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Hinesburg's WWII MIA Alwin Hathaway's Remains Recovered and Coming Home



Army Pvt. Alevin A. Hathaway.

BY MARY JO BRACE

Army Pvt. Alevin A. Hathaway, 20, of Hinesburg, killed during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 14, 2020 as announced by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency on July 15, 2022. Alevin Hathaway, Alwin as his parents meant his name to be, was born in Hinesburg Feb. 6, 1924. He was the fourth of six children of William Hathaway and Lola Burritt Hathaway. Alwin enlisted for active duty in the Army April 15, 1943. In November of 1944, Hathaway was assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division.

The 28th Infantry Division entered the Hürtgen Forest in Germany on Nov. 2, 1944. U.S. infantrymen were challenged by stubborn, unyield-

ing defenders, rugged terrain, minefields, few roads, mud and adverse weather conditions. At least 120,000 U.S. troops took part in the Battle of Hürtgen Forest, and an estimated 24,000 were killed, wounded or captured.

Alwin Hathaway was reported missing in action on Nov. 6, 1944. While on a reconnaissance mission, his unit engaged in battle with German forces in the Hürtgen Forest and encountered an artillery barrage. It was determined that Hathaway was killed by a mortar in a fox hole. He was just 20 years old. His body was not recovered, he was officially declared killed in action a year later on Nov. 7, 1945.

Following the end of the war, the American Graves Registration

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Guitarist Richard Smith Concert at CVU Theater

National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame Inductee Returns to Vermont

BY CHRIS APPLIN

The story of 11-year-old Richard Smith joining Chet Atkins on stage is legend, and foretold a bright future: British-born Smith had learned fingerstyle guitar listening to Atkins' recordings, so when Chet played a date in England, it was arranged that Smith would join him on stage. Richard selected "Whispering Pines" to play, and at the conclusion Chet, along with the 1,000 in attendance at Her Majesty's Theatre in London, was so impressed that he coaxed the bashful Smith to return to the stage to play another song: "Little Rock Getaway." Atkins was so mesmerized that he stopped playing, stunned with Smith's skill.



Richard Smith will be performing a concert at CVU Theater.

Richard Smith was born in 1971 in Beckenham, England, and began playing guitar when he was five, inspired by watching his father picking the Atkins and Travis version of "Down South Blues." Richard says he remembers "begging" his dad to show him the fingerpicking style. Smith was quickly recognized as a child prodigy, and it was only a few years later when Atkins would bestow high praise upon him, describing Richard as "the most amazing guy I know on the guitar. He can play anything I know, only better."

Richard performed throughout

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Silent Auction a Success

FROM RESPONSIBLE GROWTH
HINESBURG PRESS RELEASE

A fifth annual online tiny art auction was sponsored by Responsible Growth Hinesburg, from July 4 to 18. The auction raised over \$1,000 for the

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Artwork by Sarah Morrison-Yates, which was auctioned to raise money for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

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

Pouech Thanks Voters

I want to thank all those who voted in our primary election; it is important that we protect our democracy and this is one way to do it. I also want to thank those voters who chose me as the democratic candidate for state representative. I appreciate your trust and will work hard to maintain it. As we transition from the primary to the general election, I look forward to discussing the issues and hearing your concerns. I also want to recognize Christina Deeley for running a strong campaign and for her desire to serve our town.

Thank you,

—Phil Pouech

Article 22 an Upside-Down Cake

Proposal 5 debuted in the Vermont Legislature in 2019. This November Proposal 5 will be on the ballot as a proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution. The last amendment to the state constitution occurred in 1793 after Vermont became the fourteenth state of the Union. Vermont citizens have an opportunity to vote Article 22 up or down. Half-baked in legislative committees Article 22, like an upside-down pineapple cake, may not appeal to every citizen's liking.

Vermont currently has the most unrestricted abortion laws in the country, and still does after the reversal of Roe v. Wade. Many Vermonters do

not support second and third trimester abortions. While some hail Article 22 as securing a woman's right to abortion proposed Article 22 does not contain the words abortion or woman. Article 22 does not pass the straight face test nor have supposed remedies.

Politicians boasts Article 22 “enshrines” a woman's right to abortion, a most peculiar reach as the Merriam-Webster dictionary defines “enshrine” very simply, to enclose as if in a shrine or to preserve as sacred. As the choice of the word “enshrine” intones religious imperative I ask why is scrupulously secular State of Vermont enshrining anything? Vermont consistently ranks as one of the least religious states in the country along with other New England states except Rhode Island which appears more moderate in that ranking.

Maybe Rhode Island's exception is attributable to that state's founder, Roger Williams, and the foundational effect of his oftentimes misconstrued treatise “liberty of conscience.” A contemporary compared him to a “polemical porcupine.” His efforts in the New England colonies was to separate church and state in all civil matters to protect religious conscience from becoming subordinate to civil authority. Liberty of Conscience, Roger Williams in America, Edwin S. Gaustad, 1999.

What would Article 22 mean for medical professionals who conscientiously object to participating in procedures they find morally reprehensible? What would Article 22 present to conscientious citizens who are reluctant to usher in the era of designer babies, womb transplants, and human cloning? What would Article 22 mean for state office holders who take an oath to support the state constitution when no one knows what Article 22 means? Vermonters would never give the state a blank check to pay taxes. Why then would citizens vote to provide courts a blank sheet to draw new law on from thin air?

It must be blatantly obvious to the sponsors of proposed constitutional Article 22 the end could only amount to a Pyrrhic victory. We have a state constitution that has worked without amendment since 1793. They want to deface that constitution with a graffiti-like tag by chance of their supermajority bereft of core democratic principles while exhibiting contempt for our constitutional government.

Their effort to amend Vermont's Constitution is as oxymoronic as U.S. Senator Nancy Pelosi saying “She fears for democracy if Republicans re-take Congress” (The Guardian, Martin Pengelly, March 22, 2022) in the 2022 November elections.

—Roger Donegan

TOWN NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer

BY MISSY ROSS

The primary election is now behind us. We had 1,305 total votes cast, which was a very high turnout for a primary. This was expected given the number of open and contested seats available for several high-profile offices. In the race for state representative to replace retiring Bill Lippert in the CHI-4 district, Phil Pouech garnered 563 votes to Christina Deeley's 493 votes. He will now run in the general election against Sarah Toscano who got 117 votes in the Republican Primary. The full election results are available on the town website. Many thanks to Representative Lippert for his many years of service to the people of Hinesburg.

The general election is scheduled for Nov. 8, 2022. Ballots will be mailed to all “active” voters on the checklist as a result of election law changes approved in 2021. As you may recall, ballots were mailed to all voters in 2020 as a COVID-19 prevention protocol to keep the polling places safe. The result was a significant increase in participation, which precipitated making the change permanent. It is a good idea to double-check your mailing address by visiting your voter page at mvp.vermont.gov to verify the accuracy of the information in the Vermont Election Management System. If you are unable to access your voter page, please contact us at 802-482-2281, ext.1 so that we can be sure you have the necessary data in the system.

Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills were printed and mailed on Aug. 6, and with any luck you have now received your bill. If not, please contact the town clerk's office at 802-482-2281, ext. 1 or email Missy at mross@hinesburg.org or Heather at hroberts@hinesburg.org and we can either mail or email you another copy. We will also update your mailing address if there has been a change. Luckily, the total tax rates for residential property went up only .0365 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The non-residential rate actually decreased by .0368 cents due to changes in the education tax rates set by the state.

We will be mailing out “revised” bills every week to those people who filed for an extension on their income taxes and therefore filed their Homestead Declaration and Request for Property Tax Adjustment forms after April 15. If you receive a revised bill and have any questions, please contact the clerk's office. You are welcome to make payments between now and the due date of Nov. 15, 2022 in order to partially pay the amount due in smaller increments.

LEGISLATIVE

Welch Votes To Pass Historic Legislation

The bill includes several career-long Welch initiatives, including allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower Rx drug prices and creating rebates for home energy efficiency retrofits

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Aug. 12, Congressman Peter Welch (D-VT) voted to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, a landmark bill that will combat climate change, cut the cost of prescription drugs, extend Affordable Care Act subsidies, lower the federal deficit and build a fairer tax code. Throughout his time in Congress, Rep. Welch has been an advocate for seniors, working families and our environment. This bill takes a huge step forward for all Americans and our planet.

The IRA will help the United States reduce its carbon emissions by 40% by 2030. It will also cap out-of-pocket prescription drug costs at \$2,000 per year for Medicare beneficiaries and allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices, slashing the skyrocketing drug costs that have overburdened our seniors for far too long.

And it will do all of this while reducing the federal deficit by an estimated \$300 billion through tax code changes that ensure our largest corporations pay their fair share.

“This is a historic day — for Vermonters and for all Americans,” said Rep. Welch. “For the first time, we are taking major steps forward to address climate change, curb the power of Big Pharma, and build a fairer tax code for working families. I am thrilled to have worked on and led several of the bills included in this package, working alongside Vermont families and advocates. This bill will benefit all Vermonters — no matter who they voted for. It's a win for our environment, our families, our economy and our future. I look forward to President Biden signing it into law and to continuing to work side-by-side with Vermonters to build on this major win and deliver for our communities.”

Since his first term in Congress, Rep. Welch has advanced and introduced legislation to allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices on behalf of enrollees. Despite sustained resistance from Big Pharma, Rep. Welch has continued to fight for lower drug costs for Vermonters, working to build widespread support for this common-sense policy. Under the IRA, Medicare will — for the first time in history — be allowed to negotiate with pharmaceutical manufacturers for lower prices for many common

and expensive drugs. This provision is expected to save an estimated \$265 billion over the next 10 years and will provide badly needed relief for families struggling with high prices. This bill is the beginning of the end for Big Pharma's unchecked price gouging and puts patients over corporate profits.

Rep. Welch's HOPE for HOMES Act is a \$4.5 billion program included among the bill's climate change provisions, securing rebates for home energy efficiency and weatherization retrofits and providing grants for contractor training. This program, known initially as the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance bill, dates back to 2009 and was included in the 2009 Waxman-Markey climate change bill. Though Waxman-Markey failed to pass in the Senate, Rep. Welch continued to push for robust rebates for home retrofits, introducing legislation to establish such a program, consistently from 2009-2022. Through the IRA, Rep. Welch's HOPE for HOMES program will become law, creating jobs and helping families make improvements at home to lower their energy usage, slash utility bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The IRA includes the following Welch-led legislation:

- HOPE for HOMES Act
- Electric Cars Act
- E-Access Act
- Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act

For a longer summary of the bill, please go to [tiny.one/IRact](https://www.tiny.one/IRact).

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

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center: 51 Ballards Corner Road. Rachel Kring, Executive Director, kring@hinesburgresource.org, 482-4946. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org. Hours for **Hinesburg Food Shelf** are Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CSWD

Air Conditioner Disposal

BY ALISE CERTA, CSWD MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Welcome to the dog days of summer! Hope you are staying cool on these muggy days.

Speaking of hot (oh so hot) weather, many of you may be utilizing your air conditioner units to cool down. If like me, you put in your air conditioner and instead of pouring out cool air, it sputtered, smoked and then stopped, you might now be wondering how to dispose of it.

What is unique about air conditioning units, fridges and dehumidifiers is that they all contain refrigerant. Freon and similar refrigerants are definitely something we want to keep out of our landfill. Actually, it is illegal to dispose of these refrigerant-containing items in the trash.

So how are you supposed to get rid of your air conditioner? If the unit is working, please consider giving it to a neighbor in need or offer it up on

Front Porch Forum.

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POLICE BLOTTER

June 15: 4:30 p.m. An officer assisted the Hinesburg Fire Department with a structure fire on CB Road.

5:35 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

June 16: 11 a.m. Officers investigated a traffic obstruction on Silver Street.

June 17: 9:11 a.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

5:25 p.m. A road rage incident on Route 116 was investigated.

5:40 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on North Road.

8:30 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

June 18: 1:40 a.m. A report of a missing juvenile from McDonald Lane was reported and investigated.

7:53 p.m. An officer conducted a welfare check on Wile Street.

June 20: 3:30 p.m. A parking issue on Route 116 was investigated.

June 21: 7:35 a.m. An officer was dispatched to a single-car crash on Silver Street.

10:45 a.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Lake Street.

12:53 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Birchwood Drive.

1:53 p.m. An officer responded to a single-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

3:20 p.m. An officer responded to a citizen dispute on Birchwood Drive.

3:35 p.m. Officers assisted with two disabled vehicles on Route 116.

7:35 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a disabled vehicle on Charlotte Road.

8:30 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Jourdan Street.

June 22: 8 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

June 25: 10:45 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

11:53 a.m. Officers assisted the Fish & Game Department with an injured bear on Pond Road.

12:41 p.m. A report of illegal dumping on Lincoln Hill Road was investigated.

2:42 p.m. Officers assisted with a medical emergency on Route 116.

4:27 p.m. A welfare check was conducted at a residence on Route 116.

4:33 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Magee Hill Road.

June 26: 12:54 a.m. Officers were dispatched to a 911 hang-up on Tyler Bridge Road.

9:35 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Tyler Bridge Road.

12:41 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

June 27: 4:20 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

8:30 p.m. An officer investigated the report of an assault that occurred at CVU.

7:30 p.m. Officers investigated the report of a missing juvenile at Lyman Meadows.

June 28: 7:04 a.m. The report of illegal dumping on Piette Road was investigated.

4:22 p.m. A loose dog on Shelburne Falls Road was investigated.

5:18 p.m. Officers were dispatched to Crow Hill Road for a domestic dispute.

June 29: 8:17 a.m. An alarm at CVU was investigated.

3:48 p.m. Officers served a restraining order to a resident on North Road.

4:05 p.m. A fraud report on Swamp Road was reported and investigated.

4:11 p.m. A loose dog on North Road was investigated.

5:54 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

June 30: 9:30 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

11:25 a.m. A 911 hang-up on Richmond Road was investigated.

12:35 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Birchwood Drive.

4:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted on Farmall Drive with a landlord/tenant issue.

July 1: 11:10 a.m. A fraud report on Lyman Meadows was reported and investigated.

1:20 p.m. An officer assisted with a medical emergency on Haystack Road.

8:15 p.m. Suspicious activity on Farmall Drive was investigated.

July 2: 8:15 p.m. Officers were dispatched to Green Street for the report of suspicious activity.

July 3: 7:10 p.m. Officers were dispatched to CVU Road for the report of suspicious activity.

8:08 p.m. Officers were dispatched to a residential alarm on Buck Hill Road.

July 4: 9:50 a.m. A 911 hang-up on Forests Edge Road was investigated.

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

8:30 p.m. Officers cited an intoxicated individual for underage possession and consumption of alcohol.

July 5: 8:15 a.m. A welfare check on Sherman Hollow Road was conducted.

10:12 a.m. A 911 hang-up on Riggs Road was investigated.

6:15 p.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

7 p.m. A citizen was assisted with employment fingerprints.

July 6: 8 a.m. A welfare check on North Road was conducted.

8:15 a.m. An alarm at CVU was investigated.

10:15 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

5:15 p.m. Officers assisted with a medical emergency on Green Street.

July 7: 6:23 a.m. An alarm at CVU was investigated.

July 8: 3:50 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

July 9: 12:45 p.m. An alarm on Farmall Drive was investigated.

5:00 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

July 10: 11:45 a.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

9:55 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on North Road.

9:57 p.m. Officers were dispatched to suspicious activity on CVU Road.

July 11: 11:25 a.m. Loose dogs on Birchwood Drive were investigated.

1:25 p.m. A loose dog on Texas Hill Road was investigated.

2:45 p.m. Littering on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

7:38 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

July 12: 10:50 a.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

11:30 a.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

1:35 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

4:35 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Lake Street.

5:45 p.m. A fraud on Koza's Run was reported and investigated.

July 13: 10:35 a.m. Officers investigated thefts from multiple locations on Route 116.

3:05 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

3:20 p.m. An officer investigated a domestic dispute on Taproot Farm Lane.

3:40 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a disabled vehicle on Charlotte Road.

5:15 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

6 p.m. An erratic driver on Route 116 was reported. The operator was located and cited for unsafe passing.

8:05 p.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was investigated.

8:45 p.m. Suspicious activity on Pond Brook Road was investigated.

July 14: 8:30 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

6:20 p.m. A noise complaint involving gun fire on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

July 15: 7:15 a.m. A theft on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

July 16: 11:30 a.m. A noise complaint involving gun fire on Haden Hill Road was reported.

July 17: 9:52 p.m. An alarm on Red Pine Road was investigated.

July 18: 7:35 a.m. An alarm on Commerce Street was investigated.

1:02 p.m. Suspicious activity on CB Road was investigated.

4:15 p.m. An officer assisted another agency in returning property to a resident on Richmond Road.

7:10 p.m. A parking issue on Jourdan Street was investigated.

July 19: 6:40 a.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was investigated.

9:20 a.m. An officer assisted with a medical emergency on Burritt Road.

11 a.m. A theft on Route 116 was investigated.

11:15 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash in the Lantman's parking lot.

1:35 p.m. An officer conducted a traffic stop for speed on Route 116. The operator was cited for driving with a criminally suspended license.

5:42 p.m. Officers assisted with a medical emergency on Leavensworth Road.

July 20: 8 a.m. A theft on North Road was investigated.

July 21: 12:54 p.m. A theft on

Richmond Road was investigated.

2:41 p.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

6:30 p.m. A theft on North Road was investigated.

July 22: 11:30 a.m. A welfare check was conducted at a residence on Route 116.

July 23: 8:05 a.m. A theft on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

July 24: 12:05 p.m. An alarm at CVU was investigated.

July 25: 10:50 p.m. Suspicious activity on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

July 26: 3 p.m. Suspicious activity on CVU Road was investigated.

3:40 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Route 116.

6:45 p.m. An officer responded to Birchwood Drive to investigate the report of a runaway juvenile.

July 27: 6:42 a.m. An alarm at CVU was investigated.

6:30 p.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was investigated.

July 29: 2:50 p.m. A parking issue on Hayden Hill Road was investigated.

6:30 p.m. A welfare check on North Road was conducted.

8 p.m. Suspicious activity on Birchwood Drive was investigated.

July 31: 5:30 a.m. An alarm at CVU was investigated.

Aug. 1: 1:45 p.m. A noise complaint involving gun fire on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

10:45 p.m. Suspicious activity on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

Aug. 3: 1:30 p.m. A noise complaint involving gun fire on Pond Brook Road was investigated.

Aug. 4: 11:10 a.m. A theft on Bissonette Road was investigated.

4:30 p.m. A theft from an automobile on Route 116 was investigated.

8:15 p.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.



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FIRE

Hinesburg Firefighters Assoc. Fall Craft Fair

Join the Hinesburg Firefighters Association for their Fall Craft Fair on Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Hinesburg Fire Station.

We are hosting a craft fair that will give our sellers the opportunity to share their crafts and wares! This event will include local crafters as well as outside business consultants. We welcome crafters and consultants from businesses. We have indoor and outdoor spaces available. If you are interested in a space, contact dbarber7541@gmail.com

Proceeds from event will benefit the Hinesburg Firefighters Association.

Call Log

During June and July there were 64 EMS calls and 48 patients transported.

June 8: 9:11 a.m. Tree down near 10455 Route 116.

June 11: 3:20 p.m. Two-car motor vehicle crash near 9435 Route 116. A northbound vehicle with a utility trailer crossed the center line hitting a southbound vehicle. After impact, the northbound vehicle ended in the ditch on the east side with the trailer in the roadway. The southbound vehicle was spun around and hit a tree on the west side. Two persons were treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported to UVM Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries by Richmond Rescue and Williston ambulance. Route 116 was closed to traffic for approximately 45 minutes.

June 12: 8:24 a.m. Thistle Hill for a carbon monoxide alarm. The residence was checked and there were no readings on our meter.

June 13: 10:12 a.m. Power lines down at Route 116 and Charlotte Road. The road was closed pending arrival of the power company.

10:39 a.m. One-car crash at Place Road E and Pond Road. One person was treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported to UVMMC by Shelburne Rescue.

12:02 p.m. Mechanicsville Road for a fire alarm. No cause found.

4:31 p.m. Annette's Preschool for a fire alarm. No cause found.

7:02 p.m. Hillview Terrace for leaking propane tank. The first officer to arrive confirmed propane was leaking from the tank on the side of the residence. Engine 4 laid a water supply line from the hydrant at the corner of

Hillview and Richmond Road. On arrival at the residence, crews deployed a hose line to disperse the leaking propane. Crews determined the gas was leaking from the area of the shut-off valve and were not able to stop the leak. Crews continued to use water to disperse the leaking propane until the gas company arrived with a new valve.

June 15: 4:36 p.m. Structure fire on CB Road. As reported in the June paper, the structure was fully involved on arrival. A small refrigerator with faulty electrical wiring was found to be the cause.

June 16: 5:18 p.m. 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg Town Hall, for smoldering mulch.

June 19: 11:37 a.m. Tree down on Shelburne Falls Road near Crow Hill. HFD assisted with traffic while the town highway department removed the tree.

Noon Lavigne Hill Road for a tree down on power lines.

June 21: 7:18 a.m. near 3336 Silver Street for a motor vehicle hitting a power pole. There were no injuries.

June 24: 1:39 a.m. Friendship Lane for a fire alarm. No cause found.

5:08 a.m. CVU High School for an alarm sounding. No alarm or cause found.

June 25: 2:10 p.m. Assisted Hinesburg Police Department and state wildlife officer with animal rescue.

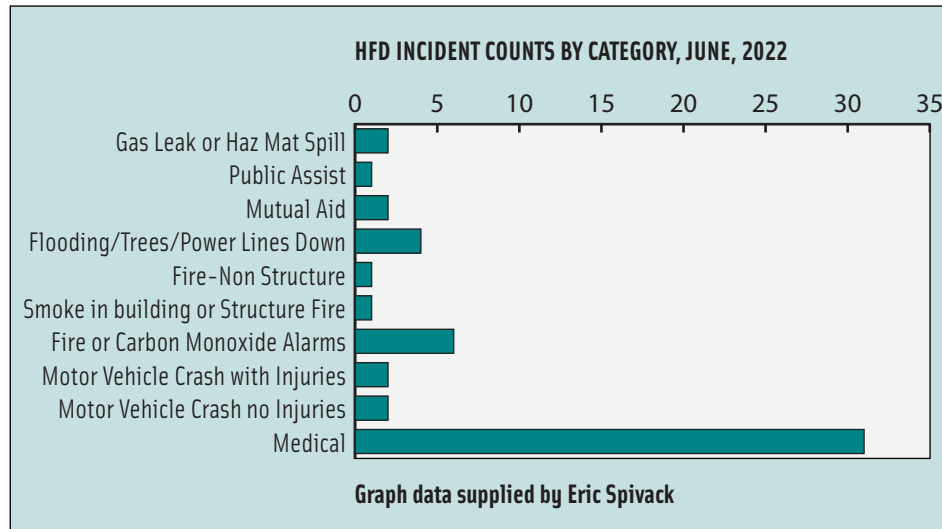
2:28 p.m. Mutual aid to Lewis Creek Road, Charlotte, for a report of a structure fire. Mutual aid departments were canceled while en route.

June 28: 1:03 p.m. Near 7058 Route 2A for a one-car crash. The vehicle went off the road. HFD assisted the operator from the vehicle. The operator stated they were not injured and refused EMS care.

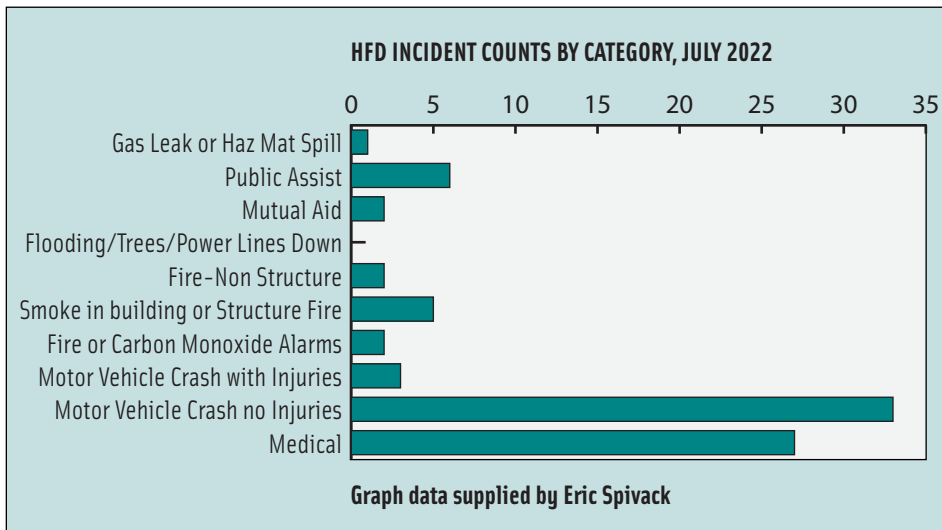
June 29: 6:07 p.m. Mutual aid to Locust Hill Road, Shelburne, for a structure fire. Upon arrival of Shelburne Fire, mutual aid departments were downgraded to a flow of traffic response.

Jun 29: 8:50 p.m. Received a call from Papa Nick's Restaurant for an odor in the boiler room. On arrival, everyone had exited the building. Crews entered using self-contained breathing apparatus and our four-gas meter. Upon reaching the boiler room our meter went into alarm mode, showing 300 parts per million. Crews ventilated the building, and brought readings back to zero. Vermont Gas was contacted. On arrival, crew members worked with Vermont Gas to try to locate a cause of the odor, which was not found.

July 1: 11:25 a.m. Route 116 for tree down in canal.



*HFD responded to 42 calls in June.
an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.



HFD responded to 54 calls in July.

July 7: 3:47 p.m. Breezy Valley Way, St. George, for fire alarms. It was determined the beeps were for the detector's end of life. The homeowner was instructed to replace the detectors.

July 10: 9:47 p.m. Dispatched to the area of 1725 North Road for a three-car MVC. A car traveling north hit a disabled vehicle in the roadway. The impact pushed the disabled vehicle into a third vehicle facing south in the northbound lane. Three persons were treated by Hinesburg EMS at the scene. Two were transported to UVMMC by Richmond and Williston.

July 13: 4:36 p.m. Mutual aid to Starksboro for smoke in a residence. Starksboro arrived on scene, found food left on the stove and canceled mutual aid companies.

July 14: 8:29 a.m. 10370 Route 116 for a two-car MVC. There were no injuries.

July 15: 8:42 a.m. Mutual aid to Hullcrest Drive, Shelburne, for a reported structure fire. Mutual aid companies were canceled while en route.

2:22 p.m. Huntington Fire requested Hinesburg respond for heavy rescue to an MVC on Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. When Huntington Fire arrived on scene, they determined there was no entrapment and canceled Hinesburg.

July 16: 6:30 p.m. Mutual aid to

Hillside Drive, Starksboro. Engine 4 and Tanker 1 responded. Engine 4 arrived and assisted with ventilation and overhaul. Tanker 1 was canceled while en route.

July 17: 5:53 p.m. A boater on Lake Iroquois stated they saw a structure fire in the area of Mt. Pritchard. Mt. Pritchard and the other streets off Pond Road/Oak Hill Road were checked. No fire was found.

Farm equipment accident on Leavensworth Road. A tractor flipped over, trapping the operator. Hinesburg EMS treated the operator while fire crews lifted the tractor using our vehicle support strut system.



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Shelburne Fire responded with additional manpower. The operator was transported to UVMMC by Richmond.

July 23: 1:39 a.m. Shelburne Fire requested several departments respond to Ridgeline Drive for a structure fire. HFD responded with Engine 4 and Tanker 1. Engine 4's crew assisted with extinguishing hot spots and overhaul.

July 24: 12:14 p.m. Vermont State Police were at an MVC and requested Hinesburg respond to 8002 Route 116 to assist with traffic.

July 26: 11:40 a.m. Patricia Place for arcing wires.

July 27: 8:54 a.m. Nick's Run for a fire alarm. Cause was a faulty detector.

12:57 p.m. 5410 Route 116 for a one-car MVC. The operator was checked by Hinesburg EMS and refused transport.

July 28: 4:49 p.m. Birch Road, St. George, for report of smoke in a residence. Williston Fire was requested for mutual aid. Crews did not find a cause or fire. The resident was advised to contact an electrician.

July 29: 12:20 p.m. Mutual aid to Steeplebush Road, Shelburne, for a report of smoke coming from the basement.

July 31: 4:29 a.m. CVU for a fire alarm. Crews checked the school. No alarm was sounding, and no fire/smoke was found.

July 31: 5:19 a.m. Alarm sounding again at CVU. There was no alarm showing on the fire panel at the main building. Crews checked the annex and located a tripped alarm. There was no smoke/fire and system was reset.

6:23 a.m. CVU for a fire alarm. It was determined to be the same detector at the annex. Dispatch contacted the alarm company to notify CVU of a faulty detector.

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Denise Daly, co-owner of Hinesburg Counseling Collaborative.



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Help Is Now Here Hinesburg Counseling Collaborative opens on Commerce Street

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Nicole Grubman and Denise Daly started thinking big after noticing the For Rent sign on the building next to the post office. Fed up with the challenges of community mental health, low wages, high case-loads and inflexible bureaucracies, these longtime Hinesburg residents and working mothers decided to take action. The Hinesburg Counseling Collaborative is their labor of love and a testament to their shared commitment to the field of helping.

Starting this month, Hinesburg will have its own counseling center comprised of nine part- and full-time clinicians dedicated to expanding local

access to mental health services and person-centered care. HCC is focused on creating a warm and accessible place for healing, growth and transformation for people of all ages. The center will take insurance and private pay clients. It will offer individual and family counseling as well as therapeutic groups, monthly presentations by local specialists, and clinical supervision services for interns and pre-licensed professionals. Every therapist within the collaborative is grounded in the humanistic tradition but has his/her own style and specialty. This allows HCC to customize type as well as length of treatment to address a wide range of issues and severity. Please take time to explore the HCC's website for more information and to inquire about services at hinesburg-counselingcollaborative.com.

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Financial Focus: Are You Properly Insured?

FROM PRESS RELEASE

You probably won't see it on your calendar, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. And it is indeed important to be aware of the importance of life insurance. Are you adequately insured?

Many people aren't. About 40% of Americans face some type of life insurance gap, either because they're uninsured or underinsured, according to a 2021 survey by the research and advocacy groups LIMRA and Life Happens.

The need for life insurance is pretty straightforward: If something were to happen to you, would your family be able to continue their same lifestyle? Would the mortgage still be paid? Would your children still be able to further their education?

So, if you decide that you should acquire or strengthen your life insurance, how much do you need? Your employer may provide you with some insurance as an employee benefit, but it may not be sufficient. You might have heard that you should have coverage worth seven or eight times your annual salary. But this estimate is just that — an estimate. Everyone's situation is different, and there's really no one formula that can tell you how much insurance you require. To determine the coverage you need, you'll want to consider several factors, including your age, number of dependents, your income and that of your spouse and the size of your mortgage.

Knowing how much coverage you need is obviously important, but you'll also want to consider what

type of life insurance is right for you. You have two basic choices: term or permanent insurance.

As the name suggests, term insurance provides coverage for a specified amount of time, such as 10, 20 or 25 years. Term insurance only offers a death benefit — there's no buildup of cash value in your policy. Generally speaking, term insurance is considered to be quite affordable, especially when you're young.

Permanent insurance, on the other hand, offers a death benefit and the opportunity to build cash value. Because of this, premiums for permanent insurance — which includes "whole life" or "universal life" — are considerably higher than those for term life.

Which type of insurance should you choose? Again, it all depends on your situation and your preferences. Some financial experts advise people to "buy term and invest the difference" — that is, use the money saved on the lower term insurance premiums to invest in stocks and mutual funds. Others, however, disagree, and point to the benefits of permanent insurance, such as the ability to borrow against the cash value of a policy to pay for unexpected expenses. Ultimately, in making the choice between term and permanent insurance, you'll need to look at your entire financial picture to determine which option is best for you.

In fact, life insurance should be a key component of your overall financial strategy, along with your investment mix and the long-term goals you've set. Insurance can even play a role in your estate planning, as you determine the best way to distribute assets to your family members and any charitable organizations you support.

Life Insurance Awareness Month lasts 30 days — but your need for life insurance can endure for decades.

Make sure you're doing everything you can to protect your loved ones.

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RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

2022 July Fourth Parade Winners

Best Business Float: Vermont Smoke & Cure

Best of Parade: George Leclair's Big River Dog Supply

Best Pet-Livestock: Mountain's Edge Farm

Best Tractor: Charlie Fortin

Best Float: Hinesburgh Public House

Best Theme Related: Benefit Yard Sale (Mary Fortin, Audrey Horton, Kim Peet)

Best Costume: Lady Godiva

Best Horse and Rider: Lady Godiva

Best Classic Vehicle: '48 Jeepster, Nick Salant

Best Decorated Bike: Fun Bike Brigade, Oliver Deane

Thanks to our judges this year, selectboard members Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Merrily Lovell and Phil Pouech. Thanks to Hinesburg Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, Recreation Commission, Eddy family, Munson family, Hinesburgh Public House and Hinesburg Community School—Champlain Valley School District.

Youth Programs

For all Hinesburg Recreation Department programs, register at hinesburgrec.com.

Hinesburg Recreation Youth Soccer

The Hinesburg Youth Soccer program is designed for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Kindergarteners focus on age-appropriate skills and activities playing once a week with the support of the CVU Boys Varsity coach and players. For first-second graders, plan on one weeknight practice and in-house games on Saturdays. For third-fifth graders, plan on one weeknight practice and a home or away game each Saturday. Game schedules will be announced once season begins. Coaches are needed.

Kindergarten: Sundays, 11 a.m.-noon at Millie's Field.

Grade 1-2 Co-ed: Saturdays, 9-10 a.m., and Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Millie's Field.

Grade 3-5 boys: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Ayer Field.

Grade 3-5 girls: Saturdays, 10-11 a.m., and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Millie's Field.

Please note, there may be changes in the schedule or timing, along with various updates. Please be sure to check your emails and ensure that your contact information is up to date with your account at hinesburgrec.com.

Dates

First-fifth grade: Tuesday, Sept. 6 to Saturday, Oct. 15.

Kindergarten: Sunday, Sept. 11 to Sunday, Oct. 9.

Cost: \$55 by Aug. 28 and \$65 after. Deadline is Sept. 2.

Coach's Meeting is Thursday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. at Millie's Field.

Mini Shooting Stars Soccer

Maeve and Ella O'Neil will share their love of the game and teach foundational soccer skills in a playful manner to our youngest soccer enthusiasts.

Age: 3-5 years. **Dates:** Sundays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 2, 4-5 p.m., Millie's Field. **Cost:** \$55.

Hinesburg Recreation Youth Basketball

The HRD youth basketball program is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and is held at the Hinesburg Community School gym. Kindergarten, first and second grade players are introduced to the basics of ball handling and movement on the court with age-appropriate games and support. Third through sixth grades have one midweek practice and one game each Saturday.

Note: Nonresidents within CVU district, please register with your respective town **first:** Charlotte,

Shelburne or Williston. At the close of registration, our local recreation departments are committed to work together, when feasible, to ensure each child has an opportunity to play. Thanks for your support.

Dec. 3 to Feb. 11 (kindergarten, first and second grade)

Dec. 3 to Feb. 18 (third-sixth grades)

Kindergarten and first grade co-ed: Saturdays, 8-9 a.m.

Grade two co-ed: Saturdays, 9:10-10:10 a.m.

Grade three-four boys: Saturdays, 10:20-11:20 a.m. and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grade three-four girls: Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grade five-six boys: Saturdays, 12:40-1:40 p.m., and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades five-six girls: Saturdays, 1:50-2:50 p.m., and Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please contact HRD if you're interested in coaching or assisting. A Volunteer Form must be completed. Please note that practice times are proposed and subject to change due to coaches' availability. If there are changes, you will be notified via email. No practices/games are available when HCS is not in session, unless otherwise stated.

Cost: \$55 by Nov. 17 and \$65 after. Deadline is Nov. 28.

Hinesburg Children's Choir

The Hinesburg Children's Choir is back! Designed for children in second-fifth grades on Wednesday (early release) from 2-3 p.m. at HCS, students will learn a variety of songs, such as classical, folk, jazz, art songs and pop selections. There will be a concert at the end of November or early December. Children will be learning to develop pitch, tone, rhythm, posture, harmony and overall performance skills. The choir will be co-directed by Andrea Haulenbeek and Jenny Cianciola, both retired public school music teachers and performers. Parent volunteers are welcome to help manage rehearsal tasks (binders, attendance, individual needs of children). For any questions, feel free to contact Andrea at andreaivnt@gmail.com or Jenny at jwcianciola@gmail.com.

Grades two-five. Wednesdays, Sept. 14 to Nov. 30, no class on Oct. 5. Time: 2-3 p.m. Music Room at HCS. Cost: \$165

After-School Horseback Riding

Enjoy horseback riding lessons and so much more with Kim Johansen at Livery Stables. Lessons are for beginning to early intermediate rid-

ers. Students may take the bus from HCS to Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road right after school. Please send a permission note to ride the bus, send a snack and water bottle, plus send boots and barn clothes. Any updates or changes will be communicated as needed.

Who: ages 6-14. When: Tuesdays: Session 1: Sept. 6-27, Session 2: Oct. 4-25, Session 3: Nov. 1-22. Fridays: Session 1: Sept. 2-23, Session 2: Sept. 30-Oct. 21, Session 3: Oct. 28-Nov. 18.

Where: Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. Time: 3-5 p.m. Cost: \$160. Maximum: eight participants. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

After-School Junior Golf Program with Mike Slayton

Junior golfers are the future of our game and PGA Professional Mike Slayton works diligently teaching children the importance of life skills through the use of golf as a tool. At the time of print and until otherwise noted, HCS students may ride the bus to Cedar Knoll Country Club.

When:

Tuesday-Thursday, Session 1: Sept. 6-15

Tuesday-Thursday, Session 2: Sept. 20-29

Wednesday-Friday Session 1: Sept. 7-16

Wednesday-Friday Session 2: Sept. 21-30

Where: Cedar Knoll Golf Course. Ages: 6-14 years. Time: Tuesday-Thursday, 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesday (2:30-4 p.m.) to Friday (3:30-5 p.m.). Please note Wednesday will be early-release days at HCS, hence the 2:30-4

p.m. program time. Cost: \$150.

Piano Lessons

These 40-minute, semi-private (two students per time slot) piano lessons are taught by Evan Allen and Sammy Angstman for beginner to advanced intermediate students. It is highly recommended that participants have a piano or keyboard at home or access to one for practice to make this an optimal experience. Classes follow school year calendar, broken into first semester (September-December) and second semester (January-May). Students retain their lesson day and time for entire school year and subsequent years, unless they choose not to continue. Enrollment is based on availability. If there are no openings, you are placed on a waitlist and offered a date and time as available. A spring recital celebrates a year-long commitment by students and instructor.

Grades two-eight. First semester lessons begin week of Sept. 12 through week of Dec. 19. HCS Piano Lab. Cost: \$22 per lesson, which is billed per semester. Online registration is not available for this program. Please contact HRD at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 802-482-4208 to inquire about openings or to be placed on the waitlist.

Safe Sitter Courses

Safe Sitter prepares students in grades six-eight to be safe when they're home alone, watching siblings or babysitting. The course offers four main content areas: Safety Skills, Child Care Skills, First Aid & Rescue Skills and Life & Business Skills. Lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Teens will practice choking rescue and diapering. Register for one date that

works best for your child. Register with the town offering the program. Instructor: recreation staff.

Grades six-eight. Classes are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in each location.

Shelburne: Nov. 5. shelburnevt.org.

Hinesburg: Dec. 10. In first-floor conference room at Town Hall. hinesburgrec.com.

Williston: March 11, 2023. willistonrec.org.

Charlotte: May 20, 2023. charlotterec.com.

Cost: \$60 residents, \$70 nonresidents. Maximum: eight students.

Literature and Arts with Susan Lepple

Join Susan for a creative approach to exploring children's literature. Through the use of fine art, movement, assemblage, drama and music, students will experience and explore quality children's literature that is silly, thought-provoking, creative and caring.

Tuesdays, 2:45-4:15 p.m., HCS Art Room. Grades one-four.

Session 1: Oct. 18 to Nov. 15.

Session 2: Jan. 10 to Feb. 7, 2023.

Session 3: Feb. 21 to March 28, 2023 (no class on Feb. 28).

Cost: \$130.

Driver Education


Kevin Browne offers a Vermont state-approved virtual driver education course with in-person driving. To register, eligible students must possess a valid learner's permit, be available for every virtual

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class with sufficient internet coverage with cameras on and be available to drive on weekends between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 3 (parent meeting), 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 31, Nov. 1, 3, 7 and 9.

Driving dates: Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13.

Time: 4-5:30 p.m. Cost: \$825 — make check payable to Kevin Browne, but it should be mailed or dropped to HRD, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg, Vermont 05461.

Adult Programs

Dog Obedience with Jim Warden

Join experienced dog trainer Jim Warden for this informative and beneficial dog training experience. Jim makes it look easy, even with the most challenging dogs. Watch and see someone who truly “talks to the animals.”

When: Thursday, Sept. 8-Oct. 13. Time: 6-7 p.m. Where: first class is without your dog at Rock Wall area at Town Hall. All others at Town Hall Field. Cost: \$75 for residents, \$80 for nonresidents.

Decorate and Sip with Matroyshka’s Bakery

Led by Maryam Counter of Matroyshka’s Bakery, also known as the Macaron Lady, participants will learn how to assemble multi-layer cakes, frosting application, do smoothing on a cake turntable, create chocolate drips and decorate with fruit and flowers. Participants will enjoy a complimentary cup of tea and have the option to purchase wine, beer or other beverages. Each student will go home with their own cake and a happy heart!

Date: Monday, Oct. 24. Where: Good Times Café. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$105. Limit: 10 students.

Advertising and news deadline is September 15 for the next issue. Publication date is September 29. Call 802-999-2410 for more information. Material not received by deadline will be considered for next issue.

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Library News

September has arrived and as usual we welcome some new book titles you can expect to encounter on our shelves: “Fairy Tale” by Stephen King, “The Marriage Portrait” by Maggie O’Farrell, “The Bullet that Missed” by Richard Osman, “Lucy by the Sea” by Elizabeth Strout, “Less is Lost” by Andrew Sean Greer, “The Winners” by Fredrik Backman, and “Shrines of Gaiety” by Kate Atkinson. Read on for all the exciting programs we have on tap this month.

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 for the latest on if the below programs will be taking place virtually or in-person at the library; at this time masks continue to be required for all visitors to the library.

Hands and Needles Crafting Group

Mondays Sept. 12, 19, 26, 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.

Folk Jam

Thursday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. Live music with Songfarmers of Hinesburg.

Morning Book Group

Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. The Morning Book Group is reading “The Devotion of Suspect X” by Keigo Higashino.

Parent Book Club

Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. Parent Book Club (with CVSD ParentIN), discussing “Live Love Now: Relieve the Pressure and Find Real Connection with Our Kids” by Rachel Macy Stafford.

Recipe Swap

Friday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Eat and share! Contact rachel@carpentercarse.org with what you plan to bring.

Evening Book Group

Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. The Evening Book Group is reading “Hamnet” by Maggie O’Farrell. Contact rachel@carpentercarse.org for Zoom link.

Youth Programs

Weekly Storytime

Tuesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m. Join us for fun and learning at our Weekly Storytime. We’ll share picture books, songs, movement and rhymes designed to promote early language, fine motor and preliteracy skills in a friendly environment! We will meet every week outdoors 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 very rainy or cold, we will meet in the library community room. Each week we will finish up Storytime with a simple craft or sensory activity and book browsing. Storytime is designed for babies, toddlers, and preschool/kindergarten-aged children and their caregivers, and no registration is required.

Library StoryWalk

StoryWalks are laminated picture book pages posted in order outdoors and 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 fall, we will post new stories each month (until the snow flies!)

Beginner Chess Class for Kids

Thursdays 5-6 p.m., Sept. 15-Oct. 20. If you have ever wanted to learn to play chess, you are in luck! Children in second to eighth grades are invited to sign up for a six-week class at the library that will be taught by CVU Chess Club students. We are also collecting a great selection of materials you can check out to help you learn this cool and challenging game. Please email jen@carpentercarse.org or stop by the circulation desk to sign up.

Weekly Lego Club

Wednesdays 2:15–3:30 p.m., Sept. 14-Oct. 19. We have some new Legos this year, and we’re excited to start a new season of weekly Lego Clubs for children in kindergarten through fourth grade! The focus during our September/October session will be on STEM challenges, but there will also be plenty of time for free-play, show-and-tell and creating with friends. Registration is required and parents can email jen@carpentercarse.org or stop by the circulation desk at the library to sign up.

► Alwin Hathaway

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Command was tasked with investigating and recovering missing American personnel in Europe. They conducted several investigations in the Hürtgen area between 1946 and 1950, but were unable to recover or identify Hathaway’s remains. He was declared non-recoverable in December 1950.



Hathaway received both the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

A DPAA historian studying unresolved American losses in the Hürtgen area determined that one set of unidentified remains recovered in 1946 from a minefield, near Hathaway’s last known location, could possibly belong to Alwin.

The remains, which had been buried as unknown in Ardennes American Cemetery in 1950, were disinterred in April 2018 and sent to the DPAA laboratory in Nebraska for identification. Scientists used dental and mitochondrial DNA analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence, including fragments of his birth certificate and a paybook found on the battlefield to determine that the remains belonged to Hathaway, missing for more than 75 years.

Private Hathaway’s name is listed on the Walls of the Missing from World War II at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Hathaway received both the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. The Oak Leaf Cluster indicates he was wounded twice. From the certificates that accompanied his medal, the first is for wounds received in action on August 1944 in France and the second is for wounds resulting in his death on Nov. 6, 1944 in Germany. The family had a choice of burial in Arlington National Cemetery or to have him brought back home. They decided Pvt. Alwin Hathaway will be buried in the Hinesburg Village Cemetery in his family’s lot in September. Thanks to his niece, Star Poulin, for her input in this article.



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EDUCATION

Williston Students Lead the Way in Vermont on the Stock Market Game and Invest Write Essay

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Hannah Blanchard Wins InvestWrite Competition for Vermont

We could all learn something from eighth-grader Hannah Blanchard. At only 14 years old, this portfolio prodigy from Williston has developed an investment strategy primed for long-term financial success. Blanchard's vision of how to invest judiciously for the future cinched her an exhilarating win in the SIFMA Foundation's Spring 2022 InvestWrite competition.

Competing in the middle school division, Blanchard, who attends Williston Schools, researched and composed an impressive long-term financial plan and now she is being recognized for winning first place in the state of Vermont.

SIFMA Foundation's InvestWrite national essay competition bridges classroom learning in math, social studies and language arts with the practical research and knowledge required for saving, investing and long-term planning. It also serves as a culminating activity for the Stock Market Game curriculum-based financial education program that challenges students to manage a hypothetical \$100,000 online portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and cash over a period of 14-weeks, a semester or a school year.

"The SIFMA Foundation ensures young people of all backgrounds are better prepared for their financial lives," said Melanie Mortimer, president of the SIFMA Foundation. "We congratulate Hannah on this remarkable achievement and commend her teacher and school for their commitment to financial education."

The Spring 2022 InvestWrite competition asked fourth-12th graders: What is something you learned about investing that you didn't know before participating in the Stock Market Game. Explain how this can help your future and help others. If you were investing \$100,000 to perform well over the next 30 years, what stocks, bonds and mutual funds would you choose and why? Blanchard wowed the panel of expert judges with her thoughtful and insightful essay.

Hannah Blanchard and her teachers, Brie Healy and Chris Rose, were honored by the SIFMA Foundation on June 10, 2022.



CVSD student Hannah Blanchard wins essay contest.

Winning Essay by Hannah Blanchard

This year, I competed in the Stock Market Game which is a simulation of the real stock market. Investing in a stock makes you part owner of that company. The prices of that stock will go up when the company is doing well. The prices will drop when the stock goes down. During this, I have faced lots of challenges and learning experiences. I learned a few things about investing and this knowledge will help me in the future.

One of the first things that I learned in the Stock Market Game is about investing. It's crucial to invest in stocks when the prices are down. Usually that means the prices will go up sooner than later. After the prices have been going up for a while, you sell. This is something I didn't know at the beginning. We would buy stocks when they were going up and lose a lot of money. My team and I have been doing this and we have been doing well ever since.

Another thing that I learned about the Stock Market Game is about taking risks. The Stock Market Game is a short-term game. Most people who invest in the real stock market buy stocks for 10+ years. However, in the game, it's around six months. This means you have to take risks. My team played it safe in the beginning, but now that the game is almost over, we are buying and selling more stock.

The Stock Market Game can help me in the future by teaching myself about money. This is only a game but there is a real stock market out there where you can gain and lose real money that you worked hard for. This game is teaching me the basics so if I want to invest in the real stock market, I



In the photo are Chris Rose (teacher — advisor), Colin, Calvin and AJ. Missing from the photo are Ian and Brie Healy (teacher — advisor).

will be prepared. I also know that the stock market can be very helpful. Yes, you can lose money, but you can also gain lots to help with paying for college, retirement or even other long-term goals.

If I were investing \$100,000 to use in the next 30 years, I would do most of the same things I did in the game. I would invest in an electric car company or solar panel company. These will probably be important in the next 30 years. Health care is important to everybody. I would hopefully make more money than lose it.

Overall, I really enjoyed the Stock Market Game. It was a fun experience and I learned a lot. I hope I can play this game again at some point in the future.

About the SIFMA Foundation for Investor Education

The SIFMA Foundation is dedicated to fostering knowledge and understanding of the financial markets for individuals of all backgrounds, with a focus on youth. Drawing on the involvement and expertise of educators and the financial industry, the SIFMA Foundation provides financial education programs and tools that strengthen economic opportunities across communities and increase individuals' access to the benefits of the global marketplace. Notable foundation programs include the Stock Market Game, which has enabled more than 20 million students to become financially prepared for life, the InvestWrite national essay competition, the Capitol Hill Challenge, and Invest It Forward. For more information on the work of the SIFMA Foundation, visit sifma.org/foundation.

About InvestWrite

InvestWrite is a culminating activity for Stock Market Game students extending their classroom learning with a written challenge to address real-world financial issues and situations. Students must analyze, think critically and problem solve about a long-term saving and investing scenario. Nearly 250,000 student essays have been evaluated by their teachers and over 40,000 financial professionals have served as volunteer judges. Essays are judged by financial professionals who volunteer their time each year to ensure young people are exposed to the essentials of personal finance early in life. Judges evaluate students' under-

standing of long-term investing, diversification, the global capital markets, and factors that drive investments as well as their expression of investment ideas in essay form. Winners locally and nationally rise to the top to earn exciting awards including lap-tops, classroom pizza parties, trophies, plaques and banners and certificates. For more information about InvestWrite, visit investwrite.org.

Williston Team Wins the Yearlong Competition for the State of Vermont

In their humanities class this year, all Summit House students participated in the Stock Market Game, where students invest \$100,000 in fake money in the real stock market to learn how investing works. Summit House is a team of seventh and eighth graders that work with four core content teachers at Williston Central School.

One team learned a lot about the stock market and won the statewide, yearlong competition for the state of Vermont (earning the most money of all teams in both middle school and high school divisions). The team earned about \$44,000 from their original \$100,000 that they invested in the game. And they got some cool swag!

Access Classes Are Back

Registration Opens Friday, Aug. 26

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Access is your local community education program, located at CVU High School in Hinesburg, Vermont. The fall/winter catalog of classes is now online and we are open for registration! To view classes and to register online, visit our website at cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com or Google Access CVU — Eleyo. If you have questions or need help registering for a class, please contact us at 802-482-7194 or access@cvsdvt.org.

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Save the dates! The CVU Craft Fairs will be held on Oct. 15 and Nov. 26. If interested in being a vendor, please email Carol at cvuvenue@cvsdvt.org.

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SPORTS

CVU Redhawks Girls' Basketball Program to Host First Annual Golf Tournament

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Champlain Valley Union High School Girls Basketball Program is hosting its second annual Golf Scramble to raise money to support the program. The tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the

Cedar Knoll Country Club on Route 116 in Hinesburg. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and a light breakfast with players teeing off at 10 a.m. Snacks, lunch, prizes and appetizers, along with a cash bar, are included in the \$90 per player or \$360 per foursome price for those who register before Sept. 1. Prices rise to \$100 per person and \$400 per four-some after Sept. 1.

Not a golfer? We also have sponsorship opportunities available:

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Redhawk Sponsor \$1,000 or more — Includes golf for a team of four, two season passes to CVU Girls Basketball games, listing of your sponsorship in the Girls Basketball program and acknowledgment at the golf tournament.

To register or submit a sponsorship, contact Amy Armstrong at amyarmstrong@hotmail.com.

We hope that this event will become an annual tradition where friends and family can enjoy good-spirited competition while raising money to support this successful basketball program. CVU is the preeminent girls' basketball program in the state of Vermont, winning six state championships in the past 10 years with a record of 226-15

over the past decade. The program serves over 30 girls each year, teaching them the importance of teamwork, discipline, maximum effort and sportsmanship producing confident, determined young women ready for the challenges of college and career.

We want to thank Rice Lumber for being the lead sponsor and Cedar Knoll Country Club for hosting the event. There are also opportunities for additional interested businesses and individuals to sponsor the event. Sponsorships are available at several levels so we can find one that is right for everyone.

The fundraising provides money for players to attend team camp and tournaments in the summer and allows us to offer scholarship money to children attending our CVU Girls Basketball Camp each summer. It also allows the program to provide practice gear and warm-ups to all members of the program, to celebrate the seniors and to reward excellence at the end of the season.

CVU Girls Basketball team members value their strong relationship with the Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne and Williston communities. They give back to the community in many ways each year including near unanimous participation in the Penguin Plunge Fundraiser.

We hope to see many of you at this event and in the gym this winter to cheer on the team.

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Acorn Energy Co-Op's Fourth Community Solar Project Moving Forward in Hinesburg

FROM ACORN RENEWABLE ENERGY CO-OP PRESS RELEASE

Fundraising for an innovative local community-owned solar project in Hinesburg, under development by the Acorn Renewable Energy Co-op of Middlebury, is moving forward. The proposed project, Acorn Energy Solar 4, will be a 150-kW solar array on the capped former municipal landfill located at 179 Observatory Road in Hinesburg.

On July 20, 2022, the final review of the Vermont Equity Crowdfunding documentation for AES4 was completed by the state for the public offering of shares in the project. This review allows Acorn Energy Co-op to begin marketing shares in the project to Vermont residents with an electric meter in the Vermont Electric Cooperative service territory. These investors will receive the project's net metered credits on their VEC bills, and ultimately take ownership of the project.

"Because we have developed this project in connection with the host community, we have been able to combine local investment, ownership, and management of a solar array in a manner that makes the most of a brownfield's redevelopment opportunity," says Acorn Energy Co-op President Benjamin Marks. "We hope that the installed price per watt of the array will also be attractive for prospective participants."

The Hinesburg landfill is ideal for solar development since it has good solar exposure from the south. In addition, this type of "brownfield" site receives favorable treatment from Vermont's energy permitting and approval agencies. Acorn Energy Co-op applied for a Certificate of Public Good for the project from the Public Utility Commission, which was issued by the commission on July 6, 2021.

Acorn Energy Co-op, and Aegis Renewable Energy of Waitsfield (Acorn Energy's contractor), have

developed the plan for the approximately \$602,545 Hinesburg project. The project's design calls for 360 solar panels, 540 watts each, which will cover a little over one acre of the capped Hinesburg landfill site.

The Acorn Energy Co-op's innovative investment model calls for two initial categories of investors in AES4: a single Series A Member, and multiple Series B Members. Union Mutual Insurance Company of Montpelier will be the Series A investor. The Series A investor will provide approximately 29% of the capital to construct the project and in return will receive federal tax credits for their project participation. Their involvement helps to keep the costs down for the Series B investors.

The remaining equity funding will come from the Series B investors (Vermont residents, businesses, churches, and organizations with an electric meter in the VEC service territory) from Hinesburg and surrounding communities, who will be project participants. These investors will receive net metering dollar credits applied each month to their VEC electric bills based on the amount of electricity produced the previous month for the number of investment units they have purchased.

"We are extremely pleased to have Union Mutual Insurance Company as a major participant in our Hinesburg solar project," says Richard Carpenter, Acorn Energy Co-op's treasurer. "Their support has been invaluable in bringing true community-owned solar to the VEC service territory."

Six years after the Hinesburg project begins electricity production, the equity structure will "flip" and the individual investors may take full ownership of the project, making AES4 one of a small number of truly local, community-owned net metered solar projects in the state.

"Acorn Energy Co-op is very excited

to be moving ahead with this community-owned solar project developed by Vermonsters for Vermont residents," says President Marks. "We believe the Hinesburg project will help decentralize the grid, and will also help the State of Vermont to reach its ambitious goal of 90% renewables by 2050."

A schedule of informational online meetings for prospective investors can be found at: acornenergycoop.com.

Organized in 2008, The Acorn Energy Co-op is a member-owned cooperative serving residents and businesses in Addison, Rutland and Chittenden counties. The co-op provides education, outreach, products and services, as well as community solar projects that help members make the transition from our present reliance on fossil fuels to greater use of renewables and local solutions.

For more information on the Hinesburg solar project, or to join the Acorn Energy Co-op, visit acornenergycoop.com, email info@acornenergycoop.com, or call Mary Mester at 802-385-1911.

Working in the Watershed: Wrapping Up the Water Quality Stewardship Field Season

BY KATE KELLY AND PORTIA BUTRYM, LCA PROGRAM MANAGER AND LCA INTERN

Volunteers, from nurses to ornithophiles, paddled throughout the lively wetlands of Lake Champlain to remove European frogbit, a nonnative invasive plant species, for the 16th consecutive summer. In 2007, Lewis Creek Association initiated the "Water Quality Stewardship Program" and has since worked annually to manage the invasive plants and water quality of the rivers and streams that drain directly into Lake Champlain. The volunteer-driven frogbit project is the result of cooperation between many individu-



Volunteers remove European frogbit plants in Town Farm Bay. Photo credit: Portia Butrym.



Seven northern map turtles basking on a log at the LaPlatte River wetlands. Photo credit: Portia Butrym.

als and groups, including LCA; the towns of Charlotte, Shelburne and Hinesburg; Shelburne Bay Boat Club; and a supportive Charlotte property owner.

European frogbit, a common aquarium plant, spread to the U.S. via the St. Lawrence River after it was introduced to arboretum ponds in Ottawa in 1932. It is now considered an aquatic invasive species because it dominates native species in the competition for sunlight, nutrients and surface area. LCA's volunteer efforts have proven highly successful since friends of LCA discovered frogbit covering 50% of Town Farm Bay in 2007. Annual paddling and weeding

trips, with a side of bird- and turtle-watching, have reduced the coverage of frogbit to around 4% cover. In contrast, when frogbit was discovered in the wetlands of the LaPlatte Natural Area, it had a much lower percentage of cover; this gave LCA's program and volunteers the opportunity for "early detection, rapid response." Though the invasive plant will never be eradicated in either location, maintaining this low population allows native plants and animals to thrive. This summer, volunteers spent 172 hours removing 1,057 pounds of frogbit from Town Farm Bay and 30 pounds from the LaPlatte River wetlands.

LCA's Water Quality Stewardship Program also includes the annual monitoring of water quality in the LaPlatte River, Patrick Brook, McCabe's Brook, Thorp Brook, Kimball Brook — and this year — Lewis Creek, by volunteers for South Chittenden River Watch. Volunteers collect water samples that are then

analyzed by the Vermont Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory, and interpreted by LCA technical consultants. The sampling season has recently wrapped up, and included sampling for nutrients (phosphorus, nitrogen) and chloride, in order to understand sources of nutrient loading to Lake Champlain while informing water quality improvement project plans. Results from 2022 will be available on LCA's website (lewiscreek.org) in the spring of 2023; to see last years' results, visit bit.ly/LCA-WQ-2021. Check out more information on water quality and what you can do to improve it on LCA's YouTube channel at bit.ly/3iS2z4b.

This water quality stewardship program is important for maintaining productive, functioning and scenic waters, and also allows residents of Charlotte, Shelburne and Hinesburg to become advocates for water quality. Volunteers in each town help share this information with neighbors and friends, helping improve water quality in the future. This program being funded through your town budget is crucial, since it allows the whole community to take ownership of local water quality and natural resources that are extremely important to protect. This will result in healthier ecosystems that all citizens can enjoy. If you are interested in assisting with water quality monitoring or invasive plant removal in 2023, please reach out to Kate Kelly, LCA program manager, at lewiscreekorg@gmail.com or 802-488-5203.

Cathedral Square Receives Grant for Hinesburg Crosswalk

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Cathedral Square has received a 2022 AARP Community Challenge Grant, which will be used to install a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at an existing crosswalk on Route 116 in Hinesburg near Kelley's Field, a Cathedral Square and Evernorth affordable-housing community for older adults.

Cathedral Square was one of just 260 grantees selected from 3,200 applications submitted nationwide.

The enhanced crosswalk was inspired by Kelley's Field residents. It will improve pedestrian visibility and safety, promote walkability and improve resi-

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OUTDOORS

What's Wrong With Invasive Plants?

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

A big part of my job has become dealing with nonnative invasive plants (also called “invasive exotic plants” or “invasives”) in the woods. While many of the plant species found in Vermont are nonnative, only a small portion of these are “invasive” — outcompeting native species and negatively impacting natural communities. So, what’s wrong with invasive plants?

We find ourselves in a strange and important moment in the history of our planet; in the midst of a mass ex-

inction event, the sixth such event in history but the first caused by a single species. Today, an estimated 1 million animal and plant species are threatened with extinction, including more than 40% of amphibians, one-third of reef-forming corals and more than one-third of marine mammals. About 700 vertebrate species and at least 100,000 species of invertebrates have gone extinct since the 16th century and, according to the World Wildlife Fund, global animal populations have declined an average of 68% since 1970.

The consensus in the scientific community is that the main contributors to this biodiversity crisis are all human-caused: climate change, deforestation/habitat loss, pollution and biological invasions — nonnative invasive plants, pests, pathogens and animals — are considered the main culprits. According to the National Wildlife Federation, 42% of endangered species are primarily threatened by invasives, and invasive organisms account for about half of extinctions of which the cause is known.

Why are invasives such a problem? Within their native environments, each species occupies a unique niche; constrained by habitat limitations and by the other species that have adapted to prey on them, parasitize them and compete with them over thousands of years. They form communities: groups of species that share a complex evolutionary history. Species are not adapted to every other species on Earth — only to those with which they co-occur — and so ecosystems can harbor vast open niches. For example, New Zealand’s ecosystems have no native terrestrial mammals and have been decimated by the introduction of rats and other mammals; Guam’s native birds are all functionally extinct due to the introduction of a single species of snake. In her Pulitzer Prize-winning book, “The Sixth Extinction,” author Elizabeth Kolbert describes invasives as species released from the constraints of evolution, introduced into communities which are completely unprepared for them in an evolutionary sense.

The installation of the RRFB is scheduled for this fall.

This project is made possible for the community thanks to the generous support of AARP.

About Cathedral Square: Founded in Vermont in 1977, Cathedral Square is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization and a national leader in the development of affordable, service-enriched housing for low- and modest-income older adults and people with disabilities. Guided by its mission to advance “healthy homes, caring communities and positive aging,” it has helped create more than 1,400 affordable homes in Vermont. In 2009 it developed the nationally recognized Support and Services at Home program, a care-management model shown to improve health outcomes, reduce the growth in Medicare expenditures and help people “age in place” in the comfort of home.

About AARP Community Challenge Grant: This is a program to make tangible improvements in communities that jump-start long-term change. It is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. To learn more, visit aarp.org/Livable.

tion and often forming dense monocultures. As they do so, invasives can displace and disrupt entire communities of organisms that have co-evolved with native trees and plants for millennia. As forests and wildlife respond to our changed and changing world, invasives threaten their **resilience** — their ability to adapt, to regenerate, to stay healthy in a trying and stressful time.

While eradicating invasive plants across our landscape is not possible, invasive plants are actually much easier to deal with than most invasive animals, pests and pathogens. In most cases it is completely possible to control them, to lower populations of invasives to a level that minimizes the negative impacts they cause to a forest or other ecosystem. Controlling invasives is challenging and requires an ongoing commitment, but with the right tools it is fully achievable.

Protecting ecosystems is as much an act of self-preservation as environmentalism — our forests clean our air and our water, regulate our climate, underpin the biological and geochemical processes which make life on Earth possible, support our local communities and economies and safeguard our lives and our quality of life in countless ways. Controlling invasives, and protecting the integrity of ecosystems in general, is part of how we take responsibility for our ecosystems, for each other, and for future generations — how we build a better world for our children and our grandchildren to inhabit.

Learn more about invasive plants and how to control them on my YouTube channel at tinyurl.com/mkbnm4jd or at VTInvasives.org.

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

Camel's Hump Monroe Trailhead Parking Area Closed for Improvements

FROM VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation initiated a project on Aug. 15 through a contractor to expand the existing parking capacity servicing the Monroe Trail in

Camel's Hump State Park in Duxbury. The Monroe Trail is a popular hiking route to the summit of Camel's Hump. Visitors should be aware that the two upper parking areas at the Monroe Trailhead will be closed Monday through Friday while the project is active through Sept. 15, 2022. The parking lot is being expanded, roughly doubling in capacity, to better accommodate the existing levels of visitation by allowing vehicles to park off the traveled portion of Camel's Hump Road.

During the construction, hikers will need to park in the winter parking area, adding one mile to the round-trip hike. Visitors are encouraged to seek alternate hiking locations, which can be found using Trailfinder.info or by contacting the Green Mountain Club (802-244-7037, greenmountainclub.org). Hikers choosing to access the Monroe Trail during construction will encounter heavy equipment and trucks and should stay alert and make themselves visible to truck drivers and equipment operators.

“Camel’s Hump is one of the most popular recreation destinations in Vermont and this parking lot expansion will better accommodate our visitors,” said FPR Commissioner Michael Snyder. “With what always feels like a short hiking season, there’s never a good time to close a parking area for improvements. We hope that the hiking public will use this period as an opportunity to explore the many other trails Vermont has to offer.”

Bear Conflicts Are Escalating in Vermont, Fish & Wildlife Department Urges Proactive Coexistence Steps

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

High-risk bear conflicts such as home and vehicle entries are being reported more frequently this summer than in previous years, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

“Vermont’s black bears are learning to connect humans and food, and becoming bolder,” said wildlife biologist and Black Bear Project leader Jaclyn Comeau. “The number

one cause of this dangerous, escalating behavior is Vermonters failing to secure food sources that attract bears. This failure is putting people

and bears in danger.”

Bear incident reports to the department have been on the rise for a decade, from 135 reports in 2011 to 650 in 2021. This year, over 700 reports have already been submitted.

“We are receiving more bear incident reports, and more concerning, we are also receiving more reports of truly high-risk behavior by bears,” said Comeau. “In a typical year, we receive just two or three reports of bears breaking into homes. This summer, we are hearing of two to three attempted or successful home entries per week.”

The department urges individuals, towns and businesses to be proactive in keeping bears from seeking food near people. Securing garbage, taking down bird feeders, locking vehicles and making sure not to store food in vehicles, composting properly and protecting backyard livestock with an electric fence are necessary.

“Coexisting with our healthy bear population requires all Vermonters to remove potential sources of conflict before problems start,” said Comeau. “Preventing a conflict is much easier than resolving an ongoing conflict and is the safest option for both bears and people. Once a bear has learned truly high-risk behaviors like home entry, lethal control may be needed to protect human safety. No one wants to have to resort to that measure.”

PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Willow Bertrand of Hinesburg has been named to the Spring 2022 dean’s list. Bertrand was among more than 1,200 students to achieve this honor. To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Julia Daggett of Hinesburg has made Emmanuel College’s (Massachusetts) dean’s list for the Spring 2022 semester. To earn a spot on the dean’s list, Emmanuel students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Lucy Mathews of Hinesburg has been named to St. Lawrence University’s (New York) dean’s list for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2022 semester. Mathews is majoring in history and government. To be eligible for the dean’s list, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Caleb Nye of Hinesburg is among those named to the Dean’s List at Endicott College (Massachusetts) for

the Spring 2022 semester. Nye is majoring in criminal justice and is the son of Amber Nye and William Nye. In order to qualify for the dean’s list, a student must obtain a minimum GPA of 3.5 and receive no letter grade below a “C.”

Megan Robert of Hinesburg has been named to the dean’s list for the 2022 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean’s list students have attained a GPA of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Evan Turner of Hinesburg has been named to the dean’s list at Champlain College for the Spring 2022 semester. To be on the dean’s list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Sophie S. Yarwood of Hinesburg was named to second honors on the Clark University (Massachusetts) dean’s list for the Spring 2022 semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors and a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Recent Graduates

Brenna Comeau of Hinesburg has graduated from Ithaca College (New York) with a bachelor’s in fine arts in stage management.

Anna Cornish of Hinesburg gradu-

ated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Tufts University. Cornish was also named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2022 semester. To be named to the dean’s list, students must earn a GPA of 3.4 or greater for the semester.

Sofia Dattilio of Hinesburg has graduated from The State University of New York at Albany, cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in communication.

Shelby Hanlon of Hinesburg recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

Noah Lee of Hinesburg earned their Master of Science in leadership degree from Champlain College.

Zaza Quatt of Hinesburg graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology (New York) with a BFA in illustration. Quatt also was named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2022 Semester.

Dakota Siple of Hinesburg earned their Bachelor of Science degree in early child/elementary education from Champlain College. Siple also was named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2022 Semester. To be on the dean’s list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

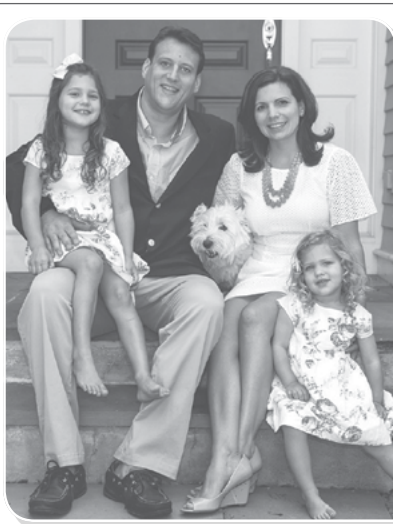
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ARTS & LEISURE

Shelburne Museum News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Recap: ‘Antiques Roadshow’ — View the Photo Gallery!

Browse our photo gallery from the “Antiques Roadshow” filming in July. View a behind-the-scenes look at the action, see appraisers in action, and get excited for the television episodes airing in 2023! Photos are at shelburnemuseum.org/visit/antiques-roadshow.

New Outdoor Sculpture: Welcome, ‘Faceted Rock’!

Come see “Faceted Rock,” by artist

David Stromeyer, our newest outdoor sculpture. Located next to the Meeting House at Shelburne Museum, the work was installed in its new home earlier in August. Join us for a meet-and-greet with the artist at Free First Friday Eve on Sept. 2 from 5-6 p.m.



“Faceted Rock,” by David Stromeyer.

COMMENTARY

Artificial Intelligence: Whose? And for Whom?

BY BILL SCHUBART

I struggle with the concept of artificial intelligence. Perhaps because in my 77 years I’ve had to cope with what intelligence I can perceive and distill from teachers, friends, art, science and the natural world. I’ve had to consider and process these inputs, place them in context and then sort out what’s true and worthwhile and what’s not.

Technology, like a manual tool, is supposed to make life easier. But if the energy required to learn and use the tool exceeds the energy it saves by using it, it is not a useful tool, as I mentioned in an early column.

to satisfy our natural human need for help and advice is said to save billions for companies, but, so far, has done little for humans seeking answers. Will AI make the world a better place or simply make business more profitable? In deploying AI, will businesses prioritize customer and human needs or company policy and profit?

The company I co-founded and ran for 25 years provided local call center service to major broadcasters and several publishers. At our peak, we employed 80 agents who were thoroughly trained on our clients’ products. Our goal was to answer all calls by the third ring and we largely succeeded. An agent might answer, “thank you for calling The History Channel, how can I help you?” Agents knew intimately the client product lines and had screen back-up for all product inquiries.

We sold the company in 2008 to a private equity firm who proceeded to wring out costs, transferred the call center to Southeast Asia where agents were answering calls for dozens of other companies and tried to implement primitive AI. The customer service deterioration was so marked that

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The explosion of AI software that tries



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clients began leaving in droves and the company and its 175 jobs were gone within another few years.

Have you ever called the toll-free number helpline for QuickBooks, Adobe, your bank, the IRS, Medicare or any of the other countless services on which we increasingly rely? Studies show that 15% of customers hang up after being on hold for 40 seconds. When a customer succeeds in complaining to a company about their product or service, does that information ever reach decision makers?

Remember when you could call a travel agent and be booked from Burlington to Iceland and back and be sent the details of your trip. Now, you must work directly with the airline or a travel aggregator ... good luck with that.

One persistent airline customer put a company’s phone line to the test after being placed on hold for two hours. He decided to wait and see how long the business would keep him on the line. Some 15 hours later, the call was finally pushed through and he was notified that his original request (which put him on hold in the first place) had been denied due to an error.

My own record to date is waiting 47 minutes to get a human to answer the Quicken helpline in the Philippines.

We then talked for another 128 minutes after I gave her online access to my computer, and she finally acknowledged that the system was having “issues” and that I should call back later. As it turned out, I lost the ability to process 22 years’ worth of financial records. Luckily, I had backed up the data.

To apply to American colleges, our thoroughly literate, tri-lingual Serbian foreign exchange student, Mina, who has earned straight A’s at Champlain Valley Union High School as a senior, needed to take a standard test administered online to determine her English fluency

The first effort failed because of a scheduling confusion regarding Euro-military time standard versus American time.

The second effort, which she started a half hour early, was on her home computer. It required extensive rewiring. She passed the technical test and then, minutes before starting, was instructed to download an extension. After the download completed, and as the test was starting, the exten-

sion created onscreen ambiguities. She was told if the extension caused a problem to click on the “help” icon. There was no help icon. We could not resolve the technical issue, so Mina was disconnected from the site.

We set up the third trial at CVU in their computer lab with a staff tech helping. Mina got there an hour early. They resolved the myriad technical issues which included having to move to another site in the school and the test began. She completed the first half and was told to take a ten-minute break. She did, returned, and began to start again, but the test site told her that she could not complete the test because she’d taken her cell-phone to the bathroom (to text me that the test was working).

She was denied access for the second part and called me in tears. So, after three trials — and charges for each — she could not access the test required of all foreign exchange students wishing to apply to an American college ... our country’s loss.

I recently went to a restaurant that had no menu. I had to get the Wi-Fi password from the waitress, enter it into my cellphone, scan a QR code, and read a linear menu that listed my lunch options and prices. I’ll never go back there. Maybe I’m just old.

Going to Canada to pick up my wife at the airport I filled out the ArriveCAN online entry form, a prerequisite for any traveler to Canada now. I filled it out with all my personal data and then it asked for a credit card. I was surprised at the charge, but heedlessly entered my Amex card. That failed. So, I entered a Visa card. I then got an email saying my payments had not worked and that an agent would be in touch within 72 hours. Planning to be in Canada in 60 hours, I responded that I needed help before then. The answer came from Russia and both cards had been ripped. I canceled both and went to Canada with no credit cards. The fake site perfectly mirrored the legitimate Canadian one, just adding the card capture.

I am an early adopter. I wrote my first novel on a portable computer the size of an overnight case 35 years ago. But I worry about our aging population, among whom I count myself. Many now lack access to once-common human help (“navigators,” I think we called them). How does a person of Medicare or Social Security age navigate on their own the myriad complexities of using systems designed essentially to minimize personnel costs? Thanks to our local telephone

company, we have fiber optic cable to our home. But we know many Vermonters who still have dial-up.

If health care continues its migration to telemedicine, helplines don’t get answered, and emergency room waits get longer, what happens to the many whose lifelong access to medicine has been through a local primary care doctor? How many people will simply give up? At a certain age, the energy and perhaps the capacity to relearn how to cope with all of life’s tasks wanes.

AI holds promise in many areas, but if it’s designed solely to wring human costs out of business enterprise and gather personal data to be re-marketed at a profit, it will not serve humanity well. AI must be designed with people (consumers) in mind and with the knowledge that information technology can either be designed to help or to exploit depending on how it is deployed.

► Silent Auction

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Hinesburg Food Shelf. RGH would like to thank the following local artists, who donated their time and talents to creating the four-inch by four-inch art works:

Mary Azarian
Cynthia Guild-Kling
Gregory Maguire
Sarah Morrison-Yates
Nola Parker
John Penoyer
Ashley Wolff
Mary Hill
Peter Sis
Barb Forauer
Beth Royar
Kelly Kendall
Andy Newman
Addie Niebur
Marian Willmott

On the Fourth of July, the canvases were displayed at a table outside the United Church Parish Hall. Also on the table were copies of two histories of Hinesburg, bound together and reprinted by RGH, and available for a suggested donation of \$5. Copies are now available at Carpenter-Carse Library and at the town clerk’s office. Proceeds from this effort will go toward a scholarship for a Hinesburg CVU senior working on an important climate change issue. Scholarship details will be announced soon.

RGH is dedicated to preserving the rural nature and small-town feel of Hinesburg and ensuring that new development is designed to foster a sense of community as well as protecting the Lake Champlain Watershed.

► Richard Smith

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the 1990s with brothers Rob and Sam in the Richard Smith Trio before marrying Julie Adams, an accomplished cellist, and moving to Nashville, Tennessee in 2000. Once there, Richard founded The Hot Club of Nashville, a band with a varying lineup that included John Jorgenson, Pat Bergeson, Bryon Sutton, and Stuart Duncan combining jazz and western swing, and a year later he won the prestigious National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship in 2001 at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas. Richard tours around the world with a repertoire that includes fingerpicking classics, bluegrass, fiddle tunes, originals, blues, ragtime, jazz standards and everything from pop to Sousa marches. He has performed and recorded with Chet Atkins, Les Paul, Sam Bush, Stuart Duncan, Martin Taylor and Tommy Emmanuel (who remarked: “If you like my playing, you should love Richard Smith! The world champion!”)



Richard Smith will be performing a concert at CVU Theater.

The National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame named Smith Thumbpicker of the Year in 2008 and again in 2021; he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009. Watch Richard perform Scott Joplin’s “The Entertainer” on YouTube, with more than 12 million views, to see why he received the Golden Thumbpick Award from the Association of Fingerstyle Guitarists in 2011.

Visit richardsmithmusic.com to learn more about him, but, most of all, don’t miss the opportunity — Friday, Sept. 30, at the CVU Theater — to hear one of the brilliant acoustic guitarists on tour today in a space beautifully designed for such a listening experience.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., and tickets can be purchased at sevendaystickets.com for \$20 plus tax and fees, or at the door on the night of the performance with cash or personal check ONLY. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions about the performance do not call CVUHS, instead, phone 802-355-9151. Thanks.

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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 the parish office at 482-2290.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

Regular Services:

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

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

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

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

Middle School and High School Youth Group: Meets Fridays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in person and online. This is a great time to meet new friends, hang out and talk about real life and our place in this world. Contact Connor Durochia connor.durochia@gmail.com for more informa-

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Website: steeple.org

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

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

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

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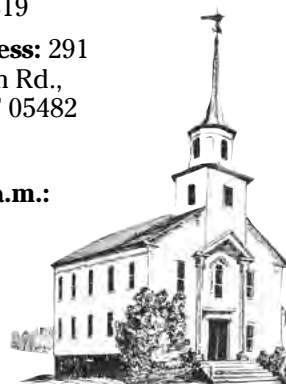
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Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation

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



► Behind the Scenes

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trailer and would meet us at the loading area — corner of 116 and Beecher Hill Road. What a crazy day, and thanks to Sean Lang and others who made the phone calls, we loaded up and were in the parade.

Because of the parade several of the players mentioned that we should play other than just on the Fourth of July.

Thus, the Hinesburg Community Band was born.

The band is a great group and we typically do three concerts (two at CVU and one in the park) each year as well as play the Fourth of July. It was really great to reestablish the band because my great-grandfather, grandfather and two uncles played in the original Hinesburg Town Band.

FROM ROGER KOHN

The proceeds of balloon sales on the Fourth of July help pay for the fireworks, but a major purpose is to add to the festivities and the enjoyment of the kids. The history of this effort is as follows.

About 1983, Hinesburg decided to put together a bicentennial celebration of the founding of the town with a parade and fireworks. Gay Muller, then the town clerk, came up with the idea to make balloons to celebrate.

My wife Miriam and I, along with a number of other folks, volunteered to help. After all, it sounded like great fun — perhaps because it reminded me of my mother's ceramic figurine of a balloon seller that I found so intriguing as a child.

That first year, we assisted Gay at the elementary school, where we made balloons in the doorway cupola of the old white building (the original Hinesburg high school).

The balloons were a hit. Children and adults loved them.

After two years, I realized that my office building (Kohn Rath) in the village would be a much better place to blow up balloons, because we could store them inside. This allows us to make them before the parade and before the fireworks, to keep up with demand. It is quite a sight to see the entire first floor filled with colorful balloons!

We have always used 16-inch balloons (which are much larger and more attractive than the commonplace 11-inch balloons). Deciding on colors and patterns has been fun, although as of 2022, 16-inch balloons are no longer made in patterns, probably because the cost of helium has increased so much that the larger balloons are not used as much (interestingly, we discovered that helium is mined, and is needed in the operation of MRI machines — a few years ago there was a shortage of

helium, and I think we were unable to make balloons that year).

Over the years, many people have played a role in creating the Fourth of July balloons.

After a year or two, Gay Muller resigned as town clerk, and my wife, Miriam Adams Kohn, and I took over the organization of the sale, helped by a very dedicated group of volunteers. Our daughter Nina also enjoyed selling balloons as she grew up. Gene Giroux, who lives next door to my office, has made balloons since we started making them at the office — talk about dedication! Other regular volunteers have included Jean Isham,

Bill Lippert, Enrique Peredo, Andrea Morgante, Ray and Pat Mainer, and Aaron and Kim Kimball and their son Ethan. Other folks included Kevin Lewis, Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Howdy Russell, Roger and Elaine Lawson, Freeda Powers, Judy Chafee and Jennie and Katrina Wilson (I'm sure there are others, and I apologize to those I left out). This has been quite a group effort!

Even after all these years, it is still great fun seeing the kids try to decide what color balloon to get — this can be a very difficult decision! Sometimes the parents prefer a different color, but the child always wins the discussion. And whatever choice is made, the balloon will become part of the bobbing colors that add to the celebratory spirit of the day.

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

July Fourth Behind the Scenes

Stories About How It All Comes Together

FROM JEN MCCUIN

It's funny to think that I've been involved in July Fourth planning for the past 18 years. I am the "behind the scenes" person and as surprising as it sounds, the process starts in January. Northstar Fireworks wants to know if "you're in" and offers its first prepay option for 20%. Paperwork is signed and we get a little more bang for our buck if we have the funds. Sadly, the cost of fireworks has doubled along with so many other things. Funding comes from Aubuchon Hardware's sponsorship, balloon sales with Roger Kohn and crew, along with the Hilly Hobble Foot Race proceeds. The town did appropriate additional funding to cover the increased cost this year, but we are definitely going to need some serious fundraising to cover the new minimum of \$10,000 for 2023's fireworks.

There are many boxes to check on the July Fourth to-do list.

Contacting a company for port-a-potties, trash/recycling, parade security and clean-up at Hinesburg Community School are the less glamorous pieces, but completely necessary. Tom Giroux is our judge coordinator, grand marshal transportation planner, and provides the longest historical perspective on the commission. Frank Twarog and Tom cover parade lineup and duties at the intersection of Buck Hill Road West. The days' event schedule is compiled to the best of my ability after reaching out to all the longtime participants like Community Alliance Church, Carpenter-Carse Library's book sale, and the Hinesburgh Public House. A band to perform, some mini-golf behind the police station, retirements, swear-in ceremonies and maybe

something new. As I look back, there are certain memories and traditions that stick in my mind. Fred Webster's stagecoach from the Northeast Kingdom. The Hinesburg Record's birthday. Honoring Yvonne Epstein and Natalie Miller from Hinesburg Nursery Store. For longtime traditions, how can you miss the entire Eddy family running the Hilly Hobble Foot Race on the night before July Fourth? One of my favorite themes started as a joke in a meeting, but ended up being so much fun with such creative floats — Winter in July. We had snowmen in the parade that year! How about 2020's Home Floats? Enough said.

FROM TOM GIROUX

I've been involved in Hinesburg's July 4 for decades. A while back we had a July Fourth committee which I was on, while also being on the Recreation Board. After a number of years, I was the only one left, so the Recreation Board just took it over.

Now July Fourth kind of runs on its own.

Roger Kohn's group does the balloon sales with profits going to the fireworks.

The Recreation Board picks the theme for the parade. I find judges for the parade, where we hand out awards in 10 categories. And I also find a way to transport the grand marshals, who we on the Recreation Board pick. We urge the board to pick an unpaid citizen who has been involved in the town's activities for years. I usually ask the chosen grand marshal if they would accept the appointment, which they most often do.

I go to other parades, Vergennes Memorial Day Parade mainly, asking participants to take part in ours. Other town fire departments bring their trucks. I'm not sure if they do so

because it's a tradition, or if because our chief asks them to. We tend to not ask people running for public office to participate (governor, etc.), but we also don't turn them down if they want to attend. I've been involved forever, and believe it or not, we don't really have any set rules on how the parade goes. I get the state to mow the ditch on the parade start of Route 116. If they say no, then I ask the town to. I also ask the Munsons if we can use their field to park in for the parade floats, and George always goes out of his way to mow the field beforehand. I also ask the development owners across the street from Route 116 and Buck Hill Road if we can use their property for parking and they always say yes.

As the phrase goes, "it takes a village," and that is so very true in providing you all a satisfying birthday party for the US of A. And again, sorry for those I've missed.

FROM RUFUS PATRICK

I remember thinking (many years ago) that the Hinesburg Fourth of July parade needed more music. So, I made some phone calls and began recruiting. I believe the first time we played on the flatbed was 1996 and we have continued each year since (other than COVID-19). For the past several years we have been fortunate to have Sean Lang (Mountain's Edge Farm) provide a trailer and driver. It all started (I am not sure what year) when I got a call from the driver on the morning of July Fourth saying that the band had no ride due to mechanical difficulties. I scrambled around town looking for potential trailers and happened to stop at a prayer service in the little memorial area by Good Times Café. I told one of my band members we would need to cancel. Well word spread quickly and within a few minutes I got a call that Sean was scrambling to hitch up a

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make a Difference

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

Mentoring

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

Mentors bring with them a sense of shared fun, new experiences and great listening skills. Mentors bring encouragement and options for expanding a young person's regard for themselves and their world. By sharing yourself with your mentee you can inspire them to create a richer future for themselves. Contact Program Coordinator Livy Bulger at lbulger@cvsdvt.org or 482-6226 for more information.

Hinesburg Trails

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

Meals on Wheels

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

Visit a Senior

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

Town Committees

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

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

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

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