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Fourth of July Grand Marshals: Icons for the Hinesburg Food Shelf

BY TOM GIROUX

In 2001, Doug Gunnerson started working at the Hinesburg Food Shelf and held various valuable positions until 2011. Hank White started his time at the food shelf serving Hinesburg's hungry residents in 2003 and continues to this day. Jeff Glover has volunteered

continuously for this vital service for the last 15 years. Due to their outstanding effort and long-time commitment to the HFS, they have been chosen as the grand marshals for the 2022 Fourth of July parade.

The Hinesburg Food Shelf started out of the house/kitchen of Phyllis Russell,

who personally saw the hungry folks in Hinesburg, and wanted to make a difference. It then expanded to the United Church, where she was a parishioner.

When the time came, Gunnerson kind of took over for Russell. He was born in Brooklyn and spent many vacations in his youth with his family boating around Lake Champlain, via the Hudson River and the Champlain Canal, to get to the Port Henry marina. Said Gunnerson, "Little did I think back then, I would decide to live up here for 50 years." He moved to Hinesburg in 1972 to work at GE, which is now General Dynamics. He helped the food shelf not only grow by 300% during his time there, but also to move to its present location.

The biggest accomplishment the food shelf has made is its partnership with the Vermont Foodbank, which partners with over 200 organizations in the state. As an agency, it expanded access to food donations, including surplus foods and corporate donations. This partnership also helps in getting fresh

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Grand Marshals: Jeff Glover, Doug Gunnerson & Hank White

The Fourth of July Book Sale

BY ELLY COATES

The Carpenter-Carse Library book sale will be held at the Osbourne Parish Hall of the United Church. Doors will open Sunday, July 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. and again on Monday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Along with great books (including some 2022 releases), and a raffle, there will be a silent auction for a bookcase and a book cart.

The Friends of the Carpenter-Carse Library know that the librarians have worked hard these past two years to serve our community in difficult times. They have been doing a phenomenal job. Please show them the support they deserve.

Hope to see you there!

Fourth of July Schedule

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Theme: A Hinesburg Hoedown!

Grand Marshals: Jeff Glover, Doug Gunnerson & 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 & Route 116.

7 p.m. — 5K foot race begins at bottom of Buck Hill Road West & Route 116.

7:10 p.m. — Kid's 2K begins at

Veteran's Park, next to Good Times Café.

Carpenter-Carse Book Sale at United Church's Osbourne Parish Hall, 5-8 p.m.

Monday, July 4

9 a.m. — **Book sale** opens at United Church's Osbourne Parish Hall.

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 entries.** Trophies 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, ending at the Post Office.

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BY MISSY ROSS

School has officially recessed and summer is upon us. There are a few things to keep in mind that happen during the summer months. Beach passes to Lake Iroquois are only available at the beach rather than at the town clerk's office. You can purchase one at the kiosk at the entrance. The cost is \$30 for residents for the first car and an additional \$14 if you want a sticker for an additional vehicle. The fee for those 62 and older is \$15. Nonresident passes are \$60. Information about the beach is available on the town website at hinesburg.org.

Green Mountain passports are available at the town clerk's office. These are passes that give the bearer free entry into all Vermont state parks for day use. You must be 62 or older or a veteran of the military in order to purchase a passport. The cost is \$2 and they are good for life! This card is a great opportunity to explore all of Vermont's wonderful state parks.

Property Tax Bills and Homestead Declarations

The municipal portion of the property tax rate will be set by the selectboard in July based on the budget that was approved by voters in March along with the police budget that was ap-

proved at the revote in May. We will then generate the 2022 property tax bills and these are typically mailed out during the first week of August. We have only one payment and it is due on Nov. 15, 2022. Please be sure to file your Homestead Declaration or HS-122 if you have not already done so. You can find the form online at the Vermont Department of Taxes website.

Primary Election Aug. 9

The primary election for the 2022 cycle will be held on Aug. 9 at the Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. We have rented a tent so that the election can be held outdoors since the main hall is off-limits due to structural issues with the roof of the building. Other recent elections have been held in the downstairs conference room but with this election people may take longer to vote, so we opted for a larger space. When voting in the primary, you will be given three ballots and must choose only one ballot on which to cast your vote: the Democratic, Republican or Progressive ballot. The reason for this is that each major party is choosing their candidates for the ballot in November. If you choose to vote in person, you will deposit your two unvoted ballots in the unvoted ballot box and will deposit your voted ballot in the voting machine.

You may also request that your ballots be mailed to you ahead of time so that you can vote at home on your own schedule. You may request your ballots by emailing mross@hinesburg.org or hroberts@hinesburg.org, by phone at 802-482-2281 ext. 1, or through the on-

line voter system at mvp.vermont.gov. You must return all three ballots in order for your vote to count. You will receive a certificate envelope where you will place your voted ballot and seal it inside with your printed name and signature on the envelope. The two "un-voted" ballots will be placed in the unvoted ballot envelope and must be returned along with your voted ballots. If we receive your ballots back from you and something is missing or incorrect, we will make an effort to contact you so that you can correct the error. You can also check the status of your ballot by going to mvp.vermont.gov and logging in to your voter page. You can see the date of mailing, when we received it back from you and whether it was accepted or rejected. A rejected ballot happens very rarely and is typically because someone neglected to sign the certificate envelope containing their voted ballot.

It is a good idea to log in to your voter page at mvp.vermont.gov to update all of the information there including your mailing address, phone number and email address. This information helps us to contact you in the event that you need to "cure" or correct your returned ballot. You are also welcome to pick up your ballots at the town clerk's office or vote early in person at Town Hall. One advantage of voting early is that you won't forget to do so on the day of the election or possibly miss the opportunity to vote through some unforeseen circumstance, such as illness. Thank you for taking part in our Democratic process. It is truly important that ALL people have their voices heard. If you have any questions, or are new to Hinesburg and unsure if you are registered to vote, feel free to contact the town clerk's office at 802-482-2281 ext. 1 for more information.



Baby raccoons rescued by the Hinesburg road crew.

lot of noise as he carried them into the woods nearby hoping mom would hear them. And yes, he carefully donned gloves to avoid any diseases like rabies! VOSHA always in mind.

Editor's Note — the Henson family later submitted the following update:

The little critters are at the Middlebury rescue where they will be cared for over the next month and then released. Dominic opted to be sure they survived and took them down there.

Shelley Henson

Please answer the need

Hinesburg Food Shelf

Food drop off box at Lantman's in the orange bin

Monetary donations can be sent to:

Hinesburg Food Shelf

PO Box 444, Hinesburg, VT 05461

Hinesburg Food Shelf hours are:

Tuesday nights 5:30 - 7:30

Friday mornings 10:00 - 12:00

I Work From Home — Do I Need a Permit for That?

BY JIM JARVIS, TOWN OF HINESBURG ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

This is an interesting question, particularly with so much remote work happening due to COVID-19.

When we think of a business, we tend to envision store fronts or gas stations. But a 2012 survey revealed that Hinesburg has many more home occupations than it does typical commercial enterprises. Operations like daycare facilities, hair dressers, or pet groomers come to mind, but there are many others which may not be immediately obvious.

Let's start with what's not a home occupation.

If you work for a company that's not located at your home, as a remote employee, that's not a home occupation. No permit needed. Your zoning administrator was an example of that, pre-COVID-19. I consulted with a U.K. company while working from my home office, and traveling the U.S. with my laptop.

Somewhat more complicated, suppose you're a graphic designer, and do remote contract work for multiple clients. You don't see clients at your home address. Unless you tell them, your neighbors probably don't know what you do, or for whom. A remote employee working for multiple firms could be seen as a logical extension of the one-employer situation.

However, if you register your practice with the Vermont secretary of state, with your home address as the location, then it is clearly a home occupation, and you do need a permit. A quick zoning permit form, and a check for \$40 payable to the town of Hinesburg, and you're in business.

Are there limitations put on permitted uses?

- There are. Now that we've determined you've got a home occupation, what conditions do you have to meet?
- You must live in the home. The occupation must be conducted wholly within the principal dwelling structure.
- The home occupation may not exceed 20% of the total livable floor area. This is to say that the occupation must be incidental to the residential use.
- No more than two nonmembers of the immediate family may work in the home occupation at any one time.
- Other than passenger cars, only one vehicle not exceeding a carrying capacity of three tons, and that's owned by a resident of the dwelling, may be used in connection with the home occupation.
- Traffic volumes generated shall not be in excess of volumes characteristic of the neighborhood. There is an exception for family daycare, with up to six children and four school-aged

children for not more than four hours daily.

- There shall be no exterior storage of materials or equipment for use in connection with the home occupation.

What if my business exceeds any of those conditions, or requires an accessory building?

The Development Review Board will require a conditional use application, and will consider the impact of your proposed operation before issuing an approval. Even though they're somewhat more relaxed, conditional use entails another set of limiting conditions.

Please contact your Planning and Zoning office (802-482-4215) or visit the town website to look at the zoning regulations, section 5.1.

The main message in all of the home occupation regulations is that the operation must not change the character of the neighborhood.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to call the zoning office or the zoning administrator (802-482-4213). We're happy to help.

How much does a permit cost?

It varies. Fees are calculated based on the plans submitted. Contact the zoning administrator for an estimate if one is desired prior to submitting an application. The fee schedule can be found on the town website.

How long does it take to get a permit?

By law, the zoning administrator has 30 days to issue a decision on a complete application.

Then there is a 15-day appeal period, before work can begin. Normally, we try to issue permits within a couple of days of receiving the completed application, but seasonal demand can extend that.

Is there anything I can do while I'm waiting?

Site preparation, like leveling and grading is allowed, since that's not an actual structure. You will have to adhere to the Vermont Stormwater Control Regulations, in managing runoff and sedimentation. The zoning office can provide a copy of their "Low Risk Site Handbook," or you can find it online: vt-waterquality.org/stormwater.htm.

What is a setback?

It is the distance between the vertical face of a structure and either a property line or the top of a stream bank. The vertical face can be either an exterior wall or post. These distances will vary depending on which zoning district your property is located within and the type of structure you are building or expanding.

When is a Certificate of Occupancy required?

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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, (802) 482-2281 ext. 228.

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Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Hinesburg, 907 Beecher Hill Rd., Sat. 8 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Williston, Redmond Road; Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CSWD.NET.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Weds., Th., 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. Shannon Wheeler, Executive Director, wheeler@hinesburgresource.org, (802) 482-4946. Alex Konciewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org. **Hinesburg Food Shelf** hours are Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lobby & Box Access: 24/7. (802) 482-2292.

Hinesburg Community School: 10888 Route 116, (802) 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, (802) 482-7100, CVSDVT.ORG/DOMAIN/12 for calendar, staff directory, student portal, etc.

Carpenter-Carse Library: 69 Ballards Corner, (802) 482-2878, CARPENTERCARSE.ORG for library hours, services, and online resources.

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

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Work From Home

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All building permits in Hinesburg require a certification of occupancy. Permits that created finished floor area require either a Commercial or Residential Building Energy Standards certificate, CBES or RBES, before a CO can be issued. Use of a structure without a CO can be a zoning violation. To have a CO issued requires an inspection of the structure by the zoning administrator when the structure is substantially complete.

Are there any other requirements?

It depends. If you're adding a new bedroom to your home, you might require a state Water & Wastewater Permit, or a water allocation from the town. If you want to expand a house or camp that doesn't conform to our regulations, you might need a conditional use approval from the Development Review Board.

You can always find a copy of the Hinesburg Zoning Regulations on the website: <https://www.hinesburg.org/planning-zoning>.

If in doubt give us a call, we're here to help!

Jim Jarvis, zoning administrator, 802-482-4213.

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Hinesburg Observes Brief Memorial Day Service

BY PEGGY CIOFFI



Daniel Silverman plays taps while Rev. James Zuccaro of St. Jude's Church and Troop 690 observe a respectful silence.

There was a short Memorial Day service at the monuments on May 30 at 9 a.m. Although this was not publicized, it was well attended. The colors were presented by Scouts from Troop 690 under the direction of Scoutmaster Norman Smith and Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Mathews. All joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the Hinesburg Fire Department stood at attention and saluted the flag. They were Lieutenant John Lyman, Assistant Chief Eric Spivak, Deputy Chief Dave Estey, Captain Ed Waite and Cadet Neadow Waite.

Scoutmaster Norman Smith then read statistics, facts and information about some of our veterans in the Village Cemetery researched and compiled by Jean Miner, Sue Roberts and Mary Jo Brace.

As presented by Scoutmaster Smith, the results of their findings are as follows:



Scout Troop 690 under the direction of Scoutmaster Norman Smith and Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Mathew, along with the members of the Hinesburg Fire Department, gather in front of the veterans' monuments at the Memorial Day service on May 30.



Scoutmaster Norman Smith of Troop 690 reads the names of Hinesburg veterans from major wars beginning with the Revolutionary War. The list was compiled by Mary Jo Brace.

There are roughly 130 veterans who served our country and represented our town and are buried or have monuments in the Village Cemetery:

One from the Revolutionary War; one from the war of 1812; 40 from the Civil War, including Henry Prince who served with the 54th Massachusetts colored troops; 14 from WWI; 38 from WWII, including four women: Viola Emmons, Arlene Hart, Murial Barber Manning, and Flora Landon; 23 from the Korean War; and 11 veterans from Vietnam.

Since Memorial Day is also a day to remember those who served and never made it home, the following is a list of those veterans who never made it home. From Hinesburg, those include:

From the Civil War: William Rockwood who died in Washington, D.C. March of 1862. Charles Mead was killed at



Daniel Silverman stands in front of the veterans' monuments after playing taps during the Memorial Day ceremony on May 30.



Rev. James Zuccaro of St. Jude's Church stands in front of the veterans' monuments after reading a prayer during the Memorial Day service on May 30.

Gettysburg in July 1863 serving with the 14th Infantry Regiment Company G. Mead is buried at the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. On the same day, in the same unit and battle, Edmund Baldwin was wounded. Emulous Landon died in Washington, D.C. in June 1864 at the age of 17. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Lewis Brooks died on May 5, 1864, the first day of the Wilderness Campaign. Leonard Brownson was wounded in the head in the same battle. WWI casualties included Archie Bissonette who was wounded in battle and died of pneumonia at the age of 22 in a Massachusetts hospital in 1919. WWII killed in action includes Clinton Bostwick and Wyman Berry. Bostwick attended Hinesburg High School and died on June 11, 1944 on the beaches of Normandy. Berry who fought with the United States Marine Corps died in the battle of the Solomon Islands in October 1942. Born in Hinesburg in 1920, Berry was a 1938 graduate of Hinesburg High School.

Other interesting facts found during research are:

Dr. James Knox was a Civil War surgeon. George Ferguson was a substitute for Clayton Reed of Shelburne in the Civil War. Levi Benedict died in 1803 and served in the Revolutionary War. He was with the Connecticut Militia with Gillette Company. Orange Baldwin was taken prisoner in 1863 during the Civil War. He made it home and died in 1917.

The three researchers concluded their wonderful information by recommending that everyone take a walk around the cemetery as it's a great way to learn about those who came before us.

After Scoutmaster Norman Smith concluded reading the historical information, Rev. James Zuccaro of St. Jude's Church read a prayer. Following this, Daniel Silverman played taps. At the conclusion of the service the Scouts retired the colors.

We would like to thank Hinesburg Aubuchon Hardware for donating the flowers for the monument flower bed.

It is hoped that next year we can hold our traditional service, which was last held in 2019 but canceled in subsequent years because of COVID-19. We applaud those individuals who took it upon themselves to turn out this year to honor our veterans.



Babies (and parents) having a great time at Welcome Baby Picnic!

Welcome Baby Picnic a Success

BY ALEX KONCEWICZ, HCRC FRIENDS OF FAMILIES COORDINATOR; BETH ROYER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR; AND SHANNON WHEELER, HCRC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On Saturday, June 4, the Hinesburg Community Resource Center's Friends of Families and Carpenter-Carse Library celebrated the newest members of the Hinesburg community with our Welcome Baby Picnic. Delayed by two years as a result of the pandemic, this ordinarily annual event introduces growing families in our community to one another and to the resources available to them through HCRC and the library. On a glorious



rytime in the library garden and young people enjoyed water play in the water table brought over by HCRC. If you had a child in 2020-2022 and you didn't attend the event, please feel free to come to the library so we can dedicate a book to your new baby. Special thanks to First Roots —Wild Roots, Hinesburg Nursery School and Element Nail Salon for their donations and to all of our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to seeing families at future storytimes and playgroups!

The last HCRC Friends of Families playgroup of the season was held on June 17. We will have a couple storytimes over the summer (dates TBD) and we'll go back to weekly in-person playgroups in the fall and we hope to see you at our fall clothing and book swap! Carpenter-Carse Library holds weekly storytimes on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. On the third Saturday of the month, we offer a morning storytime at 11 a.m. No registration required. If you need more information about the resources for families that HCRC and the library have to offer, feel free to reach out to us via email or phone so we can help connect you to the wonderful resources we are lucky to share as a growing community.

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Universal School Meals Becomes Law

Vermont Students to Receive No-Cost Breakfast and Lunch for 2022-23

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, May 31, Gov. Phil Scott signed S.100, the Universal School Meals Act. This act, combined with legislation passed in this biennium to increase the use of Vermont foods and farm to school, means Vermont students will all have access to Farm Fresh School Meals every day.

The Universal School Meals Act ensures that all students in Vermont’s public schools have access to a healthy, nutritious breakfast and lunch daily, at no cost to themselves or their families, for the 2022-23 school year. Approved independent schools also have the option to opt-in to the program.

Additionally, this year’s state budget continued funding for Vermont’s Local Food Incentive Grant Program which was launched in the 2021-22 school year, and increased funding for the Farm to School and Early Childhood Program to \$500,000 in annual funding.

All schools in Vermont have provided Universal School Meals since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, with federal waivers providing additional, temporary funding for the program.

While the federal waivers end this summer, S.100 provides a one-year extension of Universal School Meals. Schools will continue to draw down federal dollars to support the school meal program, and the state’s education fund will cover the remaining cost.

The Legislature has expressed its intent to make Universal School Meals permanent in Vermont, and S.100 instructs the Agency of Education and the Joint Fiscal Office to bring back data in January 2023 to help the Legislature determine how to keep the program going after next school year.

The Local Food Incentive Grant Program, enacted by the Legislature in 2021, helps schools purchase more food directly from Vermont farms and producers. Coupled with the Vermont Farm to School and Early Childhood program, children are able to build a connection to farms in their communities and familiarity with nutritious, local ingredients, and more farms and producers can sell to schools and early childhood providers.

Farm Fresh School Meals for All in Vermont is the culmination of the work of a coalition of partners represent-

ing advocates, stakeholders, education and nutrition professionals, students and more. The group includes Hunger Free Vermont, Vermont FEED, the School Nutrition Association, the National Education Association of Vermont, Rights and Democracy, NOFA-VT, Shelburne Farms, the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance, the Vermont Farm to School and Early Childhood Network, the Vermont Foodbank and thousands of supporters from across Vermont.

“This is a coalition of teachers, students, parents, farmers, school nutrition professionals, and community members across Vermont. We could not have gotten this far without their voices, and it is an honor to have worked alongside them to ensure that every student, in every school, gets a nutritious breakfast and lunch, at no cost to the student; because no child deserves to learn what hunger feels like in school,” Anore Horton, executive director of Hunger Free Vermont, said Tuesday.

Betsy Rosenbluth, project director at Vermont FEED, agreed, saying, “Vermont schools and early childhood programs are looking to connect students with neighboring farms and local producers. The historic investment in Farm to School and Early Childhood made this year will help instill a lifelong connection with local food, agriculture and nutrition education more equitably with children across the entire state. And, when all students can eat school meals without shame or stigma, more Vermont kids experience local food and where that food comes from.”

Horton added that, because of the support of Vermont’s Legislature and Administration, every student will have access to a healthy breakfast and lunch while at school — and local farmers will have access to new school markets.

“We look forward to working with them in 2023 to make Universal School Meals permanent, and to continue to support local purchasing in schools and Farm to School and Early Childhood programming,” she said.

Scott Fay, president of the School Nutrition Association of Vermont, said, “With the passage of S.100 we will know that every Vermont student has access to a healthy breakfast and lunch while they’re at school. Vermont’s school nutrition programs will be able to focus on offering students top quality meals without the distractions of collecting money for unpaid debt. Our school cafeterias across the state will be free from stigma and students will receive meals equally and with the dignity that has eluded us prior to Universal Meals. This law will ensure that our students are fed and ready to learn so that our teachers will have a better chance to bring about desired educational outcomes.”

POLICE

Incidents

May 10: 12:35 p.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School to assist staff with a student issue.

May 11: 10:41 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

1:30 p.m. Suspicious activity on Magee Hill Road was investigated.

2:10 p.m. Officers assisted Hinesburg Fire with a car fire on Richmond Road.

May 12: 6 a.m. An officer was dispatched to Gilman Road for a single-car motor vehicle crash.

8:40 p.m. An officer assisted South Burlington Police with locating a witness for an investigation.

May 13: 12:06 p.m. Police were called to a vehicle on Route 116 for a passenger having mental health issues.

12:51 p.m. A residential burglary alarm on High Rock Road was investigated.

1:30 p.m. An officer responded to a citizen dispute on Jourdan Street.

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3:30 p.m. Officers were called to Route 116 for an individual having a mental health issue.

May 14: 11:55 a.m. An officer responded to Commerce Street for an individual having a mental health issue.

12:15 p.m. An officer responded to a domestic dispute on Hollow Road.

1:40 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

2:10 p.m. Officers responded to a single-car motor vehicle crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

May 15: 9 a.m. A 911 hang-up on Route 116 was investigated.

May 17: 9:20 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle identification number verification.

4:50 p.m. An officer served an Order Against Stalking to a resident on Patricia Place.

May 18: 8:15 a.m. An officer was dis-

CSWD

Is Recycling “Broken,” “Dead,” or Worse, “a Fraud”?

ALISE CERTA, MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

We wish articles like Chaz Miller’s “Is Recycling a Fraud?” would get the attention they deserve. Instead, national media seems intent on recycling (couldn’t resist) poorly researched, overly generalized, and falsely sensationalist stories about recycling being “broken” or even “dead.”

You can read Miller’s article at waste360.com/recycling/recycling-fraud.

Want to know the truth about recycling? Talk to the professionals doing the work — that’s us! — or even better, tour our Materials Recovery Facility, where all your blue bin recycling is processed and see it in action for yourself. See our list of tours and webinars below.

Bringing Yard Waste or Leaves to Our Facilities?

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Register for tours and webinars ahead of time, and see more event listings, at cswd.net/tours-webinars.

Public tour of the Materials Recovery Facility July 6, July 13, July 20, or July 27, 12:30-2 p.m.

Come see where your recycling goes! Materials Recovery Facility, 357 Avenue C, Williston.

Backyard Composting Workshop

July 6, 5:30-7 p.m.

July 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon July 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

Green Mountain Compost — EduShed, 1042 Redmond Road, Williston. You’ll learn the benefits of “closing the loop” with your own household food scraps in this interactive, hands-on demonstration of a healthy compost or digesting system.

patched to a single-car motor vehicle crash on North Road.

11:35 p.m. An officer was dispatched to a single-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

May 19: 11:45 a.m. Suspicious circumstances on Jourdan Street were investigated.

3:45 p.m. An officer responded to a three-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

7:12 p.m. An officer served a citation on Jourdan Street for Williston PD.

May 20: 8:45 a.m. An officer responded to Clover Lane for a child locked inside a motor vehicle.

8:41 p.m. Officers assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Thistle Hill Drive.

May 21: 9:45 a.m. An officer was dispatched to a burglary alarm activation at CVU.

10:42 a.m. An officer was dispatched to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street.

May 23: 7:05 p.m. Suspicious activity on Enos Road was investigated.

7:40 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Mountain Spring Court.

May 24: 1:51 p.m. An officer served court paperwork to a resident on Baldwin Road.

6:06 p.m. Officers investigated a late reported two-car motor vehicle crash.

May 25: 2:25 p.m. A citizen was assisted with employment-related fingerprints.

3:30 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash at the Jiffy Mart.

11:25 p.m. Theft from a motor vehicle on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

May 26: 10 a.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School to assist staff with a student issue.

7:20 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Hillview Terrace.

May 27: 10:22 a.m. Officers investigated the report of threats made to CVU.

1:50 p.m. A citizen was assisted with employment-related fingerprints.

4:04 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

May 29: 9:45 a.m. An officer was dispatched to a domestic dispute on Hillview Terrace.

1:53 p.m. The report of a loose dog in the area of Hillview Terrace was investigated.

4 p.m. The report of a loose dog in the area of Hidden Pasture was investigated.

May 31: 2:35 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on North Road.

6:23 p.m. Officers assisted a citizen on Hillview Terrace with a landlord/tenant issue.

June 1: 9:25 a.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School to assist staff with a student issue.

10:15 a.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a citizen dispute.

11:02 a.m. Suspicious circumstances on Baldwin Road were investigated.

1 p.m. A theft at Kinney Drugs was investigated.

1:05 p.m. The report of erratic operation by a motor vehicle on Route 116 was investigated.

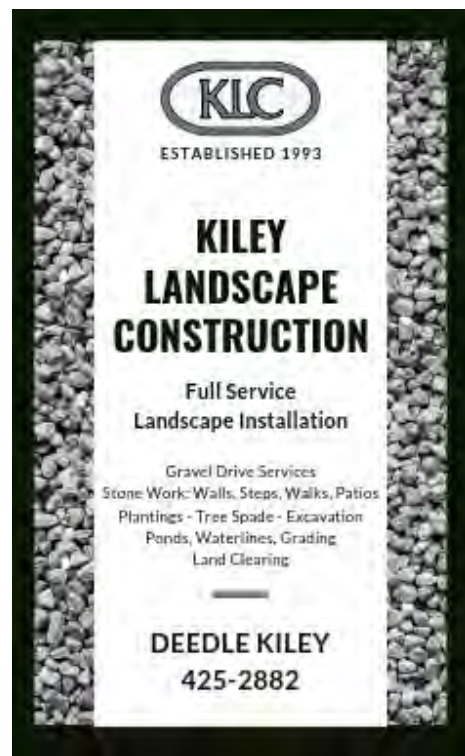
2:25 p.m. The report of harassment by electronic means was investigated.


June 2: 8:15 a.m. A medical alert alarm activation on Leavensworth Road was investigated.

8:45 a.m. An officer was dispatched to Silver Street for the report of livestock in the roadway.

1:50 p.m. Officers responded to North Road for a domestic dispute.

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Police

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June 3: 1:20 a.m. An officer was dispatched to CVU for the report of suspicious activity.

June 5: 7:45 a.m. An officer was dispatched to Green Street for the report of a missing juvenile.

3:40 p.m. Damage to a motor vehicle was reported and investigated.

June 6: 4:37 p.m. Found property was turned into the PD.

5:05 p.m. The report of harassment by electronic means was investigated.

June 7: 2 p.m. An officer assisted another agency with obtaining a statement from a resident on Green Street.

4:07 p.m. Officers investigated the report of a missing person in the area of CVU.

5:05 p.m. Suspicious activity was investigated on Tyler Bridge Road.

8 p.m. Suspicious activity was investigated on Jourdan Street.

June 8: 2:10 a.m. An officer was dispatched to Route 116 for the report of a suicidal individual.

9:50 a.m. A missing juvenile on Birchwood Drive was investigated.

4 p.m. Suspicious activity was investigated on Hillview Terrace.

8:10 p.m. An officer served paperwork to an individual on North Road.

June 9: 3:50 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a suicidal individual on Pond Road.

4 p.m. Suspicious activity was investigated on North Road.

June 10: 10:50 a.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Jourdan Street.

1:45 p.m. A fraud case on Green Street was reported and investigated.

3:45 p.m. A fraud case on North Road was reported and investigated.

8:25 p.m. An animal problem on Route 116 was investigated.

June 11: 8:05 a.m. Suspicious activity was investigated on Silver Street.

8:10 a.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Richmond Road.

3:15 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

5:55 p.m. Found property was turned into the PD.

June 13: 8:20 a.m. Found property was turned into the PD.

10:35 a.m. An officer responded to a single-car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road.

5:12 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a loose dog on Hollow Road.

June 14: 10 a.m. A fraud case on Route 116 was investigated.

12:03 p.m. Officers responded to Buck Hill Road for an individual having mental health issues.

9:38 p.m. An officer was dispatched to Green Street for a citizen dispute.

FIRE



John Lyman

Good Luck, John Lyman

We want to give a tremendous congratulations and thank you to Lieutenant John Lyman upon his retirement from the Hinesburg Fire Department on June 1. Lt. Lyman has served the department for 19 years, and joined April 17, 2003. Lyman obtained his FF1 from the Vermont Fire Academy and his EMT license alongside his wife, Amy. Lyman responded to countless emergencies throughout his career. Thank you for your service and enjoy your retirement.

Structure Fire

At 4:36 p.m. June 15, Hinesburg Fire Department and automatic second alarm mutual aid companies were dispatched for a report of a structure fire on CB Road. Shelburne Dispatch stated they had received reports from neighbors of flames coming out of the windows of the home.

HFD Engine 4 was the first to arrive on scene. Chief Baker reported that the structure was fully involved. The crew started fire attack and requested a third alarm. The third alarm re-tones HFD for a working incident and brings in additional mutual aid companies, which includes tankers for water supply.

The fire was declared under control at approximately 5:30 p.m. Crews began the task of checking for fire extension and overhaul. Fire command started to release mutual aid companies by 6:45 p.m. HFD and remaining mutual aid companies cleared the scene by 7:30 p.m.

There was no one home at the time of the fire, and there were no injuries. We were saddened by the loss of the family pet.

We would like to thank our mutual aid partners, Starksboro, Richmond, Richmond Rescue, Monkton, Shelburne, Charlotte and Williston for their response and assistance.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Call Log

May 1: 12:28 p.m. Two-car motor vehicle accident. One car rear-ended the second. There were no injuries.

1:36 p.m. Shelburne Fire requested mutual aid for a possible brush fire on Ridgfield Road. Mutual aid units were canceled while en route.

May 2: 12:14 a.m. Illegal burn on Patricia Place. The resident put out the fire on the arrival of HFD.

May 6: 7:40 a.m. Sunset Lane West for an electrical smell in the house. The resident stated the fuse box seemed hot. On arrival, there was no smoke or fire. Upon checking the fuse panel, firefighters found a burned fuse. The residence was checked with our carbon monoxide meter and thermal image camera. There was no fire or CO in the home. The power was shut off at the panel and the resident was instructed to contact an electrician.

May 10: 1:06 p.m. Beliveau Road, St. George for a report of a brush fire. Crews arrived to find a small brush fire, which was extinguished.

May 11: 9:48am Residential fire alarm on Leavensworth Road. No fire or smoke was found.

2:01 p.m. Vehicle fire on Richmond Road near Iroquois Manufacturing. On arrival, crews found a vehicle engine compartment fully involved. The fire was quickly gotten under control and extinguished. Williston Fire had been requested for mutual aid and was canceled.

May 12: 4:30 a.m. One-car motor vehicle crash on Route 2A in St. George. Dispatch reported the vehicle had rolled over and there was one injury. Crews arrived to find a vehicle on its roof off the west side of 2A just north of Acadia Lane. The vehicle had gone off the road near Acadia Lane and traveled approximately 200 yards before coming to a rest on its roof. The operator was treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported to UVM Medical Center.

May 13: 1:05 p.m. Texas Hill Road for a brush fire. The fire was approximately 0.25 acres large and extinguished.

4:57 p.m. Mutual aid to Monkton for a brush fire.

May 14: 2:13 p.m. Shelburne Falls Road near Boutin Road for a single-car crash into a telephone pole. Crews arrived to find a car off the north side of the road, which had hit and broken a telephone pole. The operator was still in the vehicle. The operator was treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported to UVMHC by Richmond. Shelburne Falls Road was closed for just over an hour pending the arrival of Green Mountain Power crews. Once GMP had secured the pole, the vehicle was removed, and the road opened.

May 16: 4:37 p.m. Route 2A and Apple Blossom Road, St. George for a two-car MVC. The first responder to arrive on scene located a minor crash. Both vehicles were off the road. The occupants stated they had no injuries and refused EMS treatment. Command canceled all responding units and cleared the scene.

May 18: 8:09 a.m. North Road for a one-car MVC. Crews located a car that had gone into the ditch. The operator stated they got distracted while pulling out of the driveway and went approximately 20 feet down an embankment. The operator stated no injuries and refused medical treatment.

May 20: 8:42 a.m. Clover Lane for a toddler locked in a vehicle. As HFD arrived on scene, Hinesburg Police Chief Cambridge, who responded from his home, also arrived. Chief Cambridge used the PD lockout tool to open the vehicle and reunite toddler and parent.

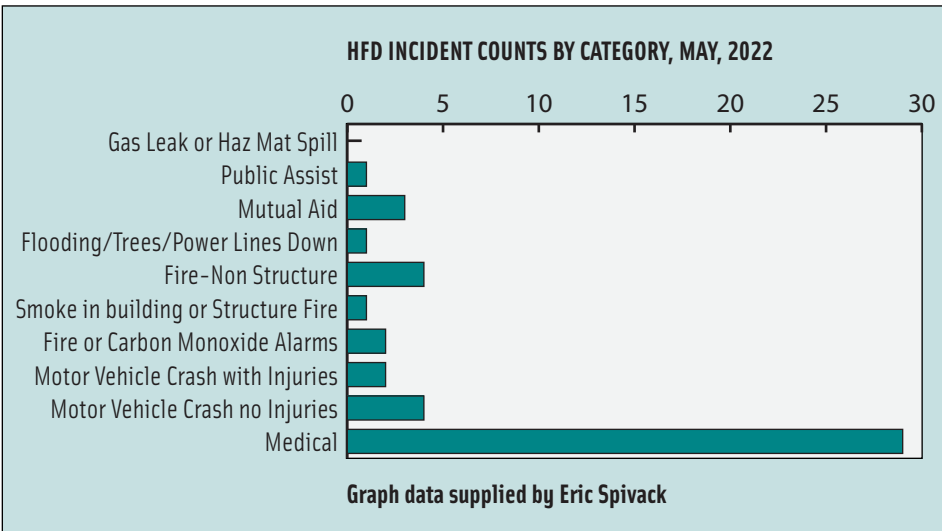
May 21: 10:43 a.m. One-car MVC near 1459 Silver Street. One vehicle swerved into the ditch, hitting a mailbox to avoid a vehicle that was stopped in the road. There were no injuries.

May 22: 9:04 p.m. Farmall Drive for a fire/CO alarm. The residence was checked by HFD with our meter. No smoke or fire was found.

May 31: 9:15 a.m. Williston Fire requested mutual aid from several departments for a fire at All Metals on Redmond Road. HFD was canceled while en route.

12:07 p.m. Richmond Road and Magee Hill for a tree across the road.

Follow us on Facebook at [HinesburgFireDepartment](#) and be sure to visit our website [hinesburgfd.org](#).



HFD responded to 47 calls in May.

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



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BUSINESS

Community Bank Honors National Hunger Awareness Month by Collecting and Donating to Local Food Pantries and Food Banks

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Community Bank will be supporting local food pantries and food banks in honor of National Hunger Awareness month (June) by collecting nonperishable food items and donations.

Community Bank holds food donations annually to support local food banks and food pantries in its four-state footprint, which includes New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Massachusetts.

Locally, Vermont region branches will be donating and contributing to local food pantries, food banks, and food shelves of their choice, including:

His Pantry — Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church

South Burlington Food Shelf

Rutland Community Cupboard

Vermont Foodbank

Bradford Churches Food Shelf

Williston Community Food Shelf

Hardwick Area Food Shelf

Winooski Food Shelf

Williston Community Food Shelf

Hinesburg Little Free Pantry

Franklin Grand Isle Community Action/ CVOEO

Fair Haven Concerned

Enosburg Food Shelf

Community Food Cupboard of Manchester

“We’re proud to help support the local food pantries and food banks that touch the communities we serve,” Regional Manager Anita Bourgeois said. “It’s an opportunity for our employee family to give back, be an active volunteer in our community, and help bring awareness to the important hunger issues that tens of millions of people in our country are faced with.”

Red Wagon Plants Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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

Julie Parker-Dickerson: Lasagna Gardening + Bed Building for Pollinator Habitat

Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m.-noon- Learn how to use the “lasagna garden” technique to build a no-till bed that can



A watercolor painting class will be held on July 23 with Lynn Cummings

be filled with flowers to increase pollinator habitat. Cost \$25.

Lynn Cummings: Watercolor Painting in the Garden — Summer Splash!

Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m.-noon- Join us in the garden for a fun morning expressing yourself in splashy watercolor in a very supportive class. We’ll explore several techniques to loosen up your watercolor painting. Cost \$45. Registration required by July 16.

Lucy Basa: Beginner’s Guide to Dyeing with Plants

Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m.-noon- This workshop will be a hands-on window into natural dyeing 101. We will walk through fabric prep, mordants, and dyeing techniques and participants will leave with some plant-dyed magic. Cost \$45.

Gwen Causer: Bird and Bee Friendly

Gardening

Thursday, Aug. 18 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Late summer is an excellent time to create habitat for the birds and bees in your garden. Join us for a late-season gardening workshop and birding outing. Cost \$15.

Sophie Cassel: Home Remedies from the Garden

Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Learn to harvest and process herbs for the home apothecary. Cost \$45.

Financial Focus: What To Expect From a Financial Advisor

FROM PRESS RELEASE

If you know how important it is to invest for your future, but you’re unsure of the road to follow, you may want to get some guidance and direction from a financial professional. But if you’ve never worked with one before, what can you expect?

Here are some things to look for:

Assessment — A financial advisor will assess your current financial situation — assets, income, debts and so on — but that’s just the start. These days, advisors recognize the need to view their clients’ lives holistically. Consequently, you will see questions like this: What are your feelings about investing? How would you judge your risk tolerance? What are your individual financial goals? What hopes and dreams do you have for your family?

Recommendations — Only after fully understanding your needs, goals and preferences will a financial advisor recommend any investment moves. There are no “one-size-fits-all” solutions. You may want to steer clear of individuals claiming to be financial advisors who “guarantee” big returns with no risk. In the investment world, there are few guarantees, and every investment carries some type of risk.

► July Fourth Schedule *continued from page 1*

Noon — An **Ice Cream Social** sponsored by the Community Alliance Church located in front of the Mason’s building on Route 116. **Mini golf** behind the police station until 5 p.m. **Hinesburgh Public House Lawn Party.**

2 p.m. — Book sales closes.

Dusk — **Fireworks** behind HCS sponsored by the Hinesburg Business & Professional Association.

Registration to participate in the parade with a float will be posted at hinesburgrec.com along with emails to hinesburgrec@gmail.com or 802-482-4208.

Communications — Financial professionals communicate with their clients in different ways, but you should always feel free to reach out to an advisor with any questions or concerns. Most financial advisors will want to meet with clients at least once a year, either in person or through an online platform, to review their investment portfolios. During the review, the financial advisor will help you determine if any changes are needed. But financial advisors won’t wait a full year to contact clients to discuss a particular investment move that might need to be made. Also, depending on the firm you choose, you should be able to go online to review your portfolio at your convenience.

Technology — A financial advisor can employ a variety of software programs to help clients. For example, a financial advisor can determine the rate of return you might need to attain specific goals, helping shape your investment strategy. But there are also a lot of “what ifs” in anyone’s life, so an advisor can use hypothetical illustrations to show you where you might end up if you take different paths, such as retiring earlier (or later) than you had planned or putting in more (or less) money toward a specific goal, such as education for your children. Anyone’s plans can change, so the ability to view different potential scenarios can prove valuable.

Above all, a financial advisor can help you feel more confident as you pursue your goals. Among investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a survey conducted in 2020 by Age Wave and Edward Jones. And during times of market turbulence, such as we’ve experienced this year, a financial advisor can help you avoid overreacting to downturns. When unexpected events crop up, such as a lapse in employment, a financial advisor can suggest moves that may enable you to avoid major disruptions to your financial strategy. Conversely, when a new opportunity emerges, perhaps from an inheritance or some other windfall, your financial advisor can help you take advantage of it.

Navigating the investment landscape can be challenging — but the journey can be a lot smoother if you’ve got the right guide.

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RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

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

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 15-July 13, 6:15-7:45 p.m. CVU Track. Cost: \$50 for residents and \$60 for nonresidents.

Adult and Youth Pickup Soccer

Mondays through Aug. 28. Location: Millie’s Field. Adult: 6:30-8 p.m. Register at hinesburgrec.com.

Golf Camp with Mike Slayton

Tuesday, July 19 to Friday, July 22, 9 a.m.-noon. Location: Cedar Knoll Golf Course. \$300.

Concerts in the Park

After July Fourth, the Recreation Commission hosts another beloved summer tradition with 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 25-plus year tradition. Grab a blanket or chair, some snacks, some friends, and let the kiddos run wild and dance! 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

July 27 — About Time

Aug. 3 — Shellhouse

Aug. 10 — Hinesburg Community Band

No rain dates.

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July at the Library

Hello, it’s July which means high summer season. First things first, the Library Friends Fourth of July book sale is happening on Sunday, July 3 from 5-8 p.m. and Monday, July 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This year the book sale is happening at the United Church Parish Hall, 10570 Route 116. Feel free to support your reading needs while also supporting your community library!

New adult books arriving this month include titles from Elin Hilderbrand’s “The Hotel Nantucket,” Katherine Center’s “The Bodyguard,” David Baldacci’s “The 6:20 Man,” and Ruth Ware’s “The It Girl.” Paul Doiron is back with a new mystery from his Mike Bowditch series called “Hatchet

Island,” and David Rosenfelt returns with a fuzzy dog mystery called “Holy Chow.” We also have a July full of programs for young people thanks to the Summer Reading Program, read on for more details.

Adult Programs

To register for any of the below adult programs or to get necessary Zoom links to join, email rachel@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 July 7, 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, July 13, 10:30 a.m. — Our morning book group will meet to discuss “And Now She’s Gone” by Rachel Howzell Hall. Contact programming librarian Rachel to reserve a copy of the book. This meeting will take place at the library, though if weather permits, we may meet outside.

Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m. — Evening Book Group: “The Brilliant Death” by Amy Rose Capetta (contact rachel@carpentercarse.org)

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CVSD New Leadership Hires

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

Gary Marckres: Chief Operations Officer

Gerald (Gary) Marckres has been appointed chief operations officer for the Champlain Valley School District. Gary is replacing Jeanne Jensen, who is stepping down as COO to work on special projects for the district. Marckres will begin his leadership duties on July 1.



Gary Marckres, CVSD's new chief

Library

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pentercarse.org for the Zoom link).

Youth Programs

If you have questions about youth programming, email jen@carpentercarse.org.

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 9:30 a.m. — Join the fun and learning at our **Weekly Storytime** We'll share picture books, songs, movement and rhymes that are designed to promote early language, fine motor and preliteracy skills in a friendly environment! We meet every week on the library lawn or patio, so plan to dress for the weather, and feel free to bring folding chairs or blankets. If the weather is rainy or cold, we will meet in the library community room. Each week we finish up Storytime with a simple craft or sensory activity and book browsing. Storytime is designed for babies, toddlers, and preschool/kindergarten-aged children and their caregivers, and no registration is required.

Throughout July 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.

Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m.-noon — drop in for free play with the library's Lego collection. There will also be Lego-related crafts and activities to have fun with. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a parent while visiting the library, so bring your parents in for the fun!

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 July, we offer 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, carpentercarse.org/summer-reading-program and register online. Space is limited, so please contact jen@carpentercarse.org to join the waiting list if a program you'd like to attend is full. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibility," and we look forward to exploring the oceans with you through movement, music and more.



Storytime at the library.

Marckres comes to CVSD from the South Burlington School District, where he has been the director of Operations and Financial Management for four years. He also was chair of the Grand Isle School/Champlain Islands School District's board of directors for many years. Gary served in the Army National Guard and was command sergeant major, commandant of the Regional Training Institute, and operations lead. He states that "the assignments as commandant of a regional training and education institute closely correlate to a superintendent role in a public setting. The financial management, accreditation, security, facilities management, food service, and staffing responsibility provided the direct experience which earned me the position I currently hold." He is a graduate of Post University with a Bachelor of

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produce from local seasonal farms and federal commodities, like canned and dried goods and meat.

Hank White and Jeff Glover were next in line to coordinate this key institution. White moved to Hinesburg in 1974, with his wife Sandra, to make the "open area" available to their two children. He enjoys giving so much time to the food shelf, saying he likes "helping people out and making sure they eat the right food." White mentions that demand decreased over the last couple years, due to COVID-19. He added that it's starting to pick back up again, which he enjoys, because he likes dealing with people on a one-to-one basis. White also has volunteered for 10 years each for "Hinesburg Rides" and "Meals on Wheels." Glover moved to Hinesburg 13 years ago from Williston. He enjoys the other volunteers and the friendships with the folks who come to the food shelf. He owns a window cleaning business, previously he was a middle school teacher in Richmond for 33 years. He also is the president of the homeowners association at Thistle Hill. He thanks the town of Hinesburg and the state of Vermont for all their assistance, as well as the 25 to 30 fellow volunteers who help out at the Hinesburg site.

All three want to mention the thanks they give to the Hinesburg residents who donate to the cause, as well as to Lantman's, which is a big contributor. Also, to the many food drives that the churches, fire department, community schools at holiday time, and the Rotary put on, as well as financial aid from SCHIP's Treasure in Shelburne, the community and private grants.

So many, many thanks go out to these three for all the time they have sacrificed and the effort they have made to make the Hinesburg Food Shelf a great success. Remember to give a huge wave and cheer as they go by on the Fourth.

Business Administration.

CVSD's COO oversees areas not directly related to academics, including transportation, facilities and grounds, food service, technology, human resources and finance.

Dr. Asma Ali Abunaib, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Dr. Asma Ali Abunaib, CVSD's new director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Dr. Asma Ali Abunaib has been appointed director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for CVSD. Abunaib will begin her leadership duties on June 1.

Superintendent Rene Sanchez shared, "Dr. Abunaib's knowledge and experience will enable the district to not only continue our DEI journey but also further it at a more rapid pace. With our other directors, she will help us increase inclusivity and equity within our schools."

Abunaib brings a wealth of experience to CVSD. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Gezira University, Sudan, and a higher diploma concentrating in peace and development studies from Juba University, Khartoum, South Sudan. After that, she earned a Master of Arts from the Intercultural Service Leadership and Management School for International Training Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont, and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Vermont.

Abunaib's most recent professional experience includes that of project manager for the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity and a senior advisor for Three Stones International, a Rwandan-based nonprofit.

Erin Gagne: Director of Early Education

Erin Gagne has been appointed director of Early Education for CVSD. Gagne will begin her leadership duties on July 1.

The CVSD Early Education director position is a critical component of our district's commitment to early education. The director oversees all aspects of early childhood education, including early childhood special education, Act 166/Universal Prekindergarten (and



Erin Gagne, CVSD's new director of Early Education.

managing the 50 community-based pre-K programs that CVSD partners with) and coordinating 0-3 services for young children with special education.

Gagne graduated from Rivier College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education, special education and human development. She earned her Master of Education degree in intensive special education from the University of Vermont. She has almost completed a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership from Saint Michael's College.

Erin joined CVSD last August as an intensive needs special educator and an early education intensive needs coach. Prior to that, she was an early childhood special educator and intensive needs special educator in the Missisquoi Valley School District in Swanton, Vermont.



Evan Sivo, CVSD's new Behavior Systems director.

Evan Sivo: Behavior Systems Director

Evan Sivo has been appointed Behavior Systems director for CVSD. Sivo will begin his leadership duties on July 1.

The Behavior Systems director is responsible for overseeing the CVSD ATLAS program (a highly specialized special education program for students with social-emotional disabilities) as well as working with CVSD leaders to provide district-wide leadership in the development of our systems of support for students who struggle with social-emotional learning. This position will help move forward the work of implementing our SEL systems of support.

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CVU Adds Off-Grid Solar to Their Sustainability Program Greenhouse

FROM GREEN MOUNTAIN SOLAR PRESS RELEASE

Champlain Valley Union High School has added a new element to its sustainability curriculum: an off-grid solar system.

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tem to power its greenhouse.

The idea started as a project from students in the Nexus program before being handed off to Tom Mongeon, director of maintenance, and sustainability teacher, Dave Trevithick.

"It can run the honey centrifuge and power tools, keep the goat's water unfrozen," says Dave. And, of course, it keeps the lights on, helping the students raise vegetables that are served up in the CVU cafeteria. Last year they grew 450 pounds of produce!

The system is made from 2,200 watts of LG solar panels, an Outback Power inverter and charge controller paired with KiloVault lithium iron phosphate batteries

Green Mountain Solar only does a handful of off-grid projects every year, explains Ben McFeeters, field supervisor. "Off-grid is not usually a feasible solution for most homeowners, but this was a unique situation where off-grid made more sense than attempting to make a grid-tied system because the electrical load was relatively small and, to run power to the greenhouse would have required expensive trenching across the parking lot. Along with growing their own food, they can now produce all the power needed right on-site!"

The system was funded by a donation by Phil Lassalle.

About Green Mountain Solar: Green Mountain Solar is a local solar company based in South Burlington, Vermont. They install solar (roof-, ground-, and carport-mounted), battery backup systems, heat pumps and electric vehicle chargers for residential and commercial customers across the state. They pride themselves in their educational, customer-first approach to solar and aim to deliver the best solar experience in Vermont. To learn more about services offered by Green Mountain Solar, visit greenmtnsolar.com.



Solar panels on the CVU greenhouse.

First Roots — Wild Roots Celebrates Decades of Teacher Tenure

BY ANDREA SAMBROOK,
DIRECTOR/OWNER OF FIRST
ROOTS — WILD ROOTS

First Roots —Wild Roots is excited to celebrate the 20-year anniversaries of two longstanding early childhood educators Angela Poppy and Lindsay LePage — in partnership with 15-year anniversaries of two of their colleagues, Maeghan Booska and Maria Tenney-Lawyer! This team of four has experienced firsthand the evolution of the school for half of its nearly 40-year history in Hinesburg, as well as the growth in themselves as early childhood professionals. Maria, who grew up in Hinesburg, reflected, "It means so much to me to have found a way to give back to my home community. I get to see the friendships I had growing up in a new perspective as I meet and interact with their kids. It's such a special way to come full circle." Maeghan agrees with Maria and shared that she is most proud of "seeing 'kids' now, that I had as students 15 years ago, becoming active adult members of our community. It really underscores the work we do — scaffolding and honoring each creative, compassionate and colorful individual toward being the



From left to right: Maeghan Booska, Maria Tenney-Lawyer, Angela Poppy and Lindsay LePage.

best version of themselves in a global community."

A day in the life of an early childhood educator of children up to age 8 is full of "peak" moments of learning through play that might be overlooked in their importance to the outside observer. These moments lay the foundation of a child's lifelong confidence in themselves to be a good friend, someone who can learn new and hard things — all through the complexities of play. A child's brain is physiologically built through play experiences, "serve and return" interactions with caring adults, and assessing personal risk in outdoor play. Feedback loops of successes (e.g., my friend agreed to play with me) and missteps (e.g., oops and ouch, I fell off that log) build new learning and practice for the next time. A teacher's role is to facilitate big ideas and interests through inquiry, provide novel experiences and materials, and to help children seek comfort in all of the seasons and diversity in life and in the natural landscape. And perhaps most important, to develop respectful and authentic relationships with children as people.

Maeghan recounted that her peak moment as a teacher could be described as a joy and a gift to be a part of sharing each small success with a child: from mastering a fear of heights, pumping on the swings for the first time, recognizing/writing letters in their name, and so many more milestones! And while children have an innate propensity for play, adults who work with children do too! Play making is just one

of the important skills they bring as longtime educators. For Angie, her self-described superpower is organization, support and encouragement. Lindsay, too, has a deep well of support and encouragement — and her specialty is supporting potty learning! Maria's true passion is books and early literacy in every form, such as storytelling in the woods. And for Maeghan, she values her problem-solving skills and most especially her intuition — both inherent and acquired as a teacher coach — as a gift in her work with children, families and colleagues.

When asked what each of these experts would say to their teacher-self 15 or 20 years ago, the replies are enthusiastic and loving:

Maria: "Do it! Early childhood education is one of the hardest, yet [most] strengthening and meaningful, jobs there are."

Angie: "It's worth it! Keep advocating for yourself, for your profession and for families."

Maeghan: "The more you do, the more you know. Experience is key. Being confident in yourself will open so many doors personally and professionally — and will lead to so many different adventures!"

Lindsay: "Hold onto your pants, it's going to be a crazy fun ride!"

First Roots — Wild Roots is a 5 STAR nature-based, early childhood education program serving families with children 6 weeks to 8 years old, located in Hinesburg and Underhill.

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Tiny Art Auction Begins July 4

BY JEAN KIEDAISCH



Barn Owl by Ashley Wolff.

Searching for a gift for a friend? Want to treat yourself to an original work of art created by a local artist? The fifth annual Responsible Growth Hinesburg tiny art auction of four-inch by four-inch paintings may have just what you're looking for!

The online auction begins on the Fourth of July. That day, stop in to view the artwork at the table outside the United Church Parish Hall (inside if it's raining) any time from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bidding occurs online from July 4-18 at biddingowl.com/RGHinesburg. Successful bidders will be notified on July 19 by phone or email. The money raised will be donated to the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

This year's artists include Mary Azarian, Cynthia Guild-Kling, Marcy Kass, Gregory Maguire, Sarah Morrison-Yates, Nola Parker, John Penoyer, Ashley Wolff and more!

Also, at the table will be copies of two histories of Hinesburg, reprinted by RGH, for a suggested \$5 donation. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship for a CVU student who is working on a worthy climate change project in Hinesburg. The student may be nominated by a faculty member or may apply directly.

Audubon Vermont Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

All events are at the Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington, unless otherwise noted. For more information, go to vt.audubon.org/events, (802) 434-3068, vermont@audubon.org.

Heart of Summer Bird Monitoring

Thursday, July 14, 7:30-9 a.m.

Enjoy a cool morning of birding at

Audubon. Catch a glimpse of the birds that nest in Vermont before they start thinking about their fall migration journey.

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.

Normally with light rain forecast, we will go ahead with the walk. If strong winds or heavy rain are expected, we will reschedule the walk. Please check our website if in doubt about the weather. We'll post an update if we need to cancel/reschedule.

Pride Hikes: Raven Ridge

Co-hosted by Audubon Vermont, Pride Center of Vermont, Outright Vermont and the Nature Conservancy Vermont

Saturday, July 16, 1-3 p.m.

Location: Raven Ridge Natural Area, 1697 Rotax Road, Monkton.

Join us for our July Pride Hike at Raven Ridge in Monkton. "Raven Ridge has lovely views, cliffs, caves and exceptional wildlife habitat. If Raven Ridge could be described in one word it would be diversity. The calcareous cliffs, outcrops and caves, vernal pools, shrub swamps, cattail marshes, seeps, plus streams like Lewis Creek, all offer extraordinary habitat." — The Nature Conservancy, Vermont.

This Pride Hike has the option to be fully accessible to all abilities! There's a boardwalk at the start of the trail that "spans 935 feet over a sensitive wetland and leads to a 748-foot accessible trail, creating a third of a mile of access for visitors of all physical abilities." There are also options for longer, ridge-top hiking. We are very flexible about the trails we choose based upon the needs of the group. We will have staffing on board to support everyone.

Please register in advance for COVID-19 contact-tracing purposes and to let us know your hiking preferences. Your information will be kept confidential and used only for COVID-19 tracing. To hold your spot please sign up at tiny.one/Pride-Raven.

Questions? Contact Gwendolyn Causer at gwendolyn.causer@audubon.org.

All ages, allies and families welcome! Youth under 18 years should be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Due to the delicate components of this natural area, there are no dogs allowed.

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OUTDOORS

Fires and Swimming Are Prohibited at Fishing Access Areas

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

With the beginning of summer and anglers fishing from shore, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds people that open fires and swimming are prohibited at all Vermont state fishing access areas.

Open fires and their remnants create unsafe areas for other anglers and boaters to use and enjoy. The remnants of

these fires are also unhealthy for the animals and fish that live in the adjacent waters. Fish & Wildlife cleans up the toxic waste left by open fires on state lands annually at considerable expense.

Swimming at fishing access areas is prohibited due to safety concerns and because the primary uses of the fishing access areas are for launching and retrieving motorboats and for shore fishing.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department maintains 196 developed fishing access areas on lakes and rivers throughout the state. These areas have allowed uses determined by law, and swimming is not one of them.

The access areas were purchased and are maintained with funds derived from the sale of fishing licenses and motorboat registrations, as well as a federal

excise tax on fishing equipment, fishing tackle and gasoline for motorboats. These funding sources explicitly prohibit activities that are in conflict with fishing and boating.

Fish & Wildlife regulations prohibit certain uses of fishing access areas including, but not limited to — swimming, littering, camping, picnicking, making a fire, parking of vehicles not related to priority uses and commercial activity.

“Vermont state game wardens will be strictly enforcing the rules at state fishing access areas this summer,” said Col. Jason Batchelder, Vermont’s chief game warden. “Please help keep our lands clean and open for others to enjoy, and report violations to your local warden or use the anonymous Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-75ALERT. Reports of time-sensitive violations should be called in to a local state police radio dispatcher who can contact a warden.”

Ephemerals and Insects

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

It is springtime in Vermont and our forests are beginning to fill with green. While the growing season for trees is just beginning, spring ephemeral wildflowers on the forest floor are nearing the end of their short lives. “Ephemerals” like hepatica, bloodroot, trout lily, Dutchman’s breeches, blue cohosh, spring beauties and wild leeks are so-called because they live the majority of their lives in the brief (ephemeral) window between when the soil thaws and when trees sprout leaves.

Ephemerals hold a special place in many forest-lovers’ hearts, both for their beauty and for their roles as harbingers of spring — they are the first flowers to bloom after a long winter.

Besides being important in their own right, some of ephemerals’ most fascinating qualities are their enigmatic relationships with insects.

Dutchman’s breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*) and squirrel corn (*Dicentra canadensis*) have unique flowers, similar to the closely-related domestic plant bleeding heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*). Around 60-80% of Vermont’s plants rely on insects for pollination, and *Dicentra* is among them; their strange flowers are pollinated nearly exclusively by queen bumblebees. Bumblebee colonies die each winter, leaving only a mated queen to emerge and start a new colony in the spring. The evolutionary relationship between bumblebees and *Dicentra* is such that the emergence of bumblebee queens is timed with the blooming of these flowers.

While bumblebees also visit other flowers, some insects rely on a single species. The spring beauty miner bee (*Andrena erigeniae*), one of Vermont’s more than 300 species of native bees, is a spring beauty specialist — visiting only tiny spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*) flowers. The uncommon West Virginia white butterfly (*Pieris virginensis*) is completely reliant on toothworts (*Cardamine* spp.) to complete their life cycle; while adults may consume nectar from other flowers, their larvae can only grow on toothworts.

While bees and butterflies are our most famous pollinators, a variety of other insects also help our native plants reproduce. Rather than produce sweet-smelling flowers, Canadian wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*) and red trillium (*Trillium erectum*; also known as wake robin and stinking Benjamin) produce a gross smell that attracts gnats, beetles and flies foraging for rotting animals in the spring forest.

Many ephemerals also rely on some of our region’s more than 130 species of

ants to disperse their seeds. Ephemeral species such as bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), Trillium, *Dicentra*, spring beauty and Canadian wild ginger produce seeds with a fatty appendage called an elaiosome. Ants transport these seeds across the forest to their colonies, where they consume the elaiosomes and discard the seeds.

The presence of spring ephemerals in our forests is an incredible testament to their resilience. In a region whose forests had been about 80% cleared in the last 200 years, the fact that any of these ephemerals — and their insect associates — are here at all is nothing short of a miracle. But while they (like our forests) are resilient, they are also under threat.

The biggest threat to any forest plant, animal or tree is deforestation; Vermont is losing thousands of acres of forestland per year, and with them entire biological communities. Our remaining forests are increasingly fragmented, preventing plants and insects from colonizing new areas and creating islands of habitat within which populations of many species are vulnerable to local extinctions.

Besides deforestation, ephemerals and their insect associates must contend with many other threats embodied in our changed and changing world. Locally high deer populations may browse these species to death, and nonnative invasive plants, like garlic mustard, buckthorn, honeysuckle and Japanese barberry, form monocultures in the forest understory, displacing both ephemerals and the insects that rely on them. As our climate changes, the complex and delicate evolutionary relationships between insects and plants, like the timing of the emergence of queen bumblebees and the blooming of *Dicentra*, are under threat. The effects of these changes ripple up the food chain, impacting larger species like songbirds, mammals and, of course, ourselves.

Like so many parts of our forests, spring ephemerals and the insects that rely on them are unique, important and at risk. As our world changes around us, we must protect healthy, whole forests in the name of a functional and beautiful world — and to ensure that our grandchildren can enjoy these incredible wildflowers blooming in the understory of the spring forest.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. linktr.ee/ChittendenCountyForester.



ARTS & LEISURE

Announcing Vermont Reads 2022: The Most Costly Journey

FROM VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

Much of the work on Vermont dairy farms is done by people from Latin America. Over a thousand migrant laborers from Mexico and other countries milk cows, fix tractors, shovel manure and take care of calves in our state.

We’re pleased to announce that our Vermont Reads 2022 book is “The Most Costly Journey” (“El Viaje Más Caro”), an anthology of comics that depict the oral histories of these workers.

The book had its genesis at the Open Door Clinic in Middlebury, a free health clinic that serves people who do not have health insurance, and those who are underinsured. About half of the clinic’s patients are agricultural immigrant workers.

We invite Vermont communities to take part in Vermont Reads 2022 by planning projects centered around “The Most Costly Journey” and its themes of migration, farming, mental health, cartooning, family, labor movements and the Latinx experience, among others. We’re accepting applications now for projects that begin after July 1.

Vermont Reads Events

To support “The Most Costly Journey” we’ll host a series of monthly public events starting in July, featuring in-person and online discussions and presentations around the book’s themes. For more information, including a video about the book, go to tiny.one/VTReads2022.

Art Show at the Birds of Vermont Museum

Fine Feathers, at Play With Structure and Function

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Birds of Vermont Museum has been hosting themed community art shows since 2014. Each winter, the staff develops a bird-related theme for the exhibit and posts a call to artists, inviting submissions in varied media. Our 2022 art show, “Fine Feathers,” features over 60 artists, photographers and poets sharing works inspired by birds and their feathers. Human creativity is influenced by feather colors, shapes, patterns and functions.

Through illustration, painting, textile, collage, photography, sculpture and the written word, these creative expressions are as varied as the feathered creatures they depict. The viewer is probably most familiar with the function of feathers — how they help birds stay warm, keep dry, blend in and show off during breeding season. While feathers are wildly diverse, they all share the same basic parts and a branching

structure. Terms like barbs, barbules, calamus and rachis come into play when one is closely examining feathers. And let’s not forget the types of feathers — wing, down, tail, contour, semiplume, bristle and filoplume. Each feather is poetic in its own right, and yet each artwork carries a human connection. Viewers will find something of their own connection as they explore this exhibit. The artwork is a celebration and thesis functioning as both beauty and instruction. We welcome all to come visit and be inspired.

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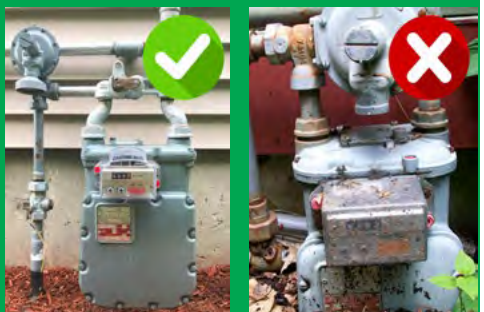
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Lewis Creek Association Continues Combating Aquatic Invasive Species at Bristol and Monkton Ponds

BY MATTHEW GORTON AND KATE KELLY

Aquatic invasive plant species (sometimes referred to as AIS) have been present in the Lewis Creek watershed for decades and outcompete native plants by forming dense mats of vegetation. These dense mats impede recreational boaters, swimmers and anglers and degrade ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Aquatic invasive plants are spread via seeds, roots and fragments of plants and by animals and humans.

Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond are popular destinations for anglers, recreational boaters and wildlife enthusiasts. As of 2021, there were three known

aquatic invasive species in Bristol Pond: European frogbit, Eurasian watermilfoil, and brittle naiad. And two aquatic invasive species in Monkton Pond: Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. Therefore, Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond could function as points of introduction for the spread of aquatic invasive species in the Lewis Creek watershed and throughout the state. Lewis Creek Association, a local nonprofit watershed group, recognizes the importance of keeping additional AIS out of Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond, as well as preventing the spread of AIS from Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond to other areas of the state.

To this end, LCA applied for and was awarded a grant from the Lake

Champlain Basin Program, to continue its Boat Launch Steward Program at Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond. The boat launch stewards greet boaters as they arrive at the ponds and offer to inspect their boats for aquatic invasive species, while also collecting data on where the boat has been and how many aquatic organisms they encountered. They educate boat owners on how to prevent the spread of AIS, which includes cleaning, draining, and drying your boat (and other equipment that has been in the water!) before moving to a different water body. This even includes swimsuits and life jackets that could carry small microscopic organisms like the fishhook water flea, which was recently found in Lake Champlain.

During the summers of 2020 and 2021, LCA’s boat launch stewards interacted with 1,168 boats, and intercepted 300 boats that had aquatic plants on them launching in to the ponds. They educated many more members of the community at Bristol Pond. While conducting their duties the boat launch stewards directly prevented potential AIS infes-

tations to other waterbodies, and may have indirectly prevented hundreds of AIS infestations by educating the public.

LCA looks forward to coordinating a volunteer day in conjunction with Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to remove brittle naiad from Bristol Pond (where it has been newly discovered, and should be able to be removed). Next time you are out at Bristol Pond or Monkton Pond, say hi to LCA’s boat launch stewards! They will gladly discuss any topics regarding AIS and show you how you can do your part in preventing the spread of AIS. If you’re interested in attending the volunteer removal day, or want to learn more, reach out to Kate Kelly, program manager for LCA, at lewisecreekorg@gmail.com or 802-488-5203.

This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (LC 00A00707-0) to NEIWPCC in partnership with the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

PEOPLE

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom Announces Scholarship Recipients

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2022 Eunice B. Farr Incentive Award scholarships. “It is a pleasure to award these scholarships on an annual basis. We wish these motivated students the best of luck in their future endeavors,” said Eric Haskin, president and CEO of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom. This year’s recipients were as follows:

Champlain Valley Union High School — Heather Moss

Harwood Union High School — Josie Rand

Mount Abraham Union High School —

OBITUARIES

Douglas W. Lantman

Douglas W. Lantman, 94, of Essex, formerly of Hinesburg, Vermont, passed away suddenly on June 8, 2022, after a brief period of declining health.

Doug was born on Feb. 10, 1928, in Burlington, Vermont, and was the second of three sons born to Lyn and Elizabeth (Laforce) Lantman.

Doug was raised in Hinesburg, Vermont, and graduated from Hinesburg High School in 1946. He worked for his father and uncle Harry at the family grocery store Lantmans which he ran/owned until his retirement in 1988.

Doug married Betty June Riggs on Sept. 4, 1949. They were married 71 years having just celebrated their anniversary before Betty’s passing on Sept. 14, 2020.

Doug loved every minute of his 90 years as a resident of Hinesburg. Whether living in the village or up at his home on Lake Iroquois, he was proud to be from there. He would do anything and everything he could for his hometown and its people. He gave countless people their first jobs and was always available to offer advice or lend a helping hand.

Doug was an avid deer hunter owning multiple camps over the years ending with the Albee Brook Lodge in Granville, Vermont, which he laughingly credited as the secret to his long marriage. Many memories were made by all at camp.

Doug spent his retirement maintaining his home at Lake Iroquois. He was a jack of all trades, and was always in his shop ready to loan a tool or help fix anything. He had every tool you could imagine and knew exactly where it was in his shop.

Doug and Betty moved to Mansfield Place in Essex in 2018. He enjoyed all the new “girlfriends” he had there to take care of him. He entertained his family with his stories of all the resi-



Douglas W. Lantman

dents at Mansfield, especially his table mates Bob, Bob and Larry.

Doug leaves behind his daughters Beth Sasala and Kay Loudon (Gayle Leroi) and his grandchildren Douglas Sasala, Megan Sasala, Thomas Loudon and David Loudon (Bronwen).

Doug was predeceased by his wife Betty; his parents Lyn and Elizabeth, brothers John (Claire) and Richard (Joyce) and son-in-law Stephen Sasala.

At his request, a private burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

A celebration of life for Doug and Betty will be held July 17, from 1-4 p.m. at Isham Family Farm in Williston.

The family would like to thank Pat Palmer, Brian Busier and Don Loudon for their many calls and visits to Doug at Mansfield Place. We would also like to acknowledge his nurse Sandra and caregiver Tenzin for their support to Doug and his family.

Contributions may be given to the United Church of Hinesburg, P.O. Box 39, Hinesburg, Vermont 05461 or the Hinesburg Fire Department, P.O. Box 12, Hinesburg, Vermont 05461.

Arrangements are in care of Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot Street, Richmond, Vermont.

Dylan German

Mount Mansfield Union High School — Kylee Semmell

Middlebury Union High School — Cassie Bettis

Vergennes High School — Madeline DeGraaf

Each year, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom grants six scholarships, one to each of the public high schools that students from our service area attend. These scholarships are donated in memory of the late Eunice B. Farr, former owner and operator of the Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company and grandmother of Eric Haskin. The criteria of the scholarship are as follows, “The award should be presented to a graduating senior that plans subsequent education, be it college or trade school. The faculty should select an individual that has shown a steady improvement in his or her academics, but is not necessarily at the top of the class. The award is designed to benefit a hard-working graduate that his or her instructors have found to demonstrate a sincere effort to improve grades/results and plans continuing education.”

Tree Champions Recognized

VERMONT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM PRESS RELEASE

Several Vermont tree champions recently were recognized by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program for their stewardship of their community’s forests and trees.

The Vermont Arbor Day Award was given posthumously to David Raphael, founder of LandWorks, a landscape architectural firm in Panton. This prestigious award recognizes an individual who has made a longtime commitment to preserving and protecting the local urban and community forest. In addition to being a dedicated steward of the environment, Raphael shared ideas and expertise as a member of the VT UCF Advisory Council for more than two decades.

The following locals are among the recipients of the 2022 Vermont Tree Steward Awards:

Hamilton Award: Paul Wiecezorek, Hinesburg. This award goes to a tree warden who has advanced the goals of urban and community forestry through public education and sustainable forestry practices. As Hinesburg’s tree warden for 20 years, Wiecezorek has guided the removal of hazard trees, led the town’s public tree and ash inventory, and advised his town’s planning commission and development review board in both the development of regulations and during the review process of major subdivision applications. He also organizes volunteers to plant trees on Green Up Day and to inspect and prune trees in the fall to prevent damage from sidewalk snowplows. In addition, he is the president of the Hinesburg Land Trust and led the effort to acquire 291 additional acres for the Hinesburg Town Forest, increasing its size to 1,125 acres.

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The show runs from May 1 to Oct. 31 at the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington. The museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, from 10 a.m.

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Practitioner: Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County forester. This honor recognizes a practitioner’s leadership in the profession and unique contributions to the field of urban and community forestry. As county forester, Tapper has developed and implemented management plans for many municipal forests, including Indian Brook Park in Essex and Andrews Community Forest in Richmond. He writes newspaper columns on a regular basis and hosts tree walks and other educational events to educate the public about forestry practices that enhance ecosystem health.

VT UCF is a partnership between UVM Extension and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. To learn more, visit vtcommunityforestry.org.

Recent Graduates University of Vermont

The following Hinesburg students graduated from the University of Vermont during commencement ceremonies in May 2022.

Carson Barbour, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Kendall Blanck, Bachelor of Science in biochemistry.

William Burroughs, Bachelor of Science in community entrepreneurship.

Alice Drew, Bachelor of Arts in environmental studies.

Chandler Jacobson, Master of Business Administration.

Evan Kaye, Bachelor of Arts in political science.

Rosalie LaCroix, Bachelor of Science in psychological science.

Aidan May, cum laude, Bachelor of Science in biochemistry.

Lillian Miner, Bachelor of Arts in political science.

Jack Morris, Bachelor of Science in economics.

Sara Music, Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Lauren Polk, Bachelor of Science in biological science.

to 4 p.m., during these months. There will be an informal reception/meet the artists on Thursday, July 14, at 3 p.m. The museum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Road in Huntington.

For a full list of the participating artists, go to: tiny.one/2022bird-museum-art.

Adam Polonski, Master of Business Administration.

Emily Raymond, Master of social work.

Jessica Riley, Master of Education in educational leadership.

Annie Wernhoff, magna cum laude, a Bachelor of Arts in psychological science.

The College of Charleston, South Carolina

Tyler Brooks, Bachelor of Arts in biology.

William Ravell, Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

American University

Hinesburg resident **Sage Coates-Farley** graduated magna cum laude from American University this May and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society. Sage earned double majors in Arab world studies and international studies and spent her final semester studying abroad in Amman, Jordan to advance her Arabic language skills. During her time at American University, Sage achieved the dean’s list every semester, participated in the Alpha Phi Omega community service fraternity, and won a university award for outstanding achievement in foreign language study and practice. Additionally, her achievements earned her a Fulbright UK Summer Institute, which brought her to Wales, and a

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Gilman Scholarship for study abroad and critical language study from the U.S. Department of State. She also spent three semesters working in AU’s Office of Merit Awards to help other students in their pursuit of similar competitive scholarships. Post-graduation, Sage is looking forward to returning to the Middle East to begin her career and further her Arabic skills.

Castleton University, Vermont

The following Hinesburg students recently graduated from Castleton University:

Jayden Grant, Bachelor of Science in marketing. **Ann McCarter**, Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Saint Lawrence University, New York

Lucy Mathews of Hinesburg has graduated from Saint Lawrence University. Mathews graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and government.

Vermont Tech

Sara McKenzie of Hinesburg is a graduate of the Class of 2022 and earned an Associate of Science in nursing.

Higher Education Honors

Madeline Baker, **Alix St. Hilaire**, and **Samantha Haviland**, all of Hinesburg, have been named to the Winter 2022

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president’s list at Southern New Hampshire University. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum GPA of 3.70 and above are named to the president’s list.

Emma Bissonette and **Abby Ferrara**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Spring 2022 dean’s list at the University of Rhode Island.

Kayli Carlson of Hinesburg was named to the Lasell University dean’s list for their academic performance in the Spring 2022 semester. Lasell is in Massachusetts.

Clara Cichoski Kelly and **Mary Titus**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Castleton University dean’s list for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

Graham Perry Coates-Farley of Hinesburg, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering, was named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2022 semester at Clarkson University in New York.

Natan Hicken of Hinesburg has been named to the dean’s list for John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

Owen McCuin and **Deona Proulx**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Winter 2022 dean’s list at Southern New Hampshire University. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum GPA of 3.50 to 3.69 are named to the dean’s list.

Zachary Rock of Hinesburg has been named to the Spring 2022 Student Honors List at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes part-time students with a 4.0 GPA.

University of Vermont Dean’s List

The following Hinesburg students have been named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont:

Ashton Barbeau, biological science major.

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Kendall Blanck, biochemistry major.

Michaela Buscher, business administration major.

Alice Drew, environmental studies major.

Andre Eastman, business administration major.

Lena Heinrich, zoology major.

Julia Hillier, exercise science major.

Harper Mead, elementary education, K-6 major.

Lillian Miner, political science major.

Olivia Morton, biology major.

Lauren Polk, biological science major.

To be named to the dean’s list, students must have a GPA of 3.00 or better and rank in the top 20% of their class in their respective college or school.

COMMENTARY

From Hinesburg to Skopje: A Fourth of July Reflection

BY NATHAN FRY

“1986 was the best year of my life.”

My mechanic peered over the top of his round, steel rimmed glasses at me, his blue eyes sharp below a mad scientist shock of white hair. I had planned to be in and out of the shop that morning — a simple car pickup that should have taken five minutes. But when I showed up in my military camouflage uniform, my

mechanic started to tell me about his own experiences as an air defense artillery officer in the Yugoslav National Army. Twenty minutes later, I was still standing at the worn service desk, struggling to keep his gaze as he described what it felt like to be an officer at the twilight of Yugoslavia.

“That year,” he continued, “I was a captain and received an assignment back in Macedonia. I knew every one of these hilltops.” He gestured out the window to the rolling Macedonian terrain. “Most of the time, it was just me, my crew, and a few shepherds out there for days at a time. We set up our artillery pieces on a hill for a few weeks, camped out, then broke everything down and moved to the next hill. At night, it was totally quiet and you could see the stars.” His crisp English trailed off and he paused for a moment. “You know, the Yugoslav Army was so strong. Everyone respected us and Tito made sure that we took our mission and our training seriously. And on the weekends, I had the money to go to Croatia to the coast. Then, one day we woke up and it was all gone.” He was quiet and looked down at the oil-stained floor of the garage, perhaps

tracing the arc of life that had taken him from promising military officer to operating a small, struggling mechanic shop. I tried hard for a way to fill the awkward silence, but there was nothing to say.

The conversation that I had with my mechanic about the fall of Yugoslavia was uncommonly frank, but is a frequent theme with people from former Yugoslavia who are old enough to remember life at that time. Yugoslavia, founded in 1946 by former partisan fighter Josip Broz Tito, existed for nearly 50 years before it suddenly unraveled from 1991-1992 as ethnic and nationalistic factions pulled apart the unity that Tito had enforced. For many people who remember former Yugoslavia, the memories are mixed. As a socialist state, Yugoslavia had its own version of the secret police and jailed dissidents and those who spoke out against the regime. However, unlike the larger Soviet Union states and members of the Warsaw Pact, Yugoslavia rejected a pure Russian Soviet ideology and pursued a policy of nonalignment starting in the early 1960s. On a political level, this meant that Tito carefully threaded the needle to maintain a working relationship with both the United States and the Soviet Union, while maintaining enough distance to create his own brand of socialism in Yugoslavia. On an individual and societal level, the less repressive form of socialist government meant that the “common person” who didn’t rock the political boat enjoyed a relatively wide range of freedom when compared to people in the Soviet bloc. As one of my Macedonian co-workers put it, “We could go anywhere with our Yugoslav passport, no visa required, just maybe a little bribe money to the customs agent at the border.” Ironically, passport holders from the current day Republic of North Macedonia, a relatively stable democratic country, need a visa to travel to many Western European states and to the United States. The contrast between the two experiences is awkward and confusing. How did a supposedly repressive regime on the fringes of European society provide more freedom to travel and interact with the world than does a supposedly integrated democratic state? As many in North Macedonia will tell you, freedom is often more about financial wealth and respect on the world stage than it is the government you live under. It was this financial wealth and respect that my mechanic was thinking of when he noted that one day he woke up and it had all disappeared.

In truth, until I served in North Macedonia, I never considered how rapidly a state can dissolve and a people completely lose their identity and international respect. Now, having been here for two years, I see every day how the loss of identity can result in a complete loss of bargaining power and leverage on a world stage. As a Macedonian colleague noted about North Macedonia’s current struggle with Bulgaria to enter the European Union, “Thirty-three years ago, Bulgaria couldn’t raise a finger toward Yugoslavia without asking per-

mission. We looked at the state of their country and thought about how nice it was to be Yugoslavian. Now, Bulgaria is the only thing standing between North Macedonia, European Union membership and economic prosperity. And we can do nothing about it.” This colleague was 18 years old when Yugoslavia began to unravel, and although he’s done “OK” for himself in North Macedonia, I often wonder where a person of his talents would be in a nation that was stabler and offered more opportunities. I certainly know that he considers this question often.

The impermanence of stability and our assumption that it will be around forever is one of my greatest concerns for our United States as we know it today. Considering that most of us never get a chance to live in a “former state,” we simply don’t consider how the identity of a nation such as Yugoslavia can transform overnight into another, completely different nation. We don’t think about the upheaval that comes from a change of monetary currency, the redrawing of borders, the establishment of a new government, and the struggle to be recognized as a legitimate state by other nations. And we don’t recognize how the selfish intentions of a tiny group of political actors such as the ones who upended Yugoslavia can disrupt the lives of the entire population over several generations. As we in the United States approach the anniversary of our independence on the Fourth of July, I encourage everyone reading this article to consider just how many things in our country we consider permanent that are actually not permanent, but instead are maintained through active civic engagement, the democratic process of resolving conflict, and through the integrity of our political, military, business and community leaders. Every time you begin to think about how chaotic things are in the United States right now, I ask you to consider how you can be a leader and proponent for dialogue and stability. And when you hear someone talk lightly about civil war, succession or any of the other foolish, short-sighted narratives that are floating around U.S. public discourse these days, I call you to ask that person to consider what the value of a Vermont national passport will be for international travel, or how the nation of Pennsylvania will negotiate treaties with its neighbors, or how the nation of Alabama will finance a standing military. Having seen the results of the dissolution of a once-functioning state and the effect of civil war, I choose the other side of the coin — the side that reads e pluribus unum. Out of many, one.

Happy Fourth of July, America.

Hinesburg resident Nathan Fry serves as the Vermont National Guard’s bilateral affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in Skopje, North Macedonia. The opinions expressed in this article are his alone and do not reflect the official statements or positions of the U.S. Embassy-Skopje, Department of State, Department of Defense or Vermont National Guard.

NATO and the Voice of the Sea

BY ROGER DONEGAN

On the bow of our family canoe is a decal, a token facsimile of the USS Mount Whitney. The image features a ship, a snow-covered mountain peak, and a lightning bolt between the two. The image came from the Mount Whitney’s own newspaper, The Mountain Signal. The decal also bears the Latin inscription and ship motto “Vox Maris” which translates to “voice of the sea.” As a Naval Reserve Unit member of Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic (a.k.a. COMSTRIKFLTANT 102 a NATO designation) from 1994 to 1998, I lived and breathed NATO both on and off the USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20). My wife had a habit of explaining my deployments with the Navy Reserve, and perhaps still does so today, as being away with “the Guards,” adding a bit of unintended luster to my Vermont portfolio.

The USS Mount Whitney, named after a mountain in the Sierra Nevada, has several distinctions. Designed as a large amphibious command and control ship, for many years she was identified as the flagship of the U.S. Navy Second Fleet. Every Atlantic fleet battle group that prepared to go overseas was taken to sea by the Second Fleet staff and given a series of exams to test sailors and equipment in all areas of naval warfare. She had a complement of 821 people, plus an additional 170-190 flag staff personnel when embarked, or could provide a military lift of 700 troops. In January of 1994 the USS Mount Whitney was given a makeover which improved onboard command, control communication, computers, and intelligence capabilities. In September of 1994 the Washington Post printed “Nerve Center at Sea for Land Operation” dated: Aboard the USS Mount Whitney. An unrelated civilian parallel side to this was serial bestselling author Tom Clancy’s release of the first of his Op-Center series in 1995. Understandably this country’s Cold War worries flatlined after the official dissolution of the Soviet Union at the end of 1991. Yet the momentous change in world order came with destabilizing side effects in southeastern Europe. As a member of that Navy Reserve Unit for four years, I had reason to pay attention from this side of the Atlantic as NATO adapted to crises in Europe. The Bosnian Peace Agreement, a.k.a. The Dayton Peace Accord, signed by the Bosnian, Serb and Croat delegations was one such an adaptation.

Once in a great while NATO operations had a ripple effect here in Vermont. On May 30, 1998, the Burlington Free Press reported “Guard Members Ready for Duty.” This

article had the subtitle “Ten to Head to Bosnia for Nine-month Tour.” The Guard members were air traffic controllers trained to operate in remote conditions. In January of 2000 Project Harmony came to town at CVU under the auspices of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Youth Leadership Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Bosnia-Herzegovina remains a NATO Partnership for Peace member today. One visiting Project Harmony student boarded with us briefly as an exchange student. On departure he left a choice memento, a brass plaque depicting the city of Mostar’s famous 427-year-old bridge, which delicately arched over the Neretva River with mosque and minarets in the background. This bridge had been destroyed in November 1993, and ultimately became a world recognized symbol for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

On April 26, 2016 the BFP printed an article titled “Destroyer named for St. Mike’s Grad.” The real news lay in the subtitle announcing “USS Donald Cook has Made Headlines.” While stationed in Rota, Spain, the USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) was buzzed by two Russian SU-24 jets when the ship was underway on a straight course in the Baltic Sea, not to be confused with either the Black Sea or the Balkans. NATO annually conducts “combined” (multinational) and “joint” (multiservice) operations in the Baltic Sea. The shadowing of unaligned military ships and aircraft takes place the world over but the USS Donald Cook incident of April 11, 2016 involved foolishly close flybys. The Pentagon released video of the sensationally close call captured by ship-board camera.

Calendar year 1995 was particularly constructive for members of the COMSTRIKFLTANT Reserve Unit supporting the gaining command in Norfolk, Virginia. The year started and ended aboard the USS Mount Whitney for two fleet exercises, encompassing more than several weeks in January and again in December. In January 200 Army Marine French and Canadian soldiers filed aboard to participate in Joint Task Force Exercise formed around the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Battle Group. I was assigned rack or bunk No. 98 in a 100-man sleeping compartment aboard. The Mount Whitney has since become the first U.S. Navy combatant ship to permanently accommodate women. The December 1995 joint fleet exercise was formed around the USS George Washington (CVN 73) Battle Group.

The commander of the Atlantic Second Fleet became the Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic when acting in a NATO role. If Vermont had large military bases, then local media might regu-



Plaque gifted by Project Harmony student in 2000.



USS Mount Whitney postcard.

larly report on major military exercises such as The Virginia-Pilot & Ledger-Star did Jan. 21, 1995 in its article “Training Exercise to Begin.” This training was under the command of Vice Admiral Jay L. Johnson. President Clinton appointed Admiral Johnson the 26th chief of Naval Operations on June 5, 1996.

In line with a wider distribution of U.S. naval ships the USS Mount Whitney was reassigned to the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean and stationed in Gaeta, Italy in 2005 with a significantly reduced hybrid crew of both U.S. service personnel and civilian mariners from Military Sealift Command. One might surmise the relocation and downsizing would mean a lower profile for the ship, however time proved otherwise.

Following a five-day, one-sided conflict, in essence Russia’s destruction of Georgia’s navy and port facilities in August, 2008, the USS Mount Whitney delivered humanitarian relief supplies to Poti, Georgia. (“U.S. Warship at Georgian Port Held by Russia,” Associated Press, Sept. 5, 2008.) Vice President Dick Cheney was visiting Ukraine at the time. Maritime access in and out of the Black Sea is restricted to the Turkish Straits, the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, which had long been subjected to strategic control. The international community relies upon the 78-year-old Montreux Convention to limit the size, number and duration of visiting warships in the Black Sea.

In the Mediterranean during the Obama administration the USS Mount Whitney was the command and control platform to lead an international coalition of 13 nations to forcibly removed Moammar Gadhafi from power. (“U.S. Leads Odyssey Dawn,” Christian Science Monitor, March 19, 2011.) Just last November there was media coverage of Mount Whitney, now a 51-year-old vessel, traveling to the Black Sea to operate with NATO allies and partners. One of these articles was by The National Interest, “Deployment of the Flagship of US 6th Fleet Rattles Moscow,” on Nov. 3, 2021.



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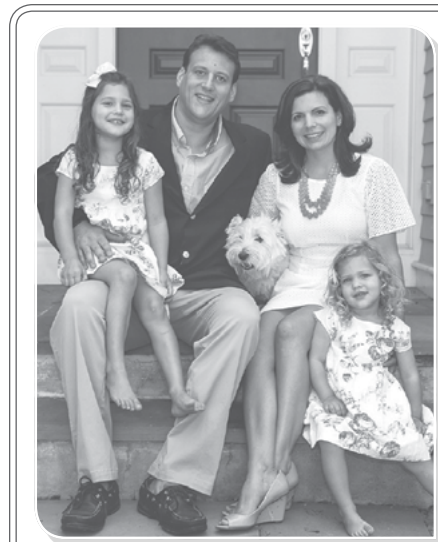
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Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, Stjude@gmavt.net, P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, (10759 Route 116)

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

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

Parish Council Chair: Dennis Casey, 453-4054

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff, 482-3066

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Contact parish office.

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Masses:

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

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

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

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 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 482-2290.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

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

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg

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.

For more information, please contact the church at 482-2132 or visit hinesburgcma.org.

Williston Federated Church

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

Phone: 878-5792.

Website: steeple.org

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

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

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

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

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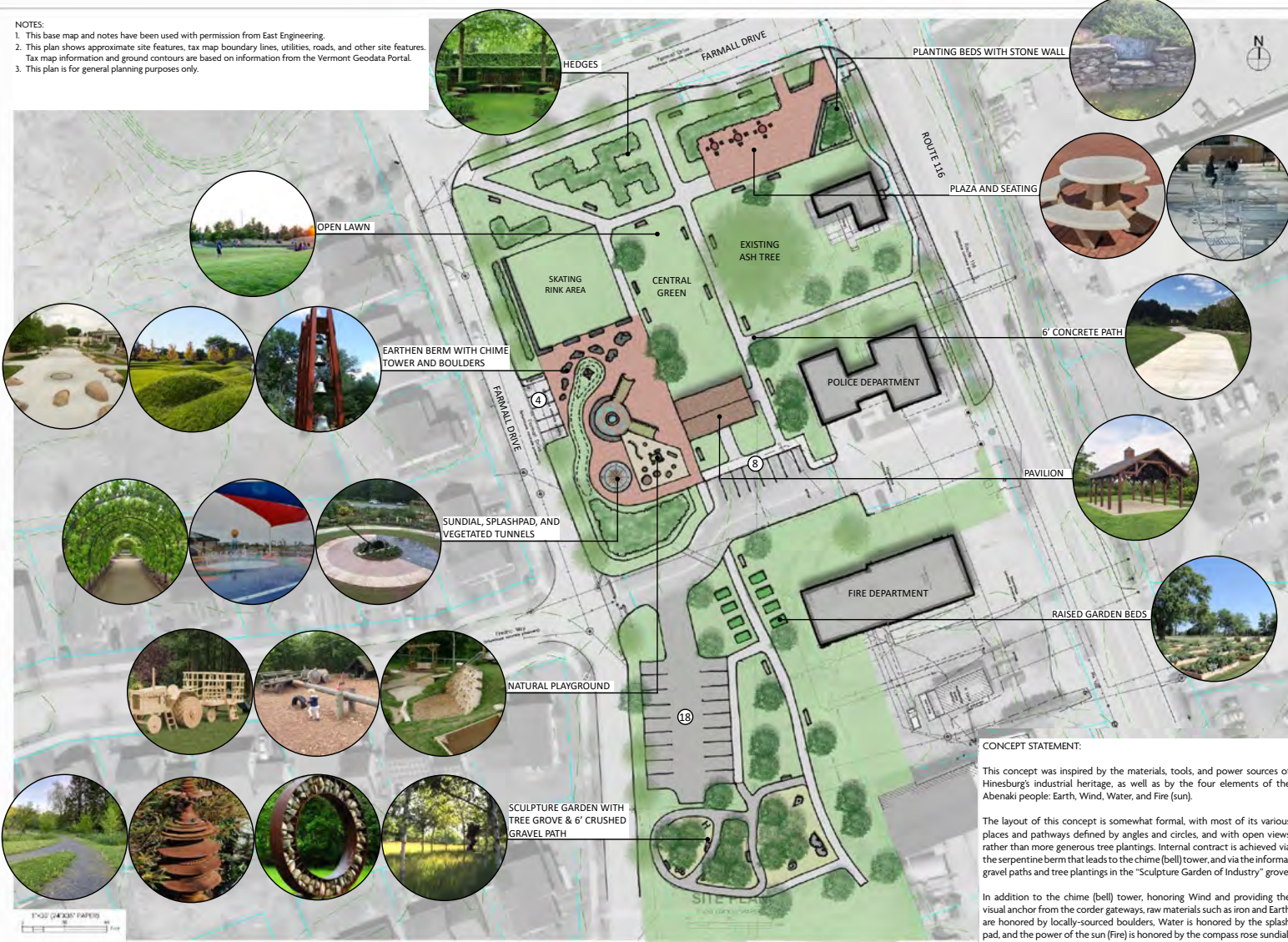
Our consultants will craft a single conceptual design based on all the feedback. What do you like? What needs to be added or revised?

Ways to provide your feedback:

1. Email me, Alex Weinlagen (Town Planner) at aweinlagen@hinesburg.org. I will make sure the Select Board and the design team hear your comments.
2. Call Maggie Gordon (Select Board) at 802-482-4216. Maggie can take your comments over the phone, and pass them along to the Select Board and the design team.
3. Attend the July 6 Select Board meeting at 7pm to hear the presentation, and provide comments. Attending the July 6 Select Board meeting is a snap, either in-person or remotely via Zoom. See the Select Board webpage for a link to the meeting agenda, with the Zoom connection information.



Town Common Concept 2: Community.



Town Common Concept 3: Industry.

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Town Common Designs Ready to Review

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN, TOWN PLANNER

Our design consultants at Dubois & King have crafted three conceptual designs for a new Town Common in the

green space behind the Police Station and Fire Station. These will be presented for feedback at the July 6, 2022 Select Board meeting and are also shown below and on page 23.

You can also check out the Town website for the designs and related information at hinesburg.org/planning-zoning/pages/town-common-design.

Comparing three plans on a printed page or a screen can be tough! Feel free to drop by the Town Office (lower level conference room) to pick up a hard-copy packet, and to peruse poster size versions of the three alternatives.

Are we picking one of the three designs? Nope.

Our design team feels that the best plan will take elements from each of the alternatives. This conceptual design is just the beginning of creating a vibrant Town Common. Plenty of details will need to be worked out as we proceed with improvements.

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NOTES:

1. This base map and notes have been used with permission from East Engineering.
2. This plan shows approximate site features, tax map boundary lines, utilities, roads, and other site features. Tax map information and ground contours are based on information from the Vermont Geodata Portal.
3. This plan is for general planning purposes only.



Town Common Concept 1: Natural History.

CONCEPT STATEMENT:

This concept is inspired by the unique natural history of Hinesburg, formed by the Hinesburg Thrust Fault that creates two unique sets of landscape in the town. To the east, the topography is rolling, developing into the foothills of the Green Mountains, where mountain streams enabled the mill economy to develop. Towards the west, the land is flatter, with broad floodplains enabling agriculture to thrive.

The plan mimics the Fault geography, with rock outcroppings scattered along the center line of the site to represent this divide. To the east side of the site, earthen berms and heavier plantings represent the foothills with a nod to the mills through a dry stream bed and water wheel sculpture. To the west, the site topography is flatter with meadow plantings and agricultural play elements, such as a tractor, barn playhouse, and tractor tires for climbing.

Rather than a central playground, this concept scatters natural play elements throughout the site, envisioning the entire site as the playground.

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