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OCTOBER 2022

Fire Department Receives Tactical Emergency Critical Care Training

BY ERIC SPIVAK

On Aug. 20 and 21 eight members of the Hinesburg Fire Department attended a Tactical Emergency Critical Care (TECC) course. This is a sixteen-hour class that trains EMTs in providing emergency care during an active shooter situation. This is training that everyone agreed we hope

we never have to use.

Saturday included lectures and hands-on practice learning how to set up command and entry teams; work with law enforcement in the building; triaging patients; providing fast lifesaving techniques, such as stopping bleeding with tourniquets and opening airways; and

moving patients to a safe area for further treatment and transport.

Sunday started with two short lectures, then we moved to CVU to get comfortable with the equipment and moved through the building with law enforcement.

EMTs staged until the police department had cleared the building. Once cleared, two officers with two EMTs between them, started to move toward the patients for triage. The lead officer moved ahead, making sure the hallways/rooms are still clear and looking for victims. The teams' movements are controlled by this officer. As the team moved up, the second officer moved backward, protecting the team from behind.

On Sunday afternoon we did several scenarios that started with the shooter being located and stopped, allowing EMTs to begin triaging and treating patients. As the afternoon progressed, so did the scenarios. One scenario had EMTs in the building and having to un-

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HFD members who completed the TECC course (starting from near the wall corner), back: Lt/EMR Jeremy Steele; Asst Chief/EMT Eric Spivack; FF Jeremy Steele; FF/EMT Erik Short; FF/EMT Justin Beauchemin; front: FF/EMT Scott Loftus Jr; FF Connor Contois. Not pictured Capt./EMT Ed Waite.

Mountain Brigade Team To Compete in Austrian Edelweiss Raid 2023

Hinesburger will lead the team

BY MAJ. J. SCOTT DETWEILER

The 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain) conducted the first round of tryouts on Sept. 10 to compete in the biennial Edelweiss Raid hosted in Austria this February.

Held in the Tyrolian Alps, the Edelweiss Raid brings together eight-person teams from over 10 nations, to include NATO and NATO partner states, to compete in a rigorous military mountaineering competition. Teams must traverse 40 kilometers of high alpine, snow-covered terrain with 4,000 meters of elevation gain while completing a va-

riety of mountain warfare tactical tasks within a two-day period.

"It is an incredible challenge," said U.S. Army Maj. Nathan Fry, team-leader and 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment, 86th IBCT (MTN) executive officer from Hinesburg. "Unlike other skimo races, the emphasis in the raid is not on lightweight gear and Lycra suits — competitors race in military-issued skis with full combat equipment, rifles, rescue sleds and radios. Packs can weigh between 30 and 50 pounds."

This round of the tryout consisted of a timed run up the toll-road of Mt. Mansfield, 4.3 miles of steep incline up 2,564 feet of elevation. Out of the 12 competitors, 1st Lt. Josh McDougal,

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Our Community and the American Rescue Plan Act

BY KEVIN LEWIS

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill passed by the US Congress in 2021. In addition to provisions like direct checks to individuals, an expanded Child Tax Credit, and enhanced unemployment benefits, the bill also included \$350 billion

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BY MISSY ROSS

Election

The general election will be held on Nov. 8, 2022. As you may know, the election laws were updated in 2021 to include the automatic mailing of general election ballots to all “Active” voters in Vermont. Those who are still on the checklist but are “Challenged” will not be sent ballots. The state of Vermont will mail ballots beginning the last week of September and it may take a couple of weeks before they cover all towns in the state. You can review your My Voter Page to see when and to what address your ballot was mailed by going to mvp.vermont.gov. It is a good idea to review your information on the page to ensure it is correct. If you don’t receive a ballot by mid-October, you can come to the clerk’s office to pick one up and sign an affidavit that you didn’t receive one via the mail. We will be mailing ballots to anyone who registered to vote after Sept. 1 as that is the date that the state Elections Division sent the mailing

lists out. You can return your ballot to us by mail, by dropping it in the secure drop box outside the clerk’s office or by giving it directly to us during regular business hours. We check the drop box daily and remove all ballots for storage in our vault.

We are strongly encouraging people to take advantage of the convenience offered by getting your ballot at home, voting and dropping off your voted ballot in the drop box. Our main hall is still off-limits for use, so we will once again be constrained to the smaller space in the downstairs conference room for the election. We would really like to minimize the number of people choosing to vote in person because of the space limitations, so please consider dropping your ballot off ahead of Election Day. This also allows us plenty of administrative time to check all of the ballots in as received and organize them for counting and processing through the voting machine.

As usual the polling location will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as we are required to be available for same-day voter registration, to allow people to drop off their ballots in person and to allow people to vote who may have misplaced their mailed ballots or who never re-

ceived one. You are allowed to place your own ballot into the machine on Election Day. You must first check in and show us that you have your ballot with you. We then have to change your voter status on the checklist to “voted in person” and delete your early ballot request. Needless to say, these steps are cumbersome for both the voter and us, which is why we are encouraging people to return their ballots in the certificate envelope so that we can process them. We have strict protocols in place to ensure voter privacy and the accuracy of the count.

CSWD Bond Vote November 8, 2022

In addition to the General Election, there will be a bond vote for the Chittenden Solid Waste District to be held on the same day, November 8. The bond is for the planned upgrade to the “Materials Recovery Facility” or MRF. This is considered a separate election and you must request this ballot be mailed to you as it will not automatically be sent to all voters. You can request this ballot in the normal ways: by visiting your voter page at mvp.vermont.gov; by emailing Missy or Heather; calling the town clerk’s office at 802-482-2281 x1; or voting either early in-person or on election day. For more information about the CSWD bond vote, please visit CSWD.net.

gious stricture over someone’s basic human rights.

Also, remember that not all religions view abortion the same way. Judaism, for example, considers the health of the mother. As Rabbi Raymond A. Zwerin and Rabbi Richard J. Shapiro write for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, “These are the guiding principles on abortion in Jewish tradition: a woman’s life, her pain, and her concerns take precedence over those of the fetus; existing life is always sacred and takes precedence over a potential life; and a woman has the personal freedom to apply the principles of her tradition unfettered by the legal imposition of moral standards other than her own.”

Women are dying in states that have removed or strictly curtailed access to safe, legal abortions. The lives of those women are more important than what word is used in the proposed amendment. Their health is more important than an opinion that was written hundreds of years before the automobile and computer. Any movement in Vermont that makes abortions harder to get will lead to more needless suffering, and not just of women. America is supposed to be a country with a separation of church and state. We cannot allow any religion to dictate to us about private and essential matters related to health and family.

— Rachel Lapidow

Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills were mailed in early August. If you didn’t receive your bill, please contact us via email and we can attach a PDF for you. If you need to send a copy to your escrow company, please keep a copy for your own records as you will need it for filing your Homestead Declaration and Request for Property Tax Adjustment when you file your 2022 income tax return. Payments can be mailed, dropped in our secure drop box or handed to us in the clerk’s office during our normal office hours of Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like a receipt, please bring your bill with you so we can stamp it paid or include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please call Missy or Heather at 802-482-2281, ext. 1.

Sept. 7 Selectboard Highlights

MERRILY LOVELL, HINESBURG SELECTBOARD CHAIRPERSON

Richmond-Hinesburg meeting Aug. 29 — The full Hinesburg Selectboard met with the full Richmond Selectboard, along with both police chiefs and Richmond’s town manager, to further explore the possibility of collaboration between the two towns for police coverage. Many valuable questions were asked by the meeting participants and members of the public who attended. Both selectboards were in favor of exploring the options further. There will be a meeting of a smaller group later in September. This will be posted and open to the public when more details are known.

Update on Wastewater Treatment Facility — Wayne Elliot, of Aldrich and Elliot, gave the selectboard a brief slideshow with details about the Wastewater Treatment Plants’ history, current status and future plans. The drainage tiles have been successful in preparing the ground for building, but, due to supply chain issues, building of the new plant is not scheduled to begin until next spring. This informative slideshow is available in the selectboard meeting packet on the town website for those interested.

Budget survey results and next steps — The selectboard had a valuable discussion on how to proceed with results from the budget survey questionnaire, and how to get more voters involved with budget questions. One idea that was put forward was to put out a new online survey with more targeted questions, and to send a postcard to all Hinesburg residents with a link to the survey. Another idea was to have a “budget week,” perhaps the first week in November, where two selectboard members would be available at different times each day at the Town Hall for residents to come in a talk about budget issues. The selectboard was in favor of developing and refining both of

these ideas. More information will be presented as it becomes available.

Draft public safety plan — The selectboard looked at the draft public safety plan put together by Town Manager Todd Odit. We were in favor of having the plan put in final form and sending it out for bids, as well as appointing a committee of townspeople to work with and guide the group that is selected to do the survey.

Access road to Lyman Meadow Pump House — The selectboard approved a bid of \$32,544.00 by All Terrain Excavating, Inc of South Burlington, to rebuild the washed-out access road to the Lyman Meadow Pump House. Of the three bids received, this was the lowest and also the most detailed.

Affordable housing fee reduction — Phil Pouech put forward a proposal to create an Affordable Housing Fund, which would be a line item in our yearly budget. Rather than reducing water and wastewater allocation fees or police and fire impact fees, this method would allow the whole town to share in the cost of supporting affordable housing. The selectboard was favorable toward this proposal and decided to send it to the Affordable Housing Committee for them to flesh out needed details.

Road standards discussion — A detailed Road Standards document from 2017 was presented to the selectboard. Because other issues demanded time in the past, this document never previously got approved by the selectboard. We will examine it in more detail and hope to move it toward approval at a later meeting.

Town manager report — Todd was pleased to announce that the town received \$460,000 from a Northern Borders Grant to help fund the new well.

There is an employee training coming up next week on creating a respectful and welcoming workspace.

A new employee was hired in the Water and Wastewater Department.

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Town Manager’s Office: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Todd Odit, Town Manager, Todit@hinesburg.org 802-482-4206. Joy Dubin Grossman, Assistant Town Manager, jdubingrossman@hinesburg.org 802-482-4207.

Town Planner Office: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Alex Weinhausen, Planner, aweinhagen@hinesburg.org 802-482-2281 ext. 225.

Zoning Administrator Office: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and by appointment. Jim Jarvis, Zoning Administrator, jj Jarvis@hinesburg.org 802-482-4213.

Assessor’s Office Hours: Mon. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., other hours by appointment. Lisa Truchon, VMPA – NEMRC/Assessor, assessor@hinesburg.org, 802-482-2281 ext. 228.

Hinesburg Recreation Office: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Jennifer McQuinn, Recreation Coordinator, hinesburgrec@gmavt.net, 802-482-2281 ext. 230.

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center: 51 Ballards Corner Road. Shannon Wheeler, Executive Director, wheeler@hinesburgresource.org, 802-482-4946. Alex Konciewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at skonciewicz@hinesburgresource.org. **Hinesburg Food Shelf** hours are Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

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

Hinesburg Community School: 10888 Route 116, 802-482-2106, CVSDVT.ORG/DOMAIN/9 for cafeteria menu, staff directory, department and team info, calendar, etc.

Champlain Valley Union High School: 369 CVU Road, 802-482-7100, CVSDVT.ORG/DOMAIN/12 for calendar, staff directory, student portal, etc.

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

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

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Hinesburg Town Forest Committee Trail Closure Announcement

BY PAT MAINER, TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

At its Aug. 11 meeting, the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee voted to continue encouraging deer hunting in both town forests as a management tool to prevent over-browsing by deer. In a change from past years, sections of both the Hinesburg Town Forest and LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest will be closed to all recreation except hunting between Monday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Dec. 11.

Based on feedback received from different user groups about the whole forest being closed for short periods during the deer hunting season, the committee chose to change the approach and close a smaller section of the forest for a continuous period. The committee hopes this change will better serve all user groups by preserving some access

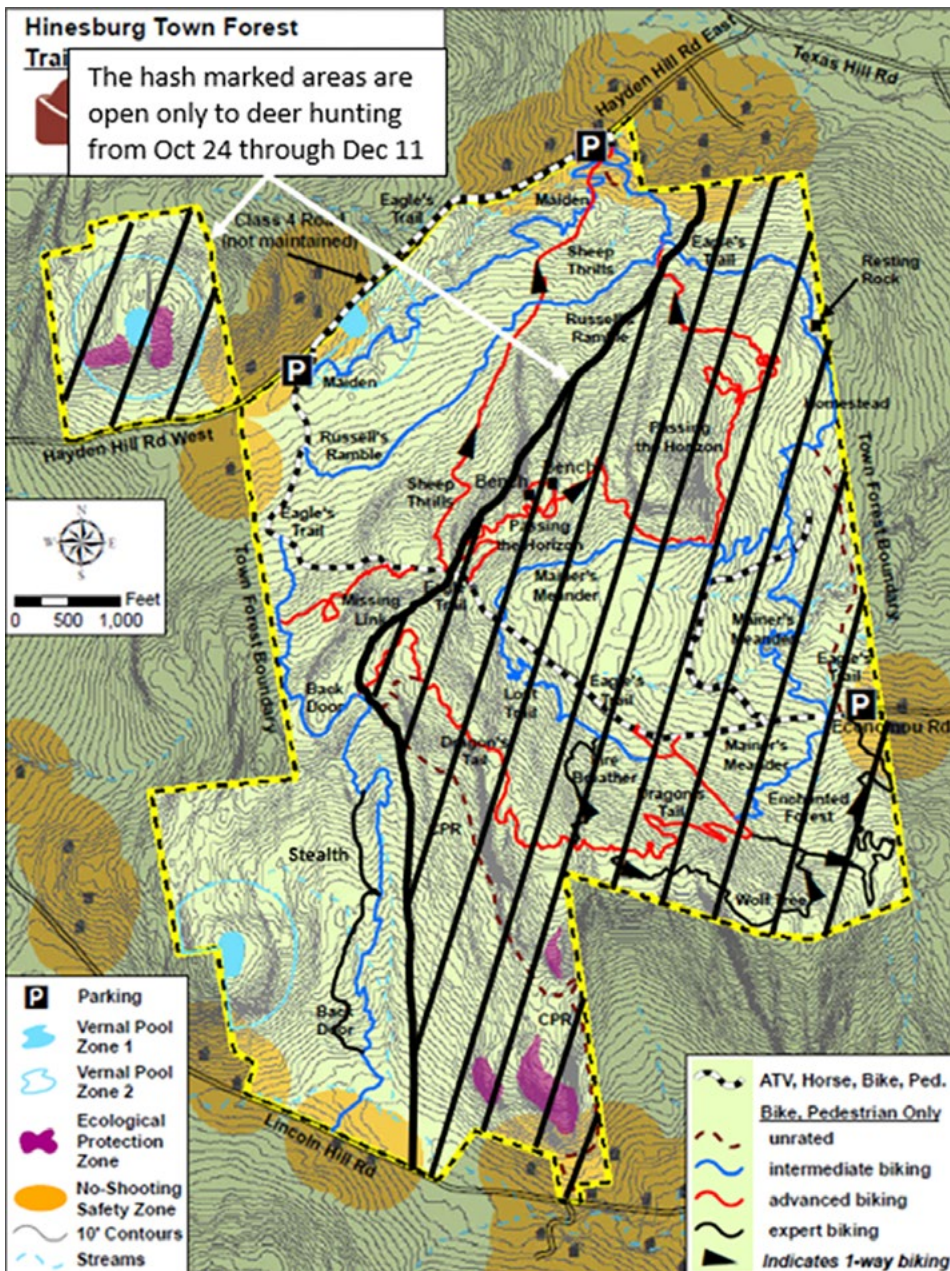
to the town forests while still encouraging hunting in other areas. Reducing deer density will reduce over-browsing, which negatively impacts early successional growth and understory regeneration in the forests.

During this period nonhunting activities, including walking, hiking, trail running, mountain biking, ATV and horseback riding, in the HTF are restricted to the western section of the forest around the Hayden Hill parking areas. The following recreational trails will remain open to all the activities that are normally allowed on them: Maiden, Russell's Ramble, Sheep Thrills, Missing Link, Back Door, Stealth, and a section of the Eagle's Trail from the trailhead at Hayden Hill West to the height of land at the start of Sheep Thrills.

In the LHTF all trails will remain open as the closed area does not have recreation trails.

The areas of each town forest that are closed to nonhunting uses are indicated on the maps below.

Remember that hunting, per state regulations, is allowed everywhere in both town forests regardless of any closure. We encourage all users to wear bright-colored clothing during deer season while in either town forest.



Map showing the closed area of Hinesburg Town Forest.

Development Review Board Seeks Alternate Members

BY DANIELLE PETERSON, PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the Hinesburg community? Are you interested in how Hinesburg will grow and develop in the coming years? Consider joining the Hinesburg Development Review Board as an alternate member and have a hand in shaping the town you live in.

The DRB reviews all development proposals that require more than a simple zoning/building permit, including subdivisions, business site plans, planned residential developments, conditional uses, signs and camp conversions. The DRB is guided by and issues its decisions based on Hinesburg Town Zoning and Subdivision regulations.

There are seven regular members and two alternates, all of whom are appointed by the selectboard. There are two seats open for alternate members and anyone is welcome to apply – especially

those with specific knowledge of/experience in architecture, landscape architecture or civil engineering.

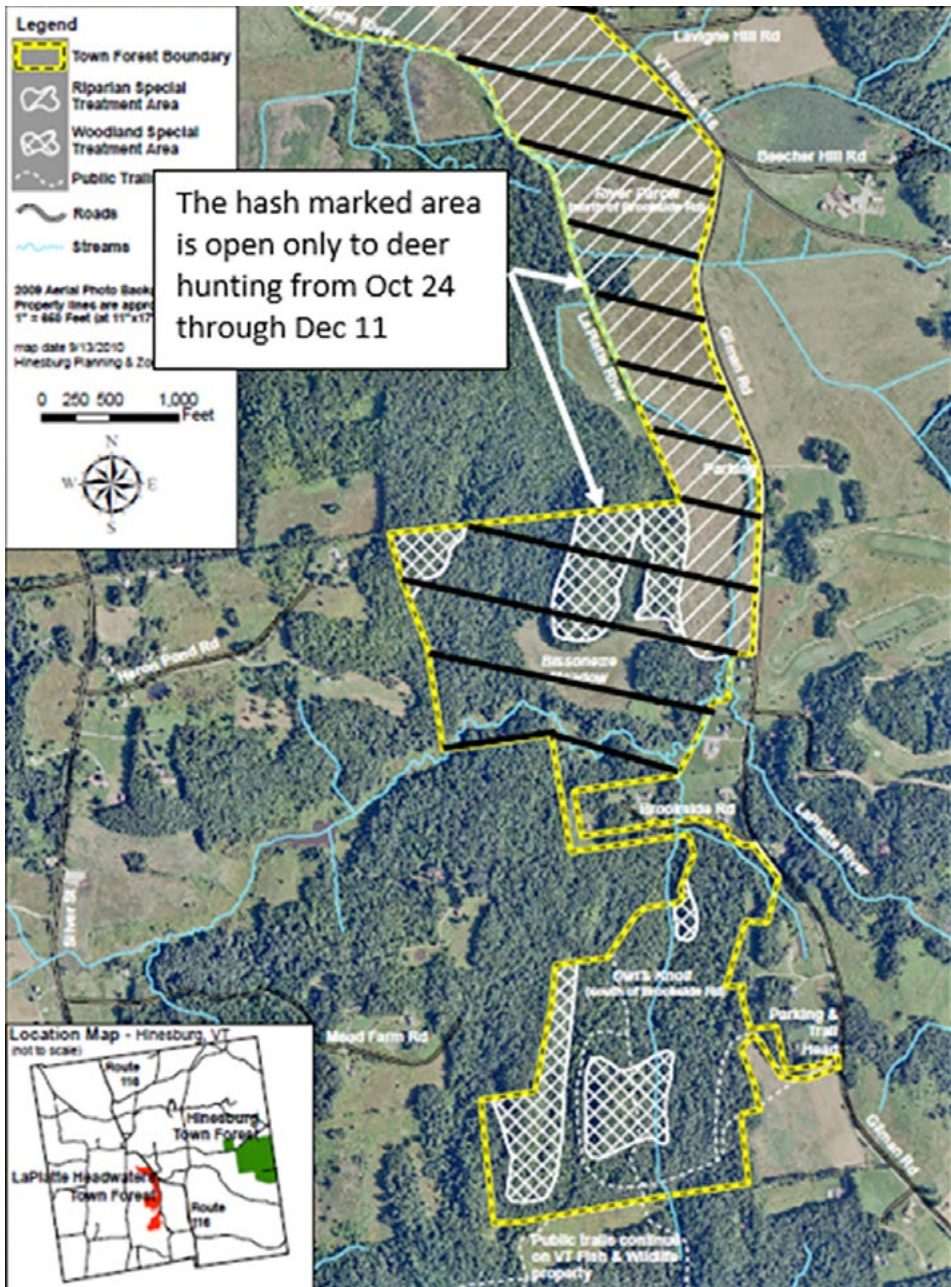
The application and information about the selection process can be found on the town website at hinesburg.org/home/town-manager/pages/vacancies-town-boards-commissions. For information about the DRB, please visit: hinesburg.org/development-review-board.

Looking for specific details on what it means to be a DRB alternate member (e.g., staff support, length of meetings, secret handshakes, etc.)? Contact Mitch Cypes at mcypes@hinesburg.org.

Winter Is Just Around the Corner; It's Time To Control Spring Runoff

BY JIM JARVIS, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation identifies the Oct. 15 to April 15 period as a critical time for stormwater abatement and erosion control. Rains in late fall



Map showing the closed area of LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest.

and spring can produce significant runoff flows over frozen and saturated ground, and protection has to be in place before the ground freezes.

Full details of the Vermont requirements are found in “The Low Risk Site Handbook for Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control.” Sounds like a page-turner, right? But take heart ... there are lots of pictures and examples. You can download a copy at the state website: tiny.one/VTRunoffControl.

It's time to “button up” project sites. The DEC requires that exposed earth needs to be seeded and mulched by mid-September, and that seeded rolled matting be used after that.

It's assumed that silt fencing has been in place since the soil was disturbed. But that isn't always the case. I came across one building site recently, with well more than an acre of disturbed land, and not a silt fence, seeding or mulching in sight.

If you have questions about stormwater control please contact the Hinesburg Planning and Zoning Department at 802-482-4215, or jjarvis@hinesburg.org.

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Secretary Condos Promotes National Voter Registration Month

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Sept. 6, Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos promoted September as National Voter Registration Month and encouraged eligible Vermonters to register to vote.

“Your vote is your voice,” said Secretary Condos. “While Vermont's voter friendly policies like automatic, online and same-day voter registration mean that Vermont's voter registration rate is high, National Voter Registration Month in September serves as an important opportunity for us to engage more eligible but unregis-

tered voters in the civic process. When we all participate, our democracy grows stronger!”

National Voter Registration Month was established by secretaries of state in 2002 to promote voter participate and increase civic knowledge of state voter registration policies.

“While some states around the country are restricting the rights of eligible voters to register and vote, in Vermont we have worked to remove barriers to the ballot box for eligible voters,” said Condos. “It is easy to register to vote online, or automatically while at the Department of Motor Vehicles through automatic voter registration, and same-day voter registration means that no eligible voter will be denied their right to register and cast a ballot on Election Day. During National Voter Registration Month, we should be proud of Vermont's status as one of the most voter-friendly states in the country.”

Voting reforms like automatic voter registration save both time and money, are good for voters, and provide regular updates to Vermont's voter checklist. Secretary Condos has advocated for this commonsense policy to become a national standard, in addition to establishing minimum voter registration standards for all states.

“In Vermont, we make it easy for every eligible voter who wishes to register and vote to be able to,” said Condos. “If you're 18, or will be by the general election on Nov. 8, 2022, a U.S. citizen, and a Vermont resident, you are eligible to register to vote, so what are you waiting for? Register during National Voter Registration Month at olvr.vermont.gov or directly with your town clerk!”

CSWD

CSWD Featured in Waste Advantage Magazine

BY ALISE CERTA, CSWD MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Solid waste management is usually a thankless job, but there are days where we get to toot our own horn!

Chittenden Solid Waste District is featured in the most recent issue of Waste Advantage Magazine for our waste diversion efforts. What – you haven't received your copy? You can read it here: wasteadvantagemag.com/2022-issues.

For solid waste geeks, being featured in a national industry publication is a pretty big deal. Not only do we get to talk about all the great things CSWD members are doing to prevent waste and keep it out of the landfill, we get to brag about our employees! Robert Holman (featured on the cover) transforms old paint into new Local Color paint, Ethan Hausman educates Vermonters on walking tours of our facilities, and behind the scenes, Jon Shenton brings the feature to life with his vibrant photos.

But remember, we **all** make this system work. Not only by working for the district but because of our collective commitment to reducing waste and reusing and recycling resources. So, while I am so proud of our employees in this article, I hope you also give yourself a pat on the back for making this system work.

Back to School With CSWD's Recycle Rhonda

Meet Recycle Rhonda, our very own school outreach coordinator. Rhonda provides a variety of services to Chittenden County schools at no cost. Recycle Rhonda loves her job. She thrives off the energy of students, big and small, and often learns as much from them as they do from her. You can find her helping students sort out their leftovers during lunch or hanging on the playground during recess (look for her near the swings). She teaches kids of all ages from 2-year-olds at Heartworks Preschool to graduate stu-

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POLICE

Aug. 5: 3:05 p.m. The theft of political lawn signs from a residence on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

9 p.m. Officers investigated a reported road rage incident on Richmond Road. Several individuals were referred to the Williston Community Justice Center for disorderly conduct.

Aug. 6: 1 a.m. Officers were dispatched to Jourdan Street for property damage caused by a hit-and-run motor vehicle incident.

12:35 p.m. Officers were dispatched to a commercial burglary alarm on Commerce Street.

Aug. 8: 10:42 a.m. A theft from a residence on Route 116 was reported and

investigated.

2 p.m. A theft from a business on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

3:15 p.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School for a report of vandalism to school property.

4:50 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute at Hillview Terrace.

Aug. 9: 12:40 a.m. Officers investigated a reported domestic dispute at Hillview Terrace.

7:55 p.m. An officer responded to Richmond Road for a parked vehicle blocking the roadway.

Aug. 10: 8:35 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

Aug. 11: 1:20 p.m. Officers served court paperwork to a resident on Walts Way.

5:35 p.m. A theft of a trailer from a residence on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

Aug. 12: 7:30 a.m. An alarm activation at a residence on Route 116 was investigated.

12:52 p.m. An officer responded to a single-car motor vehicle crash on Texas Hill Road.

3:58 p.m. Officers responded to a three-car motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 116 and Hayden Hill Road.

Aug. 14: 10:09 a.m. Suspicious activity in the Village Cemetery on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

1:05 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a resident at the police department.

Aug. 15: 2:05 p.m. While investigating a case, an officer conducted a traffic stop on Route 116 in Starksboro. The operator was cited for driving with a criminal-ly suspended driver's license.

Aug. 16: 3:05 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for a citizen dispute.

Aug. 17: 5:41 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprints for employment purposes.

Aug. 18: 9 a.m. An officer investigated suspicious circumstances reported on Sherman Hollow Road.

3:35 p.m. A welfare check on Clover Lane was conducted.

Aug. 19: 9 a.m. An officer investigated the report of an individual violating a relief from abuse order.

2:40 p.m. Officers responded to North Road for a domestic dispute.

Aug. 21: 2:20 p.m. An alarm activation at a residence on Pine Shore Drive was investigated.

Aug. 22: 9:12 a.m. Officers conducted a death investigation on Texas Hill Road.

11:08 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

4:15 p.m. An officer investigated suspicious activity reported in the area of Leavensworth Road.

Aug. 23: 5:35 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a citizen at the police department.

Aug. 25: 10 a.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash at CVU was investigated.

12:35 p.m. An officer investigated the report of shoplifting at Kinney Drugs on Route 116.

2:45 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

4:45 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

6 p.m. An officer responded to a vehicle off the road on Route 116.

Aug. 26: 3 p.m. Officers responded to Kinney Drugs on Route 116 for the report of shoplifting. Several individuals were referred to the Williston Criminal Justice Council for theft.

Aug. 29: 12:11 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle identification number.

3:00 p.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road was investigated.

Aug. 30: 2 p.m. A fraud on Charlotte Road was reported and investigated.

2:35 p.m. An officer responded to Jourdan Street for the report of a domestic dispute.

4 p.m. A report of suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

6 p.m. An officer went to Richmond to assist Richmond PD with a domestic dispute.

Aug. 31: 4:35 p.m. A two-car motor vehicle crash in the Lantman's parking lot was investigated.

6:30 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a citizen at the police department.

7 p.m. Officers responded to a residence on O'Neil Road for a domestic dispute. One individual was arrested for domestic assault.

Sept. 1: 8:48 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for the report of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle in an apparent hit-and-run.

9 p.m. A welfare check on Route 116 near North Road was conducted.

Sept. 2: 9 a.m. Found property was turned into the police department.

3:30 p.m. An officer responded to CVU to assist staff there with an employee

problem.

4 p.m. Found property was turned into the police department.

5:31 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street to assist a motorist with an out-of-control juvenile.

5:35 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

11:15 p.m. Officers investigated a burglary and car theft on Pond Road.

Sept. 3: 10:15 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

Sept. 5: 2:25 p.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

Sept. 6: 1:40 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

Sept. 7: 8:25 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a locked vehicle at Ballard's Corner Road.

Sept. 8: 8:45 a.m. Found property was turned into the police department.

9:35 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

6:15 p.m. An officer responded to North Road for the report of a juvenile problem.

6:32 p.m. Officers investigated the theft of a trailer from a business on Route 116.

9 p.m. Officers assisted with a traffic hazard on Richmond Road.

Sept. 11: 10:23 a.m. A citizen dispute on Farmall Drive was investigated.

2:25 p.m. A domestic dispute on North Road was investigated.

Sept. 12: 3:00 p.m. Officers investigated a reported fraud on Commerce Street.

3:15 p.m. A juvenile problem at the Hinesburg Community School was investigated.

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Slow Down – Move Over

Or in the case of Hinesburg with its rural roads, Slow Down – Pay Attention.

Everyone gets curious when they see flashing red or blue lights, and may be thinking “What happened? Is anyone hurt? I just need to take a quick look.” And that is all the time needed for another crash to occur, or worse, for an emergency responder to be injured.

State law requires drivers to slow down and move over when approaching an emergency vehicle with its lights on. That works great on the interstate, but not so well on local roads. Pay attention to the vehicle in front of you, to the police officer or emergency responder who is directing traffic, and to your surroundings.

At a recent accident, three vehicles failed to pay attention to traffic control by stopping as directed. This caused the person directing traffic to quickly stop traffic coming off the side street onto Route 116 to prevent another crash.

Please! Pay attention to the traffic control personnel and the road, not what is going on at the scene.

Craft Fair

Join the Hinesburg Firefighters Association for our Fall Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 out-



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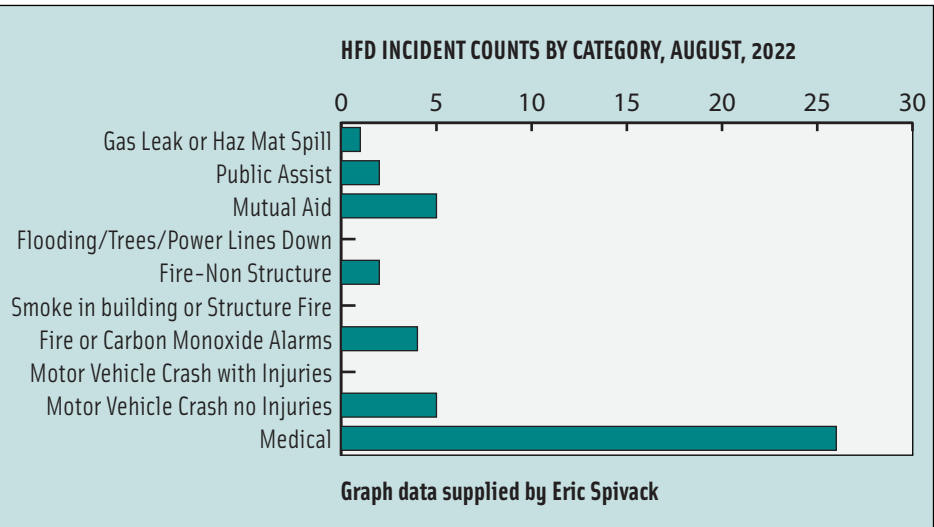
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side business consultants. We welcome crafters and consultants from businesses. Some outdoor space is still available. If you are interested, contact dbarber7541@gmail.com.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hinesburg Firefighters Association.

Boo! It Is Rising Again!

We are ghoulishly happy to announce plans are in the brew pot for the return of our Halloween party on the evening of Oct. 31.

Watch for more details on our Facebook page and in next month's Record.

Call Log

During August there were 26 medical calls and 17 transports

Aug. 1: 9:08 a.m. Residence on Route 116 for public assistance.

Aug. 5: 7:32 a.m. Mutual aid to Starksboro for a fire alarm.

Aug. 6: 3:01 a.m. Mutual aid to Starksboro for a motor vehicle crash. HFD was canceled as we were leaving the station.

9:39 p.m. Mutual aid to Shelburne for a fire alarm. HFD was canceled while en route.

Aug. 10: 12:35 p.m. Martel Lane for

a smoke investigation. The area was checked. No smoke was found.

10:17 p.m. A motorist called to state they were pulling over with a possible exhaust leak into the vehicle. HFD responded and checked the vehicle with our four-gas meter. There was no trace of carbon monoxide in the vehicle. The operator was checked by EMTs and refused transportation.

Aug. 12: 11:33 a.m. Hinesburg business plaza for public assistance.

12:55 p.m. One-car crash into a power pole at Texas Hill and Hayden Hill Roads. The operator was out of the vehicle and refused medical treatment.

3:59 p.m. Two-car crash at Route 116 and Buck Hill Road West. HFD arrived to find a three-car rear end collision with minor damage. All occupants stated no injuries and refused treatment.

5:32 p.m. A fire alarm sounded at Hinesburg Community School. The building was checked, and there was no cause found.

Aug. 13: 8:12 p.m. Report of someone burning trash on Hillview Terrace. The area was checked, no burning was found.

Aug. 17: 5:14 a.m. Blueberry Hill for a fire alarm. The fire alarm company notified dispatch it was an accidental alarm and HFD was canceled.

Aug. 18: 12:02 p.m. Mutual Aid to Spear Street, Charlotte, for a brush fire. A controlled burn was getting out of control, sending sparks toward buildings. HFD assisted Charlotte with extinguishing the brush.

Aug. 19: 5:34 p.m. Buck Hill Road East for an odor investigation. The residence was checked with our four-gas meter, which went into alarm as we entered the residence. The propane was turned off to the residence and the gas company called. HFD remained on the scene for approximately one hour ventilating the building until our meter gave readings of zero. The cause is believed to have been a knob on the stove that was knocked on by a family pet jumping up.

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How To Vote for the New MRF

At the November general election, CSWD needs voter approval to borrow \$22 million for this new MRF. The CSWD bond will not increase taxes. CSWD will pay back the loan over 25 years from the MRF's operational revenue.

For more information, go to cswd.net/mrf-bond-2.

BUSINESS

Financial Focus: Failure To Plan: Is It Planning To Fail?

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Benjamin Franklin once said, “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.” But as you chart your financial course, what steps should you take to help you keep moving forward to where you want to go?

Consider these suggestions:

• **Establish and quantify your goals.**

Throughout your life, you’ll have short-term goals, such as an overseas vacation or a home renovation, and long-term goals, the most important of which may be a comfortable retirement. You’ll want to identify all your goals and put a “price tag” on them. Of course, it’s not always possible to know exactly how much it will cost to achieve each goal, but you can develop reasonably good estimates, revising them as needed.

• **Create an investment strategy to achieve your goals.**

Once you know how much your goals will cost, you can create the appropriate savings and investment strategies to potentially help you reach the needed amounts. For your retirement goal, you will likely need to contribute regularly to your individual retirement account and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But for

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Aug. 22: 12:57 p.m. Mutual aid to Monkton to assist with carrying an injured hiker.

Aug. 25: 9:59 a.m. CVU parking lot for a minor motor vehicle crash.

Aug. 28: 2:31 a.m. Sunset Court for a fire alarm. The residence was checked. No cause was found.

10:51 a.m. Two-car crash at Route 116 and Silver Street. A vehicle traveling south on Route 116 missed the turn, hitting a vehicle traveling north on Silver Street. Both operators were out of the vehicles, were checked by Richmond Rescue and refused transport.

Aug. 29: 3:03 p.m. One-car crash on Pond Road. A recreation vehicle went off the road into the ditch. The occupants had left the scene before responders arrived.

Aug. 30: 8:48 a.m. A fire alarm sounded on Ledgewood Lane. It was determined to be caused by an out-of-date detector.

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shorter-term goals, you may need to explore other types of investments. For all your investment moves, though, you’ll need to consider your risk tolerance. You won’t want your portfolio to have such a high-risk level that you’re constantly uncomfortable with the inevitable fluctuations of the financial markets. On the other hand, you won’t want to invest so conservatively that you jeopardize your chances of achieving the growth you need to reach your goals.

• **Control your debts.** We live in an expensive world, so it’s not easy to live debt-free. And some debts, such as your mortgage, obviously have value. But if you can control other debts, especially those that carry high interest rates, you can possibly free up money you can use to boost your savings and investments.

• **Prepare for obstacles.** No matter how carefully you follow the strategies you’ve created to achieve your goals, you will, sooner or later, run into obstacles, or at least temporary challenges. What if you incur a large, unexpected expense, such as the sudden need for a new car or a major home repair? If you aren’t prepared for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments — and every time you do that, you might slow your progress toward achieving your goals. To help prevent this, you should build an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses.

• **Review your strategy.** When you first created your financial strategy, you might have planned to retire at a certain age. But what if you eventually decide to retire earlier or later? Such a choice can have a big impact on what you need from your investment portfolio — and when. And your circumstances may change in other ways, too. That’s why it’s a good idea to review your strategy periodically to make sure it still aligns with your up-to-date objectives.

None of us can guarantee that our carefully laid plans will always yield the results we want. But by taking the right steps at the right times, you can greatly improve your chances.

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RECREATION

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

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Youth Activities

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 & first grade coed:
Saturdays, 8-9 a.m.

Grade two coed: 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 Monday 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 scheduled 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 grades 2-5 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 [andreainvt@gmail.com](#) or Jenny at [jwcianciola@gmail.com](#).

Grades 2-5. Wednesday, 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 riders. 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 2: Oct. 4-25, Session 3: Nov. 1-22. Fridays, 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.

More information can be found at [liveryhorsefarm.com](#). Maximum: eight participants.

Piano Lessons

These 40-minute, semi-private (two students per time slot) piano lessons are taught by Evan Allen & 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 the school year calendar, broken into first semester (Sept.-Dec.) and second semester (Jan.-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 yearlong commitment by students and instructor.

Grades two-eight. First semester lessons begin the week of Sept. 12 through the week of Dec. 19. Students who enroll later may have a prorated option.

HCS Piano Lab. Cost: \$22 per lesson, which is billed per semester.

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Library News

If you were hoping to get cozy with a book, October has many books at the ready to delight you. So many new books arrive this month: Barbara Kingsolver’s “Demon Copperhead,” Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan’s “Mad Honey,” John Irving’s “The Last Chairlift,” Cormac

McCarthy’s “The Passenger,” and Celeste Ng’s “Our Missing Hearts.” John Grisham, David Baldacci, John Sandford and David Rosenfelt are also out with new thrillers and mysteries to keep you awake as the days get shorter. New nonfiction books include “Visual Thinking” by Temple Grandin and “The Secret Network of Nature” by Peter Wohlleben (who wrote “The Hidden Life of Trees”). As usual our October schedule promises music, crafts, book groups, honey samples, pajama story-times, walking book groups and more! 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.

Session 1: Oct. 18 to Nov. 15.

Session 2: Jan. 10 to Feb. 7.

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

Adult Activities

Yoga With Peggy Dippen

Peggy’s vinyasa yoga classes link breath with movement and are tailored to best meet the needs of each participant. Peggy was born in Ohio, raised in Connecticut, earned her B.S. & M.Ed. from Springfield College in Massachusetts, and lived in Vermont for 20 years before spending some time in Wisconsin and Colorado. She currently resides in Hinesburg and is a teacher at Mt. Abe High School.

Please note that although the class meets at St. Jude Parish Hall, this program is not connected to St. Jude Church programming, nor does it have any affiliation with the Catholic Church.

Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Session 1: Sept. 19-Oct. 17 at St. Jude Parish Hall. Cost is \$75.

Decorate & 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 multilayer cakes, frosting application, 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!

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

Check the library website for the latest on if the below programs will be taking place virtually or in person at the library.

Mondays, Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31, 10 a.m.-noon. Join **Hands and Needles crafting group** Have a morning of creativity and conversation with Hands and Needles. Bring whatever project you are working on — quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc.

Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. Folk Jam: live music with Songfarmers of Hinesburg.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Morning Book Group: “The Art of the Decoy” by Trish Esden.

Friday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. How to Honor & Respect the Wild Ones Around Us: A Q&A with Carol Mcgranaghan (with wildflower jelly tasting samples!)

Saturday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. Nature Walk & Book Talk

Join the librarians from Carpenter-Carse Library, Charlotte Library & Pierson Library for a recurring outdoor perambulation and discussion of books on the subject of our big, beautiful world. This group aims to pair a local hike with a book discussion fairly regularly. We’ll start with Rebecca Solnit’s book “A Field Guide to Getting Lost.” We meet in the parking lot at Shelburne Farms. As a loose group, we’ll walk to the farm barn and gather inside to discuss the book. Please contact your home library to pick up a copy of the book.

Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2:30-5:30 p.m. (online program) Braver Angels: Depolarization Workshop

Do you find that communication breaks down over political disagreements with friends, family or neighbors? Do you wonder if it is even fruitful to engage in potentially divisive subjects anymore?

Increasingly, we are siloed within communities that overwhelmingly share our own perspectives and lose the dynamism that diverse perspectives offer; a reality that drives today’s polarization. Separated, we often stereotype, dismiss or ridicule those with whom we disagree. Braver Angels is committed to helping people address these tendencies and to cultivate skills that foster constructive engagement across our differences. You are warmly invited to participate in a three-hour in-person skills-training workshop called Depolarizing Within. Workshop leaders will introduce communication skills that allow productive conversations with those you strongly disagree with, and will provide guided opportunities to practice these skills. This program is sponsored by Charlotte Library and Braver Angels, but as it is occurring online, we want to invite members of the Hinesburg community as well visit: shorturl.at/gHSYZ.

Monday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. CCL Trivia Returns! Halloween Edition (contact rachel@carpentercarse.org for Zoom link).

Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Evening Book Group: “Frankenstein in Baghdad”

by Ahmed Saadawi (contact rachel@carpentercarse.org for Zoom link).

Youth Programs

Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 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.

Pajama Storytime: Friday, Oct. 7 at 6:15 p.m. We invite babies, toddlers, preschoolers and any big kids who still enjoy hearing stories before bed to join us for Pajama Storytime! So, get into your jammies and grab a snugly stuffed friend and head to the library where we’ll share our coziest fall stories, soothing songs and bedtime snacks before heading home by 7 p.m. No registration required.

Chess Class for Kids: Thursdays, 5-6 p.m., Oct. 6, 13 and 20. If you have ever wanted to learn to play chess, you are in luck! Children in second-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., October 5, 12 and 19. We have some new Lego bricks 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.

Monthly Craft Club: Fridays, 3:15-4:30 p.m., Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Students in second-fifth grades can sign up to join us for one or all of this semester’s Friday afternoon craft clubs. Each month we will be learning about and creating a different seasonal craft, discussing seasonal book recommendations and activities for this age group, and enjoying a snack with cocoa. At October’s club, we will make spooky lanterns, decorate Halloween cookies, and hear a not-too-spooky story. To sign up, email jen@carpentercarse.org or stop by the circulation desk.

COMMENTARY

A Hastily Made Tribute to Hastily Made Costumes

BY PAUL MARINO

Somehow Halloween costumes have become almost a competitive sport. As someone who doesn’t engage in cosplay, I totally blame cosplay. There’s no reasonable evidence for that opinion, but luckily reasonable evidence isn’t really needed for opinions anymore. So, I just blame most things on cosplay. Historic drought conditions in the West? Cosplay. Forgot to put an actual lunch in my daughter’s lunchbox? Cosplay. It’s just a fun word to say, really.

These days both kids and adults alike are creating elaborate Halloween costumes with lights, background music, and 14 different layers of makeup or they’re spending weeks coordinating themed costumes with the rest of their friend group. Workers spend days putting together elaborate costumes for workplace parties. I remember the life-sized Marshmallow Peep a former co-worker made one year with just yellow spray paint, some chicken wire and fiberglass foam. It was so realistic that a local candy store paid him to hang out at their store as a kind of mascot the following Easter. No one who saw it will ever forget it. He told us all later, after he was released from the hospital, that it was totally worth the weeks of meticulous effort and the likely irreversible lung damage it took to make it.

Halloween costumes were much easier when I was a teenager. Most years I would ask my mom for old bedsheets she was getting rid of, cut out two eye-holes, and voila! One classic ghost costume with minimal effort. The fabric wasn’t always ideal but, in the end, it got the job done.

Mom: [hands me old sheets.]

Me: Do we have any *without* a floral pattern?

Mom: Just pretend you died from a chrysanthemum allergy.

There weren’t any seasonal costume stores back then, so if you wanted to be something fancy like a vampire or a princess — or really anything that involved more than just discarded bedsheets — you were going to need parental help. And by “parental help” I mean, of course, your mother.

Now, I have one of the all-time best moms. I also have two older brothers, though, so all her creativity and craftiness had been worn out of her well before I was of trick-or-treating age. I never got an elaborate handmade costume made especially for me but my brother did.

Way back when she had that new mother energy, my mom had lovingly sewn

together felt and fake fur to make a relatively lifelike raccoon costume for my oldest brother. Or maybe it was a bear. It was definitely some kind of woodland creature. It was hard to say exactly which one because my brother used that costume every year until he outgrew it, at which time it was handed down to my middle brother who, in turn, used it every year until he outgrew it too. By the time it was handed down to me, it was a mess. It still resembled a furry animal, but thanks to the accumulated stains and loss of fur that happens to anything worn by or in the general vicinity of small boys, it now appeared to be a furry animal with an explosive bowel condition and a penchant for picking fights with weedwhackers.

Was it a good costume? No. But did I learn a valuable lesson about appreciating what I had instead of wanting what I didn’t? Also no. I did, however, learn that despite wearing a pitiful costume I still got the same amount of candy as the friends I trick-or-treated with.

Homeowner to Friend #1: Oh, what a scary vampire! [Gives friend a handful of candy].

Homeowner to Friend #2: Whoa, it’s R2D2! [Gives friend a handful of candy.]

Homeowner to Me: What a ... great ... diseased leopard you are. [Gives me a handful of candy and closes their door hastily.]

I’m not saying you shouldn’t make whatever costume you want to make. If you want to spend all your free time in October making a costume everyone will remember for years to come, do it! If you want to start making cosplay-level costumes as a serious hobby and make all the water West of the Rio Grande disappear, I mean ... you be you.

But if you’re a kid and this Halloween the best you can manage is looking like a wild forest mammal or a disembodied ghost with questionable taste in bed-linen, don’t worry about it. Halloween isn’t about the costume. It’s about the candy. And you’ll still take home enough candy that you’ll need parental help to finish it all. And by “parental help” I mean, of course, your father.

Paul Marino is a Hinesburg resident and blogs at PaulJokesALot.com.

Postcard Power

BY ROGER DONEGAN

The once popular tune “See You in September” by The Happenings communicated a nostalgic melancholy that underscored an end of summer and back-to-school sentimentality. The lyrics ought to have made it a summer song. However, radio stations choose to play “See You in September” in September for the emotional effect. Similarly, purchasing select postcards

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off the shelf can preserve a fondness too. Whatever thoughts or impression a new postcard stimulates can be imperishably stored and revisited at will. Postcard collecting is a deliberate undertaking. I'd be embarrassed to admit it's a hobby. As a year-round pastime, collecting postcards is a step beyond festooning the side of the kitchen refrigerator with ones of summer vacation.

This pastime used to be celebrated by events or in articles in the media. In 2012 the Hinesburg Historical Society issued a set of eight very local postcard scenes from bygone times to help mark the town's 250th anniversary. This set included cards from outside the Reed and Patrick Tin Shop; the inside of the Mead and McKenzie auto shop; the High Rock on Route 116, which is still there; and a humble hamlet view of the once path-like road coursing through the village taken from the steeple of the United Church. There are no limits to the subjects presented on postcards. If these were books then the application of the Dewey Decimal System would probably work fine to categorize them. The former Remember When column of the Burlington Free Press (BFP 02-25-97) presented the whole story behind the Ralph Sessions postcard (1927-28) of a "fur-bearing trout" allegedly taken while ice fishing on Lake Memphremagog. The postcard reminded me of more modern postcards of mud season where only the roof of a passenger car is showing and a photo prop of sap buckets hung on wood utility poles.

Postcard collection once meant traveling to a flea market-style book and ephemera show or visiting an antique shop. One might go with a list of preferred subjects in mind, such as classic sugaring, covered bridges, or rock quarries, before wading through a tidy box of Vermont postcards to see what else is there. For instance, did you know that Steamtown, which was once an attraction in Bellow Falls before becoming the world's largest collection of steam locomotives and equipment, then renamed Steamtown USA and relocated to Scranton, Pennsylvania, was once a National Historic Site? Did you know that the Bristol Rock, a.k.a. the Lord's Prayer Rock (1891) was once a main tourist attraction? Perusing postcards online has certainly changed things, but the detail-oriented postcard sellers have made use of the Postal Service. The sellers customize their



St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church by Rachael Robinson Elmer (1914).

packages, have catchy business names in the return address, and ship from all over, including places like Panther, Texas or Venice, Florida. It's likely that these sellers also collect stamps as they like to meet the required postage to the penny for shipping a postcard by affixing a variety of vintage — but still usable — stamps to the envelope.

There's some consolation partaking in this hobby when seeing postcard-related articles by known Vermont luminaries over time. In 2002 Chirs Bohjalian wrote a book review for the BFP titled "Postcards Show a Vanished Vermont" on Postcards from "Vermont: A Social History, 1905-1945" by Allen F. Davis. In 2004 a Fleming Museum summer flyer advertised an exhibit called "Wish You Were Here: Vermont Postcards." Seven Days ran an article "Going Postcard" in August of 2004 by John O'Brien which was a dual review of both the Fleming exhibit and the book by Allen F. Davis. In 2018 Vermont History Space (BFP) "Postcards-Pottery" was an expansive article with text and photos courtesy of Robert Resnick which celebrated the 1904 dedication of the Fletcher Free Library in original postcard views and souvenir pottery imprinted with color images of that newest of the Carnegie Libraries.

The Hinesburg Record featured "The Centenarian Postcard Finds Its Destination," March 29, 2018. The postmarked postcard in question was a replica production of a painting by Emanuel Leutze "Washington Crossing the Delaware" (1851) which had initial-



St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church Pre 9/11 with WTC Twin Towers in background.

ly been mailed Feb. 23, 1909 to an individual who acted as a forerunner to the Hinesburg town clerk position. It then made its first debut as a recognized antique piece after being mysteriously re-mailed in Texas.

"Postcards from the Past," an art review from July 2014 in Seven Days by Pamela Polston heralded the Rokeby Museum's new exhibit, "Rachael's New York Postcards at 100." The exhibit covered the life and work of one Rachael Robinson Elmer (1878-1919), descendant resident of the original Robinson family and farm in Ferrisburgh now preserved as a significant historic stepping stone in the Underground Railroad in Vermont. The review characterized Rachael's profession as "an illustrator and graphic artist." The Museum reproduced her 100-year-old work in a set of 12 postcards for public sale. I enjoyed them all both for their soft watercolor look and the identifiable New York City scenes. New York City never looked so soft. I particularly focused on the reproduction of St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church in lower Manhattan and eventually compared the watercolor to a pre- 9/11 photo postcard and found the exercise of interest.

The annually observed anniversary of 9/11 has now become an end of summer September event as well. St Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2014. George Washington worshiped there regularly (see "New York City Little Church that Stood Plans 250th Anniversary," Associated Press, Oct. 4, 2016). What people today still remember is that St. Paul's Chapel was one of the few usable structures in the immediate vicinity of the World Trade Center after 9/11. Many

recall it as one of the primary collection points for much of the country's mailed spontaneous expressions of hurt and sympathy, in every written manner and art form, following that fateful date. St Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church also became a favored place to take a break for scores of Ground Zero workers.

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expectedly shelter in place. The final scenario was one where the building had to be immediately evacuated.

The class members would like to thank the students in the current EMT class for being our patient models, the local law enforcement officers who trained with us, and the instructors.



EMT's perform initial assessment and triage on a patient.



EMT's unfold a canvas stretcher in preparation to move a patient outside for further treatment and transport.

EDUCATION

CVSD Update

FROM CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

Superintendent's Message

By Rene Sanchez, CVSD superintendent

Hello Champlain Valley School District families and caregivers,

The first few weeks of school have provided so much hope for the concept of returning to a time similar to before the pandemic. Students and educators are excited to be back together in classrooms, learning areas, athletic fields and courts, and retreats inside and outside the buildings. Even though I know that everyone is excited, we are still cautious after all that we have been through together. As the year continues, I am hoping that we all get the opportunity to participate in school-wide and community events that take place in person. I look forward to meeting you at one of those events. Here are some upcoming events of importance.

Strategic Planning

CVSD held its first Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting in late August. The group, consisting of administrators, teachers, parents, students and community members went through a process of suggesting and reviewing the values, goals, mission, vision and other items that we consider when we think of CVSD. On Wednesday evening of this week, we held our first virtual Strategic Planning Town Hall meeting. The purpose of those town halls will be to inform the larger community of where the district is in the planning process.

We are hosting three stakeholder feedback opportunities where our Vermont School Boards Association consultant, members of the steering committee, and I will lead conversations around what the district does well, how we can improve and what participants feel the direction needs to be for the next five to 10 years. You'll see the dates below in our strategic planning section. Our next Strategic Planning Town Hall will take place on Zoom on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Equity Audit

As many of you may remember, we con-

tracted with Mass Insight during the spring and summer of this year to analyze our systems and our data and to create a baseline for implementation of our equity policy. The results and recommendations will be presented at our next school board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20. All are welcome to attend in person at CVU or online. The meeting information will be posted on the district's website calendar soon.

Mass Insight reviewed our systems, our student and adult data and conducted interviews, focus groups and outreach during their time with CVSD. We are excited to receive and to align the results with our upcoming strategic plan.

We will have our first of three diversity, equity and inclusion virtual Town Halls to discuss the results of the Equity Audit. The DEI Town Hall will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

These next 30 days, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, 2022, will be celebrated as National Hispanic Heritage Month. This time is set aside annually to celebrate the many contributions to our country and our world of the people with Hispanic, Latino or Latinx descent. To learn more about National Hispanic Heritage Month, please visit these websites that contain resources for your students' and your own learning: Smithsonian and U.S. Department of Education.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate CVU's principal, Adam Bunting, on a wonderful performance at last weekend's Dancing with the Burlington Stars. This event raised funds for the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Modeled after the television show "Dancing with the Stars," Adam was partnered with dancer Olivia Schrantz and had a few months to learn a lot. It was a great example of perseverance and determination, and he modeled the value of learning new things. Adam and his dancing partner received the Fan Favorite Award for raising the most money for the organization. It was a fun and lively event.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. It's starting to feel like fall!

CVSD Virtual Town Halls

We will host a Virtual Town Hall on the

second Wednesday of each month this school year.

On the even-numbered months, the topic will focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. On the odd-numbered months, we'll provide updates and gather input about the strategic plan and process.

Please set aside the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to engage with us for one hour. The Zoom meeting information will be posted in advance on the DEI site and the Strategic Planning page (cvsdvt.org/domain/430) of our website.

View the recording of previous Virtual Town Halls at tinyurl.com/CVSDYouTube.

District Engineering and Robotics Opportunities for Students

BY OLAF VERDONK

The CVU robotics team, the RoboHawks, are back! Coming off of an extraordinarily successful season last year, we are working hard to prepare for the upcoming season. Last year the team won the Vermont FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship, and also received the prestigious Inspire Award for being an exemplary team and ambassador to FIRST. These re-

sults qualified the RoboHawks for the world championships. Thanks to support from community members and local businesses, we were able to travel to Houston, Texas, back in April to compete at worlds. While we didn't receive any awards, we learned a lot and can't wait to put that knowledge to work this season.

This year we are keeping our momentum going with an emphasis on expanding access to our program. We want everyone to have the ability to be involved in robotics, so we plan to offer multiple opportunities for students in the Champlain Valley School District to participate in this incredible program. We are encouraging as many CVSD students (middle and high school) as possible to get involved in FIRST robotics programs, which are perhaps the best real-world STEM learning students can experience. These programs help students to learn science, technology, engineering and math skills, along with inspiring innovation and fostering self-confidence, teamwork, communication and leadership. It is "sport for the mind" and truly the only sport where everyone can go pro!

For CVU students, we are excited to announce that this year we will be running a junior varsity team. This team will meet after school every Tuesday from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting Sept. 13. If you are interested in coding, engineering, design or digital media, please come check it out. We are also

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Last year's RoboHawks team.

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offering an engineering club for students during C3 time, which allows students to explore science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics through hands-on projects. In the past, students have used rapid prototyping to make projects like Arduino cars and pingpong ball slingshots. The club will meet on red days during C3. If you're interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the email below or come say hi at school.

For middle school students, the RoboHawks are working to create a FIRST Lego League robotics team in every school. FLL is an international competition hosted by FIRST that's similar to FTC, except their robots solve challenges using Lego robots. We have secured two Spike Prime Lego kits for each school that supports an FLL team.

Information and support workshops for students, parents, guardians, teachers and coaches will be happening in October. For more information contact **CVU_RoboHawks_2022@cvsdvt.org**

While we are working hard to get these middle school teams off the ground, we need volunteers/mentors (no experience necessary! Only enthusiasm!) to help offer these incredible learning opportunities to students of the CVSD community. There are stipends available for coaching a team due to a generous grant from the state that was awarded to CVSD. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to us at **CVU_RoboHawks_2022@cvsdvt.org**.

Access CVU Registration Is Open With Over 200 Classes

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU High School right here in Hinesburg, has opened our class registration for the fall. With over 200 classes to choose from, including a mix of past favorites and creative new options, there's something for everyone!

Below is a list of classes scheduled for October, organized by category. All classes meet in person at CVU, with the exception of a handful of online classes (identified with an "(*)") which will meet over Zoom or Google Meet.

Authors, Speakers and Presenters

Thursday, Oct. 13: Learn the Six Steps to Happiness*

Thursday, Oct. 13: Alzheimer's and Related Dementia

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Building Resilience in Uncertain Times*

Thursday, Oct. 20: Parent Information

Class: Learning Disabilities

Thursday, Oct. 20: Shaken & Stirred: A History of Cocktails*

Monday, Oct. 24: You're on the Air! Intro to Voice-Overs

Cooking and Cuisine

Tuesday, Oct. 4: French Galettes de Sarrasin: Savory Buckwheat Crêpes

Thursday, Oct. 6: Indian Cooking: Pav Bhaji (Street Food) & Pulao With Mango Lassi

Thursday, Oct. 13: Ethiopian/Eritrean Cuisine — Vegetarian Focus

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Ravioli

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Vegetarian Mediterranean Feast

Thursday, Oct. 20: Building the ULTIMATE Charcuterie Board

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Soup and Focaccia

Thursday, Oct. 27: Fall Cupcakes



Fall Cupcakes with Amber.

Fine Arts and Crafts

Monday, Oct. 3: Beaded Earring Making — Next Steps

Thursday, Oct. 6: Punch Needle Rug Hooking for Beginners

Thursday, Oct. 6: Botanical Color & Plant Dye

Thursday, Oct. 6: Gemstone and Essential Oil Diffusing Bracelet Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Next Steps in



Macrame Plant Hanger with Ashley

Knitting — Knit a Hat

Monday, Oct. 17: Tapestry Weaving on a Frame Loom

Monday, Oct. 17: Intro to Beaded Necklaces & Bracelets

Monday, Oct. 17: Introduction to Calligraphy

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Sewing With Knit Fabrics: Jogger Pants Edition

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Macrame Plant Hangers

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Carving in Wood — The Cottonwood Bark Pumpkin

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Learn How To Turn a Wooden Bowl!

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Wheel-Throwing and Hand-Building for All Levels

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Home Decor & Gifts: Mixed Wheel & Hand-Building

Thursday, Oct. 20: Introduction to Batik — Sampler Workshop

Monday, Oct. 24: Fused Glass Small Plate Set

Tuesday, Oct. 25: Introduction to Oil Painting

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Make Your Own Cutting Boards

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Autumn Centerpiece



Autumn Centerpiece with Betsy Orvis of Rock Meadow Farm.

Fitness, Dance, Yoga and Mindful Movement

Monday, Oct. 3: Monday Asana Yoga With Heather

Monday, Oct. 3: Qigong for Healthy Joints

Thursday, Oct. 13: Shake Off the Rust! A Basketball Workshop for Women

Monday, Oct. 17: Adult Intro to Taekwondo — TKD KICKS

Monday, Oct. 17: Yoga for Better Posture Series

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Skiers Prep Course

Fun and Games

Thursday, Oct. 20: Learn to Juggle for Fun With Phinneus!

Health & Nutrition, New Age & Holistic Well-Being

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Natural Ways To Help With Stress, Anxiety and Chronic Pain

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Bringing Mindfulness Into Everyday Life*

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Stress Less: Tools for Balanced Living

Thursday, Oct. 13: Tarot Card Adventure: Part 2*

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Tarot & Oracle Card Reading Workshop Part 3*

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Intuitive Eating & Body Image Healing*

Thursday, Oct. 20: Therapeutic Massage Techniques for Managing Headaches, Neck and Shoulder Tension

Tuesday, Oct. 25: Reiki — First Degree

Tuesday, Oct. 25: How to Eat While Having a Busy Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Gluten-Free Baking Discussion

Home & Garden

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Small Animal Emergency Medicine for Pet Families

Thursday, Oct. 6: Home Repair Series

Thursday, Oct. 13: Home Repair Series

Monday, Oct. 17: Renovation 101: Tile, Countertops, Cabinets, Flooring and Paint

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Perennial Propagation

Thursday, Oct. 20: Home Repair Series

Thursday, Oct. 27: Home Repair Series

Kids & Teen

Monday, Oct. 17: Kids in the Kitchen: A Halloween Meal

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Mandarin for Children: Introduction to the Chinese Language*

Wednesday, Oct. 19: An Empowering Menarche*

Tuesday, Oct. 25: Make Ahead Grab & Go Breakfasts — A Kids Baking Class

Music & Languages

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Italian for Beginners — Part 1*

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Italian for Beginners — Part 2*

Thursday, Oct. 13: Ukulele for Adults — Level 2

Monday, Oct. 17: Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL)*

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Mandarin for Beginners: Introduction to the Chinese Language*

Photography & Technology

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Digital Photography

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Google Suite — There's a Lot To Know!

Professional Development & Writing Workshops

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Job Search Series

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Job Search Series

Monday, Oct. 24: Financial Planning

Series — Understanding Retirement Plans

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Job Search Series

Check out our website, **cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com** (or Google "Access CVU"), for more information and to register for a class. As a reminder, early signups help us plan — for popular classes it ensures you a spot in the class, and for classes with low enrollment, we make a decision a week ahead on whether to go forward with a class. If there's a waitlist for a class you're interested in, we encourage you to add your name since we will open up an extra section of a class if we get enough interest.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Age Well Grab and Go Meal in Shelburne

BY PEGGY COUTU

Age Well and St. Catherine's of Siena Parish in Shelburne are teaming up to provide a meal to go for anyone age 60 and older on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The meal will be available for pick up in the parking lot at 72 Church Street from 11 a.m. until noon. These meals are available for everyone age 60 or older. They are nutritious and delicious.

The menu is: Chicken cacciatore, wheat rotini, peas and carrots, wheat bread with butter, strawberry shortcake with cream, and milk. To order a meal: please contact Sheryl Oberding:

Email: (preferred) **soberding@yahoo.com**. Phone: 802-825-8546.

Deadline to order is Thursday, Oct. 6. If this is a first-time order, please provide the following: name, address, phone

number and date of birth.

If you haven't yet filled out a 2022 Congregate Meal Registration, please bring a completed registration form with you or send it to: Age Well; 875 Roosevelt Highway, Ste. 210; Colchester, Vermont, 05446.

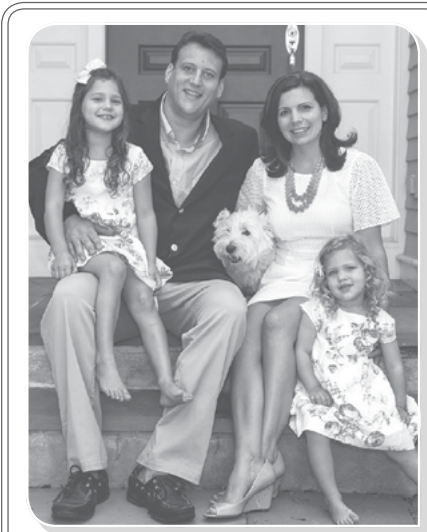
We will have forms on hand for you to fill out at meal pick up, or download the registration form to fill out ahead of time at **tiny.one/AgeWellReg**.

An Age Well representative will be available from 11 a.m.-noon for you to purchase the \$5 restaurant tickets to dine at one of the participating restaurants. More information on this program can be found on the Age Well site: **agewellvt.org**.

RGH Annual Gathering

FROM PRESS RELEASE

All are invited to attend Responsible Growth Hinesburg's Annual Gathering on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. The event will be held on the lawn behind Catherine Goldsmith's home at 10760 Route 116, Hinesburg Village.



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Partners Team Up To Protect Ballard Farm and Wetland in Hinesburg

FROM VERMONT LAND TRUST PRESS RELEASE

A Hinesburg farm has been protected for farming and clean water; the Vermont Land Trust announced recently. Tim and Kay Ballard conserved 177 acres of pasture, farm fields and woods, with assistance from the Vermont Land Trust, Hinesburg Land Trust, the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, and the local community.

The farm lies on the west side of Route 116 two miles north of the village and offers stunning views of the Adirondacks. It includes 117 acres of pasture and cropland and 57 acres of managed woodland that abut the town's Geprags Community Park.

The Ballard family has been farming the land since 1937. In 1994, the farm was passed down from Tim's mother to Kay and Tim. They sold their dairy herd over 15 years ago and since then have been renting the cropland to neighboring dairy farmers Larry Garvey and his son Michael who grow hay on the property.

"The Ballard farm is an excellent addition to a large block of conserved farmland in the area," said VLT's Allen Karnatz. "Including the Garvey

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farm, the former LeFreniere property and Geprags Park, over 1,000 acres are protected from future development. Conservation helps to ensure that the farm will remain affordable for future farmers.”

The Ballard farm's rolling fields slope down to a wetland that includes a tributary of the LaPlatte River. These wetlands are now protected, and land alongside the tributary will be kept vegetated with native shrubs and trees to support clean water and wildlife habitat.

The project was enthusiastically supported by the community through a successful fundraising campaign led by the Hinesburg Land Trust. In the future, the town and farm owners may collaborate to develop a trail for non-motorized recreation through the farm's wooded area to join up with a trail in Geprags Park.

“The Hinesburg community has always recognized the importance of this open farmland,” said Andrea Morgante of the Hinesburg Land Trust. “We are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Tim and Kay and VLT to conserve their highly scenic and productive land.”

The project also received significant support from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

VHCB Executive Director Gus Seelig said, “Congratulations to the Ballards, the town of Hinesburg, VLT and the Hinesburg Land Trust on this terrific project that meets multiple conservation goals, permanently protecting agricultural land north of the town center and enhancing water quality by establishing a 14-acre wetland protection zone that drains into the LaPlatte River, helping to filter and clean water that empties into Lake Champlain.

Through our partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, federal funding for conservation matches VHCB's state funds one-to-one.”

About Vermont Land Trust

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Audubon Vermont Announces Bird Migration Explorer Website

Digital platform reveals migration data for birds across the western hemisphere just in time for fall migration

FROM PRESS RELEASE

As millions of birds are flocking to their wintering grounds, the National Audubon Society and nine partner organizations have announced the Bird Migration Explorer, a state-of-the-art digital platform that reveals migration data consolidated for 458 bird species found in the United States and Canada. The free, interactive platform, available in English and Spanish, allows users to see the most complete data collected on migratory species in their neighborhoods and where those birds go throughout the year. You can view the website at explorer.audubon.org.

The Bird Migration Explorer reveals insights about the journeys of individual species as well as the connectedness, through migratory birds, of any given location in the hemisphere. It also details how migratory birds encounter 19 different conservation challenges. For example, at least 299 species connect New York City to at least 30 other countries and territories in the hemisphere, including places as far away

as Argentina and Uruguay. And the famous “River of Raptors” migration corridor in Veracruz, Mexico, is a hub connecting the extreme northern and southern ends of the globe.

“People have always been curious and amazed by migratory birds and their incredible journeys, but only recently are scientists piecing together the full picture of how these birds travel from one end of the globe to the other,” said Dr. Jill Deppe, senior director of Audubon's Migratory Bird Initiative, the founding organization of the Bird Migration Explorer. “Migratory birds also need our help — populations are facing steep declines across the board. By consolidating and visualizing these data, the Bird Migration Explorer can teach us more about how to protect these incredible travelers that connect people across the entire hemisphere.”

Since 1970, North America has lost more than 2.5 billion migratory birds. By visualizing and highlighting the places birds need not only during breeding and wintering seasons, but also throughout the migratory periods in between, the Bird Migration Explorer provides a scientific basis for necessary conservation policies and solutions to address these steep declines.

The Bird Migration Explorer brings together three types of geospatial bird data: abundance data from Cornell Lab of Ornithology's eBird Status models; connectivity data from the U.S. Geological Survey Eastern Ecological Science Center Bird Banding Lab and Bird Genoscape Project; and tracking data from Birds Canada, the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and hundreds of researchers from across the

globe who generously contributed their datasets to this project. Audubon scientists and cartographers consolidated these data to create animated and interactive visualizations to bring species migration to life on a map.

The Bird Migration Explorer includes:

- Interactive, animated maps of the full annual migration for 458 species.
- More than 4.2 million point-to-point migratory bird connections across the hemisphere.
- Visualizations for 19 selected conservation challenges that migratory birds are exposed to throughout the year across the Americas.

The Bird Migration Explorer reflects an extraordinary partnership among science, conservation, and technology organizations and institutions and is made possible with data from the following partner organizations and more than 500 studies from researchers and institutions from around the world.

SCHIP Autumn Grant Deadline

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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

OUTDOORS

Trembling Aspen: A Profile

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Aspens, also known as poplars or “popple,” are trees in the *Populus* genus. Vermont is home to four species of poplar: bigtooth aspen (*Populus grandidentata*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), balsam poplar (*Populus balsamifera*) and trembling or “quaking” aspen (*Populus tremuloides*).

While all the aspen species are unique, trembling aspen is perhaps the most enigmatic of the bunch. It is the most widely distributed tree in North

America, with a range that stretches from Alaska to Newfoundland and south into Mexico. It is the only upland deciduous tree in parts of western North America, and it defines aspen and aspen-birch forests — some of the most common forest types in the lake states and some western states.

All the poplar species' leaves “tremble” or “quake”— shimmering in the wind. They do so because the *petiole* — the stem that attaches the leaf to the twig — is flat. This trembling appears to be an adaptive quality: reducing leaf herbivory, lowering leaf temperature, lowering transpiration (the loss of water from leaves) and helping light reach lower parts of aspen crowns.

Applicant requirements:

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

Grant deadlines are now May 15 and Oct. 15.

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

VT Genealogy Library Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Classes at the Vermont Genealogy Library will be Zoom webinars from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10. Please visit our website, vtgenlib.org for additional details and for registration.

Vermont Research in the 18th Century: Oct. 1, Scott Andrew Bartley

“Vermont Research in the 18th Century” presents a brief pre-settlement history of New England. It then uses maps to illustrate the issues around border disputes in western New England. Drew Bartley will discuss the records that survive, chronologically, through the border changes. The focus at the end is on the records created since the Republic of Vermont was formed in 1777.

Finding Online Vital Records in Ireland: Oct. 8, Ed McGuire

In this talk, you will learn where and when churches started to record vital events in Ireland, and how to locate them at repositories and online. Ed McGuire will also provide an in-depth look at Irish civil registrations, which began for all religions in 1867. Attendees will receive handouts and finding aids.

Finding Your Place: Applied Mapping for Genealogy Research Oct. 15, Suzanne Blanchard

Suzanne Blanchard will teach you how to do strategic mapping for your genealogical research. Using specific research cases, she will examine how mapping data can glean fresh and unexpected insights. This will be a hands-on class, with a follow-up for those interested in making use of this innovative strategy.

Vermont-FCGS Annual Fall Conference: Oct. 22

The Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society's annual fall conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 at St. John Vianney Hall. The public is invited to join us. There will also be displays and books for sale that day. Kyle Hurst, from the New England Historic Genealogical Society, will present on patterns of settlement, expansion and migration for Vermont and New York. Patrick Lacroix, director of the Acadian Archives in Fort Kent, Maine, will speak on very early French-Canadian Migrations to both states. And author Howard Coffin will speak on a newer topic of interest to him, 1816, the “year with no summer” and how the strange weather caused many to head West. For additional information and to register, visit vtgenlib.org.


Trembling aspens are shade-intolerant, requiring nearly complete sunlight to establish. Aspens seeds are small, wind-borne and abundant, spreading far and wide across the landscape. While most of the seeds produced in a given year don't land on an appropriate site, their mobility increases the chance that a lucky few will — usually due to the aftermath of a large disturbance. Once established, aspens grow at a dizzying rate (for a tree) easily out-competing other, slower-growing species before declining and dying young (for a tree) — usually at around 60-80 years of age. Like white birch, trembling aspen is so intolerant of shade that its presence in your forest is almost certainly an indicator of a large natural or human-caused disturbance in the past. If you were to count the rings on one of your aspens, it would

tell you about how many years ago that disturbance occurred.

Due to its short lifespan, trembling aspen is often considered a relatively ephemeral species in our forests. However, one of trembling aspen's most interesting qualities is its resilience. Cutting an aspen tree often results in an abundance of fast-growing root sprouts, clones that may grow four or five feet tall in a single growing season. Especially in the western United States, this quality means that the life span of an aspen can be indefinite — it can continue to clone itself for generations. An aspen clone in Utah called *Pando*, or “the Trembling Giant,” is considered by some to be the oldest and most massive organism on Earth, covering more than 100 acres and

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estimated to be between 14,000 and 80,000 years old.

In Vermont, trembling aspen provides important habitat for many wildlife species, including several bird species in decline. It is important habitat for ruffed grouse, which use aspen stands of several different ages to complete different parts of their life cycle. Trembling aspen is also important for pileated woodpeckers, which forage for grubs and insect larvae in its soft wood, often creating cavities (holes) used by a huge variety of wildlife species for dens and nests.

While not commonly used in lumber, aspen wood is light, soft and pretty, often becoming purplish as it ages. It is a poor firewood, although sometimes used by maple sugar makers for boiling sap. Throughout its range, aspen's most common use is as pulp for paper. At present in Vermont, demand and prices for aspen timber and pulp are generally poor.

Due to its low market value, aspen is a species that I manage nearly entirely for wildlife. Creating some larger (at least two-acre) canopy gaps where all or nearly all of the trees are cut creates potential habitat for the species, as well as a variety of other early-successional trees, plants and shrubs and for the pollinators, birds and mammals that depend on them. Cutting some larger aspen within these gaps will inspire them to produce clones, creating a vibrant young aspen forest relatively quickly. Outside of canopy gaps, I leave most aspen trees as legacy trees. These trees live out their natural lives, eventually declining, becoming riddled with cavities, dying and becoming dead wood on the forest floor. In life and in death, trembling aspen provides so many benefits to our forests.

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.

New Data Confirm Significance of Endangered Indiana Bat Colony in Hinesburg

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reported on Tuesday that data from the 2022 field season confirmed the national conservation significance of a large summer colony of Indiana bats in the northwestern part of the state.

Indiana bats are a federally endangered species. The colony, located on conservation land in Hinesburg, consists of over 700 bats.



Indiana bats are a federally endangered species across their range. Vermont is the furthest north and east that the species is found. Vermont Fish & Wildlife Photo.

"This finding is exceptional because we have not documented a surviving summer colony of over 100 Indiana bats in Vermont since the devastating declines caused by white-nose syndrome in 2008-2009," said small mammal biologist Alyssa Bennett. "In Hinesburg this field season, we counted as many as 300 bats in a single roost. That is similar to historic numbers at this site, and three times greater than anything we have found in Vermont over the past decade."

In addition to its size, two other factors make the Hinesburg colony especially important as biologists continue to study the Indiana bat's response to white-nose syndrome and work to sustain and recover the species.

First, bats in the Hinesburg colony are making use of bat houses. This is unusual for the species across its range and has not previously been documented in Vermont. In addition, bats were tracked back to large tree roosts on conserved land. Bennett says this is evidence that habitat improvement efforts made more than a decade ago may be paying off.

Second, Indiana bats are found in the midwestern to eastern U.S.—Vermont's Champlain Valley represents the northeastern extreme of their range. The Hinesburg colony is the most northeasterly known population of Indiana bats, which have only been found summing below 1,200 feet in Vermont.

However, climate change modeling for this species suggests that as lower elevations warm, the species may be pushed further northeast and to higher elevations.

"This colony's size, use of bat boxes and persistence at the extreme of the Indiana bat's range means there may be new opportunities for conserving this species in Vermont and the northeast," says Bennett. "Are Indiana bats moving further north and east as summers become warmer? Are there other colonies that could benefit from habitat improvement? Thanks to this year's findings, these are the questions we'll be working to answer in 2023."

ARTS & LEISURE

Vermont Fall Open Studio Tour

**Oct. 1 and 2,
10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The second Open Studio Weekend in the celebration of the event's 30th year gives visitors and collectors the opportunity to plan a tour that brings them through the small towns of Vermont to studios where they can purchase beautiful well-made things and talk with the artist who made them. Open Studio Weekend is a celebration of the creation of craft and artwork. With a focus on the studio, including work space and materials, the event aims to illustrate both that creating art requires an investment of time, specialized tools and equipment.

Curious to meet three artists in the immediate area and see inside their studios? This is your chance. Local artists, Kathleen Fleming, Deborah Goudreau and Ginny Joyner welcome you to their working spaces! For more information, go to vermontcrafts.com/lower-chittenden-loop.

Deborah Goudreau, Pottery, Sculpture, Floorcloths, #21, 1957 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg



Deborah Goudreau

"I enjoy working with clay — from making pottery that is functional, feels good in your hands and is appealing to the eye to more fanciful works, such as the 'Fantasy Bird' bowls. The bird feeders and planters have become popular items for house-warming

gifts. My sculptural works range from one-of-a-kind to theme-based series, such as the 'Separation Series,' to unique facial portraits and busts. I also like to paint. Floorcloths, originally used as rugs by pioneers, offer an opportunity for me to paint a myriad of designs on a usable surface."

Kathleen Fleming, Contemporary Mixed-Media Painter, #22, 889 Bean Road, Charlotte

"I paint mixed-media pieces inspired

by the landscape. My process is one of exploration and discovery. Spontaneously applying paint, collage and pastel builds a foundation for the more considered layers above. I love the little surprises that happen while I'm painting."



Kathleen Fleming

ing — the way a warm yellow pops next to a cool blue; the drips that can alter a whole composition. Working with the mistakes and the happenstance pushes me to find solutions. How can I create calm from chaos? Beauty from mud? It's all a metaphor for life — to embrace the messy complicated world that is all around and turn it into something beautiful and true."

Ginny Joyner Studio, Watercolor — Originals, Cards, Prints & Lessons #23, 2810 Greenbush Road, Charlotte



Ginny Joyner

"My inspiration comes from the observation of the seasons and brilliance of the natural world. I love studying intricate forms and following patterns, colors and structures in order to really get to know a subject. Painting is a form of meditation for me. My work ranges from detailed botanicals to loose landscapes with a little humor occasionally thrown in. I work in all mediums but usually come back to watercolor because of its vibrancy."

The Vermont Crafts Council holds that creative problem-solving is an essential human skill that will be strengthened with engagement with nondigital materials, clay, wood, metals, glass, felt, thread, cloth, paper and paints. The history of craft traditions in Vermont presents a window into past communi-

ty life that is again being embraced by a new generation seeking a grounded connection to handmade, functional artwork that is used in everyday life.

During the two-day event, artists statewide open their studios to visitors to discuss and demonstrate their work. Visitors can purchase work directly from the artist, often choosing from a wider selection than is available online or through galleries. Many artists will accept custom orders and offer seconds and discontinued designs for sale on this weekend. Visitors can also use the tour to visit over 20 small galleries and art centers that exhibit and sell the work of a variety of local artists. Each small gallery has its own collection of local artisan work. Several of these centers will feature groups of artists and themed displays and special sales for the weekend.

Glass blowers, potters, metal workers, jewelers, weavers, painters, woodworkers, photographers, book artists, printmakers, felt makers, dyers, basket makers and rug hookers are among those who invite visitors to come behind the scenes into their studios. Ask questions, view demonstrations and purchase original handmade artwork.

Use the printed map booklet, available in the studios and at many Vermont information centers and rest areas, or download it from vermontcrafts.com. Also available is an online Google map that is updated with the latest information, and artist pages with information and pictures of artwork.

Vermont Arts Council Grants

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Creative Aging Grants

The Vermont Arts Council is offering a new grant program to provide meaningful arts learning experiences for older Vermonters, hoping to ease the social isolation that sometimes arrives as people age.

Creative Aging Grants provide up to

\$4,000 for organizations to provide skill-based arts instruction and intentional social engagement led by experienced teaching artists for older adults aged 60+.

More than 9% of Vermonters are at least 65 years of age, and Vermont is on track to be the oldest state in the nation (age 65+) by 2032. Vermont also has one of the highest life expectancy rates, at nearly 80.

"Participating in the arts as one ages can improve emotional well-being, support good health, strengthen social engagement, and bring purpose and joy," said Vermont Arts Council Arts Education Manager Troy Hickman. "We're excited to bring this program to Vermont organizations to provide or enhance arts learning and engagement to older Vermonters."

Vermont nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, agencies of state government, counties and municipalities are eligible to apply. This includes arts organizations, senior centers and area agencies on aging. Collaborations with or among such organizations are welcomed.

Example projects that the grants may support include:

- Hiring a teaching artist to lead a series of photography workshops in an assisted living facility culminating in a community exhibit.
- Hiring a teaching artist to lead remote workshops for older adults in their homes, supplying materials, providing opportunities for social engagement, and giving support to caregivers.
- Hiring teaching artists or mentors to work with older adults to capture or create a series of stories or poems through a partnership with an agency serving older adults.

Applications may engage artists on the Council's Creative Aging Teaching Artist Roster, which comprises experienced teaching artists who trained with Lifetime Arts to design creative aging programs that include skill-based instructional lessons and intentional social engagement opportuni-

ties. Applicants may submit proposals for projects led by teaching artists not on the roster. Priority is given to projects led by Vermont artists.

The grant application opened on Sept. 1, and the submission deadline is Nov. 1, 2022. Applications will be reviewed based on artistic merit (40%), impact (40%) and project management (20%).

Fundable project activities must take place between Jan. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2023.

The grant program was funded in part by the nationwide Creative Aging Initiative launched in 2021 by the National Assembly of State Art Agencies in partnership with Aroha Philanthropies, now E.A. Michelson Philanthropy. The Vermont Arts Council was one of 36 state arts agencies to receive funding to advance the initiative in Vermont. In 2021, the council partnered with the Central Vermont Council on Aging to build creative aging programming as part of the initiative, which included creative care kits and an arts exhibition.

For more information about the Creative Aging Grant Program, visit vermontartscouncil.org/grants/organizations/creative-aging.

Creative Futures Grants

During the 2022 state legislative session, the Vermont Arts Council and the

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Vermont Creative Network advocated for increased investment in economic recovery for the creative sector. One outcome of this session was the allocation of \$9 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Vermont Arts Council for grants to creative sector entities that have sustained economic harm due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What Are Creative Futures Grants?

Awards of up to \$200,000 will be available to creative sector nonprofits and for-profit businesses including sole proprietors that can demonstrate economic harm caused by or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding amounts will be based on 2019 (pre-pandemic) operating revenue.

These funds are for any regular operating expenses, including but not limited to payroll and benefits, utilities, rent and insurance.

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Severity of COVID-19 pandemic harm.
- Community and cultural impact.
- Economic impact.

Full details are on the grant program web page at vermontartscouncil.org/grants/creative-futures-grant-program

What Is the Creative Sector?

The creative sector economy is defined as the collective enterprises, organizations and individuals whose products and services are rooted in artistic and creative content. Seven segments comprise Vermont's creative economy: culture and heritage, design, film and media, literary arts & publishing, performing arts, specialty foods and visual arts and crafts.

Key Dates

The program will be open for three rounds:

Round 1: opened Sept. 15 — deadline Nov. 1; notifications by mid-December.

Round 2: opens Jan. 3 — deadline Feb. 28, 2023; notifications by mid-April.

Round 3: opens May 1 — deadline June 30, 2023; notifications by mid-August.

Applications that are not funded in one round may be reconsidered in the next round.

OBITUARIES



Kim Gerrienne Coates

Kim Gerrienne Coates of Hinesburg died of injuries sustained in a tragic fall the morning of Aug. 22, 2022. Our hearts are broken.

Kim was the daughter of Blanche (Perry) Coates and Beryl Coates. She was born on Oct. 7, 1956 in Burlington. She is survived by her brother, Gill Coates; her sister and brother-in-law, Elly Coates and Rob Farley; her niece Sage Coates-Farley; her nephew Graham Coates-Farley, her aunt Clem Leblond and many cousins.

Kim was educated in Hinesburg schools and graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School. She was self-employed, cleaning the houses of many clients over the years. She considered each and every one of them a true friend. If you were one of her “people,” as she called many of her clients, you know you were cared for, thought of and loved.

She was a generous, loving and caring person. She was always willing to help anyone in any way she could. Everyone who met Kim knew that she was all heart. She was so much more than a sister, aunt or friend; she was a confidante, a cheerleader, a rescuer and a shining light. Her loss leaves a huge hole in the lives of everyone who knew her.

At one point, she raised and sold dachshund puppies. Her own doxies were Huckleberry, Sally, Susie, Molly, and the beloved Tootsie. She also loved reading and traveling. Whether it was sister weekends in New England or exploring the rest of the U.S. with her brother, her

travels brought her great joy.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation for repairs to the drive in the Hinesburg Village Cemetery. To donate please address checks payable to the town of Hinesburg with “Memory of Kim Coates” in the for/memo line of the check. Mail to the town of Hinesburg, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg, Vermont 05461.

To honor Kim's love of animals, donations may also be sent to Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, South Burlington, Vermont 05403 or to Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, Vermont 05753. Donations can also be made online on the applicable societies' websites.

Pvt. Hathaway Has Returned to Hinesburg

BY MARY JO BRACE

Pvt. Alwin Hathaway was laid to rest on Sept. 3 at the Village Cemetery in Hinesburg. His remains were finally identified after 78 years of being listed as missing in action when he was killed in action in Germany during WWII in November of 1944.

The ceremony included a message and prayer from Minister Joan O'Gorman, followed by taps, flag folding and a gun salute by the Army Honor Guard. About 25 Patriot Guard Riders and combat veterans surrounded the grave with a standing flag line. Relatives in attendance included his sister Wilma, his brother Wayne and several nieces and nephews. There was also a showing of townspeople and firefighters.



Hathaway ceremony photos, courtesy of Mary Jo Brace



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PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Lilly Cartularo of Hinesburg, a student at Northern Vermont University in Vermont, was named to the president's list for the Spring 2022 semester. Students who achieve a 4.00 semester average are placed on the president's list.

Kylie Dunshee of Hinesburg, a student at Northern Vermont University in Vermont, was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester. Students who achieve between a 3.50 and 3.99 semester average are placed on the dean's list.

▶ Mountain Brigade Team

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A Company, 3-172 IN (MTN) from Dannemora, New York, and Capt. Brad Patnaude, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 86th IBCT (MTN) from Williston, Vermont, finished with the fastest times, coming in at 44:42 and 50:00 respectively.

Fry will ultimately assemble two teams of eight backed by four alternates based on performances over a series of tryouts this winter, as well as the experience and training of each competitor.

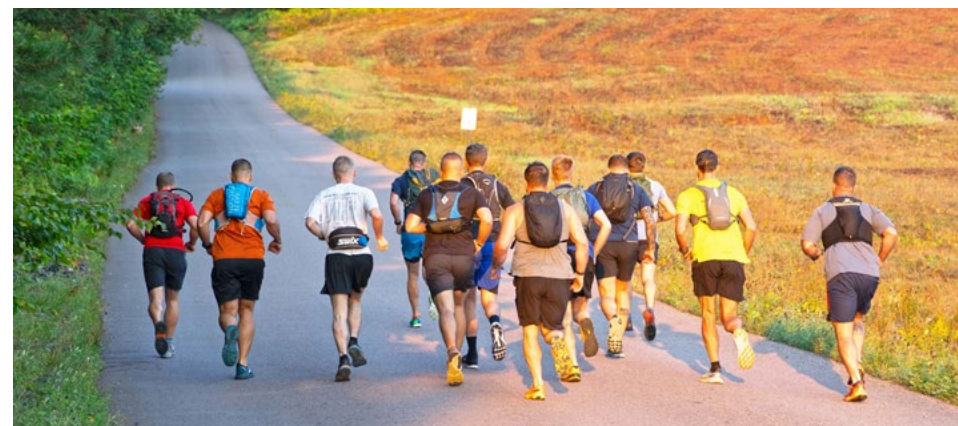
Fry led the first U.S. team to compete in the raid in 2019. That first team consisted of soldiers from the 86th IBCT (MTN) and the U.S. Army Mountain Warfare School. They became the only first-year team to ever complete the race with all team members. They finished 13th out of 23 teams.

“Western military mountaineering is really dominated by Germany, France, and of course, Austria,” said Fry. “Our participation in 2019 was the first attempt to show our European allies that the U.S. has a small but competent group of military mountaineers who are capable of partnering with them in the event of a mountain warfare operation.”

The Vermont Army National Guard operates the primary U.S. Army Mountain Warfare School, as well as the National Guard Bureau's Biathlon program out of Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, where the Army's only Mountain-designated brigade is headquartered. The Edelweiss Raid fosters community among participating nations as they compete and share mountain warfare best practices and tactics.



U.S. Army Maj. Nathan Fry, team-leader



U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers, primarily of the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain) and other units, participate in a mountain run during tryouts for Edelweiss Raid 2023 on Sept. 10, 2022 in Stowe, Vermont (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Barbara Pendl).

▶ American Rescue Plan Act

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in funding to states and local governments to address losses in revenue that they had during the pandemic. In addition to filling these gaps, much of this funding is now available to be spent on key projects in cities and towns across America.

The Town of Hinesburg will receive \$1.3 million in funding from ARPA.

Among other things, ARPA funds may be spent to:

- Replace lost public sector revenue.
- Support the COVID-19 public health and economic response.
- Provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work.
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.
- Aid for re-employment
- Job training
- Food, rent, mortgage, and utility assistance
- Affordable housing development
- Childcare
- Early education
- Addressing learning loss
- Assistance to impacted small businesses or nonprofits
- Technical assistance to small businesses

On Thursday, September 22, various members of the community, municipi-

ality and small businesses met to discuss priorities with regard to what to do with the funding. The meeting was held at Hinesburgh Public House from noon to about 1:30 p.m.

Selectboard member Mike Loner and Town Manager Todd Odit lead a question and answer session to supplement the Hinesburg ARPA Survey (surveymonkey.com/r/6BFTNXX) which has already gathered input from the community.

“The Town is interested in priority and transparency” said Mike Loner.

Those in attendance agreed that COVID is still a drag on the local economy, particularly with finding staff.

A wide range of other subjects were discussed, including a town park, BIPOC and inclusiveness, sidewalks, recreation facilities, infrastructure maintenance, public safety, town marketing plan, municipal taxes, property taxes, services, housing, walking and bike paths

There was much sentiment for creation of a town “magnet.” Most in attendance agreed that a town park would fit the bill well, other ideas were creating events, installing art, and seeking professional marketing help.

For more information, go to hinesburg.org or contact Todd Odit (todithvt@gmavt.net) or Mike Loner (mloner@hinesburg.org).

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Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

**802-482-2132 • hinesburgema.org
info@hinesburgema.org**

Location and Mailing Address:
190 Pond Road, Hinesburg
(overlooking CUVHS soccer fields)

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

Middle School and High School Youth Group: MMeets most Sundays for breakfast at 9 a.m. before the morning service plus lots of special events and outings. This is a great time to meet new friends, hang out and talk about real life and our place in this world. Contact Brandon and Mary Kate at info@hinesburgema.org for more information.

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

For more information, please contact the church at 802-482-2132 or visit hinesburgema.org.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

**802-482-2588 • LBCvt.homestead.com
lighthousevt@aim.com**

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Mailing 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.

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. James Zuccaro

**802-425-2253 • stjudevt.org
stjude@gmavt.net**

Location: 10759 Rte 116

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 69

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

Hinesburg Rectory: 802-482-2290,
stjude@vermontecatholic.org,
P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461,
(10759 Route 116)

Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson,
Rectory, 802-482-2290,
mccookson@vermontecatholic.org

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

Parish Council Chair: Dennis Casey,
802-453-4054

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff:
802-482-3066

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor:
Contact parish office.

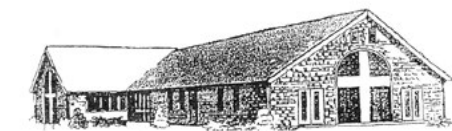
Weekend Masses:
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m.,
St. Jude Church, Hinesburg; Sunday:
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of
Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor
for appointment

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

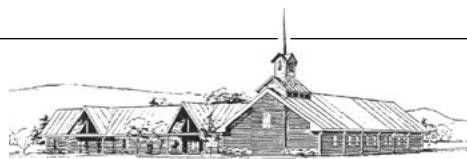
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the
Pastor at least six months in advance



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Communion at Home: Call Parish
Office, 802-482-2290

Religious Education Coordinator:
Marie Cookson, 802-482-2290

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 802-482-2290
(Parish Office) or 802-879-3446
(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 un-
less 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 802-453-3087 or
Marie Cookson at 802-482-2290 (par-
ish 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
802-482-2290.

United Church of Hinesburg

**An Open, Welcoming,
Affirming and Reconciling Church**

Pastor: Rev. Jared Hamilton

**802-482-3352 • ucofh.org
unitedchurch@gmavt.net**

Location: 10580 Route 116

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 39

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday,
9:00 a.m. to noon, and by appointment.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Senior Meals: Second Friday of the
month; cost \$5.00. Contact Judy Clark

(802-453-2121).

Sunday School: Nursery; children's
programs for ages Kindergarten
through 5th grade.

Williston Federated Church

United Church of Christ and United
Methodist Church

**An Open and Affirming
Reconciling Congregation**

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

**802-878-5792 • steeple.org
WillistonFederatedChurch@gmail.com**

Location and Mailing Address:
44 North Williston Road,
Williston VT 05495

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 communi-
ty, 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

Rector: Rev. Dr. Fred Moser

**802-985-2269 • trinityshelburne.org
office@trinityshelburne.org**

Location and Mailing Address:
5171 Shelburne Rd.,
Shelburne, VT 05482

Worship service and Sunday School:
Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. –
hybrid service, in person and online
(go to trinityshelburne.org for in-
structions on accessing Zoom link for
online attendance).

All Souls Interfaith Gathering

Pastor: Rev. Don Chatfield

**802-985-3819 • allsoulsinterfaith.org
dchatfield@allsoulsinterfaith.org**

Location: 291 Bostwick Farm Rd.,
Shelburne, VT 05482

Mailing Address: P.O. Box
1124
Shelburne, Vermont 05482

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.:
Morning Meditation

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



Adirondack "46er"

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top, and Elijah became very obser-
vant and was able to keep them on
track. After Terry's leg injury, Mary
Beth learned to leave clear informa-
tion about where they were going and
when they were expected back. She
brought equipment to survive should
they need to spend an unexpected
night on the mountain. And she al-
ways brought a strong headlamp with
extra batteries.

Mary Beth commented on how dedi-
cated you have to be to complete these
hikes. "You need to have incredible
stamina. We'd start by 6 a.m. and our



Summit of Whiteface Mountain, the most northerly of the 46ers. There is also a road to the top!

longest day was 19 miles. By the end,
we were telling stories and singing ri-
diculous songs to distract us from the
fatigue."

Reflecting on his six summers of hik-
ing, Elijah said, "I liked it. It was kind
of sad to finish – I've been doing this
half my life. I might miss doing it, but
I'm glad I'm done."

When Mary Beth and Terry completed
the peaks in 1982, they became the
1,797th and 1,798th people to do so.
Forty years later, Elijah earned his
number – 14,266, one of only a handful
of kids this year to achieve this feat.

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BACK STORIES

of Hinesburg

An Impressive Accomplishment — Becoming an Adirondack “46er”

BY DOTTY SCHNURE

Hiking 410 miles of rocky creek beds, sheer rock faces and wooden ladders ... ascending 70,000 feet of elevation ... dedicating more than 415 hours. That's what it takes to hike the 46 High Peaks of the Adirondack Mountains, and that's what Hinesburg sixth grader Elijah Aguier and his grandmother Mary Beth Harris completed this summer.

It requires an enormous amount of physical and mental energy to do these hikes and they are grueling.

But that didn't stop Elijah and Mary Beth from doing them all. The idea started when Elijah was six and was inspired by a lifeguard who said he was a “46er,” which refers to an elite group of hikers who have completed all 46 High Peaks. Mary Beth and her late husband, Terry, had done the hikes in 1982, and Mary Beth saw the value in tackling them again with Elijah.

“I saw this as a gift to Elijah,” said Mary Beth. “He learned that you can do really difficult things if you break it down and



Multiday outing in the Lake Colden area.



Elijah at age 6 on Cascade Mountain — the first of their 46 summits.



Summit of Mt. Marcy — the final peak.

do a little at a time. What was amazing to me is that although it is really hard, Elijah just did it without complaint — through days with rain and miserable conditions. He just did it.”

The hikes brought both joys and challenges. The most difficult day was when Terry injured his leg and had to be lifted out by helicopter, while rangers accompanied Mary Beth and Elijah on the seven-hour hike down the mountain in the dark. The joy was in the hours spent talking and experiencing things together.

And a lot of the fun was in meeting so many interesting people along the way.

Mary Beth remembers many special moments. One was this past summer on Skylight Mountain, when they were the only ones at the peak. “It was phenomenally beautiful to have the summit to ourselves, looking out over mountains and mountains and mountains. Elijah seemed to feel it deeply when he said, ‘This sure is humbling.’”

Sometimes funny things happened — like when Elijah found what he thought was a lost water bottle, but it turned out to be filled with whiskey! Luckily, the owner of the whiskey was spending the night in the same lean-to, so he greatly appreciated Elijah's find.

Both Elijah and Mary Beth learned a lot from the experience. Many of the peaks don't have clear paths to the

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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 802-82-6226 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 802-482-6096 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 802-642-5119 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 802-482-4207 or jdubingrossman@hinesburg.org.

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