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Earth Day Celebrations

On Friday, April 22, Carpenter-Carse Library celebrated Earth Day with a ribbon cutting for their solar panels and a new bicycle repair station.

Solar: The Library rooftop solar array consists of 88 Q Cells panels installed by Green Mountain Solar. Green

Mountain Solar is a local solar and battery installation company, started five years ago by Hinesburg resident, Paul Lesure. "This project has been particularly important to me," says Paul, Green Mountain Solar's president. "I believe that reaching our renewable energy goals has to start in

our own back yard, so it was an absolute privilege to help my local library go solar."

Bicycles: It gives us great pleasure to share the new addition of a Dero bike repair station located at the Carpenter-Carse Library. It's available for all cyclists to use. And it's free! The Charlotte-Shelburne-Hinesburg Rotary Club along with friends and community members have dedicated this Dero bike repair station and air pump in memory of Stephen "Spike" Haskew Clayton who passed away in 2019. A Hinesburg resident, Spike was an avid cyclist, skier, businessman — he was always one to share his passions with others. There are three other Dero stations located in the neighboring towns of Shelburne and Charlotte, which are also dedicated in memory of beloved cyclists. Katherine Kjelleren and her son

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Ribbon-cutting for the solar panels installed at Carpenter-Carse Library.

Large-Scale Environmental Sculptures on View This Summer

FROM PRESS RELEASE

"Nancy Winship Milliken: Varied and Alive," commissioned for Shelburne Museum's 75th anniversary, is a site-specific outdoor exhibition that embodies the museum's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability while also engaging in global and local ecological conversations. "Nancy Winship Milliken: Varied and Alive" is on view at Shelburne Museum May 15 through Oct. 16.

"Nancy Winship Milliken: Varied and Alive" includes four monumental sculptures set in a pollinator meadow each featuring different natural materials intrinsic to the region, all of which explore themes related to sustainability: horsehair, wool, beeswax and driftwood. Activated by the wind and sun, each sculpture uniquely moves, changes, and adapts

to the environment, inspiring community conversation surrounding our relationship to nature. The four sculptures — Pasture Song, Meadow Breath, Lake Bones and Earth Glow

— are multisensory, multidisciplinary explorations of the natural environment. Unifying the distinct sculptures

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Nancy Winship Milliken, Pasture Song, 2018-22. Charred wood post and beam, fishing net, white horsehair and hardware, 15 x 17 feet. Courtesy of the artist.

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TOWN NEWS

Hinesburg Town Hall Roof Failure

BY PHIL POUECH

The Hinesburg Town Hall employees discovered some serious water leaks and visible movement of the roof line during this last winter. The town asked a local engineer to inspect the slate roof, which was originally built in 1901 and which underwent some modifications during a remodel in the early 1990s.

The roof inspection revealed that wooden frame members have bowed and show serious cracking. The condition of the slate is also considered to be in extremely poor condition due to age. As a safety precaution, the engineers recommended that

the large hall room be closed to the public. The remainder of the building may continue to be used for town business. The roof structure will be regularly visibly inspected to provide an indication or warning if the situation is getting worse. The leaks were repaired, or “patched” to prevent further water damage to the building.

A committee was formed to investigate the problem and develop some options. This committee will bring suggested options to the town manager and selectboard by the end of June. Committee members include: Phil Pouech, selectboard member; Rocky Martin, previous town employee; Joy Dubin Grossman, assistant town manager; Erik Bailey, town director of Utilities & Facilities; Rolf Kielmann, town resident and architect; Jay Lebare, Apex Consulting;

and Chris Hill, Engineering Ventures.

Some possible solutions have been investigated along with some very rough cost estimates. These include:

- 1. Reinforce the existing roof framing structure with added steel or wood structural members.**
 - While this could be done, it would leave in place the existing slate, which is in “poor condition” and needs to be replaced.
 - The estimated cost to just reinforce the roof structure is \$250,000, which does not include slate replacement.
 - This option has risks and may not solve the roof problems for the very long-term.
 - This option will not address the other existing issues with the building, including limited accessibility for those with disabilities, not being very energy efficient, inefficient working space and inadequate room for expected growth.

- 2. Replace the entire roof structure with an alternate roofing material, such as standing seam metal.**
 - This solution will correct the roof issues and allow for a new roof covering with a 50-year life span.
 - The estimated cost to replace the roof is at least \$500,000.
 - This option will not address the other existing issues with the building, including limited accessibility for those with disabilities, not being very energy efficient, inefficient working space and inadequate room for expected growth.
 - The new roof could be designed to allow for future solar panels on the south side.

- 3. Rebuild the Town Hall to correct the roof, fix any other structural deficiencies identified, add an elevator for accessibility, improve the building’s energy efficiency, update the building layout to increase space and improve working efficiency.**
 - This option will “preserve” the existing building and the large hall space to maintain its historical character and functionality.
 - The building would meet the standards for disability accessibility.
 - The energy efficiency would be brought up to required standards and help meet our town energy goals.
 - This option would correct other structural deficiencies including the integrity of the foundation.
 - The working spaces could be increased to meet town needs for the long-term future.
 - The cost is unknown.

- 4. Tear down the existing structure and rebuild a new efficient Town Hall.**

This option will allow the town to create a new building to meet the town’s existing and future needs. The new building could be built on the existing lot or on other town property if that was determined to add working efficiency or cohesion. For example, this location could be in the Lot 1 area next to the existing fire and police buildings.

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.

To Hinesburg Friends and Neighbors

Thank you for your continued support of me as Hinesburg’s state representative over the past 28 years.

I will not be running again this year for reelection to the Legislature. The time has come for others to ask for your support as they step into the legislative political arena.

When I was first appointed by Gov. Dean to represent Hinesburg in the House of Representatives in 1994, I

certainly had no idea I would serve until 2022.

I treasure the opportunities I have had to support our town of Hinesburg, to have an impact on significant statewide policies and to assist so many of you when you needed help from state government.

Many critical issues continue to face us as a state. Unfortunately, we live during a time of increasingly divisive rhetoric. I look forward to continuing to participate in and promote civil dialogue and debate.

It has truly been my privilege and honor to serve Hinesburg and the state of Vermont. Thank you.

Bill Lippert, Hinesburg state representative

Thank You to Celebration of Life Attendees

The family of Leon Lestage wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone that attended his Celebration of Life on May 7. We appreciated seeing the many friends, family, UVM Basketball team, UVM ROTC graduates and other students that Leon touched the lives of. We’d like to send a special thank you to the Vermont State Police for their presence. It was wonderful to see so many of Leon’s classmates, work associates and colleagues from his life.

Your kind words will live on in our hearts and minds.

Thank you.

Michelle Jimmo, and Dixie, Jay and Tyler Lestage

- This option may elicit conversations about preferences, an old building versus a new building.
- The cost is unknown.

The committee will continue to gather information including a formal survey of town workers to understand Town Hall space needs. We will also reach out to town members to get opinions and answer questions on which options our town should explore. This information will be gathered and shared before any decisions are made. The ideal timeline for the project will see a community bond vote in March 2023. This total project will take at least two to three years, so in the meantime, the town will need to work around the closure of the hall space.

You’re Invited to the Annual Hinesburg Welcome Baby Picnic!

BY ALEXANDRA KONCEWICZ, COORDINATOR, HINESBURG FRIENDS OF FAMILIES

Hinesburg families with babies born in the past two years are invited to join us for a free picnic outside the Carpenter-Carse Library on Saturday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us for light refreshments, a raffle and an opportunity to meet others with kids the same age. We will also offer tours of the food shelf and library. Library books are dedicated to each baby born in the past year and are circulated at the library for all to enjoy. You will get the chance to pick out the library book that will be dedicated to your baby at the event. Older siblings are encouraged to attend and can take part in a spring planting activity, storytime and other activities.

We hope you can join us! Please RSVP to Alexandra Koncewicz at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org or 802-482-4649. The Welcome Baby

Picnic is sponsored by the Hinesburg Community Resource Center’s Friends of Families program.

Town Forest Committee Announcement

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Town Forest Committee will host a public meeting on Thursday, June 2, in the lower conference room of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. to present a draft revision of the Hinesburg Town Forest management plan. This will be a hybrid meeting available for in-person or remote attendance via Zoom. Please join us and share your thoughts about the proposed plan. You may also share your feedback by emailing townfor-esthvt@gmavt.net or contacting one of the Forest Committee members, Pat Mainer (chair), Kelsey Barklund, Brent Francis, Chris Haviland, Aaron Miller, Tom Marrinson, Stevie Spencer or Jon Trefry. A draft of the plan will be posted on the Town Forest Committee area of the town website, hinesburg.org. Navigate to the website or watch Front Porch Forum for a link to the plan on the website.

The Town Forest is a community treasure, valued for its natural beauty, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, forest products and the natural functions it serves in protecting water quality and soils. This year, in collaboration with the Vermont Land Trust, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, and enthusiastic community support, the Town Forest grew from 834 to 1,125 acres, when Hinesburg chose to purchase 291 acres of adjacent land from the Carse family trust. Importantly, the entire 1,125-acre Town Forest is now perpetually conserved. A short celebration of these significant changes will be held prior to the 7 p.m. June 2 meeting. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on June 2 at the Town Hall for light refreshments and community celebration.

LEGISLATIVE

Highlights of the Historic 2022 Legislative Session

HINESBURG REPRESENTATIVE BILL LIPPERT

COVID-19 Created New Online Legislative Access

The 2021-2022 Legislative bien-nium, which started in January 2021 with all members on Zoom, adjourned on May 12, 2022 with most members once again in person in the House and Senate chambers. But COVID-19 transformed the Vermont Legislature, with some members and staff still isolating on Zoom

screens due to a late-session surge of COVID-19 within the Legislature body.

Zoom legislating and voting started as emergency — and temporary — ***continued on page 4***

TOWN HALL INFORMATION

[HINESBURG.ORG](https://hinesburg.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Koncewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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rangements to allow the Legislature to function safely and remotely at the beginning of the official COVID-19 emergency. All House and Senate floor sessions, and all House and Senate committee meetings, suddenly were livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube. Then they were archived on YouTube channels for future viewing. While there are pros and cons to these new arrangements, even with the return in-person of the public to the Statehouse, few expect that the Legislature will return to the days before regular online access to legislative activities.

Billions in Federal COVID-19 Dollars Create Transformational \$8.3 Billion

Budget

As Governor Scott noted in his adjournment speech, the Legislature “made truly historic investments in shared priorities.” Legislative leaders too saw the investments of extraordinary federal COVID-19 dollars as “transformational” for Vermont’s future.

Workforce and Economic Development Initiatives Received \$114.5 Million Investments

\$96 million will go to building out broadband infrastructure.

\$104 million into water quality projects.

\$215 million into climate initiatives, including \$80 million into weatherization; \$45 million for municipal energy resilience programs; \$8 million for ad-

vanced metering and over \$60 million of other electrification initiatives.

Another \$80 million in one-time money is earmarked for housing. The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board will receive \$40 million to build more homes. Another \$20 million will fund a pilot program to subsidize starter homes for middle-income families and manufactured housing. \$20 million will go to the Vermont Housing Improvement Program to give landlords grants to fix code-violating properties.

The Vermont State College system and UVM will each receive an additional \$10 million in base funding, with \$15 million helping the transformation of the Vermont State Colleges System as the new Vermont State University emerges.

The \$95 million surplus in the state’s education fund will be used for universal school meals (\$29 million), cleanup of PCBs in school buildings (\$22 million) and reducing school taxes (\$20 million).

Plus, a \$40 million tax cut was authorized, most of which will go to a \$32 million child tax credit, with incremental additional tax credits for military pensions, dependent care expenses and Social Security exemptions.

Long overdue investments in the hugely stressed community mental health system were also made with 8% increases in payments to providers.

Gov. Scott Vetoes Record Number of BillsIn a historic action, both the Senate and the House unanimously overrode Gov. Scott’s veto of the consensus Pension Reform legislation. Never before has a governor’s veto been overridden unanimously by

both the Senate and the House. Gov. Scott’s vetoes of the Heat Standard/ climate change legislation and Just Cause Eviction in the Burlington Charter Change failed by one vote each to be overridden. Looming still are a likely veto of Act 250 reforms, and a possible veto of the budget, but this is now seen as less likely after compromises were reached on economic development investments.

Constitutional Amendments on Ballot in November

Two constitutional amendments will be on our Vermont November ballot, having passed the required Senate and House twice in separately elected sessions: Proposition 2 repeals language referencing “slavery and indentured servitude.” Proposition 5 adds reproductive rights language to the Vermont Constitution, a first in the country if adopted.

These are just some of the top highlights of the historic 2022 legislative session. Many other significant legislative bills were debated and passed into law, without public controversy. These legislative accomplishments will be covered in the future.

Vermont Passes Two Laws Aimed at Improving the Lives of the State’s Youth

FROM VERMONT AFTERSCHOOL PRESS RELEASE

Two groundbreaking bills (S.197 and H.293) that are primed to make a positive, transformational difference in the lives of Vermont’s youth

passed through the governor’s desk on Wednesday, May 11, and will become law.

The first bill, S.197, An act relating to the provision of mental health supports, addresses the mental health crisis facing Vermont’s youth, families, educators, and after-school staff by expanding school-based counseling services in underserved state districts and developing school- and community-based after-school programs that support the mental health and wellness of students, families and staff. This law goes into effect July 1, 2022.

“The pandemic has taken a significant toll on the mental health of Vermont’s youth and families, and the educators and staff tasked with caring for them,” said Vermont Afterschool Interim Director Nicole Miller. “We’re thankful Governor Scott, Senator Ginny Lyons and the Vermont Legislature recognize the critical role after-school, summer and out-of-school programs will play in ensuring our youth are supported during these troubling times.”

“Our kids need opportunities for recovery from the stress and isolation caused by the pandemic,” said S.197

sponsor, Vermont State Senator Ginny Lyons. “S.197 provides a broad range of grants to ensure social, emotional, and mental health support within communities and schools. Kids with lower-level needs and kids requiring more in-depth counseling will benefit from in-school and after-school activities, and teachers who have been challenged by these difficult times will be supported.”

“Our school staffs and our kids need resources and supports to address learning deficits and mental health needs, which only became worse during COVID-19, particularly among Vermont’s most vulnerable kids,” said Governor Phil Scott. “I thank the Legislature for appropriating \$3 million in federal funds for this purpose.”

The second youth-focused bill, H.293, establishes a State Youth Council composed of a diverse group of Vermont youth from each state county who are responsible for advising the governor and General Assembly on issues affecting young persons, including education, equity and anti-racism, climate change and mental health. This law goes into effect immediately.

“We know from our work in after-

school, summer, and third-space programs that young people enrich our communities when their voices are heard and their passion for the future is felt,” said Miller. “The State Youth Council recognizes the importance of young Vermonters and ensures they have a say in what that future looks like.”

The writing of H.293 was informed by the work of Vermont Afterschool’s 2020 State Youth Advisory Group, a group of 50 young people who met regularly throughout the pandemic to develop recommendations for the State Youth Council. SYAG member Una Fonte helped draft the recommendations and testified in support of it before the Vermont House and Senate Committees on Government Operations.

“Democracy is as strong as the diversity of people it empowers, and the Youth Council strengthens Vermont’s democracy by expanding the experiences present in the political process,” said SYAG leader Una Fonte. “Climate change and the school system affect everyone, but for youth are often more urgent and direct, and a Youth Council will bring this urgency to Montpelier.”

“Rarely does a legislator have an opportunity to lift the voices of so many,” said Rep. Diane Lanpher (Addison-3). “Our Vermont youth are eager and willing to bring their voices to democracy. I am honored to have helped to establish the Youth Council, which will have influence for decades to come.

“As one of Vermont’s champions of Youth Voice, this is a very proud moment for all Vermonsters, young and old,” said Rep. Kevin “Coach” Christie (Windsor 4-2). “I am just honored to be part of the team that was able to accomplish the goal of getting the Vermont Youth Council across the finish line.”

About Vermont Afterschool

Vermont Afterschool is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that the children and youth in every Vermont community are able to benefit from the power of universal afterschool, summer learning and third space programs during the out-of-school time hours. We believe that we have a collective responsibility to ensure all young Vermonters are active, connected, engaged and heard.

POLICE

April 13: 11:41 a.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

April 14: 6:37 a.m. Officers investigated suspicious activity on Mechanicsville Road.

1:03 p.m. Officers investigated suspicious activity on Place Road West.

3:35 p.m. Officers investigated suspicious activity on Weed Road.

9:30 p.m. Officers investigated suspicious activity on Ledgewood Lane.

April 15: 12:03 p.m. An officer responded to Birchwood Drive to investigate the theft of property from a motor vehicle.

April 16: 6 p.m. A road rage incident on Commerce Street was investigated. One individual was cited for aggravated assault and driving with a criminally suspended license.

April 17: 5 a.m. A residential burglary alarm on Hidden Pasture Road was investigated.

9:45 a.m. An alarm at Champlain Valley Union High School was investigated.

10:40 a.m. An officer responded to Silver Street to assist state police with a missing person investigation.

11:10 a.m. An officer responded to Hollow Road for a citizen dispute.

5:30 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint involving excessive speed on Jourdan Street was investigated.

April 18: 8:10 a.m. Found prop-

erty was turned into the police department.

10:25 a.m. A Relief from Abuse order was served to a resident on Mead Farm Road.

10:40 a.m. Officers responded to Ballard’s Corner Road for an individual having a mental health crisis.

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

11:45 p.m. A residential burglary alarm on Lewis Creek Road was investigated.

April 19: 7:30 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Richmond Road was investigated.

8 a.m. An officer assisted with traffic control for a disabled vehicle on Charlotte Road.

9:07 a.m. An officer provided traffic control on Route 116 for a downed power line.

April 20: 8:30 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Baldwin Road was investigated.

April 21: 3:20 a.m. A residential burglary alarm on Richmond Road was investigated.

10:20 a.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Hillview Terrace.

1:10 p.m. An officer investigated a reported issue involving harassment.

April 22: 7:52 a.m. A residential burglary alarm on Farmall Drive was investigated.

10 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Richmond Road was investigated.

11:10 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

5:30 p.m. An officer investigated a report of harassment by electronic communication.

April 23: 11 a.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for an individual having a mental health crisis.

7:06 p.m. An officer responded to St. George to assist Williston P.D. with a car crash.

8:48 p.m. A commercial burglary alarm on Route 116 was investigated.

April 24: 4:36 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint involving speed on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

8:21 p.m. Officers responded to Major Street for a domestic dispute.

April 25: 3:11 p.m. Suspicious activity on Green Street was investigated.

6:05 p.m. Needles and drug paraphernalia were found and turned into the P.D.

6:30 p.m. A Relief from Abuse order was served to a resident on Hillview Terrace.

8:43 p.m. Officers responded to Major Street for a domestic dispute.

9:21 p.m. An officer assisted Shelburne P.D. with a traffic stop.

April 26: 10 a.m. An officer responded to a citizen dispute on Burritt Road.

11:51 a.m. A welfare check on Silver

Street was conducted.

6:50 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Jourdan Street.

April 27: 8:30 a.m. Suspicious activity on Beecher Hill Road was investigated.

5:30 p.m. An individual was trespassing from Kinney Drugs.

April 29: 5:30 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Hollow Road was investigated.

3:30 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

April 30: 9:22 a.m. An alarm at CVU was investigated.

11:30 a.m. A 911 hang-up on Baldwin Road was investigated.

May 1: 12:30 p.m. Police were called to a two-car crash on Route 116.

May 2: 2:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

4:40 p.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was investigated.

10:50 p.m. Police were called to a citizen dispute on Farmall Drive.

May 3: 7:23 a.m. A commercial burglary alarm on Commerce Street was investigated.

May 5: 1:45 p.m. A theft at the Jiffy Mart on Ballard’s Corner Road was investigated.

May 6: 4:40 p.m. Officers responded to Baldwin Road for the report of an intoxicated male in the roadway. The individual was arrested on an active warrant for burglary.

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JOE DANAHER
Memorial Golf Tournament

Join us on June 3rd in memory of Joe Danaher at the Cedar Knoll Country Club for a great day of golf in support of Camp Ta-Kum-Ta’s year-round programming for families impacted by childhood cancer

Go to Takumta.org/jdanahertournament/

Having lost the youngest member of our family to childhood cancer, we have a heartfelt connection to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta and the support it provides, not only for the children who are suffering hardship but the families making this difficult journey with them. With your help, we hope to raise the funds to send six children to TKT this coming camp season and to have some great fun (and hopefully some laughs) along the way!

Learn more here:

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Tuesday Farmer's Market returns June 7



VENDORS WANTED!

At the Champlain Valley Community Farm Center on the Farm

Mike Isham, the 5th generation farmer of the Isham Family Farm, and his wife Helen Weston are excited to bring back the popular Farmers Market to the farm. The Farm's Farmers Market is the original Farmer Farmers Market. Mike and Helen have put the Farm back into the Farmers Market.

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FIRE

Call Log

There were 23 medical calls and 15 persons transported.

April 3: 9:32 a.m. Fire alarm, 10212 Route 116 Kinney Drugs. Unknown cause.

April 5: 5:09 p.m. Gas was spilled into a brook on Hemlock Road, St. George. A resident witnessed juveniles pouring a liquid from a gas can into the brook on Hemlock Road. HFD checked the brook and downstream but was unable to find any evidence of the liquid.

April 11: 3:32 p.m. Report of illegal burning on Hemlock Road. HFD located a resident who was burning a piece of finished furniture. The resident was reminded that it is illegal to burn anything other than brush and unfinished wood. The furniture was removed and extinguished.

April 12: 9:44 a.m. Residential fire alarm on Hawk Lane. The cause was burnt food.

April 14: 3:18 p.m. Report of a kitchen fire on Oscar's Lane. Crews located a pan of burnt food on the stove with no active fire. There was no fire extension found. The resident was advised not to use the stove until it was serviced.

April 19: 5:40 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Over

the course of four hours, HFD responded to multiple reports of trees down, power lines down and vehicles off the road because of the heavy, wet snow. Trees were cleared from the roads, the power lines were not causing any danger, and there were no injuries in the cars — aside from some wounded pride. Thank you to the motorists who were understanding and patient as we held traffic so we could safely remove the trees and lines.

April 20: 10:59 a.m. Tree removed from across Ledgewood Lane.

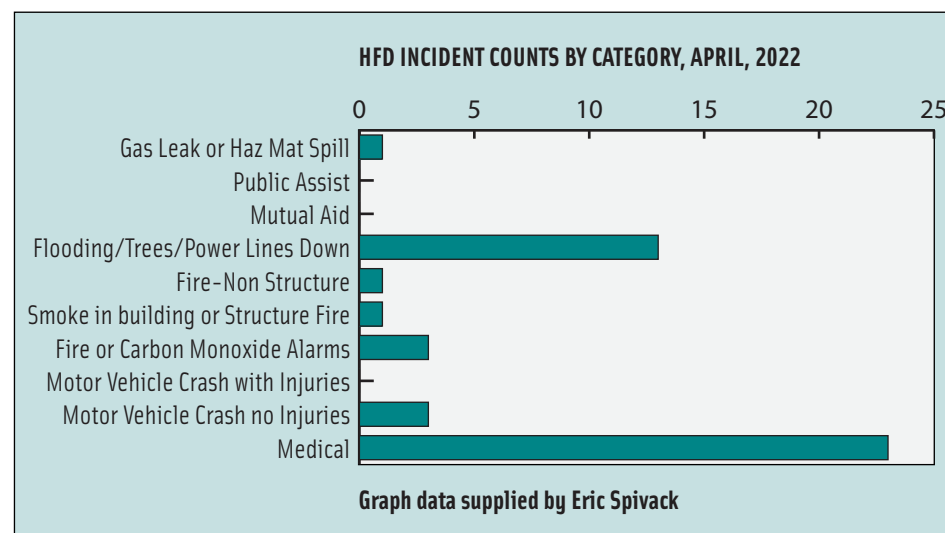
April 21: 10:44 a.m. Tree cleared from Richmond Road at Texas Hill.

April 22: 10:05 a.m. Report of a motor vehicle collision near 330 Richmond Road. On arrival, HFD members stabilized the vehicle while EMTs attended to the operator who was transported by Richmond Rescue.

April 27: 3:46 a.m. Carbon monoxide alarm sounding. The residence was checked, and no CO found.

April 28: 3:39 p.m. Two-car crash on Route 116 and Winterbottom Road, St. George. The passengers reported no injuries and refused treatment by EMS. HFD assisted with traffic until the vehicles were removed.

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HFD responded to 45 calls in April.

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

► Police

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4:51 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116 was investigated.

May 8: 12:30 p.m. An officer was called to a citizen dispute on Route 116.

May 9: 9:50 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Billings Farm Road was investigated.

12:35 p.m. A parking issue on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

4:10 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle identification number verification.

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

BUSINESS

Financial Focus: Crypto: Investment or Speculation?

FROM PRESS RELEASE

With cryptocurrencies so much in the news, you might be wondering if you should invest in them. But “invest” may not be the right word — because, in many ways, cryptocurrencies, or “crypto” for short, are more speculation than investment.

But what’s really the difference between a speculator and an investor? Probably the main factor is the differing views of time. A true investor is in it for the long-term, building a portfolio that, over many years, can eventually provide the financial resources to achieve important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But speculators want to see results, in the form of big gains, right now — and they’re often willing to take big risks to achieve these outcomes.

There’s also the difference in knowledge. Investors know that they’re buying shares of stock in a company that manufactures products or provides services. But many speculators in cryptocurrency don’t fully comprehend what they’re buying — because crypto just isn’t that easy to understand. Cryptocurrency is a digital asset, and cryptocurrency transactions only exist as digital entries on a blockchain, with the “block” essentially being just a collection of information, or digital ledgers. But even knowing this doesn’t necessarily provide a clear picture to many of those entering the crypto world.

In addition to time and understanding, two other elements help define cryptocurrency’s speculative nature:

- **Volatility** — Cryptocurrencies are subject to truly astonishing price swings, with big gains followed by enormous losses — sometimes within a matter of hours. What’s behind this type of volatility? Actually, several factors are involved. For one thing, the price of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies depends heavily on supply and demand — and the demand can skyrocket when media outlets and crypto “celebrities” tout a particular offering. Furthermore, speculators will bet on crypto prices moving up or down, and these bets can trigger a rush on buying and sell-

ing, again leading to the rapid price movements. And many purchasers of crypto, especially young people, want to see big profits quick so when they lose large amounts, which is common, they often sell out the market, contributing to volatility.

- **Lack of regulation** — When you invest in the traditional financial markets, your transactions are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the firms with which you invest are typically overseen by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Other agencies are also involved in regulating various investments. These regulating bodies work to ensure the basic fairness of the financial markets and to prevent and investigate fraud. But cryptocurrency exchanges are essentially unregulated, and this lack of oversight has contributed to the growth of “scam” exchanges, crypto market manipulation, excessive trading fees and other predatory practices. This “Wild West” scenario should be of concern to anyone putting money in crypto.

The cryptocurrency market is still relatively new, and it’s certainly possible that, in the future, crypto can become more of an investment and less of a speculation. In fact, Congress is actively considering ways to regulate the cryptocurrency market. But for now, caveat emptor — “let the buyer beware.”

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RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

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

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 old. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg.

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

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

Time: 8 a.m.-noon or 8 a.m.-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 and Sage

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

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

Vermont Voltage Soccer

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.

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

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 ages 7-14 are eligible to participate in State Meet 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 1-July 13, 6:15-7:45 p.m. CVU Track. Cost: \$50 resident and \$60 nonresident.

Adult Pickup Soccer

Dates: Mondays, May 16-Aug. 28, 6:30-8 p.m. Location: Millie's Field. Register at hinesburgrec.com.

Hinesburg July Fourth

Theme: A Hinesburg Hoedown!

Grand marshals: Jeff Glover, Doug Gunnerson and Hank White

Sunday, July 3: Hilly Hobble Fun Run

6 p.m.: Registration begins for foot race at Hinesburg Community School.

6:30 p.m.: 10K Race begins at bottom of Buck Hill Road West and Route 116.

7 p.m.: 5K Foot Race begins at bottom of Buck Hill Road West and Route 116.

7:10 p.m.: Kid's 2K begins at Veteran's Park, next to Good Times Café.

Monday, July 4

10 a.m.: Parade assembly begins at bottom of Buck Hill Road West. Route 116 will be closed at 10:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m.: Judging of parade en-

tries. Trophies to be awarded in 10 categories.

11 a.m.: Parade starts at intersection of Route 116 and Buck Hill Road West and goes north through town, turning onto Mechanicsville Road and ending at the post office.

Noon: An Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Community Alliance Church, will be located in front of the Mason's building on Route 116.

Mini golf to be held behind the police station till 5 p.m.

Dusk: Fireworks behind HCS, sponsored by the Hinesburg Business & Professional Association.

Additional events will be listed as they continue to be confirmed. Registration to participate in the parade with a float will be posted at hinesburgrec.com along with emails to hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 802-482-4208.

Hinesburg Concerts in the Park

After July Fourth the Hinesburg Recreation Commission will be hosting another beloved summer tradition: the Hinesburg Concerts in the Park! There's no need to leave town to hear great music. Settle in behind the Hinesburg Community School and enjoy a tradition that's been going on for over 25 years. Grab a blanket or chair, some snacks, some friends and let the kids run wild and dance! It's a great community event with lots of space.

Concerts are 6:30-8:30 p.m. behind HCS at Wainer Community Park.

July 13: Rodney Putnam

July 7: Rebecca Padula & Friends

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June at the Library

Welcome June, season of delights and soon the arrival of summer. We'd love to highlight the arrival of ideal bicycling weather, and remind you that we have adult bicycles you can borrow with your library card. If you have friends visiting from out-of-town and you want to cycle the bike path with them, all you need is your library card to check one out.

Early this month, 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 be serving some kid-friendly snacks. If the weather is good, we expect to be outside.

While the Friends of the Library aren't doing the Garden Tour this year, they will offer another garden-themed workshop this month on June 18. Read on for registration information. The Fourth of July Friends book sale is finally 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. They are also looking for volunteers to help out with the sale, details are on our website: carpentercarse.org/book-sale. Please read on for more information about all the other happenings at the library in June!

The Fourth of July Book Sale Returns

After a long break, the Carpenter-Carse Library's Fourth of July Book Sale will return this summer. The 2022 sale will be hosted by the United Church of

Hinesburg at their Parish Hall. Doors will be open Sunday, July 3 from 5-8 p.m. On Monday, July 4, the sale will continue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a break for the parade.

This long-running event benefits not only the Carpenter-Carse Library, but our local readers by spreading the joy of reading (and recycling) to neighbors of all ages. To make this fundraiser a success, please consider donating books in good condition. Donations are accepted during library hours only (Monday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.).

Mark your calendars, bring a bag and get ready for some great summer reading. This event is made possible by the United Church of Hinesburg and the Friends of the Carpenter-Carse Library.

Adult Programs

To register for any of the below adult programs or to get necessary Zoom links to join, email library@carpentercarse.org. Check the library website (or email us) 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.

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, June 2, 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, June 8 at 10:30 a.m.: This morning book group will be meeting at the library to discuss the mystery "Clark and Division" by Naomi Hirahara. Request a copy from the library.

Thursday, June 9 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. Email meg@carpentercarse.org for the link to join.

Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m.: The Friends of the Carpenter-Carse Library invite gardeners of any level to join in a "garden gathering" at a local community member's home, for a chance to chat and learn from one another. Registration required due to limited space; more information is on our website.

Wednesday, June 22 at 7 p.m.: Whether you consider yourself a fledgling writer or have been honing your craft for a while, join our virtual writing workshop on Zoom led

by Geoffrey Gevalt, writer, editor and founder of the Young Writers Project. Sessions will last about 90 minutes, and will begin with a brief reading to help inspire participants, followed by a writing prompt and opportunity to share. Please email the library to receive the Zoom link.

Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m.: In conjunction with Charlotte Public Library, join in a facilitated book discussion of Vermont Humanities' 2021 Vermont Reads selection "We Contain Multitudes" by Sarah Henstra. Contact the library for a copy of the book, and find more details about the discussion format online.

Youth Programs

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30 a.m.: Join us for fun and learning at our Weekly Storytime. We'll share picture books, songs, movement and rhymes designed to promote early language, fine motor and preliteracy skills in a friendly environment! We meet every week in the library community room. The outdoor entrance to this room is to the left of the main library entrance. As weather permits, we will also hold some of our storytimes outdoors on the library lawn. 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- and kindergarten-aged children and their caregivers, and no registration is required.

Throughout June we'll host a Library StoryWalk: Summer means StoryWalks at the library are back! StoryWalks are laminated picture book pages posted in order across the library grounds. We invite your

family to take a short walk around the library as you read a great story and spend time outdoors together. During the summer and fall, we post new stories each month.

Take-and-Make Craft Kits: Pick up a kids' craft kit at the library when you stop in to check out books, audio books, educational kits and DVDs! Craft kits will be available in the foyer every week in June, with a new theme beginning every Tuesday.

Saturday, June 18 at 11 a.m.: In June we will be meeting for stories, songs and crafts about having fun in the sun! Saturday storytimes are for youth of all ages and their caregivers, and are always free. No registration is required.

Summer Reading Program 2022

If you want help staying motivated to read all summer long, stop in at the library to check out new materials and pick up your Summer Reading Log. Track your reading all summer, then claim your prize at the library!

In addition, we offer six weeks of weekly youth library programs through our annual Summer Reading Club. Families can read descriptions of each session of Summer Reading Club on our library website, and online registration begins June 1. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibility," and we are kicking off Summer Reading Club on Wednesday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. and will continue meeting at this time each week for enriching programs through the end of July. Visit carpentercarse.org/summer-reading-program for more details on specific events.

COMMENTARY

Health Care Is a Self-Driving Truck With No GPS

BY BILL SCHUBART

"After major budget shortfall projection, UVM Health Network suspends adolescent mental health unit project"

"The ball's in your court," Brumsted told regulators on Wednesday. "That (money) either sits there and simmers until hopefully we can resurrect this project."

I cannot pretend to know what motivated the University of Vermont Health Network's recent announcement about suspending its future mental health plans. I can only hope that our region's dominant tertiary-care hospital recovers its lost sense of mission and focus on "population health" and the well-being of

Vermonters rather than business expansion and asset-accretion.

So, please read the above headlines carefully. What do they say to you about UVMHN's much-touted commitment to "population health?"

1. Do the headlines tell you, as UVMHN may wish, that given the rejection by the Green Mountain Care Board of its midyear request for permission to raise its fees another 10% on top of the 6% increase they just got for the current year, that they cannot address one of the most serious health problems we face in Vermont, the mental health care and well-being of all Vermonters, especially children, adolescents and young adults?

2. Is it a simple quid pro quo hostage tactic to ultimately get a double-digit increase in 2023?

3. Or, given the need for reforms focused on population health, is it *continued on page 10*

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tually a beneficial outcome that they won't be expanding given their present medical model of inpatient psychiatry? UVMHN has not had a stellar history in mental health services and may lack the creative vision that providing quality mental health services demands.

The fact that these questions are in play means that UVMHN is essentially failing Vermonters, as each question is inconsistent with any vision for patient-centered care.

As to the first question, here is some important data regarding UVMHN's comparative costs:

Vermont's academic medical center is one of the most expensive in the country.

As of Sept. 1, 2020, UVMHN has \$194,792,000 in cash reserves and \$544,279,000 in "board-designated assets."

Steven Palmer



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According to Pages 7-8 of UVM Medical Center's 2020 990 tax form, it pays 26 administrators' salaries that substantially exceed those of the key medical service providers: nurses, hospitalists and primary care docs. The three "total" columns on Page 8 add up to \$16.9 million a year for 26 UVMHC administrators — an average annual salary of \$650,000 each.

As to the second question, is UVMHN holding Vermont's mental health system hostage in its negotiations for hospital budget increases?

When GMCB declined the Network's (UVMHN) request for 10% rate hikes, the Network announced that these projects, so critical to Vermonters, and, especially, to young Vermonters, have slipped again in priority.

Is Vermont's debilitated mental health system being used as leverage for the GMCB approving substantial budget increases in years when they project losses, while allowing the Network to keep revenue overages in years when the budgets produce significant positive fund balances?

Furthermore, UVMHN has just announced it will not renew its contract with a number of nursing homes for whom it has supplied medical directors and on-site physician visits, both of which are mandated by state regulation. Nursing homes cannot admit patients without this physician component and will, as of June 30, be left out of the network while patients remain stuck in hospitals. Is this a pattern?

No other regulated entity in Vermont would be allowed these liberties with Vermont dollars, nor should they be. Holding the mental well-being of Vermonters hostage in defiance of

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mission is indefensible.

The third case is probably the best outcome of all, given UVMHN's mixed history with mental health care provisions. This history ranges from evasion to inpatient care remote from family and community.

Especially with young people, hospital diversion to community-based resources, which are better-equipped to handle acute mental health issues, makes more sense than storing young people on gurneys in emergency rooms due to lack of in-hospital mental health beds, as is currently the case.

It's also important to hold the state accountable here. Since closing its flooded Vermont State Hospital in Waterbury in 2011, Vermont has never had an appropriate vision and policy for providing for those with chronic mental health issues. Off-ramping care to hospitals with no clear state vision or policy is equally unconscionable.

UVMNH's proposed 25-bed psychiatric facility at the Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin was put on hold because estimates for the project, which included upgrades to CVMC, came in at \$150 million. So, let's take the \$150 million and invest it in community-based mental health where it would go a long way to producing tangible improvements in mental health care at the community level where it belongs.

Further points in question:

UVMHN's current strategy denies the necessary collaboration between independent primary care practices, federally qualified community-health centers, critical-access community hospitals, tertiary-care hospitals and health insurance providers. Only an organic design that acknowledges the unique role and mission of each will ever deliver on the promise of "population health."

Now that UVMHN has crossed an ethical Rubicon and become both a health care provider and a commercial insurer with its Medicare Advantage insurance business — businesses currently being snapped up by private equity because of the immense profit potential at the expense of policyholders. How will they reconcile the inevitable conflict when they deny care to their policyholders through "claim denials?"

How much money did they spend in public relations and marketing to acquire the modest number of UVM Medicare Advantage policyholders, money that could have gone to patient care and caregiver salaries?

Does the UVMHN Board of Trustees have any sense of how the institution they manage is perceived by those who need it? Why is there no longer a public comment period at each board meeting? Why are there no community stakeholders on the search committee for the new CEO,

Dr. John Brumsted's ultimate replacement? Does the board perform annual 360 performance reviews of their CEO with stakeholder input? Does the board regularly review performance-against-mission for the institution they govern? How many on the board are also highly compensated employees of the UVMHN system, and is their intrinsic conflict managed? Do board members know and understand its mission?

If UVMHC's costs as compared to other regional academic medical centers are so high, how does this align with access and affordability, both intrinsic to its mission?

The final issue, and perhaps the most troubling, is the state leadership's absence from this discussion.

When then-Governor Shumlin moved the functions and mission of the Department of Health, which oversaw the health of Vermonters, into the Executive Office, they never got clearly returned and are now six free-standing departments of health within the Agency of Human Services:

- The Department of Mental Health
- The Department of Health Access
- The Department of Health
- The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
- Department for Children and Families
- Department of Corrections

Do these agencies not share a single mission supported by different aspects of their work? What is the coordinating and oversight role of the Agency of Human Services in articulating, ensuring and regulating the health care infrastructure to deliver population health to Vermonters?

What was or is the role of the Green Mountain Care Board? That depends on whom you ask and when you ask it. Con Hogan's answer would have differed from Kevin Mullin's. Is it the source and overseer of Vermont's mission with regard to the well-being of Vermonters, or is it simply a financial regulatory body whose role is to sustain the flagging hospital business models?

Governor Scott, whose crisis management of COVID-19 has been by all measures excellent, must be asked what the state's role is in overseeing the well-being of Vermonters and the access and affordability of its health care infrastructure. Until he answers that question, we'll continue to stumble.

We Vermonters are aging and will need a cost-efficient and effective infrastructure for health care. Where will it come from? And how will we support young families considering a move to Vermont when it comes to housing, health care access, educational quality, child care, paid family leave ... all elements of "population health?"

I have no desire to join the growing number of Chittenden County Vermonters and others in the Northwest who have chosen to bypass the University of Vermont Health Network and its flagship hospital to make the two-hour trip to Dartmouth to find accessible care.

The Thunder Pump

BY ROGER DONEGAN

"Thunder pump" is likely to most an unfamiliar combination of two common words, and some may assume it's the latest buzzword in weather reporting. Thunder pump is wholly unrelated to weather and comes to us as an apt age-old adage for a large wading bird that camps out in cattail marshes and swamps in spring and summer. A core tenet of bird-watching, of course, is that birds need to be seen. The profile and mug shot of the American bittern appears along with every other North American bird photo in the books. However, actually seeing the American and least bittern is likely to remain unchecked on most bird watchers' lists. Given the extraordinary success of the American



Great blue heron perched on limb on Pond Road in 2021.

bittern's habits at camouflaging, due to its color and feather patterns, in the wild a person might have to be satisfied just hearing one.

Individual bird species have their signature call or song, and some are very distinct. On a spring evening, among softer background murmurs and the dimming yellow light, a variety of natural sounds will waft up from any shallow water body full of cattails, reeds, bulrushes, grasses, and shrubs. You might detect the infrequent deep bass percussion of the American bittern in among the orchestra of insects, peepers and tree frogs. Having heard it I can't imagine that this billowing call is being made on the wing, but guess that it's boomed out with the bird's feet firmly anchored among the reeds. The sound is truly unique and unmistakable and is the reason why American bitterns are also called "swamp pump" and "stake driver."As a medium-sized heron the American bittern is about half the size of a great blue heron.

You'll never see them in flocks and it seems two of them make a crowd.

Their distribution in the environment is limited to wetlands and their overall population density is low, but they are here. In our first summer on Pond Brook (before the installed precast box culvert straightened the discharge flowing onto Lake Sunset, which also saved the road from inevitable washout), I was fortunate to witness a peculiar habit of American bitterns from my kitchen window. With shades of brown and white plumage and a predominant vertical striped pattern on its front, the bird stood with its head and beak aimed skywards while its eyes watched down for prey. Then, trancelike, the upward stretching body of the bittern swayed, mimicking the movement of the surrounding reeds when buffeted by the wind.

Typically, sightings and outdoor audible experiences with American bitterns are few and far between.

While great blue herons come and go regularly here in the summer —usually with a great show of wings, grace, and an occasional squawk — in April in 2014 I was fortunate to catch sight of a pair of bitterns that halted suddenly above nearby cattails then quickly dropped straight into the reeds. After hearing their call a week later, we would head outdoors each evening to listen for the bitterns' booming performance.

However, I wasn't as fortunate in a remarkably close encounter with one bittern in February of 2018. We had time to make a side trip through the venerable Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge that straddles the



Pond Road box culvert discharge in early May.

Georgia/ Florida state line in advance of a scheduled flight home from Jacksonville, Florida. Many, many moons previously we had made a similar detour to ride a boat on Lake Drummond in the Great Dismal Swamp that straddles the Virginia/North Carolina state line. At Okefenokee we signed up for a pontoon boat ride on the Suwannee River Canal. Noticing my binoculars in hand as we shoved off over the dark tea-colored water, the boat captain introduced herself, asked if the passengers had any expectations, and asked if there were any birdwatchers among us. We weren't expecting to see bittern in their winter habitat but rather had eyes out for alligators and the like.

After motoring in slow motion along the narrow Suwanee Canal, the boat captain exclaimed "there's a bittern!" Looking in the direction of her line-of-sight, passengers bustled to one side of the boat and asked "Where?" "Right there" was said collectively as most passengers pointed into a nearby plant-festooned bog that the boat glided by. As hard as I tried to divine the shape of a heron in the clump's vegetative cover, it was too close to use binoculars, and I couldn't see it.

In hindsight my practiced eye may have been trying to tease out an image of a larger sized bittern. I don't recall parsing what species of bittern most passengers managed to see on that tour in 2018. When it comes to the difference between the American and the least bittern, the least is less than half the size of the American. The least has a length of 13 inches versus the American's 28 inches, a

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► Thunder Pump

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wingspan of 17 inches versus 42 inches, and a weight of 2.8 ounces versus 21 ounces. A least Bittern could never make the booming sound of the baritone thunder pump and it doesn't. These stark differences came to light only after I positively identified a least bittern while hiking Mac's Bend and Jeep Trail with friends within the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge in Vermont in September 2020.

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So how did the term “thunder pump” come to be?

Was the indirect reference intentional because the source of the sound could not be seen or given a name? Obviously, nature's sounds prevailed in the quiet world before the noisy Industrial Revolution got up to speed. “The Erie Canal Reader 1790-1950” by Roger W. Hecht (2003) is a chronology of works by many known American writers, including Nathaniel Hawthorne, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Herman Melville and Samuel L. Clemens (aka Mark Twain). Nathaniel Hawthorne commented “these packet-boats make up for their snail-like pace by never loitering day or night, especially for those who have paid their fare.” Another writer summed up the efficiency of canal-borne commerce with “they say one horse on water can outhaul sixty on a wagon.”

The Champlain Canal link to the Erie Canal network opened in 1823.

Purposefully much of the canal routes are stretched alongside naturally low-lying waterways strung out by swamps, marshes, ponds and rivers. The excerpt below is from the last chapter of the “Erie Canal Reader” by Samuel Hopkins Adams, which was taken from his work titled Canal Bride, written from the point of view of a canal wife, a woman who finds both domestic security and worldly freedom living on a canal boat. The year is 1827 or 1828.

“Nearby from a thicket comes a pig-gish grunting. A bear is busy with his nightly concerns. From afar the wind brings the desolate howling of wolves. There is a whirr of wings in the darkness, and the strange call of the thunder pump [sic], like a distant muffled drum. A canal lullaby to which I fall asleep again.”



Bow view on the Suwannee River in February 2018.

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EDUCATION

Tim Trevithick Named Hinesburg Co-Principal

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE



Tim Trevithick, the new Hinesburg

We are pleased to share that Tim Trevithick has been appointed as the Hinesburg Community School co-principal for grades 5-8. He will jointly lead with Suzan Locke. He follows John Pontius, who is retiring at the end of this school year. Tim will assume his leadership duties on July 1.

HCS pre-K-4 principal Suzan Locke is eager to work with Tim, “As an enthusiastic, compassionate and hardworking educator who understands the needs of students, Tim will be an excellent addition to the HCS community. These qualities, combined with his collaborative approach, will ensure that Hinesburg students continue to receive a high-quality education in the years to come.”

Trevithick's recent leadership roles as an assistant principal at Enosburg Falls High School, student assistance

program counselor at Champlain Valley Union High School, health educator and student assistance counselor at Rice Memorial High School, and other experiences all prepared him well for this role. He is committed to supporting both students and adults. Tim had this to say about joining Hinesburg Community School, “Through the years I have visited HCS for a multitude of events both personally and professionally. With every visit to the school, I feel a sense of being at home. To me, this feeling is a testament of the community's care and investment, it is both solid and enduring. I feel grateful for the opportunity to work with creative and dedicated educators as we partner with families and community members to help our kids thrive.”

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Keene State College, a Master of Arts in counseling from Johnson State College, and work toward his school leadership and principal license was conducted at Saint Michael's College.

Champlain Valley School District Superintendent Rene Sanchez enthusiastically welcomes Trevithick, “We are very excited to welcome an experienced administrator like Tim Trevithick back to CVSD at the Hinesburg Community School. His counselor experience at CVU will help him build close relationships with students and will build trust among the faculty and staff, making him a great fit for HCS. Our district will also benefit from his diversity, equity, and inclusion work at Enosburg Falls.”

We all look forward to welcoming Tim officially as the HCS co-principal on July 1.

CVU Students to Hold Charity Event

BY LOGAN VAUGHAN

Champlain Valley Union High School students, with support from the CVU Business Program, will be hosting its annual Make-a-Wish Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 4 from 4-7 p.m. at CVU High School. This is an afternoon for our community to come together, eat food, play games, make new friends and have fun! All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont.

In past years this event has been a “family formal,” but due to the pandemic as well as other factors, we are hosting an outdoor celebration this year (the rain location will be CVU's cafeteria). Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for youth (12 and under) if pre-purchased online. The price for tickets at the door will be \$16 for

adults and \$8 for youth. A food and drink voucher is included in the price of each ticket.

Various food trucks and other vendors will be present. Throughout the event there will be music, yard games, face painting, group activities, guest speakers and more. Our theme is Hawaiian/Summertime, and we are excited to see you dressed up in festive shirts and grass skirts!

Purchase tickets online at tiny.one/CVUFunDay.

For any questions, please email Logan Vaughan at Loganvaughan@cvdsvt.org. It has been two years since this event has taken place, and we can't wait to see you all there!

McClure Foundation Announces Promise of Free Early Degree at CCV

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation (McClure Foundation) is pleased to announce the McClure Free Degree Promise through the Early College Program at Community College of Vermont for Vermont's high school classes of 2023-2026. The McClure Foundation's promise will cover tuition and fees after any federal and state financial aid, and provide enhanced career and education advising as well as stipends to help with books, transportation and other costs associated with going to college.

The state's Early College program allows Vermont high school seniors the option to complete their last year of high school and their first year of college at the same time, earning free college credits that also count toward graduation from high school.

The McClure Foundation's promise builds on the Early College program at CCV to give students who continue the chance to earn an associate degree of their choosing the year after high school graduation, putting them on a fast track to a debt-free degree and a promising Vermont job. Members of the Vermont high school class of 2022 who are currently enrolled in Early College at CCV are also eligible.

“Young people deserve a degree they can count on and afford,” says Barbara Benedict, president of the McClure Foundation. “By guaranteeing this pathway through Early College to a free degree at CCV, we are telling Vermont's young people we believe in them and we believe in their futures.”

CCV-Winooski Early College stu-

dent OJ Daring says the Free Degree Promise could have a big impact. “Early College in and of itself can be really beneficial, and taking that a step further and allowing people to finish a degree would be really, really helpful for some people. To get those two years, and not be in debt, and get farther ... it opens a lot of doors and opportunities if [students] are able to get an associate degree.”

As an open-admissions college with 12 locations and robust online learning options, CCV serves students of diverse backgrounds across Vermont. Early College students benefit from personalized academic advising as they navigate the transition from high school to college and begin exploring career options. Young people interested in the Free Early Degree promise can choose from CCV's 11 associate degree programs, earning credits that transfer easily to four-year programs within the Vermont State Colleges System as well as to UVM, Champlain and other colleges and universities throughout Vermont and beyond.

“This is an incredible gift to Vermonters,” said CCV President Joyce Judy. “The promise of an affordable college education is life-changing for students and a game-changer for the state as more Vermonters will have the education they need for the jobs that are available and being created. We are grateful to the McClure Foundation for their partnership in striving to make accessible postsecondary education a reality.”

The McClure Foundation is an affiliate of the Vermont Community Foundation, which is also partnering in this promise by providing funding from the Vermont COVID-19 Response Fund to help CCV administer and evaluate the program.

“For too long, the state of Vermont's underfunding of public higher education has led to high tuition prices and the perception among many young Vermonters that they can't afford college,” says Dan Smith, president and CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation. “The responsibility to change that perception is on state policymakers. But at a time when young people are questioning their futures and when Vermont stands to benefit from their talent, we see an opportunity to provide hope.”

The McClure Foundation envisions a Vermont where college and career training contributes to greater equity and resilience. Its grants help make the education and training pathways to Vermont's most promising jobs more visible, more accessible and more affordable.

To learn more about the Free Early Degree promise, visit ccv.edu/freedegree.

ORGANIZATIONS

Richmond Farmers Market

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Richmond Farmers Market is returning strong this year with dozens of new vendors, plus returning crowd favorites.

The market opens Friday, June 3 from 3-6:30 p.m. on the Volunteer's Green in Richmond and runs on every Friday through Oct. 14. Shoppers can find local produce, prepared food, baked goods, artisanal crafts, live music, events and more!

"Our market is a community watering hole," said Market Manager Ariana Matthews-Salzman. "It draws people outside in a safe, social environment and brings them together over good food and good music. I believe that farmers markets are a convenient and rewarding way to vote with your dollar. I want people to know that there is no better way to support the market and its vendors than to stop by every week and shop. When you make the market a weekly stop, you

are ensuring its success and sustainability one sunny Friday at a time. It really takes the whole community to co-create this offering!"

The market is managed by two very competent women. Ariana Matthews-Salzman heads up music, events and promotion while Marissa Green takes the lead on vendor relations. You can find both of them at the market on Fridays or planning and responding to emails midweek.

"I want the market to be a space for community members to connect with local food producers and makers in an authentic way," Green said. "I am looking forward to warm Friday afternoons spent meeting my neighbors and getting to know the community better." This year's market will host 18 full-season vendors, plus a robust rotating roster of half-season and day vendors.

The farmer lineup includes longtime cornerstone Last Resort Farm, returning Richmond-based New Tradition Farm focusing on seasonal salad and fresh fruit and vegetable juices, and our newest veggie vendor, Archie's Place, will round off our veg offerings

with all the classics you can imagine. Other farms include Prima Materia mushroom growers, Fairy Tale Farm bringing in the fine cheeses, and Broken Shard Garden adding flowers to the mix come July.

Shoppers looking for a meal can find savory handheld pies from Pie Empire; empanadas, tamales and ceviche from Aromaticah; delectable youth-entrepreneur crafted burgers from Glory Burger and more.

New vendors also include Blue House Bakeshop, Bicycle Mill Baking Co, The Coffee Bus, Sup con Gusto, Vermont Cheeseless and many other talented folks whom we cannot wait to get to know this season.

Live music starts June 3 with Fiddlehead Hollow performing original music in the traditional old-time style. The duo of Eric Bushey (banjo/guitar/vocals) and Rusty Charpentier (fiddle/guitar/vocals) plays everything from barn-burning fiddle tunes to epic ballads and drinking songs. Always engaging and energizing, Fiddlehead Hollow is sure to excite our shoppers!

Electronic benefit transfer customers can double their money at the market with Crop Cash, a NOFA-VT program intended to increase food security, boost nutrition and put extra dollars into the hands of dedicated farmers. Anyone who swipes an EBT card at the market receives an additional \$1 in Crop Cash coupons for every \$1 redeemed from an EBT card, up to \$10. Crop Cash coupons can be spent on fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information visit richmondfarmersmarketvt.org.

Audubon Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

All events are at the Green Mountain

Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington, unless otherwise noted. For more information, including COVID-19 information, go to vt.audubon.org/events. 802-434-3068, vermont@audubon.org.

Joys of June Bird Monitoring Walk

Thursday, June 9, 7:30-9 a.m.

Spring's birdsong chorus has quieted down a little by June, so this monitoring walk will focus on the field marks that are essential for distinguishing between different species. Wing bars, tail patterns, eye stripes and rings will all come into play.

Following our regular monitoring route, we will search for birds in various habitats at the Audubon Center. We will identify as many as possible of the birds we see or hear, and record counts of their population numbers. We typically finish our monitoring route by about 9 a.m., but you can leave earlier if necessary.

This program is free and open to the public. No registration needed. Donations to support our education and conservation work are appreciated: vt.audubon.org/donate.

Summer Forest Bathing

Saturday, June 18, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Location: Sugarhouse just beyond 214 Main Road, Huntington.

Come experience nature in new and deeply familiar ways with the practice of forest bathing. A different act than other nature connection experiences such as hiking, birding, or tree identifying, in forest bathing you are invited to slow down with intentionality and mindfulness to engage your traditional five senses and beyond. Give your body and mind a chance to rest and restore while taking in the subtleties and wonder of nature.

We will walk through the incredibly dynamic, diverse and loved land of the Green Mountain Audubon Center, being sure to visit the hemlock swamp, beaver pond and babbling brook. The walk will be less than a mile and will conclude with a tea ceremony.

Facilitated by certified Nature & Forest Therapy Guide Duncan Murdoch. Participants must register in advance. Go to vt.audubon.org/events/summer-forest-bathing-2022 for details. Audubon members: \$30 per session, nonmembers: \$35 per session.

OUTDOORS

Are Trees Individuals?

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Are trees individuals? I started to think about this question after hearing a researcher say that trees are "colonial organisms" — more like colonies of autonomous branches than individuals. As I struggled to find answers, I found that this topic is as nuanced and as complex as our forests.

While humans and other animals are *unitary* organisms — with a single body — plants and trees are *modular* organisms, comprised of repeating "modules." Unlike unitary organisms, modular organisms, like trees, are unconstrained by the *determinate* growth of a human or animal body. Instead, they have an *indeterminate* growth pattern, and are able to repeat themselves over and over again by creating new roots, branches, buds and sometimes trunks.

While branches are connected to a common trunk and root system, they may also behave autonomously, competing with each other for light and satisfying their own energetic needs before exporting resources to the rest of the tree. When they are shaded (or otherwise consume more than they produce), they die.

Though they have some autonomy, a branch is also part of a tree; an organism that must maintain its overall shape and growth pattern to survive. Trees regulate their overall growth largely through processes known as *apical dominance* and *apical control*, using hormones to suppress the growth of certain buds and branches. Trees with high apical dominance and apical control — like conifers — are *excurrent*, resulting in a relatively symmetrical shape. Shrubs are *decurent*, with low apical dominance and low apical control creating an asymmetrical growth pattern of many competing stems. Deciduous trees fall in-between these extremes, with a more-or-less symmetrical (excurrent) overall growth pattern within which each branch is somewhat decurrent.

With some species of trees, such as eastern white cedar, branch autonomy is especially pronounced. Cedars form *stem strips*: sections of bark that connect groups of branches directly to groups of roots. When exposed to drought or other stressors a single stem strip, and its associated roots and branches, may die while the rest of the tree is relatively unaffected.

Some tree species produce *clones* — sprouting groups of genetically identical trees from their root system. Covering over 100 acres in Utah, an aspen clone called Pando is the most massive and perhaps the oldest organism (some would say *clonal organism*) on Earth, weighing an estimated 13 million pounds and thought to be between 14,000 and 80,000 years old. While Pando looks like a forest of young aspen trees, each tree is a *ramet* — genetically identical and connected, at least initially, to the same root system. To think of these ramets as individuals is both right and wrong: they compete with each other for light and even for resources within their common root system, but they are also indisputably part of a larger entity.

Many of us have been captivated by the idea of the "Wood Wide Web," the underground networks of *mycorrhizal* fungi that can connect trees together, even facilitating communication and resource-sharing between trees. While some have taken this research to mean that forests are unified entities, or that they are entirely cooperative and altruistic, the truth is more complicated: while they cooperate at times, trees also compete with each other — often to the death.

Like a branch on a tree, a tree in a forest is both autonomous and dependent on a larger system. Even a small forest is comprised of billions or trillions of organisms, each living an autonomous, complex life. Trees rely on other organisms to build soils, to regulate populations of pests, for pollination and seed dispersal — and much more. Together, these countless independent organisms, their environment and natural processes form a *natural community*: an entity with behavior and properties of its own. As the fate of a branch is linked to the fate of the tree to which it is attached,

the fate of a tree is inextricably linked to the fate of this natural community.

Like us, a branch on a tree or a tree in a forest is an individual but also part of something greater.

As we exercise our autonomy as forest stewards, it's up to us to recognize our part in the bigger picture. We need to learn how to sustain ourselves while also sustaining the trees, the forests and the living landscape to which we are connected.

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.

Fawns Are Arriving, Leave Them Alone

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says deer fawns are being born this time of year and asks that people avoid disturbing or picking them up.

Most deer fawns are born in late May and the first and second weeks of June, according to Vermont deer biologist Nick Fortin.

Fortin says it is best to keep your distance because the fawn's mother is almost always nearby. When people see a small fawn alone, they often mistakenly assume it is helpless, lost or needing to be rescued.

Fawns do not attempt to evade predation.



Fawns are being born now and should be left alone. Their mothers are nearby.

tors during their first few weeks, instead relying on camouflage and stillness to remain undetected. During these times, fawns learn critical survival skills from their mothers. Bringing a fawn into a human environment results in separation from its mother, and it usually results in a sad ending for the animal.

Fortin encourages people to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful, and he offered these tips:

- Deer nurse their young at different times during the day and often leave their young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.
- Deer normally will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.
- Deer fawns will imprint on humans and lose their natural fear of people, which can be essential to their survival.
- Keep domestic pets under control at all times. Dogs often will kill fawns and other baby animals.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont.

"It's in the best interest of Vermonters and the wildlife that live here, for all of us to maintain a respectful distance and help keep wildlife wild," added Fortin.

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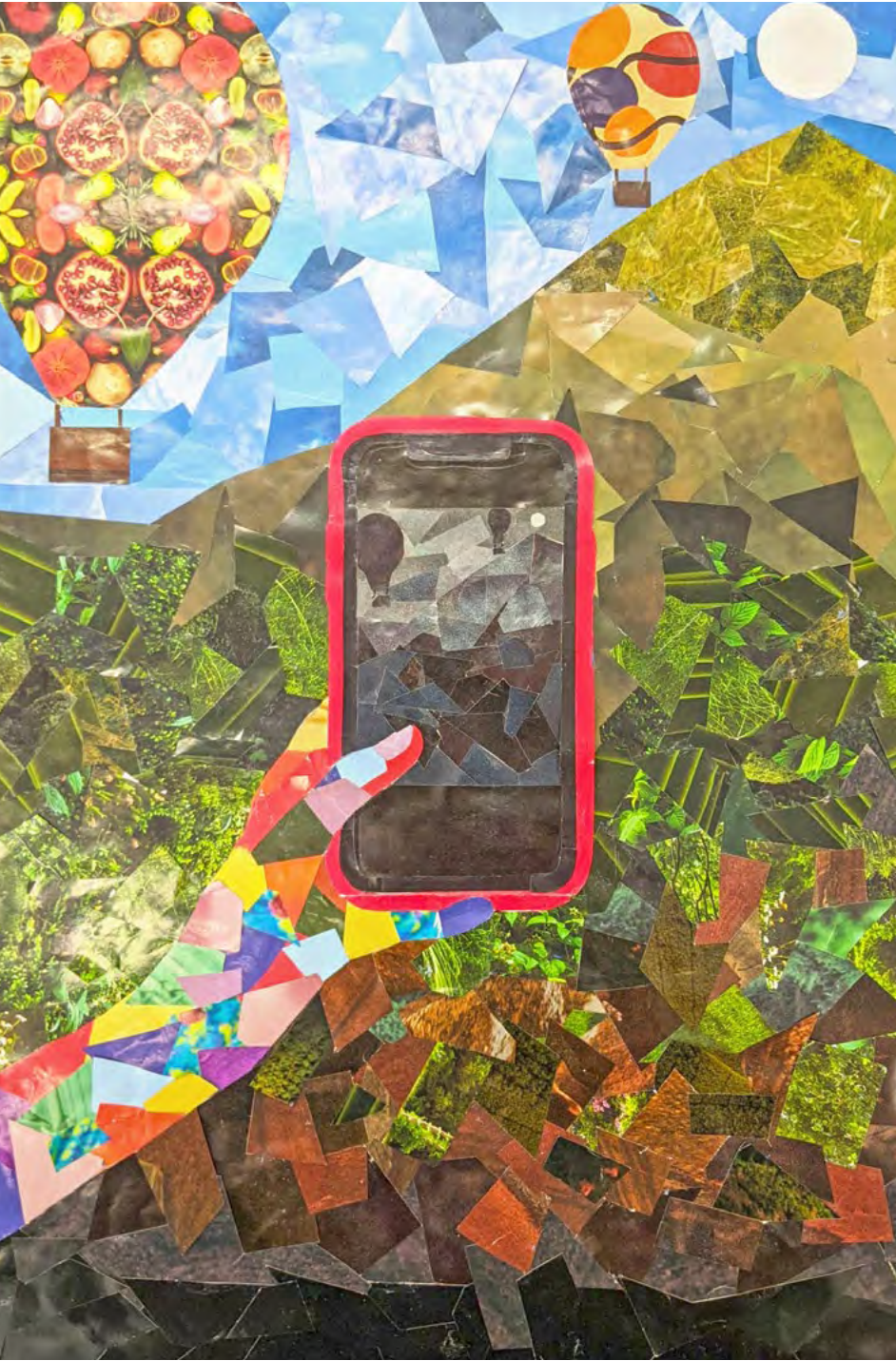
Welch Announces Winners of Annual Congressional Art Competition

CVU Student Wins Honorable Mention

FROM PRESS RELEASE

In a Zoom meeting on May 6 with talented high school artists from across Vermont, Rep. Peter Welch

(D-Vt.) announced the winners of the 41st Annual Congressional Art Competition. Winning first place was Mae Searles of Lamoille Union High



“An Unfortunate Truth” by Mae Searles.

School with the collage piece “An Unfortunate Truth.” Mae’s collage was selected by judges from a field of more than 130 entries from students across Vermont.

“I’m inspired by the ambition, creativity, and resilience of these young artists,” said Rep. Welch. “The last two years have been challenging for all of us, in particular for our youth. The artwork submitted by these Vermonters is a testament to the perseverance of our communities. I congratulate each of our entrants for their strength and creativity and look forward to seeing Mae’s work hanging in the Capitol.”

The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide high school visual art competition initiated in 1981 by then-Rep. Jim Jeffords to celebrate and encourage the artistic talent of young people from across the country. High school students from across the country submit entries to their representatives. Panels of local artists

in each congressional district select the winners. The winning pieces are displayed for a year in the tunnel between the U.S. Capitol and House of office buildings—a route traveled daily by Members of Congress, their staffs and visitors from around the world.

To view all entries, as well as the list of placement winners, honorable mentions and county awardees, go to tiny.one/CongressArtVT.

Placement Winners

First Place: “An Unfortunate Truth” by Mae Searles

School: Lamoille Union High School. Teacher: Ashlee Rubenstein.

Second Place: “Life on Repeat” by Zoe Maxwell

School: Burlington Technical Center. Teacher: Ashley Stagner.

Third Place: “The End of Sunflower Season” by Monarch Clairemont

School: U-32 High School. Teacher:

CALENDAR

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.

7:00–9:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt>. Town Hall. Regularly scheduled Select Board meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month with additional Meeting scheduled as needed. Meetings are held in the Hinesburg Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Please confirm with the Town Manager’s Office for any changes to the schedule or Meeting location. Meetings are open to the public.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

7:30–9:00 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/pgw-iszj-afq>. Zoom Meeting. Members and Invited Guests Only. This Meeting will be via Zoom. If you don’t have Zoom installed, the application will automatically download and install when you click the link. Or go to Zoom.us to download the interface application. Zoom Meeting link: TBD. The Zoom link will be emailed to all VAS Members. Note: The Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., but you can join

starting at about 7:15 or 7:20 PM to give you time to connect and work out any issues.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00–8:30 p.m. Community Writers’ Group. Carpenter–Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! Join us for our monthly Community Writers Group! All genres are welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts; network with other local wordsmiths; and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop in the Carpenter–Carse Community Room. Snacks will be provided. To submit a piece of writing, for others to review and enjoy before the group meets, email Laura Wisniewski at bhy@beecherhill yoga.com.

7:00–9:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt>. Town Hall. Regularly scheduled Development Review Board Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month with additional Meeting scheduled as needed. Meetings are held in the Hinesburg Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Please confirm with the Town Manager’s Office for any changes to the schedule or Meeting location. 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.

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

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.

Amy Koenigbauer.

Honorable Mentions — Judge’s Choice

“Pin It to My Soul if Need Be” by Vivien Sorce

School: Champlain Valley Union High School. Teacher: Timothy Duvernoy.

“Rest” by Azure Wood

School: Fair Haven Union High School. Teacher: Kristen Partesi.

“Highs and Lows” by Agnes Polk

School: U-32 High School. Teacher: Amy Koenigbauer.



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Publication date is June 30. Call 482-4705 for more information. Material not received by deadline will be considered for next issue.

Ground Level Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

7:00–9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting or 3rd floor Town Hall. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFfc3lkQT09>. Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494. Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417. Password: 321494.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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

7:00–9:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt>. Town Hall. Regularly scheduled Select Board meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month with additional Meeting scheduled as needed. Meetings are held in the Hinesburg Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Please confirm with the Town Manager’s Office for any changes to the schedule or Meeting location. Meetings are open to the public.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Father’s Day.

8:00–11:00 a.m. Chittenden Co. F&G Club’s Annual Fathers Day Fishing Derby, 1397 Wes White Hill Rd., Jonesville. Prizes for all children ages 14 and under and trophies in age groups 5–14. Lunch is available, admission is free.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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. Regularly scheduled Development Review Board Meetings are held on the First and third Tuesdays of the month with additional Meeting scheduled as needed. Meetings are held in the Hinesburg Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Please confirm with the Town Manager’s Office for any changes to the schedule or Meeting location. Meetings are open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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, JUNE 23

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day.

7:30–9:00 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/pgw-iszj-afq>. Zoom Meeting. Members and Invited Guests Only. This Meeting will be via Zoom. If you don’t have Zoom installed, the application will automatically download and install when you click the link. Or go to Zoom.us to download the interface application. Zoom Meeting link: TBD. The Zoom link will be emailed to all VAS Members. Note: The Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., but you can join starting at about 7:15 or 7:20 PM to give you time to connect and work out any issues.

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Spring Semester at Access CVU Winds Down

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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

Planning for the fall is well underway — let us know your class wishes! And if you know of a great instructor we should add to our lineup, we want to hear from you. Call 802-482-7194 or email access@cvsdvt.org.

Look for fall registration to open on Friday, Aug. 26, and classes will start Sept. 12. We're looking forward to hosting craft fairs on Oct. 15 and Nov. 26. Check out our website, cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com, or follow us at @accessCVU on Instagram for the latest news.

Chittenden Co. F&G Club's Annual Fathers Day Fishing Derby

It's BAAAACK! The Chittenden Co. F&G Club's Annual Fathers Day Fishing Derby will be in Jonesville on



Colby Little of Starksboro was 2019's last grand prize winner of the derby.

June 19 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Prizes for all children ages 14 and under and trophies in age groups 5-14. Lunch is available, admission is free. 1397 Wes White Hill Rd., Jonesville.

The Vermont Women's Fund Announces When Women Thrive, a 2022 Endowment Campaign

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On May 11, the Vermont Women's Fund, a component fund of the Vermont Community Foundation, announced its 2022 endowment campaign, When Women Thrive—an ask to the public to help the fund reach the \$3 million mark, which would double its endowment to \$6 million by the end of 2022.

Co-chaired by Mary Powell and Win Smith, the When Women Thrive campaign began in early 2020 with statewide committee members, Dana Donaldson, Alex MacLean, Elizabeth Catlin, Lauren Geiger and Shana Trombley.

“When the pandemic struck two months after our committee’s formation, we felt a lot of trepidation, to say the least,” says Meg Smith, director of the Vermont Women’s Fund. “But it was quickly evident that women’s economic livelihoods were at stake — as they continue to be — and the Women’s Fund needed to increase its resources to respond to this crisis. It turned out our timing couldn’t have been better as we close in on our \$3 million goal.”

The Vermont Women’s Fund gives financial grants to Vermont nonprofits that support the economic interests and well-being of women and girls. The Women’s Fund’s mission remains steadfastly gender-focused and is inclusive of cis and trans women and girls, BIPOC and nonbinary people affected by gender oppression. To date, the Women’s Fund has distributed over \$3 million in grants to organizations across the state.

“Our financial power has never been more important, and this campaign has already proven that Vermonters understand the importance of women’s economic security,” adds Smith. “We want everyone who supports women to give to this campaign, no matter what amount.”

To learn more about the Vermont Women’s Fund and to give to the When Women Thrive campaign, go to vermontwomensfund.org.

The Vermont Women’s Fund is the first and largest philanthropic resource in the state founded specifically to advance women and girls in Vermont. Founded in 1994, it is a component fund of the Vermont Community Foundation and awards annual grants to nonprofits around the state that serve women and girls with programs that promote economic self-sufficiency, career development and systems change. Learn more at vermontwomensfund.org.

The Vermont Community Foundation inspires giving and brings people and resources together to make a difference in Vermont. A family of hundreds of funds and foundations, we provide the advice, investment vehicles and back-office expertise that make it easy for the people who care about Vermont to find and fund the causes they love. We envision Vermont at its best — where everyone has the opportunity to build a bright, secure future. Visit vermontcf.org or call 802-388-3355 for more information.

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\$13.5 Million Available To Help Vermont Schools Upgrade Air Quality Systems

AOE program, administered by Efficiency Vermont, builds on 2020 success

FROM PRESS RELEASE

As Vermont continues its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and seeks to build resilience for future challenges, schools across the state are investing in ventilation systems to improve indoor air quality and make classrooms healthier for students and staff.

This spring, the Vermont Agency of Education and Efficiency Vermont launched the second round of the Indoor Air Quality Grant Program, which makes \$13.5 million of federal funds available to schools with qualifying projects, through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

This year’s effort builds on the success of a previous round of IAQ programming, which in 2020 leveraged \$17 million in federal funding to help 365 Vermont schools improve indoor air quality through heating, ventilating and air conditioning upgrades and air quality monitoring. As a result, more than 62,000 students and 6,500 teachers now spend time in K-12 schools with improved HVAC systems that bring fresh outside air into the building. More than 140 companies, including contracted engineers and tradespeople, worked on these projects.

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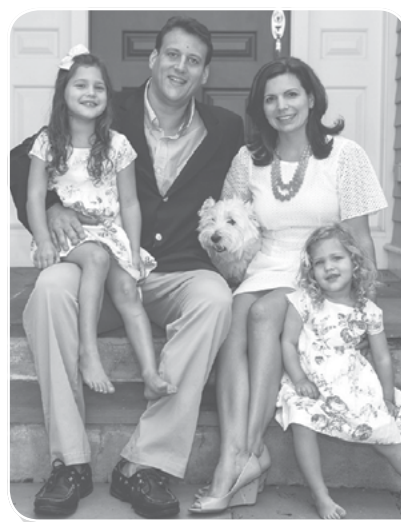
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5. Arrest
8. Daughter of Zeus and Hera
12. Like fist of some rulers
13. Containing limestone
14. "Misery" Oscar winner
15. Gulf War missile
16. Throat-clearing sound
17. Earp of the Wild West
18. "58 Plymouth Fury in a Stephen King novel
20. Hole punchers
21. G in SAG
22. Lennon's wife
23. Napoleon's hat
26. Old tree description
30. Ryder Cup team
31. Forecastle, for short
34. Ruptured
35. Harangues
37. Tiny guitar
38. East side of Jersey
39. Brussels' org.
40. Genie, alt. sp.
42. Soak through
43. Autumnal zodiac sign
45. Stomach sores
47. Basketball hoop
48. Down Under marsupial
50. Ginger-flavored cookie
52. "It" clown
56. Nary a soul
57. Larger-than-life
58. Like some rumors
59. Smart _____, pl.
60. Pilaf grain
61. Close in proximity
62. "The Green _____"
63. Don't waste
64. Risque

DOWN

1. Catchall abbr.
2. St. Louis tourist attraction
3. Displeasure on one's face
4. Rainbow color
5. Root of nihilism
6. Set right
7. "Stand _____," film based on "The Body"
8. "Rita _____ and the Shawshank Redemption"
9. Bibliographical abbr. (2 words)
10. Risky business, pl.
11. "Is" in Paris
13. Hispanic American
14. Boss, in Swahili
19. Rides the waves
22. Buck
23. "Auld Lang Syne" poet
24. "Children of the Corn" cult leader
25. Subsection of a poem
26. "Rhinestone Cowboy" singer
27. Kind of change
28. Mistake
29. Oceanic trenches
32. "Rabid Saint Bernard in Stephen King book
33. Mogul rider
36. "Nicholson in "The Shining"
38. Foolish
40. Not bright
41. Subtlety
44. Plumber's concern, pl.
46. Crying like crow
48. Type of cap, pl.
49. Chilled (2 words)
50. Same as solos
51. Yuletide
52. Paddington Bear's homeland
53. Beginning of a story?
54. Grand _____
55. "Like a Stephen King story
56. "Platoon" setting

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“Vermont’s experience with COVID-19 demonstrates how important indoor air quality is to student health, safety and ability to learn,” said Secretary of Education Dan French. “Air handling systems often come with high upfront costs, especially when buildings are older, as many of our schools are. This grant program, along with technical assistance from Efficiency Vermont, brings important upgrades to these systems within reach. Studies show that improving indoor air quality mitigates the spread of airborne viruses and leads to better health and education outcomes. This is an important measure that will have wide-ranging benefits beyond COVID-19 mitigation.”

“Engaging so many schools and contractors within a short period of time, was a substantial undertaking,” French added. “With its statewide platform and decades of experience helping schools invest in energy efficiency upgrades, Efficiency Vermont

has been a valuable partner in this undertaking.”

There is strong evidence that improving ventilation and filtration can slow the transmission of infectious diseases like COVID-19. The anticipated eligible projects under the program align with COVID-19-specific guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“We are honored to help AOE ensure schools with the greatest need and opportunity to dramatically increase indoor air quality are able to access these funds, connect with contractors needed to implement the improvements, and apply any available energy efficiency incentives to further lower the cost of these projects,” said Jody Lesko, Efficiency Vermont program director. “In addition to providing better air quality, these investments will also reduce schools’ operating costs into the future.”

Despite the large number of schools that received IAQ grants in the 2020 round, some Vermont schools still do not have mechanical ventilation in

all of their buildings. Those schools will get first priority for funding. Efficiency Vermont began accepting grant applications in mid-March and will make funding decisions on a rolling basis until all of the funds are committed. All projects approved for funding are required to be completed by Oct. 31, 2024.

“Our school communities greatly value EVT’s engineering expertise and HVAC industry insights that were extended to our school systems as part of the urgently needed indoor air quality pandemic response,” said Frank Rucker, business administrator for Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, which participated in the 2020 grant program. “The capable staff at EVT helped to explain and assess indoor air quality functions to a wide variety of stakeholders within our schools and to design solutions that met ASHRAE [American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers] standards. Safe and healthy learning environments were substantially improved throughout many of our classrooms.”

About Efficiency Vermont: As the nation’s first Energy Efficiency Utility, Efficiency Vermont has helped Vermont avoid over 13 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions and has received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR program Partner of the Year — Sustained Excellence award for the last six consecutive years. Efficiency Vermont works with partners to help our state transition to more affordable, low carbon energy use through education, incentives and support for our clean energy workforce. Learn more at efficiencyvermont.com.

Earth Day

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(named TK) helped cut the ribbon to celebrate the new repair station.

Sustainability: As the weather warms, we are working as an organization to improve our sustainability. We’ve joined a cohort of other libraries in Vermont who are pursuing the Sustainable Library Certification Program. Working with the Vermont Community Foundation and the Vermont Library Association, these libraries secured funding to form a cohort that will go through the process of becoming certified. Each library will be working through the certification benchmarks with support and collaboration from their peers who are taking on this challenge together. In a rural location like Vermont, having the opportunity to go through this process with other libraries at the same time will help build community within already familiar networks, while also allowing these libraries to share ideas and resources with other sustainable libraries across the country.



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Environmental Sculptures

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are allusions to Vermont’s agricultural buildings and bountiful fields.

Fabricated in collaboration with historic preservation and restorationist, Eliot Lothrop, each of the minimalist post and beam structures is joined with traditional mortise and tenon joints. Surrounding the sculptures is a pollinator meadow that provides habitat for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, and other insects and was created and generously donated by the Vermont nonprofit organization Bee the Change.

Winship Milliken describes her sculptures as “contemporary pastoralism.” They are evocative of abstract landscape paintings while also providing critical insight into contemporary environmental issues and conveying a reverence for nature. Winship Milliken welcomes the changes that will take place to the sculptures as fixtures in natural landscape throughout the duration of the exhibition, understanding that she is not the sole creator of this installation.

“These sculptures react, respond, and transition in their own unique ways, and in their own timeline, in the environment in which they are

presented,” she asserts. “It is a goal to let the environment have the last say and make its mark.”

About the Artist

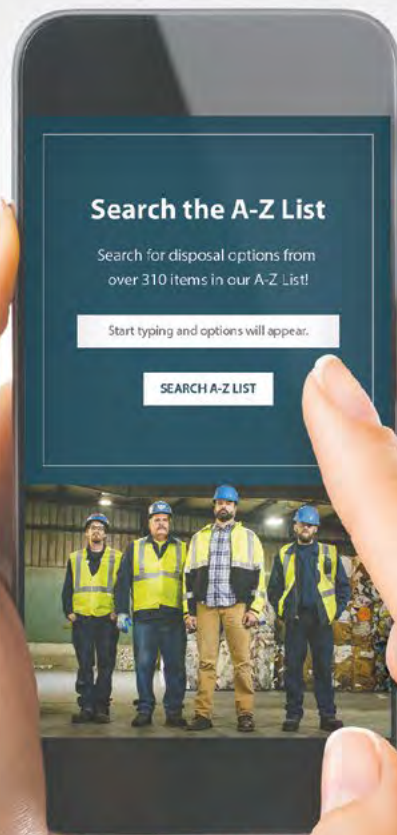
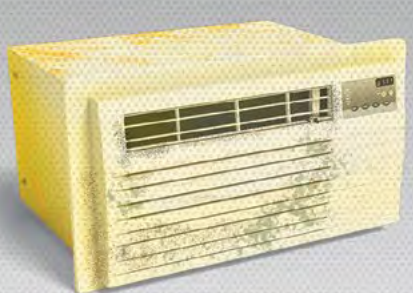
Nancy Winship Milliken Studio is an environmental art studio located in Shelburne, Vermont, that is committed to building community through collaborative expressions of reverence for the land, humans and animals. Winship Milliken creates site-specific sculptures in both urban and rural settings using natural materials to engage in ecological and sustainability conversations.

Winship Milliken earned her MFA from Massachusetts College of

Art and Design in 2008. Over the past decade, she has installed site-specific work in a variety of locations, from New England to New Zealand. Winship Milliken’s work has been included in international solo and select group exhibitions at many venues, including deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum (Lincoln, Massachusetts), Boston Sculptors Gallery, Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (Vermont), Burlington City Arts (Vermont), the Christian Science Plaza (Boston), Provincetown Art Association Museum (Massachusetts), and Qorikancha Museum (Cusco, Peru).

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Communion 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 prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards, board games and door prizes. Cost is \$4.00 donation. Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (parish office). 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@aaim.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.durochia@gmail.com for more information and other Youth Group events.

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

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Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

Worship service:

Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Worship service and Sunday School:

Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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

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



Boguess

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dog, letters to and from his wife, a jar of dust from his father's work bench, a drawing from his nephew and an old advertisement from his brief stint as a specialty repairman of vintage bullet-microphones for harmonicas.

Although Boguess enjoys letting his mind wander down these avenues, other times he is more mindfully present in the act of sharpening: the sound of the blade on the stone, the feel of the angle, the way the muscles and fingers tighten to produce uniform strokes.

"It can be very trancelike," said Boguess. "Sometimes, I will finish a set and then I'll be upstairs washing my hands and I'll think 'Huh, it's all done.'"

A self-described bad student since his days at Charlotte Central School, when it was only two classrooms and school lunches cost a quarter, Boguess found more success when he entered culinary vocational high school.

That is where he developed his chops as a cook, going on to win the gold medal for his state cooking championship with a whole chicken that he removed the bones from without breaking the skin. He said he then "tied it, stuffed it and set the whole thing on fire."

Boguess learned a lot in the various kitchens of his 35-year career, includ-



Boguess supports breast cancer with a sticker from his wife, Lee Diamond. He stuck it to his harmonica case: a repurposed roller blade carrier for "little girls," says Boguess.

Crossword Answers

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Lila Rose Tomlinson slices through paper with a freshly sharpened draw knife.

ing a truth about himself, "If I don't have a sharp knife, I'm not happy."

Hinesburg resident Andy Perkins testifies to the joy of a sharp knife. In a Front Porch Forum post, Perkins says, "It's such a pleasure — life-changing really — to have SHARP kitchen knives again!"

Boguess sharpens just about anything with a blade: hatchets, garden loppers, vintage weaponry, machetes, chainsaw blades, shovels, scythes, household scissors. No matter the job, Boguess has a 24-hour turn-around guarantee.

This quick turnaround, his standard for a razor edge, and his desire to provide the service cheaply were formative in coming up with his name, Honest Edge.

"These days, everything is so hay-wire ... might as well get your garden shears back on time," said Boguess.

If you would like anything (other than hair-cutting shears) sharpened, email Luke Boguess: boggluke@gmail.com.

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BACK STORIES

of Hinesburg

Luke Boggess, Professional Knife Sharpener, Finds His 'Groove'

BY GABRIEL SENNOTT

Luke Boggess closed his eyes and ran his finger along the shining steel of a Boy Scouts of America pocket knife. He chuckled to himself, pleasantly satisfied with the uniform burr he formed along the blade.

Raising the burr — the piece of extremely fine excess metal at the very tip of a blade's edge — is the first step in the precise art of sharpening a blade. Once raised, it is knocked back and forth in a tedious dance with increasingly fine diamond stones, from a coarse stone to the fine finisher stone, until the burr effectively disappears.

It is within this repetitive dance that Boggess enters a calm, trance-like focus, what he calls "The Groove." "When you're working on something [especially a piece in rough shape], you get into 'The Groove' ... it makes it very pleasant," said Boggess, "I'll look up from the stone, I can keep going ... and I'll look at pictures on the wall. That'll take me through a whole series of past memories."

He might see old tour prints from his days in the Seth Yacovone Band.

In the late 90s, Boggess played harmonica alongside some of the most legendary musicians of the time, including B.B. King and the Neville Brothers.

When his eyes wander to the cor-

ner of his bulletin board, he sees two stacked photos of his father, Bill Boggess, whose bald hair and upright military-posture bear a striking resemblance to his son.

Stories of his dad seemed endless, like when he and a friend stole a plane while stuck at boot camp and flew it all the way to New Jersey just to try and pick up some girls. Or when he built his own coffin years before his death, revealing his final joke at his funeral: the words "Bill's Box" carved into the wooden side.

The hand-drawn portraits of rock legends, Robert Plant and Alice Cooper, remind him of the friend who sketched them at a Texas bootcamp. That camp is also where Boggess got his forearm tattoo, his high school sweetheart's initials.

Training camp is also where he got the nickname "White Trash." A name he was proud of because it was his proof of membership to the crew of mostly Black weightlifters. To this day, he can still deadlift 350 pounds.

He enlisted in 1974, almost entirely for the \$2,000 signing bonus.

"I was living in Bellows Falls, sleeping under a bridge in a hammock. It was



Boggess in his shop, some of the photos he reminisces on are on the bulletin behind him.



Using his hands, Boggess checks the progress on this hatchet.

November and I had pneumonia ... I was so sick that I joined the Army!" said Boggess.

Above his bench there are more portals to different memories: his old

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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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