaptable and thus more survivable in Vermont. At the time the state botanist was predisposed to starting a portion of the harvested seeds and cuttings taken from Burlington’s North Forty under permit in similarly dry sandy soils at controlled sites at Camp Johnson or the Rossetti Natural Area in Colchester. I’m no longer in the know and am unaware of the ultimate success of this effort. What is known is that Vermont’s once regionally dominant sand plain forests formed 12,000 years ago, and they have since been developed out of existence but for a few tracks of protected public land.

Background unfolds in a 1910 study of “The Reforestation of Sand Plains in Vermont / A Study in Succession.” Not only was there a succession in reforestation but more foundationally there was a succession in the post-glacial formation of the three terraced sand plains of Essex, Colchester and Burlington as mountain sediments, mostly sands, washed down the rivers to the Champlain Sea. Camp Johnson isn’t open public land but it does have a back forty. The “Camp Johnson Sandplain (sic) Restoration” is touted in “Ecosystem Management in the U.S.” published in November 1995 and employs the term “pine-oak-heath sandplain community.” Back then the area was described as home to five state listed species including the harsh sunflower. The project was initiated in 1990 by the Vermont Nongame and Natural Heritage Program. Later “A Burn with a Purpose — to Help Pitch Pine” BFP May 5, 2013, reported a controlled burn of four or more acres in a collaborative effort joined by Vermont Army National Guard, municipal-size fire departments, Saint Michaels College, and Vermont Fish & Wildlife. Later in 2014 Camp Johnson was

the recipient of Secretary of Defense Environmental Award for natural resource conservation. In this later write up Camp Johnson is credited with being home to 15 Vermont rare plants.

The second edition of “Wetland. Woodland, Wildland” (2019), funded in part by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife, is actually a new kind of guide to Vermont’s natural communities. The Champlain Valley is described as one “biophysical region.” It also lifts the curtain as to what protected species appear where. However, prairie redroot isn’t listed at all in this guide. Come this spring or summer, I see three species of rare plants that owe their origins to the Champlain Sea, namely flowering beach heather, Champlain beach grass and low-growing beach pea at the Rossetti Natural Area in Colchester.

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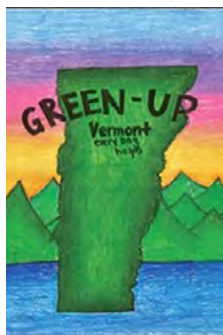
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EDUCATION

CVU RoboHawks Win State Robotics Competition

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 19, the Champlain Valley Union High School RoboHawks competed in and won the Vermont State FTC Robotics Championships. FIRST Tech Challenge is an international robotics program that more than 30,000 students worldwide participate in. Due to COVID-19, the Vermont tournament was smaller than usual, but the competition was fierce! There were 16 capable teams and robots this year from all over Vermont, including, for the first time, CVU’s younger team: JV Redhawks Robotics. Both CVU teams made it to the elimination round. An exciting semifinal match featured the JV team against the varsity team ... and the JV team almost beat them!

The RoboHawks, in an alliance with a team from U-32, Bubbert Innovations, made it to the finals to battle an excellent team alliance from South Burlington High School and Essex. The finals turned out to be a “best of three” nail biter! The RoboHawks won the first match, but lost the second match after taking penalty points. The tie-breaking third match was a squeaker! CVU just barely won with 138 to 124 points. It was one of the more exciting finals in recent history.

Although the robot is the physical representation of their work, the FIRST program involves so much more than just a robot. The students also completed a judged presentation and were judged on their design, community outreach and teamwork. Judges focused more on teams’ ability to clearly and effectively record and communicate their design thinking and design process. They look at their ability to be inclusive, to support the greater community of STEM learners and to promote engineering and robotics in their community. The RoboHawks were outstanding in many categories, which earned them four awards. The most prestigious being the Inspire Award, an award granted to the team that best embodies the spirit of the competition and FIRST Robotics core values.

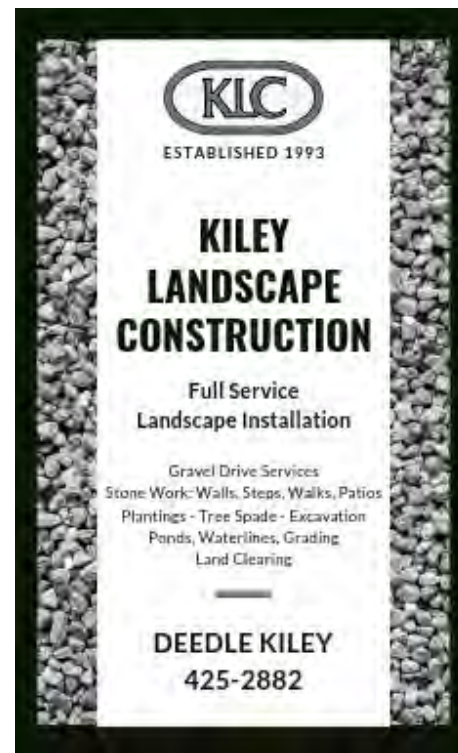
As a result of their outstanding per-

formance, the CVU RoboHawks deservedly secured a place in the exciting FIRST Robotics World Championships happening in Houston, Texas, this April. The event features teams from all over the U.S. and the world. It is very rare that a Vermont team makes it to the world championships, and this is the first time the CVU RoboHawks have ever qualified for the highest level of this competition. This will be an incredible opportunity for these students to be able to see, work with and share their passion with some of the best high school engineering students from all over the world. They will be able to see and discuss the multitude of inventive, clever and inspirational solutions to the same problems they have worked to solve.

The RoboHawks would like to thank their sponsors, Kennedy Excavation and NDI, for helping them get this far. However, in order to proceed to the next level of competition, they are looking to raise \$7,500. If you are interested in supporting the RoboHawks on their journey, please go to our website: robohawks5741.com or email the coach: overdonk@cvsdvt.org.

The task of getting all RoboHawk team members, a robot, tools and materials to keep the robot running through an

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The CVU RoboHawks and their award-winning robot.

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intense four-day competition is daunting and expensive.

Team Members:

Varsity (RoboHawks): Wolfie Davis, Lindsay Beer, Jared Kennedy, Sam Yager, Crawford Phillips, Jack Gourlay, Charlotte Tyler, Violet Fennern.

JV (JV RedHawk Robotics): Evan Mead, Jonas Hemmett, Joe Jacobs, James Haines, Jacob Graham, Sean Menard.

CVU Scholars Bowl Team Advances to Nationals

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CVU survived contentious play-off competition to take home the championship at Montpelier High School on March 26. This makes it the second state championship after their previous win in 2007, according to a press release from Coach John Bennett.

The team triumphed over host Montpelier High School, Hanover and South Burlington to earn the title, but it was not easy, CVU senior Ben Fox said.

“South Burlington — that’s the one that was really, really tough, because they’d been defeating us all year,” Fox said. “I wasn’t sure if we were going to win just because they’re so good.”

South Burlington had previously won three other major Scholars Bowl tournaments this season, and had beaten CVU three times, Coach John Bennett said in an email.

Bennett explained what the difference was this time:

“We had to play a perfect match, minimizing mistakes and taking advantage of any opportunities they might give us with missed questions. That is exactly what we did.”

The team got off to a quick lead and after a brief comeback from South Burlington, held off to win the match by a margin of 70 points, 385-315, according to Bennett. The championship was a team effort, but one thing is clear to both Bennett and Fox: Evan McMahan played a crucial role.

“Evan is our all-time leading scorer and the best player I have had on one of my teams,” Bennett said.

According to the press release, McMahan finished his Scholars Bowl career with 1,136 questions answered, and averaged 23.6 correct buzz-in answers per league game.

Bennett said that even just 10 correct answers in one game is a very good statistic.

“Whenever I’m talking about Scholars Bowl with my friends, they just kind of cite him as godlike,” Fox said in reference to McMahan. “And I do agree.”

The team needed to rebuild this year after losing three great players who had graduated the previous year, Bennett said.

“Of the eight players who played in our championship day playoff matches, five of them were new to Scholars Bowl this season and joined our team because of C3 time,” Bennett said.

Fox was one of these five. He described C3 time as a period in the school day where students can connect with teachers or participate in clubs that they otherwise would not be able to do.

“I’ve always done jazz band and theater and so having the opportunity to do it during C3 time was really helpful for someone with my loaded schedule,” Fox said.

With these new additions, Bennett knew he needed to organize the team in a way that allowed everyone to contribute to their win.

“I guess if there was a strategy, it



The CVU Scholars Bowl team has advanced to the nationals.

was figuring out how to use our team depth to complement Evan’s abilities,” Bennett said. “We had really critical contributions from everyone at the final playoffs.”

The CVU Scholars Bowl Team will head to nationals in Atlanta on Memorial Day weekend. They have participated in nationals four times previously, and have made it as far as the second-to-last round back in 2007 when they last won states, Bennett said.

“I am very excited,” Fox said when discussing nationals. “We made it this far and I really believe our team has the capability to make it further.”

CVU finished their season with a record of 32-4, the second-best winning percentage in team history, according to the press release.

The following players represented CVU on March 26:

Evan McMahan, Aidan Devine, Ben Fox, Jake Potter (12th grade)

Kai Jenkins-Mui, Ava Rohrbaugh, Keaton St. Martin (11th grade)

Elias Leventhal (10th grade)

Anna Couperthwait Named CVSD’s Director of Student Support Services

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

Anna Couperthwait has been appointed director of Student Support Services for the Champlain Valley School District. Couperthwait replaces Meagan Roy, who is taking on the role of superintendent in the Washington Central Supervisory Union. Couperthwait will begin her leadership duties on July 1, 2022.

Superintendent Rene Sanchez shared, “I am very excited for Anna to take on our director of Student Support Services role. She brings both local CVSD historical knowledge as well as a full K-12 system perspective to our central office. With these two qualities and more, I am confident that CVSD will continue to be a leading district in inclusive practices in Vermont and the nation.”

Couperthwait brings a wealth of experience to CVSD. She is a product of CVSD (formerly Chittenden South Supervisory Union) and graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School. She received her B.A. in English from the University of Vermont and her M.Ed. from Lesley College. She continued her education, obtaining her administrator’s license and then enhancing her leadership skills through the Snelling Center for Government’s Vermont School Leadership Program. Anna has been the director of special services at CVU since 2012, leading a department of 23 special educators and as many as 60 paraeducators. Prior to that, she was a special educator, classroom teacher, Reading Recovery teacher and language arts teacher.

The director of Student Support Services will collaborate with the directors of Learning and Innovation and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to coordinate and oversee Student Support Services in CVSD. Primarily, the director oversees special education and Section 504 and serves as the liaison for numerous local, state and federal programs that provide services to students such as: school counseling, nurses, homeless children and families, the school psychological services program and occupational and physical therapy services.

After accepting the position, Couperthwait said, “I’m looking forward to joining the central office leadership team in the work of supporting



Anna Couperthwait is CVSD’s new director of Student Support Services.

the students of CVSD. I’ve learned so much over the years as a CVSD student, teacher and administrator, and I’m excited to continue my professional journey at the district level.”

We are thrilled to welcome Anna to the central office leadership team.

Sarah Crum Named CVSD’s Director of Learning and Innovation

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

Sarah Crum has been appointed director of Learning and Innovation for the Champlain Valley School District. Crum replaces Jeff Evans, who is retiring at the end of this school year. Sarah will begin her leadership duties on July 1, 2022.

Superintendent Rene Sanchez shared, “Sarah’s experience as an English teacher, special educator, and special education director will prove to be a valuable resource for the Champlain Valley School District. Literacy, instructional techniques and inclusivity are always among the most important current focus areas of school districts. Sarah’s background will help Champlain Valley’s already innovative work progress even further.”

Sarah graduated magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University with degrees in English and special education. Her master’s degree in education is in curriculum & pedagogy from the University of Colorado. She earned her special education administrator licensure with a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from St. Michael’s College. Crum is currently engaged in leadership work with the Snelling Center for Government’s Vermont School Leadership Project. She is currently the director of special education for the Williston Schools. Prior to that, she was a special educator at Champlain Valley Union High School, and an English teacher in Telluride, Colorado.

The director of Learning and Innovation will collaborate with the directors of Student Support Services and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in CVSD. In addition to curriculum, instruction and assessment, the director of Learning & Innovation oversees the English Language Learner program, instructional coaches and coordinators, the faculty and staff mentor programs, and manages the Consolidated Federal Grants and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grants. The director also leads continuous improvement planning, COVID-19 recovery planning, and helps ensure compliance with Vermont Education Quality Standards and Acts 77 & 173.

Crum shared this with us, “I am thrilled to have this opportunity to join the central office leadership team as the director of Learning & Innovation.



Sarah Crum, CVSD’s new director of Learning and Innovation.

I look forward to continuing the strong foundation that has been built at CVSD and working toward an innovative and responsive experience for our CVSD students and community.”

We are excited to welcome Sarah to the central office leadership team in July.

Access CVU Spring Semester Comes to an End

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The winter/spring semester of Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU High School, is nearing the end. With 35 classes scheduled to start during the month of May, there’s something for everyone from French crêpes and outdoor campfire cooking to macramé and fused glass coasters.

Planning for the fall semester is starting — let us know what classes you wish we offered, and what we should keep. And if you know of a great instructor we should add, please send them our way!

Below is a list of classes scheduled for May, organized by category. All classes meet in-person at CVU (masks are now optional), with the exception of a handful of online classes (identified with an “*”) which will meet over Zoom.

Authors, Speakers and Presenters Monday, May 9 Advanced Health Care Directives*

Tuesday, May 17 1970’s Rock & Roll Primer*

Wednesday, May 25 How Shall We Remember Our War Dead?

Cooking and Cuisine

Monday, May 2 Flower and Cake Design

Monday, May 2 Campfire Cooking

Wednesday, May 4 Vegetarian Mediterranean Feast

Tuesday, May 10 Common Sense Cooking: Eggs

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Thursday, May 12 Indian Vegetarian Comfort Meal: Khichdi

Tuesday, May 17 French Crêpes

Thursday, May 19 Indian Vegetarian Cooking: Dal Palak

Monday, May 23 Cooking with Wild Foods

Fine Arts and Crafts

Monday, May 2 Acrylic Fluid Art

Monday, May 2 Batik and Silk Painting Sampler

Monday, May 9 Fused Glass Coasters

Tuesday, May 10 Learn How to Turn a Wooden Bowl!

Tuesday, May 10 Sewing with Knit Fabrics: Underwear!

Tuesday, May 24 Tapestry Weaving on Frame Loom

Wednesday, May 25 Macramé Plant Hangers

Fitness, Dance, Yoga and Mindful Movement

Tuesday, May 10 Intro to Yang Tai Chi

Wednesday, May 11 End of Winter Season Recovery

Health & Nutrition, New Age & Holistic Well-Being

Tuesday, May 10

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Thursday, May 5 Home Repairs — Be Your Own Handyman! Home Safety & Your Toolbox

Friday, May 6 Flower Arranging: Spring Table

Thursday, May 12 Home Repairs — Be Your Own Handyman! Electrical Troubleshooting

Thursday, May 19 Getting to Know Your Car Workshop

Thursday, May 19 Home Repairs — Be Your Own Handyman! Plumbing & HVAC Systems

Wednesday, May 25 Home Repairs — Be Your Own Handyman! Drywall Repair & Painting

Thursday, May 26 Home Repairs — Be Your Own Handyman! Carpentry & Building Materials

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Thursday, May 19 Publishing Workshop: The Paths to Publication*

Music

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Big Truck Day Is Back

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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Vehicles of all kinds will roll into town for the Hinesburg Nursery School's Annual Big Truck Day and Children's Festival. Big Truck Day is a community event that lets youngsters and their families get up close to (and even climb inside!) their favorite big trucks and vehicles.

The action all takes place behind Hinesburg Community School. This year the lot will be packed with construction vehicles, utility vehicles, a car transporter, tractors and more for children of all ages to see, touch and explore.

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SPORTS

Shelburne Little League Opening Day Parade This Saturday

FROM PRESS RELEASE

With great excitement and anticipation, we are thrilled to announce the return of the annual SLL Opening Day Parade and Ceremony on Saturday, April 30, a tradition last seen in 2019! This is a fun way to properly kick off what will undoubtedly be another amazing year of softball and baseball here in the Champlain Valley.

The parade route will begin by head-



Big Truck Day will be back, on May 14.



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Lake Iroquois Ice-Out Challenge

FROM LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION PRESS RELEASE

Congratulations to Daniel McDevitt of Williston, winner of the second an-

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Economic Development. Third Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. St. Jude Parish Hall.

MONDAY, MAY 2

7:30-9:00 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. Zoom Meeting link: TBD. The Zoom link will be emailed to all VAS Members.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt>. Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

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

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. <https://meet.google.com/vru-hvxh-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.

MONDAY, MAY 9

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

TUESDAY, MAY 10

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting or 3rd floor Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 17

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt>. Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Economic Development. Third Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. St. Jude Parish Hall.

MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. <https://meet.google.com/vru-hvxh-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.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

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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, JUNE 8

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

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

OUTDOORS

Butternut: A Profile

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*), is an enigmatic tree. Also called “white walnut,” butternut is the hardest member of the walnut genus, with a range stretching north into southern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick; as far west as Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri; and south to Tennessee.

In Vermont, butternut trees are usually found on rich, moist soils, growing alongside sugar maple, basswood, white ash and plants like maidenhair fern and blue cohosh. It is shade-intolerant, needing lots of sunlight to thrive. While butternut was likely never a common or long-lived tree in Vermont’s forests, it is becoming increasingly uncommon and shorter-lived due to the prevalence of a nonnative pathogen called butternut canker.

Butternut trees produce butternuts: a hard-shelled, fatty nut — much like a walnut — encased in a fleshy, green, football-shaped husk. Butternut has

a compound leaf of 7-17 pointed leaflets, unfurling from brown twigs with distinctive large, light-brown terminal buds and leaf-scars that look a bit like little monkey faces with yellow unibrows. Their bark is patterned with narrow, interlacing ridges, similar to that of ash trees but darker in color. When stressed or afflicted with butternut canker (as they usually are), butternut bark is black and ashy-gray and its ridges look sanded-off. Butternut is culturally important to the Abenaki, who call butternut *bagon*. Abenaki and other Indigenous peoples eat butternuts and use their fleshy husks and the tree’s bark as a dye. The abundance of butternuts at archaeological sites suggests that Indigenous people may have planted and dispersed the species for millennia. After European colonization, butternut trees were widely planted by colonists and butternuts became an ingredient in traditional New England cuisine.

While butternut trees were historically prized for their nuts (rather than their wood), today butternut lumber is used for a variety of pur-

poses — most of them ornamental. Butternut wood is soft, light and pretty, making it an excellent carving wood. Butternut logs can be sold living or dead, and butternut lumber is often full of character, including the wormholes prominent in dead trees. Butternut is an awful firewood — as an old-timer once told me: “it burns as well as a snowball and produces half the heat.”

In today’s forests, healthy butternut trees are extremely rare due to a fungus called butternut canker (*Ophiognomonia clavignenti-juglandacearum*, formerly known as *Sirococcus clavignenti-juglandacearum*). Butternut canker was first discovered in Wisconsin in 1967, perhaps introduced on Asian walnut trees. Dispersed by wind, rain and insects, this pathogen creates black cankers on butternuts’ bark which proliferate until they girdle and kill the tree. According to the U.S. Forest Service, close to 100% of butternuts in its native range are infected, with mortality rates exceeding 90%.

Efforts have been made to study and promote resistance to butternut canker using a variety of methods, including crossing butternuts with Japanese walnut (*Juglans ailantifolia*). Interestingly, a certain amount

of hybridization between butternut and Japanese walnut has been occurring for over a century: Japanese walnuts, especially the cultivar known as Japanese heartnut, have been planted in North America since the 1800s. This species naturally hybridizes with butternut, creating a tree called “buartnut,” which was noted in the United States by the early 1900s. While buartnuts are more resistant to butternut canker than butternuts, hybridization comes at a risk: potentially eroding some of the unique and adaptive genetic qualities of the butternut species.

Each native tree species has a unique role to play in Vermont’s forests.

Forests are natural communities: complex assemblages of species which are greater than the sum of their parts and which are enriched by diversity. The loss of a tree species impacts forests in profound ways, and butternut is just one of several important tree species that we have lost, that we are losing, or whose role in our forests has been radically changed as a result of a nonnative pest or pathogen — others include elm, beech, chestnut and ash.

2 p.m.

The museum is delighted to host the Green Mountain Wood Carvers May Carve-In! At the carve-in, carvers talk and work on a variety of woodcarving projects. Carvers are always happy to explain how they carve and to share their expertise with others. Ask questions and become a GMWC member!

Water Quality Data Results Available

FROM LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION PRESS RELEASE

Lewis Creek Association has been working hard to make our water quality data results more accessible and understandable to our watershed towns and citizens. We are thrilled to announce that, with the help of consultants from Just Water Consulting and FluidState Consulting, and funding from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation’s Tactical Basin Planning funds and your local towns (thank you Charlotte, Hinesburg and Shelburne!), we have finalized our analysis. You can now view results from our 2021 sampling in an easily understandable map format. Learn more about why we sample for certain parameters (for example, why do we care about chloride? what does it do to our streams?) and what the results are from the stream nearest you. Explore more at bit.ly/LCA-WQ-2021 and reach out to Kate Kelly, lewis-creekorg@gmail.com, with any questions or comments.

In a changing world, taking care of forests means supporting their *resilience* and their ability to *adapt*. Doing our best to save butternut is just one piece in this puzzle — others include stopping deforestation and forest fragmentation, controlling nonnative invasive plants and addressing the many other threats to forest health and to biodiversity. It’s up to us to help forests respond to the profound challenges of the modern world as they move into an uncertain future.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. See what he’s been up to, check out his YouTube channel, sign up for his eNews and read articles he’s written at linktr.ee/ChittendenCountyForester.

Vermont Wildlife Course for Educators, July 17-22

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

Vermont’s popular fish and wildlife summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 17-22, 2022.

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

Now in its 37th year, Wildlife Management and Outdoor Education Techniques for Educators, is a one-week, three-credit graduate course taught by Vermont Fish & Wildlife and other Agency of Natural Resources staff through Castleton University.

“Wildlife resources are important to all Vermonters in one way or another,” says Fish and Wildlife’s outreach director, Alison Thomas. “If educators can get connected with the outdoors and in turn expose their students,

then many of these students will be able to make informed decisions about Vermont wildlife and their habitat needs.”

“This course is unique in that it helps non-formal and pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teachers from any discipline — math, language arts, physical education, or history — improve their instructional strategies and make their lesson plans more relevant to their students.”

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

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

A course description, schedule of activities and registration information are available by email from Alison. Thomas@vermont.gov.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, experience level, sex or gender identity. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available on request at no cost. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information. Requests should be made as early as possible. For example, an interpreter must be requested at least two weeks in advance. Please contact: Alison.Thomsas@vermont.gov, 802-371-9975 (voice), 1-800-253-0191 (TTY).



Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 17-22 at Buck Lake in Woodbury, Vermont.



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ARTS & LEISURE

Hinesburg Poet Publishes Powerful Collection of Poems Rooted in the Spirit of Vermont

BY BILL SCHUBART

The best poetry exists in that sparse nether world between music and words, straddling both, blending harmony (assonance and consonance) rhythm (cadence and meter) and meaning (literal and metaphorical).

A recently released poetry collection achieves the best of both and delivers us transcendent poems deeply imbued with a sense of place ... Vermont.

The collection, “Sanctuary, Vermont” by Hinesburg resident Laura Budofsky Wisniewski published by Orison Books sweeps us in breathtaking verse from the early 19th century to today.

The beautifully crafted poems alight like a sparrow on various events and places in Vermont’s past and present from “Our Year Without Summer.

1816”:

In June, when Prudence Lexter froze while fetching wood, I took her seven children in, poor spin-dly dears.

They died all but the oldest girl, when the sickness came.

It struck us like a drunkard’s blow. Boys took up spades to help George

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► Hinesburg Poet

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Franklin dig the graves,
but the stunned ground would not
break.

... to today, "From a Map of the
Region":

In the cave of the miscarried
I found a tiny bone
dry to my lip's skin, cool as afternoon.

In the meadow of last snakes
I found, for flaying, honed,
razor thin, a shard of stone.

On the precipice of endless wind
I found a feather, black as blood, worn
down
shaft hollowed, sheen gone.

On the lake of recurring dreams
I found the sliced moon
shaking, sinking, stunned.
This is what is meant by empty.

Wisniewski's extraordinary skill at
melding music and word to create
a poetic resonance both instills her
work with emotion and almost begs
the reader to read the work aloud.

This is a unique collection and will
become without question a staple of
Vermont literature, although its excel-
lence demands a much wider reader-
ship. I urge you to reach out to your
local bookseller and get a copy of
Laura's collection. You will experience
Vermont in ways you never would
have imagined, ways that to this
writer who writes principally about
Vermont and has sought sanctuary
here in small towns for 75 years, rings
as true as the local church bells that
peal on Sunday or the fire station si-
rens that sound each day at noon.

Reader Submission

Love Song for Ukraine

BY THEORA WARD

The bathing suit I ordered From Land's
End
came today
but it is March
so I add a log to the wood stove
drink my tea
work on the sweater I am knitting
pet my cat
know that summer is coming.
No one is trying to kill me

This morning
On the news
I saw her

A woman
just like me
She has white hair like mine
gnarled, arthritic hands, like mine
Just like me
she had a home, a life
maybe she loves flowers
or books, or medicine or accounting
She loves her family and her friends
Someone is trying to kill her

She is not opening
a package that came in the mail
She is not looking at a bathing suit
dreaming of summer
She has left her home
carrying only a backpack
which could not contain her cat
She, her daughter and grandchildren
stand all day out in freezing
temperatures
Someone is trying to kill them

She feels the icicle of fear
and disbelief in her heart
sees the stunned faces of children
hears the crack of gunfire
the deafening sound of bombs
exploding
There is need for a bathroom
a diaper change
a place to nurse the crying baby

Hurry, hurry, hurry
then wait, wait, wait
with thousands, clutching
plastic bags at the border
Someone is trying to kill them

Where will they go
How will they live
once they cross the border
She has left behind
all loved ones between
the ages of 18 and 60
who have, overnight, become soldiers
Her mind is holding them
as she keeps moving farther away

I am knitting
She is fleeing
this woman just like me
Someone is trying to kill her

She wraps her arms
around the little ones
It's OK, Sweetheart
Grandma's got you
Just stay close
Creating with her body
a haven for the children
as she thinks, calculates
moves the precious lives in her care
toward the hoped-for safety of another
country
Someone is trying to kill her
This woman just like me

cannot sit in warmth and safety
and write a donation check
because it is the only
thing she can think to do
She must endure
minute by minute
day by day
All I can do is
wrap my heart around her

I don't know how
to breathe with this.
I don't know
what to do.
I do not follow
an organized religion
but now I pray
again and again

OBITUARIES

Celebration
of Life:
Leon Lestage

A celebration of life for Leon
Lestage will be held on Saturday,
May 7 between 11 a.m. and 4
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party he would have planned.
Let's celebrate Leon's life the
way he would have wanted.
Come and share your stories
with us. We hope to see you
there. For more information,
please email Michelle Jimmo at
mj05461@yahoo.com.



Leon Lestage

► Hinesburg Artist Series

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Roddy, clarinet; and Evan Allen, pi-
ano playing selections by Dmitri
Shostakovich.

"We are so grateful to the commu-
nity for the support we've seen
over the past two years," said Rufas
Patrick. "Some of our advertisers, like
Lantman's Market in Hinesburg, con-
tinued to support us even when the
concert was canceled. And so many in
the community have let us know how
happy they are that we are perform-
ing again."

Tickets are \$20 for general admission,
students 12-18 are \$10, and children
under 12 are free. Tickets are avail-
able at has.music.eventbrite.com.
If you need assistance, call Rufus
Patrick at 802-373-0808.

Audience members aged 5 and over
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wear masks. All performers will be ful-
ly vaccinated. If you are feeling sick,
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cently tested positive or have recently
come into contact with someone who
has COVID-19, please do not attend.
This policy is in effect as of April 5,
and is subject to change. Check [hines-
burgartistseries.org](https://hinesburgartistseries.org) for up-to-date
information.

Please go to our website, [hinesbur-
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Worth the Wait —
Musicians Journey 1,100
MilesBY RUFUS PATRICK, HAS
MUSIC DIRECTOR

It isn't often that musicians travel
1,100 miles to perform in Hinesburg,
but the May 22 Hinesburg Artist
Series will feature two violinists who
are doing just that.

Christopher Stork and Kimberly
Durlflinger were planning to travel
from Montreal to play in the March
2020 concert that was canceled
due to COVID-19. Then in August of
2021, they auditioned for, and were
awarded, positions in the Thunder
Bay Symphony Orchestra in Thunder
Bay, Ontario. Great news for sure,
but Thunder Bay is a far piece from

Hinesburg. Chris did say they would
still love to come and play sometime,
because he has family in Vermont.
Then in February 2022, Chris and
Kimberly were engaged to be
married.

Early in 2022 the South County
Chorus began re-rehearsing the amaz-
ing "Jubilate Deo" by Dan Forrest and
chose Sunday, May 22, to perform its
24th annual concert. Because Chris
and Kimberly had practiced "Navara"
(a showy violin duet by Pablo de
Sarasate) for the 2020 concert, it
seemed appropriate to let them know
we rescheduled the concert. So, I
sent the following email to them in
Ontario:

*Greetings from Vermont — I see con-
gratulations are in order and really
wish you were closer. We have finally
rescheduled our March 2020 canceled
concert for May 22, 2022. It would
certainly be a hoot if you needed a
Vermont fix that weekend and the
Sarasate could be resurrected. I am so
happy for you guys, and in any case,
we should keep in touch. I know it's
a L O N G shot but I needed to let you
know.*

Chris replied: *Hello! It's so good to
hear that the concert is going to be re-
scheduled finally. I was actually plan-
ning on being in Upstate New York that
very weekend. So, we might be able to
do that. It would be amazing to get to
play the Sarasate, after all — we did
learn it.*

Well, it's happening, and it is more



Kimberly Durlflinger.



Christopher Stork

than amazing that our concert week-
end coincides with a concert Chris
is playing in Glenn Falls. They will
also be visiting family in Plainfield. A
lot can happen in two years. A new
gig 1,100 miles away, an engagement,
and best of all Chris and Kimberly are
returning to perform the "Navara"
duet and play in the Hinesburg Artist
Series Orchestra. I truly believe for
the audience and performers that
this concert will be well worth the
wait. I would encourage you to get
tickets for this amazing concert.

Kimberly Durlflinger was born
and raised in sunny San Diego,
California, and joined the Thunder
Bay Symphony violin section in 2021.
Kimberly has substituted with major
North American orchestras like the
San Diego Symphony, the Canadian
Opera Company Orchestra, I Musici
de Montréal Chamber Orchestra and
the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony.
She received her master's degree
from the Schulich School of Music at
McGill University and her bachelor's
degree from the Eastman School of
Music in Rochester, New York. Her
major teachers include Andrew Wan,
Alexander Read, Jing Yan Bowcott
and Alexandra Keegan. Additionally,
Kimberly loves dancing Argentine
tango and playing with her Toronto-
based rock band Vaerisa. She cur-
rently lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario
with her fiancé Christopher Stork and
their four chunky guinea pigs.

Christopher Stork originates from
Plainfield, Vermont, and joined the
Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra
as principal second violin in 2021.
An avid and talented chamber mu-
sician, Chris was the second violi-
nist in the Iceberg String Quartet
from 2018-2020. The quartet was
the resident string quartet at no-
table festivals including at the
Banff Center, the Juilliard String
Quartet Seminar, Toronto Summer
Music Festival, and the Bowdoin
Music Festival. They were the win-
ners of the McGill Chamber Music
Competition (2018), finalists at the
Chesapeake International Chamber
Music Festival (2020), and semi-fi-
nalists at the Young Concert Artists
Competition (2019). He was also a
member of the resident piano trio at
the Zodiac Music Festival in France,
and has toured with ensembles such
as the Vermont Mozart Chamber
Players. As an orchestral violinist,
Chris has served as concertmaster
of the McGill Orchestra, and assis-
tant principal second of the Glens
Falls Symphony Orchestra. Chris
has appeared as a soloist with the
Vermont Philharmonic, as well as at
the Bathurst Chamber Music Festival,
and the Hinesburg Artist Series. He
was a pre-college honors student at

Mannes in New York City, and holds
bachelor and masters of music de-
grees from the Schulich School of
Music at McGill University. His men-
tors include Andrew Wan, Alexander
Read, Mark Fewer, Sally Thomas and
Elizabeth Reid. When not performing,
Chris is passionate about passing on
his musical knowledge through teach-
ing violin. During the summer months
Chris enjoys fishing, hiking and camp-
ing. When winter strikes, he can be
found playing Nintendo and Xbox
with Kimberly.

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Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m.,
St. Jude Church, Hinesburg; Sunday:
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of
Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte**Weekday Masses:**
Monday and Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude
Church; Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church;
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m., Our Lady of
Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Pastor
for appointment**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church;
Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Friday fol-
lowing the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude
Church and by appointment.**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the
Pastor at least six months in advance**Communism at Home:** Call Parish
Office, 482-2290**Religious Education Coordinator:**
Marie Cookson, 482-2290**Religious Education (CCD):** The first
Sunday of each month following the
9:30 a.m. Mass. Students and parents
meet each month.Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish
Office) or 879-3446 (home) for more
information.**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic
Adoration is held the first Friday of
each month following the 8:00 a.m.
Mass at St. Jude.**Food Shelf Weekend:** Every first
Saturday and Sunday of the month.
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 pre-
pared by Meals on Wheels. There will
be cards, board games and door priz-
es. 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 Cooksonat 482-2290 (parish office). Caretakers
are welcome. Hinesburg Rides will
pick you up and bring you home at no
charge. For more information, call the
parish office at 482-2290.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.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 Fridays from
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in person and
online. This is a great time to meet
new friends, hang out and talk about
real life and our place in this world.
Contact Connor Durochia connor.du-
rochia@gmail.com for more informa-
tion and other Youth Group events.**Weekday Life Groups:** Various
times, days, and locations through-
out the week.For more information, please contact
the church at 482-2132 or visit hines-
burgcma.org.Williston
Federated ChurchUnited Church of Christ and United
Methodist Church*An Open and Affirming
Reconciling Congregation***Address:** 44 North Williston Road,
Williston VT 05495**Phone:** 878-5792.**Website:** steeple.org**Minister:** Rev. Paul Eyer**Activities:** Junior and Senior High
Youth Groups; Men's Bible Study;
Women's Book Group; Junior, Senior
and Contemporary Music Choirs;
Friendship Suppers; opportunities for
mission and outreach in the commu-
nity, country, and world.**Service:** Sundays 9:30 a.m., Nursery/
Child care provided; Sunday School
during the service for pre-K through
high school; Coffee/Fellowship after
service in Fellowship Hall.Trinity
Episcopal Church**Address:** 5171 Shelburne Rd.,
Shelburne, VT 05482**Church phone:** 985-2269**Church email:** info@trinityshelburne.
org**Website:** trinityshelburne.org**Worship service:**
Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.**Worship service and Sunday School:**
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.**Space for Grace program:** Sunday
mornings 9:15 a.m.All Souls Interfaith
Gathering Non-
Denominational
Service**Pastor:** Rev. Don Chatfield**Phone:** 985-3819**Mailing Address:** 291
Bostwick Farm Rd.,
Shelburne, VT 05482**Services:****Sunday 9:00 a.m.:**
Morning Meditation**Sunday 5:00 p.m.:**
Music & Spirit
Service

► Kurt Fischer

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that much money. I'll build a sawmill."

And he did exactly that. With his sig-
nature material — "scrap junk from
around the area" — Fischer built a
hefty sawmill with a 176-inch bandsaw
blade that can handle logs up to 25
feet in length and 3 feet in diameter.Fischer's love of learning is a two-way
street. He loves to share just as much
as he loves to absorb.One of the driving forces of his shar-
ing is his son, Eric Fischer. When Eric
was interested in wrestling, Fischer*A climbing tree stand Fischer recently
pulled down. Here he shows how he uses it
to scale up trees for bow hunting.**It's important to get square cuts when using
the sawmill pictured in the background.**Using his foot as a pointer, Fischer singles
out a useful piece of angle iron among
a pile of other scrap, all waiting to be
utilized.*and a few other fathers started coach-
ing a youth wrestling program.The program progressed to where
kids from all over the area would
gather for meets and training at Kurt
Fischer's alma mater, Champlain
Valley Union High School.He went on to coach at South
Burlington High School, mentoring in
track and field, football and even pro-
gressed to coaching at Middlebury
College, where he "coached all the
jumps," everything from pole vaulting
to long jump.His informative generosity is not des-
ignated to sports alone.His YouTube channel, [youtube.com/
user/kaf2303](https://www.youtube.com/user/kaf2303), is filled with in-depth
breakdowns of his projects. There is
so much information that one viewer,
Meg Clavel, suggested he patent some
of his ideas."I really don't have any interest in pa-
enting," said Fischer. "I put [the vid-
eos] up there solely for the purpose
of sharing information. And so other
people can have ideas to spring off of
and do other things."

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

A Talk With Kurt Fischer, A YouTube-Era Renaissance Man

BY GABRIEL SENNOTT

It's hard to categorize Kurt Fischer, and he probably likes it that way.

Fischer's knowledge spans a vast array of fields, including: growing gourmet mushrooms, carpentry, lumber milling, welding, firefighting, aquaponic gardening, pole vaulting, beer brewing and wrestling.

This eclectic career is built around a philosophy of problem-solving that Fischer says is fueled by learning.

"There's nothing I can't do. I just need to learn how to do it. And I'm happy to learn how to do it because I like learning things," said Fischer.

Known around Hinesburg as a builder and coach, this Charlotte resident's home is dotted with heavy machinery, piles of lumber and scrap metal. His workshop is overflowing with tools, and just about every roof has a solar panel on it. He even has his own saw mill to fuel his ambition.

One of his most unique projects is his solar-powered, aquaponic greenhouse that rotates with the sun's arc in order to maximize the sunlight exposure.

As far as he knows, it's the only greenhouse in Vermont that can grow tomatoes all year-round.

Fischer walked through his process of tweaking and adapting his concepts. The greenhouse is an example of how he tackles any project.

"Well, I started researching about greenhouses and then I got off on a sidetrack on aquaponics. And I was like, you know, this sounds like a really great idea," said Fischer.

"So basically, you're just growing a plant in water, and it's married with growing fish," said Fischer.

The fish produce ammonia which is turned into nitrogen by two types of bacteria. These bacteria can grow on any surface, but the more surface area there is, the more bacteria can grow. So, Fischer took it to the most extreme level.

"I set it up with a sand bed filter, which is just sand in a tank with a perforated pipe underneath it that fluidizes the sand ... And every one of those sand particles has surface area



Standing in front of one of his piles of "scrap junk from around the area," Fischer explains how he fabricated a makeshift crane out of his tractor and an old telephone pole.

that bacteria can colonize on," said Fischer.

"[The fish] convert all of the ammonia to nitrites and nitrates for the plants to feed on and it's just a continuous loop. So you never have to add chemical fertilizers or any of that stuff," said Fischer. "I spend about 50 bucks a year on fish food."

Fischer's thrifty nature comes through in all of his projects.

"The greenhouse got built out of stuff that I salvaged from when I tore the fire station down and rebuilt it," said Fischer.

During his 17-year long career at the Charlotte Fire Department, where he held every job from secretary to captain, they were in need of a new station.

"We were taking bids for a new fire station and they all wanted \$1,500,000 to build the new fire station. And \$100,000 of it, or so, was just for the project manager and I was like 'Look, guys, this is B.S. This is a ridiculous price and they're going to build a crap building for us,'" said Fischer. "And so I offered to be the project manager for \$10,000 instead of \$100,000."

They ended up building the new station for a total of \$500,000, saving the town about a million dollars, and saving himself the cost of the steel beams for his greenhouse.

For a carpenter who loves taking on



The electrical system for Fischer's aquaponic greenhouse.



Kurt Fischer walks through his black raspberry field toward his home compound. The berries can be eaten whole or made into wine for him and his wife to enjoy.

new projects, when Fischer saw the price of lumber skyrocket at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic he said, "Screw this! I'm not spending

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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 482-6226 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 Commission
- Recreation Commission
- Village Steering Committee

Check town web site hinesburg.org for the most current committee openings, descriptions and instructions on how to apply. For more information contact Joy Dubin Grossman (Assistant Town Manager) at 482-4207 or jdubingrossman@hinesburg.org.

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