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Three Hinesburgers Race for Team USA in Edelweiss Raid 2023

BY NATHAN FRY

Hinesburg's Texas Hill is quickly catching up with Cochran's Ski Area as a center for producing world class ski athletes. In early March 2023, one former and two current Hinesburg residents raced with Team USA in the Austrian Edelweiss Raid military ski mountaineering championship. The race, an international competition for the top mountain troops in the world, takes place every two years in Military Training Area Lizum, a rugged proving ground located in the Austrian Alps south of Innsbruck. In 2023, the race directors turned up the

difficulty level and pushed the competitors to cover 27 miles and 14,000 feet of elevation gain and loss over only two days. Of the 22 teams that started the race, only 18 finished. And there was plenty of drama along the way for Team USA...

In 2023, I had the privilege this year of leading the USA Raid team for the second time since USA's debut in 2019. Due to COVID, the race was cancelled in 2021, so the soldiers of the Vermont National Guard were incredibly excited to make our second showing in 2023 after

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Sergeant Travis Cooper, carrying the UT2000 rescue sled, completes an avalanche beacon search during training for the Edelweiss Raid.

Hinesburg Community School Students Take the Plunge

BY PAUL LASHER

On Sat., Feb. 11, students from Hinesburg Community School's fifth through eighth grades jumped into the icy waters of Lake Iroquois for a great cause. Due to the freezing temperatures the weekend before, the traditional Burlington Penguin Plunge was canceled and an

alternative was sought. Thanks to a brave group of women who take daily/weekly dips in Lake Iroquois, there was a large hole in the ice by the beach that just had to be lightly chopped Saturday morning to provide HCS plungers the perfect spot.

The Hinesburg group of students raised an extraordinary \$12,000

for the Vermont Special Olympics. Every student that wanted to participate was able to despite having to raise a minimum of \$150 each for the cause. A huge thank you to all the community members who reached out to support our plungers! Another shout out goes to the

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These students were not to be denied – and raised \$12,000 while they were at it!

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Selectboard Highlights

BY MERRILY LOVELL,
SELECTBOARD CHAIRPERSON

Feb. 15

The Selectboard approved appointing Andrew Miller to the Affordable Housing Committee.

The Selectboard approved the revised application for Town Commission, Committee, and Board appointments. This application had come to the Board at our last meeting. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion group and the Board had listened carefully to each other's concerns, and an improved application was created and approved.

The charter for the new Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Committee was approved at our last meeting. We interviewed and approved appointments for Karen Tronsgard-Scott, Kate Webster, Miles Hickok, Enrique Peredo, and Mike Loner to this new committee. Joy Dubin Grossman, who has been instrumental in the formation of this committee, will also be a member. We are grateful to have these capable, experienced and diverse people volunteer to be founding members of this important new committee.

Members of the Lyman Meadows Housing Association brought to the Board their concerns about their water bills. Lyman Meadows has its own water system, but it is owned

and operated by the town due to an agreement made in 1998. The Lyman Meadows members did not think they should be charged the same rate as customers who are on the regular town water system.

The Selectboard approved a contract to update Fire Impact Fees.

The Selectboard approved holding a public hearing on the proposed zoning and subdivision energy standard regulations on April 19, 2023.

The Selectboard approved a resolution in support of regional or statewide public transit funding, put forward by our new State Representative, Phil Pouech. Hinesburg is paying a large share for our bus service, while surrounding towns are paying nothing. This resolution seeks to find a more equitable funding method. Burlington recently passed a similar resolution.

Town Manager Report

Cost estimates for the Town Hall and fire station renovations have been submitted. The hope is that there will be a public meeting in mid to late March to share the work and the costs.

New grants have been submitted for the town well for the sum of \$260,000. This will add to the \$460,000 grant money we have previously received, and helps with the total cost of about \$1,000,000 for the new well.

Staff also submitted a \$1,000,000 grant request for the wastewater project.

The Public Safety Survey by the consulting firm we hired, CGR, will be starting soon.

The Town Manager had a meeting with landowners near the landfill who have been concerned about their wells. The Selectboard will hear more about this issue at our March 1 meeting.

March 1

The Selectboard heard an update on Wastewater Treatment Project from Wayne Elliot of Aldrich and Elliot, explaining where the process is now and the various reasons why costs have risen.

Colleen MacKinnon, who has represented Hinesburg on the school board since 1995 and is retiring this year, gave a presentation of the FY24 school budget, along with Rene Sanchez, the Superintendent of the Champlain Valley School District.

Fall 2022 Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Report: the Selectboard listened to concerns about contaminated water from a

group of residents who live near the old landfill. A representative from Stone Environmental Group, which has been doing work to monitor the groundwater from the closed landfill, was present to answer questions. The residents brought up several important concerns which the Selectboard listened to.

The Selectboard approved the Revolving Loan Fund Application in the amount of \$67,500. This loan would be used to study and evaluate various options for the properties affected by the old landfill.

Town Manager Report

On March 29, there will be a presentation from the architectural firm, Wiemann and Lamphere. They are the firm we hired to study possibilities for both a new fire station and a Town Hall upgrade. The firm will give the two options for each site, with plans and costs for each option. Townspeople are encouraged to attend this meeting to have a better understanding of how we might move forward with these two important buildings.

March 15

Pat Mainer, the Chair of the Town Forest Committee, gave a report on a beaver issue at the Town Forest. Someone had brought a piece of heavy equipment into the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest and destroyed a beaver dam. The person was spoken to and told not to do it again.

The Selectboard gave a welcome to our new Board member, Paul Lamberson. Paul ran, uncontested, for the seat vacated by Phil Pouech. Other members who were re-elected in uncontested races were Merrily Lovell and Dennis Place.

We had our annual reorganization meeting and agreed to have the same officers as before: Merrily Lovell, chair and Maggie Gordon, vice-chair.

The idea of creating a town charter was brought up. Several surrounding towns adopted a Local Option Tax at their annual Town Meeting. This tax brings in some income and reduces the burden on taxpayers. In order to create a Local Option Tax, Hinesburg will need a Town Charter. We would like to create a committee to form this charter in the next few months. Anyone interested in participating in this endeavor please email merrily-lovell@hinesburg.org

Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning and Zoning, went over the proposed revisions to the Energy Standard Regulations. The Selectboard could see no further changes needed, and so will proceed to the public meeting on these revisions on April 19, 2023.

The Selectboard had a discussion, limited to Selectboard members, on the issues of water contamination from the Town Landfill. No new information was brought forth since our last meeting about this on March 1. Town staff has sent the Stone Environmental report out to two other businesses that do this kind of work, asking them to review and comment on the Stone report. This is similar to how scientific papers and discoveries proceed, with a process of peer review. Since at the last meeting Selectboard members simply listened to the residents, at this meeting, we shared our thoughts and reflections on this very difficult issue. There will be a meeting devoted solely to these issues tentatively set for April 12 at 6 p.m.

The Selectboard approved eleven committee reappointments. We are now reappointing members to boards, committees and commissions from a period starting April 1, so the appointments can be after Town Meeting when the (possibly) new group of Selectboard members

is established.

The Selectboard approved the Operating Guidelines and Code of Ethics for the Selectboard. We established these last year and reviewed and voted to accept them again this year, with minor edits.

Town Manager Report

Our Highway Foreman, Mike Anthony, submitted his resignation to the Selectboard last Thursday evening, effective immediately. Our Town Manager, Todd, and Assistant Town Manager, Joy, did a lot of work contacting various people and asking for help for the coming snow storm. Joy requested help from the towns of Richmond, Starksboro, Shelburne and Monkton, which they graciously gave. Our highway crew of Dominic Musumeci and Nicholas Race, helped by Water Department Assistant Chief Operator John Alexander, worked hard to keep our roads plowed. Much gratitude goes to all involved in working through the many issues and challenges to have our roads cleared in this latest storm.

LEGISLATIVE

Welch Presses USDA Secretary to Support Vermont Farmers Now: “The Clock is Ticking”

FROM REP. WELCH PRESS RELEASE

In a Senate Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Committee Hearing held on March 16, U.S. Senator Peter Welch (D-VT) urged United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack to support Vermont farmers, producers, and small businesses. Welch, who chairs the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy, outlined several of his

Farm Bill priorities, including supporting Vermont's organic dairy farmers, expanding rural broadband access, protecting forests from invasive species, and broadening the reach of rural energy assistance programs.

“Keeping farmers on the farm—I really think that has got to be the goal. In Vermont, we're struggling. We are the small and mid-sized farms... They want to pass their work on to the next generation,” said Senator Welch during the hearing.

During the hearing, Senator Welch asked several questions related to his 2023 Farm Bill priorities. He encouraged the Secretary to support the ReConnect program, which is crucial in deploying broadband to underserved rural

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Hinesburg Recreation Office: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Jennifer McQuin, 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 Koncewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

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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.

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areas across America, requested more funds for farmers and small businesses to help access rural energy efficiency programs, and asked the Secretary how the USDA plans to support the forestry industry and communities facing invasive species, such as the Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont, with rapid response to prevent spread.

You can view a video of the hearing at tinyurl.com/WelchFarms

Balint Supports Protections

FROM REP. BALINT
PRESS RELEASE

Rep. Becca Balint and nine other members submitted a comment letter to Federal Agencies heads regarding a proposed rule by the Education Department, the Homeland Security Department, the

Agriculture Department, the Agency for International Development, the Housing and Urban Development Department, the Justice Department, the Labor Department, the Veterans Affairs Department, and the Health and Human Services Department.

The letter was submitted in support of the proposed regulations titled “Partnerships with Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations” and to urge additional improvements to ensure robust religious liberty and nondiscrimination protections for people who use federally funded social services.

This follows Trump Administration regulations that eliminated critical religious freedom protections for people seeking government-funded social services and placed the interests of government-funded organizations over those of people seeking these services.

“Religious freedom is a core American value and serves as a shield to protect people, especially religious minorities, from religious discrimination and ensures that the government does not pressure anyone to participate in religious activities,” the letter read. “When the government funds social services, they must be open to all people, including people of all faith backgrounds and the nonreligious. Religion should never be used to deny people government-funded services, and people who seek government-funded services should never be pressured to participate in religious activities in order to receive such services.”

Rep. Balint is joined by Reps. Raskin, Huffman, Schakowsky, Pocan, Foushee, Evans, Bonamici, Frankel and Scanlon.

Read text of the letter at tinyurl.com/BalintLetter

POLICE

Feb. 7: 4:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4:37 p.m. A Be On the LookOut for individuals who had stolen bottles from a donation center at a church in Monkton was issued. Hinesburg officers located the individuals in Hinesburg and assisted State Police with that investigation.

6:45 p.m. Officers conducted a welfare check on Kailey’s Way.

Feb. 8: 7:14 a.m. Officers investigated theft from a motor vehicle at a residence on Hillview Terrace.

8:45 a.m. Officers investigated theft from a motor vehicle at a residence on Hillview Terrace.

9:10 a.m. Officers investigated theft from a motor vehicle at a residence on Hillview Terrace.

9:20 a.m. Officers investigated theft from a motor vehicle at a residence on Hillview Terrace.

1:15 p.m. Officers responded to the Hinesburg Community School for the report of an individual refusing to leave the premises. The individual was located. Investigation revealed the individual had been taking photographs at the school and some of the photographs contained children who attend the school. Staff was notified and the subject was trespassed from the school grounds.

3:40 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4:50 p.m. A traffic hazard on Pond Road was investigated.

Feb. 9: 7:45 a.m. Officers investigated a 911 hang up on Hollow Road.

1:50 p.m. Officers responded to a residence on Route 116 for the report of an injured or sick raccoon.

9:10 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical call on Charlotte Road.

Feb. 10: 8:20 a.m. A traffic hazard on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

4 p.m. An officer investigated the report of damage to a motor vehicle at CVU.

4:15 p.m. Property was turned into the P.D. and later returned to its owner.

Feb. 11: 7:50 a.m. A welfare check on North Road was conducted.

2:20 p.m. A welfare check on Commerce Street was conducted. An individual was ultimately trespassed from a business there.

3:05 p.m. Officers investigated a 911 hang up on O’Neil Road.

Feb. 13: 9:30 a.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

10 a.m. An officer investigated theft from a motor vehicle at a residence on Route 116.

1 p.m. An officer investigated the report of possible child abuse on North Road.

1:40 p.m. An officer investigated a theft from a motor vehicle at a residence on Mechanicsville Road.

1:55 p.m. A report of vandalism to property on Silver Street was reported and investigated.

3:15 p.m. An officer investigated a theft from a motor vehicle on Richmond Road.

Feb. 14: 1:20 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

1:25 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4 p.m. An officer investigated a theft from a motor vehicle on Jourdan Street.

4:30 p.m. Damage to a motor vehicle on CVU Road was reported and investigated.

5:45 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a civil issue stemming from a citizen dispute.

7:45 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Richmond Road. The operator was charged with the offense of excessive speed.

8:45 p.m. Officers assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Richmond Road.

Feb. 15: 5:50 a.m. A commercial burglary alarm activation on Beecher Hill Road was investigated.

7:13 a.m. A 911 hang up on Mill Road was investigated.

9:25 a.m. A violation of a Relief from Abuse Order was reported and investigated.

9:30 a.m. An officer investigated the report of suspicious activity on Lake Iroquois.

9:45 a.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

2:30 p.m. Officers responded to Lantman’s Market for the report of suspicious activity.

4:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

4:45 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a two-car motor vehicle crash on CVU Road.

7:45 p.m. A traffic hazard involving livestock in the roadway on Hollow Road was investigated.

8:55 p.m. An officer responded to Gilman Road to assist First Responders with a medical alarm activation.

9:40 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Hayden Hill West Road.

Feb. 16: 3:05 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

3:45 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a two-car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road.

5:40 p.m. Officers assisted a citizen with a lockout on Route 116.

7:35 p.m. An officer investigated the report of stolen property on CVU Road.

Feb. 17: 8:35 a.m. A suspicious vehicle reported on Route 116 was investigated.

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

Feb. 18: 11:06 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

1:55 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

6:10 p.m. A 911 hang up on Silver Street was investigated.

11:55 p.m. A noise complaint on Route 116 was investigated.

Feb. 21: 4 p.m. Found property was turned into the P.D. and later returned to its owner.

7:45 p.m. A complaint of threats through electronic communication on Hollow Road was investigated.

Feb. 22: 3:45 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

6:04 p.m. Officers assisted a citizen with a civil issue on Charlotte Road.

7:30 p.m. Officers investigated a domestic dispute on Route 116.

8:25 p.m. An officer assisted a

citizen with a disabled vehicle on Charlotte Road.

Feb. 23: 5:45 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

Feb. 24: 12:01 p.m. An officer investigated a motor vehicle complaint on Route 116.

3:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lock out on Crow Hill Road.

5:15 p.m. Officers assisted Fish and Game with an animal complaint on Kelley’s Field Road.

5:57 p.m. Officers responded to a residence in St. George to assist State Police with a suicide investigation.

9:35 p.m. Officers responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Turkey Lane.

Feb. 25: 2:40 p.m. A late report of motor vehicle damage was investigated.

Feb. 27: 11:06 a.m. A theft of property on O’Brien Meadows was reported and investigated.

Feb. 28: 10:20 a.m. A stray dog was found and later returned to its owner.

12:50 p.m. An officer responded to Richmond Road for the report of a vehicle causing a traffic hazard.

8:20 p.m. An officer assisted First Responders with a medical call on Mountain Springs Court.

March 1: 3:23 p.m. An officer assisted citizens with a custody dispute.

5:05 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

March 2: 1:09 p.m. A complaint of harassment by electronic communication on Farmall Drive was investigated.

4:38 p.m. A 911 hang up from Sunset Lane West was investigated.

4:52 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

5:30 p.m. Officers responded to Starksboro to assist State Police with a juvenile issue.

March 3: 7:52 a.m. Suspicious circumstances on Hillview Terrace were reported and investigated.

11:38 a.m. An officer responded to a business on Commerce Street for a citizen dispute.

1:24 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

March 6: 1 p.m. An officer responded to Shelburne, Vt, to assist officers there with a juvenile issue.

3:50 p.m. A welfare check on Hillview Terrace was conducted.

5 p.m. A stranded motorist was assisted on Charlotte Road.

March 8: 10:08 a.m. Officers re-

sponded to Kailey’s Way for the report of a domestic dispute. Natalie Davis, 29, of Hinesburg was arrested for aggravated domestic assault and released on conditions. Etienne Carpenter, 29, of Hinesburg was arrested for aggravated domestic assault and interference with access to emergency services. Carpenter was held on a warrant for failure to appear in court when ordered.

8:20 p.m. An officer responded to a single car crash on Charlotte Road. The operator, Michael Dunbar, 48, of Charlotte was charged with driving under the influence and impeding.

March 9: 7:53 a.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

12:50 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

3:30 p.m. An officer responded to North Road for the report of a loose dog in the roadway.

3:35 p.m. Officers investigated the report of a theft of property on Bear Lane.

March 10: 7:21 a.m. The report of suspicious activity at CVU was investigated.

4 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4:35 p.m. Officers assisted with a medical incident on Jourdan Street.

8:40 p.m. Officers responded to Shelburne to assist with a reported assault case.

March 11: 5:30 a.m. Officers were advised of a single car crash on Hollow Road.

9:45 a.m. A welfare check on Hayden Hill Road was conducted.

11:40 a.m. Officers responded to Taproot Farm Lane for the report of a domestic dispute. Matthew Hinton, 39 of Milton, was arrested for domestic assault.

2:10 p.m. A welfare check on North Road was conducted.

March 13: 4:45 p.m. Officers responded to Richmond Road for a juvenile issue.

8:06 p.m. A welfare check on Shadow Lane was conducted.

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Join the Hinesburg Firefighters Association for their Spring Craft Fair, Sat., May 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hinesburg Fire Station.

We are hosting a Craft Fair that will give our sellers the opportunity to share their crafts and wares. The event will include local crafters as well as outside business consultants and many home craft businesses. If you are interested in a space – there are only outdoor spaces still available – please contact dbarber7541@gmail.com.

Proceeds from event will benefit The Hinesburg Firefighters Association.

Food Drive

The Hinesburg Firefighters Association will be holding a food drive to benefit the Hinesburg Resource Center and Little Free Pantry on Sat., April 1, 9 a.m. to noon. Donations may be dropped off at the Hinesburg Fire Station or at our table at Lantman’s.

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Ice Rescue Class

On Feb. 12, a nice sunny Saturday morning, over a dozen members of Hinesburg Fire Department, along with instructors from Shelburne Fire Department, took to the ice to practice what was previously learned in the classroom. The ice had been tested, and a hole cut, a few days earlier when our full-time firefighters completed their training.

Members who were getting in the water donned ice rescue suits. There were other members who were providing support from the ice who donned life vests.

The training started with the members in suits practicing entering the water, crossing the opening and exiting at the other end. Rescuers crossed the water on their backs, watching someone on the ice who used hand signals to di-

rect the rescuer across.

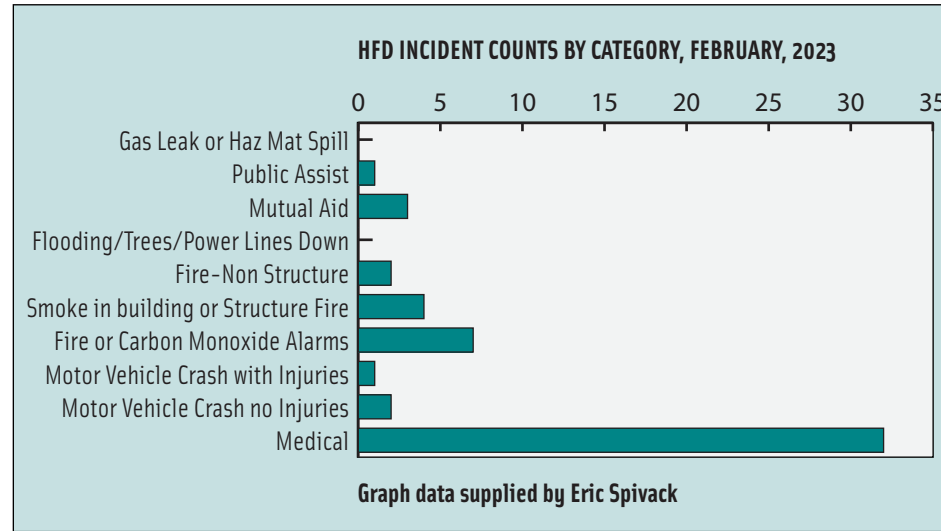
As the training progressed, members practiced tossing rescue lines to the “victim”; then practiced while lying on the ice, using a pole to rescue the “victim.” The final evolution had a rescuer entering the water to save the victim. Prior to entering the water, the rescuer is secured to a rope, which is handled by members on the ice. Once the rescuer has reached and secured the victim with a belt to the rope, the rescuer signals the team to start pulling both persons to safety.

We would like to thank the members of Shelburne Fire Department who attended and for the use of their ice rescue equipment.

Please remember, with the temperature swings we have been having, the ice may not be safe. Please check ice before going out and pay attention while on the ice. It may appear safe but may not be.



Photos from Ice Rescue Class



HFD responded to 52 calls in January.

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

Call Log

There were 32 medical calls and 23 patients transported.

Feb. 4: 10:16 a.m. Lyman Meadows for a water leak. Assisted resident in shutting off the main water

valve.

12:39 p.m. Wile Street for a reported chimney fire. As HFD was responding, dispatch provided an update of heavy black smoke coming from the chimney. A responding HFD officer requested a working incident and full second alarm assignment.

On arrival, Engine 1’s crew laddered the structure and started initial fire attack on the roof vent with a carbon dioxide extinguisher. This knocked down most of the fire within the chimney. As additional crews arrived, an interior fire attack was initiated. The fire was contained to the furnace and chimney.

We would like to thank our mutual aid partners for their response and assistance.

5:27 p.m. Wile Street for a fire detector. There was no cause found.

6:48 p.m. Mutual aid to Shelburne Road, Shelburne, for a reported chimney fire. HFD was cancelled while en route.

Feb. 7: 7:37 p.m. Fern Road for a reported fire in the residence. Working incident tones and a second alarm assignment were immediately requested. The first arriving officer reported the fire was contained to an area near the wood stove. On arrival, the crew of Engine 1 was able to extinguish the fire. Mutual aid companies were cancelled by fire command.

While lighting the wood stove, a plastic bucket with paper and lighting materials remained in front of the stove. The cause appears to have been sparks igniting the paper in the bucket.

Please be careful when lighting fireplaces and wood stoves. Be sure all materials used to start the fireplace/stove have been moved away from the opening before striking a match.

Feb. 8: 9:56 a.m. Lyman Meadows for a CO alarm. There was no cause found.

Feb. 11: 9:40 a.m. A crew provided

EMS standby at Lake Iroquois for the Hinesburg Community School penguin plunge.

Feb. 15: 10:26 p.m. Dispatched to Fox Meadows for a report of a structure fire. As crews were donning their gear, a call was received at the HFD station advising there was sugar shack fully involved. As apparatus left the station, dispatch was provided the updated information. A working incident and second alarm assignment were requested. Crews arrived and extinguished the building and fire which had spread to some of the surrounding trees. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

Feb. 16: 1:20 a.m. Route 116 at the Cedar Knoll Golf Course for a reported motor vehicle crash. Crews located a vehicle on its side on the golf course. In checking the vehicle, the operator had left the scene.

12:14 p.m. Locust Hill in Shelburne for reports of smoke in the building and a possible fire. HFD was cancelled while enroute.

Feb. 17: 6:54 a.m. Hillview Terrace for a report of smoke in the building. A member arrived and determined the cause to be from a neighbor’s wood stove.

Feb. 18: 11:06 a.m. Route 116 and North Road for a reported two-car motor vehicle crash. A northbound vehicle lost traction in the slush, crossing into the southbound lane. The vehicle struck a guardrail and was then struck by a southbound vehicle. Three passengers were checked by EMTs. Two refused transport and the third was transported to UVMMC by Williston.

6:02 p.m. North Road for an illegal burn.

Feb. 21: 3:03 p.m. Pond Road for a residential smoke investigation. Based on the call, a working incident and second alarm was requested. On arrival, crews determined there was no fire and cancelled all mutual aid companies except Williston. Investigation determined the cause to be a problem with the fireplace.

Feb. 22: 1:59 p.m. Route 116 for a smoke investigation. The cause was a controlled burn.

2:25 p.m. Old Route 116 for a fire alarm. The cause was dust in the detector.

Feb. 24: 9:39 p.m. Turkey Lane for a motor vehicle crash. Crews arrived to find a car which had hit a tree with the tree fallen into the road. The driver had left the scene. The tree was cleared from the road and vehicle towed.

Feb. 25: 2:14 p.m. Baldwin Road for a fire alarm. The cause was a vehicle running in the garage.

Feb. 27: 2:29 a.m. Ethan Allen Highway, Charlotte, for a reported structure fire. The fire was a fully involved chicken coop, with fire extension to a shed. HFD assisted with extinguishing and overhaul.

2:39 p.m. Pond Road for a fire alarm. The cause was determined to be from cooking.

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company. But in any case, to fill out your retirement paycheck, you may need to draw heavily on your investment portfolio.

Your portfolio can provide you with income in these ways:

- Dividends – When you were working, and you didn't have to depend on your portfolio for income to the extent you will when you're retired, you may have reinvested the dividends you received from stocks and stock-based mutual funds, increasing the number of shares you own in these investments. And that was a good move, because increased share ownership is a great way to help build wealth. But once you're retired, you may need to start accepting the dividends to boost your cash flow.
- Interest payments – The interest payments from bonds and other fixed-income investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), can also add to your retirement income. In the years immediately preceding their retirement, some investors increase the presence of these interest-paying investments in their portfolio. (But even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your investments to help keep

(no practice on May 28). Millie's Field. 4–5 p.m. Cost: \$55.

Horseback Riding April Vacation

Looking for something during April vacation? Enjoy a horseback riding lesson, learn basic horse care and grooming. Braid a mane, feed, brush, water, and groom along with learning the full routine of a horse barn! Wear boots with a heel, clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring your lunch and water bottle. Masks are required.

Grades K-8. Monday–Friday, April 24-28. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg.

you ahead of inflation.)

- Proceeds from selling investments – While you will likely need to begin selling investments once you're retired, you'll need to be careful not to liquidate your portfolio too quickly. How much can you sell each year? The answer depends on several factors – your age, the size of your portfolio, the amount of income you receive from other sources, your spouse's income, your retirement lifestyle, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine the amount and type of investment sales that are appropriate for your needs while considering the needs of your portfolio over your lifetime.

When tapping into your investments as part of your retirement paycheck, you'll also want to pay special attention to the amount of cash in your portfolio. It's a good idea to have enough cash available to cover a year's worth of your living expenses, even after accounting for other sources of income, such as Social Security or pensions. In addition, you may want to set aside sufficient cash for emergencies. Not only will these cash cushions help you with the cost of living and unexpected costs, but they might also enable you to avoid digging deeper into your long-term investments than you might like.

You may be retired for a long time – so take the steps necessary to build a consistent retirement paycheck.

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After-School Horseback Riding

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Grades K-8. Tuesdays, May 2–June 6 and/or Fridays, May 5–June 9. Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg. 3–5 p.m. Cost: \$285. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

After-School Junior Golf Program

Cedar Knoll Golf Course Pro Mike Slayton has a non-technical teaching philosophy but stresses the fundamentals of grip, stance, posture, balance and tempo. Although understanding that variations in swing techniques can all work, golf ball flight comes down to five basic laws. These laws include club head path, angle of attack, centeredness of contact, club face angle and speed. "The golf swing is a series of movements that must be executed in the proper sequence for optimal results."

Grades K-8. Session 1, Tuesday/Thursday, May 1–25

Session 2, Tuesday/Thursday, May 30–June 8. Time: 3:30-5 p.m. Cost: \$160

Session 1, Wednesday/Friday, May 17–26

Session 2, Wednesday/Friday, May 31 – June 9

Cedar Knoll Golf Course, located at 13460 Route 116, Hinesburg. Time: Wednesday, 2:30-4 p.m.; and Friday, 3:30-5 p.m. Cost: \$160

Golf Camp with Mike Slayton

Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

June 20-23, July 18 – 21, Aug 15-18

Cost is \$320

Boater Safety Course

Boating safety education is required for any motor boat operator,

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

12 years and older. Monday and Wednesday, May 1, 3, 8 and 10; 6-8:30 p.m. R.E.I. Store in Williston. Cost: \$20 resident and \$30 non-residents.

Recreational Track and Field

Participants will learn the basics of running, jumping, throwing, and relays. There will be meets with other area Rec. Depts. Athletes aged 7-14 are eligible to participate, unless they are a high school freshman in 2022-23 school year. Aging date is Dec. 31, 2023. VRPA State Meet is Sat., July 22. Instructors are program director and CVU athletes. Ages 6-14 years.

Mondays and Wednesdays, June 14 - July 22. 6:15-7:45 p.m. CVU track. Cost: \$50 resident /\$60 non-resident.

Horse Camp at Livery Stables

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

6-12 years. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg.

Camp Week 1: Monday – Friday, June 19–23

Camp Week 2: Monday – Friday, June 26–30

Time: 8 a.m.–noon or 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Cost: \$365 for 8-12 and \$495 for 8-4. Be sure to pack a lunch, water bottle, snacks, and send boots.

CVU Boys Lacrosse Camp

Run by CVU Varsity Boys Coach Tom Garvey and his players. June 26–29 (M-Th), 9 a.m. to noon. For students entering fourth through tenth grade. CVU Field C: Upper Lot on Pond Road. Cost is \$125.

Register at cvuboysslax.com/camp.

CVU Girls Lacrosse Camp

Run by CVU Varsity Coach Tucker Pierson and players. June 26–29 (M-Th) from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Grades 5-10. Cost: \$135. Information and registration found

at cvugirlsslax.weebly.com.

Adult Recreation

Pickle ball

Come play pickleball at the CVU gym on Sunday mornings. This pick-up program is geared more toward intermediate to advanced players, but beginners will not be turned away. Please note there is a maximum of 12 players per Sunday. If it is full, you will go on a wait list.

Sundays, March 26, April 2, 9, and 16. CVU gym. Time: 8-10 a.m. Register at hinesburgrec.com.

AARP Safe Driver Course

Wed., April 5, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. First floor conference room at Town Hall. AARP members \$20 – non-members \$25. Please bring a lunch and water bottle.

Dog Obedience with Jim Warden

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

Dog and owner(s). Town Hall Field. Thursdays, May 11–June 15, 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$75 resident and \$85 non-resident.

Youth/Adult Recreation

Kevin Browne's Summer Driver Ed

Virtual classes and in-person driving. Class 1: June 13–15, 19–21, 26–28, July 3, 5 and 6. Class time: 5:30-7 p.m. Driving time: June 19-23, 26-30, July 3-7, 10-11.

Class 2: July 10–12, 17–19, 24–27, 31, Aug. 1 and 2. Class Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Driving time: July 10-14, 17-22, 24-28. Cost: \$850 resident and \$900 non-resident.

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Library News

April is the cruelest month, according to T.S. Eliot, but what does he know? Personally, I'd vote for January as cruelest. In addition to being a local place where you can check out Oscar-winning movies like Everything Everywhere All At Once, Women Talking and The Whale, we also order lots of books for your reading pleasure. Arriving this month are new books by Anne Hillerman, Elly Griffiths, Dennis Lehane, David Baldacci, C.S. Harris, John Sandford, Anne Perry, Don Winslow, Walter Mosley and Alexander McCall Smith.

It's April! National Poetry Month and a time to celebrate the lengthening days, the arrival of mud season, the promise of Spring (which really arrives in May but at least starts teasing its arrival with the songs of the peepers). Read on for more information about what's happening at the library this month:

Adult Programs

Chess Club – Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 1–3 p.m.

Players of any age or experience may drop in for a weekly game of skill and wits. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Hands and Needles – Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10 a.m.–noon.

Bring whatever project you're working on (quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc.) to this weekly adult program for a morning of creativity and conversation.

Songfarmers of Hinesburg – Thurs., April 6, 6–8 p.m.

Whether you play an acoustic instrument or enjoy listening, join this monthly gathering to experience the joy of live music at the library.

Mystery Book Group – Wed., April 12, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

We'll be meeting at the library to talk about *Flower Net* by Lisa See (copies available for request).

Blackout Poetry Workshop – Wed., April 19, 5:30-7 p.m.

April is National Poetry Month. Blackout poetry is the art of redacting/highlighting certain words from existing texts to create visually-stunning poems. Join CCL librarian and soon-to-be published blackout poet Rachel Matthews to learn techniques for creating your own verse, using just looseleaf and Sharpies. This program is geared toward adults, but young poets who are responsible with permanent markers may join.

Creative Cafe – Sat., April 22, 10 a.m. - noon.

Adults and teens can drop by for snacks, drinks, and artistic community. Bring your own writing/art/craft project, find inspiration in our creative prompts, or unwind with our adult coloring books. No registration required.

Zoom Trivia: April Showers – Mon., April 24, 7–8 p.m.

For about an hour, enjoy three rounds of trivia relating to this month's theme, April Showers. Everyone can gain some knowledge, and the winning individual or team will receive a prize.

Evening Book Group (Zoom) – Tues., April 25, 7–8 p.m.

We'll discuss *Stoner* by John Williams (copies available for request). Email to receive the link to join the conversation.

Youth Programs:

Weekly Storytime – Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10 a.m. - noon.

Join the fun and learning for picture books, songs, movement, and rhymes that are designed to promote *continued on page 10*

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mote early language, fine motor, and pre-literacy skills in a friendly environment! Each week we will finish up Storytime with snacks, coffee for the adults, 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.

Pokemon Club – Wednesdays, April 5, 12, and 19, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

On Wednesdays, students in grades K-4 can join us for this after school club where they will learn to play The Pokemon Trading Game and participate in hands-on activities like Pokemon arts and craft challenges, group guessing and memory games, making Pokemon themed snacks, and trading cards. Students do not have to own Pokemon cards to participate in this club. Registration is required, so contact jen@carpentercarse.org and join us for Pokemon, fun, and friends this spring.

Monthly Craft Club – Fri., April 7, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Young people in kindergarten through grade six can sign up to join us for this monthly after school craft club. This month we will make a seasonal craft, have a Spring egg hunt, and enjoy a snack together. To sign up, email jen@carpentercarse.org or stop by the circulation desk.

Mid-Grade Book Club – Thurs., April 20, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

This book club for kids is a new afterschool book club for students who would like an opportunity to read and talk about books that are past or current Golden Dome Book Award nominees or winners. This group is for anyone who is reading mid grade books, which is generally students who are in the nine-12 year old age range. Each month we will have a fun ice-breaker activity, enjoy cocoa and snacks, talk about the book we read, and discuss what to read next. To sign up and receive a copy of this month's book, contact jen@carpentercarse.org.

COMMENTARY

History Hiding In Plain Sight

BY CATHERINE GOLDSMITH

In the fall of 2021, I met Marcella Hain, a graduate student at UVM's Department of Historic Preservation. Just beginning her capstone project, she was going door to door in Hinesburg to gather information about historic trees in the village. She introduced me to an amazing resource for Hinesburg history.

In the late 1970s, students from the department did an exhaustive study of Hinesburg leading to a nomination for the State Historic Register. If you live an older home in this town, it is well worth a look to learn more about the buildings and local families.

The 1980 Hinesburg State Register Nomination Form includes black and white photographs of almost every pre-1940 structure in Hinesburg with details about the construction date, previous owners and architectural information.

The document is hundreds of pages long so "form" is a bit of a misnomer.

Printed, it would make an interesting book! Before examining the records, we were told our home was said to have been built in 1870 but the database takes the history back to 1814 and also has a lovely photo from when Dr. Louis Wainer's office was open for business. I really enjoy learning about the history of our town and helping to preserve some of that built history for newer residents to appreciate.

You can discover this treasure trove by going to tinyurl.com/HinesburgHistoricRegister

Sources for the research in-



The vestry.

cluded conversations with Ora Marie Lambert, town librarian; Joyce Devoid, Martha Tracy, Henry Murray, Henry Carse and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francis (all 1976-1977).

Marcella Hain's project can be viewed at tinyurl.com/HinesburgWalkTour

Happy sleuthing, Hinesburgers!

Spy Balloon Adds Gravity to Old Clipping

BY ROGER DONEGAN

One of the more curious clippings I have saved is titled "Navy Plane Loses Raft Over Hinesburg," *Burlington Free Press*, Dec. 29, 1989. The notice-like article appeared at the top of the Local section page of the paper. The raft was lost at 2:30 p.m. the day before. I half expected to read an outrageous rest-of-the-story the remainder of the winter such as kids commandeering a "20-person emergency life raft" sled down a snowy hill in Hinesburg. That never happened. Lacking any news, I can only surmise what landed in Hinesburg has stayed in Hinesburg. The old newspaper clipping faded but the facts stand out.

At the end of 1989 the Cold War was still on. The World Wide Web hadn't come into full use. The clipping reports the emergency life

raft accidentally "fell off the wing" of an aircraft rather than elaborate how it became unsecure enough to fall out of an exterior wing compartment. The clipping explains the aircraft was in flight training in route to the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base when the life raft was lost over a wooded area in Hinesburg. Finally, it reports the raft belonged to Squadron VQ-4 from the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Searching the web today one can read the VQ-4 Squadron, euphemistically nicknamed "The Shadows," had a mission in signals intelligence gathering and long range electronic surveillance.

While VQ-4's mission is other worldly to most, then and now, it diametrically relates to the nervous business of the intrusion by the Chinese spy balloon that was summarily shot down Feb. 4, 2023, by an Air Force F-22 launched rocket causing the huge satiny balloon to drop like tinsel from its 60,000 foot high altitude point in thin azure skies off the Atlantic seaboard recorded by video cameras. International incidences like this involving signal and long range electronic surveillance platforms come and go. Long-term national interests, however, is what ultimately counts and happens to be a real life saga. The lost 20-person life raft out there somewhere in the woods of Hinesburg is a token artifact of this effort.

At the time the generic aircraft of VQ-4 squadron would be limited to one or two types of very capable but lumbering four engine turbo prop planes. Modified C-130s inherently had moderate speed long range capability but might carry thousands of feet of retractable trailing wire antenna to capture or relay very low frequency signals (VLF) for instance.

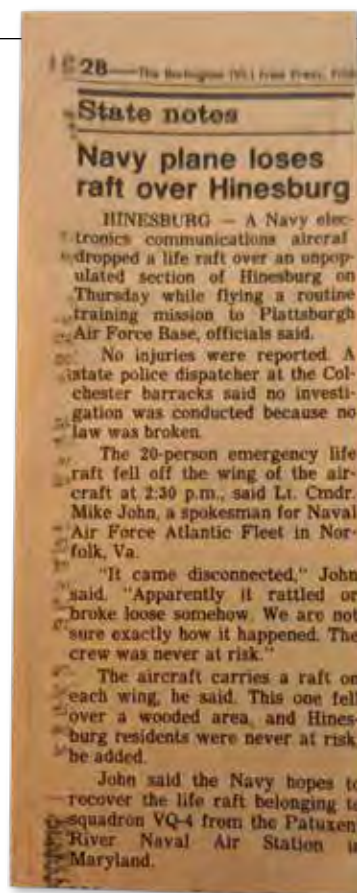
Similarly the Navy P-3 was another four engine turbo prop aircraft favored for its long range endurance and used for reconnaissance, surveillance and open ocean submarine patrol. Of this model of aircraft was an EP-3E Aries II flying at 30,000 feet some 50 miles off the coast of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on April 1, 2001, when it was collided midair by a Chinese F-8 fighter aircraft.

Routine reconnaissance patrols on a set course over international waters involve no bombs or bullets but do attract regular bullying in return. Two PRC F-8 jets made three intimidating close encounter passes at the Navy EP-3E on this day. On the third pass one Chinese jet collided into the prop of an outboard engine that cut it in half sending the PRC pilot and aircraft to the ocean below. The American EP-3E instantly dropped 8,000 feet at a near inverted angle with nose cone in tatters before the

aircraft was righted sufficiently enough to even consider a short list of dire options.

The pilot was credited with saving the lives of the 24 US service members onboard. This event is recorded in the books as "The Hainan Island Incident." Bailing out or ditching the damaged EP-3E at sea seemingly was the last resort. The co-pilot repeatedly communicated the aircraft's intent to make emergency landing and did so at the PRC City of Lingshui airport. The EP-3E aircraft's crew members were detained for eleven days during which resolution of the many delicate issues were hammered out between the two countries.

The mission continues to this day as per CNN This Morning's "Chinese Fighter Jet Confronts US Navy Plane with CNN Crew Aboard as Tensions Simmer in South China Sea," Feb. 24, 2023, except now the U.S. Navy aircraft is a P-8A Poseidon, and the PRC aircraft a J-11 jet fighter. More recently is the media coverage of the DOD March 14 news release of Russian SU-27



A 1989 clipping from The Burlington Free Press.

fighter aircraft maiming a U.S. Air Force MQ-9 surveillance drone in international airspace over inter-national waters of the Black Sea.

Similarly the EP-3E's routine course was over international waters in 2001 and the P-8A's in 2023 while the recent Chinese Spy Balloon intrusion was a coast to coast flight over the country at a dawdling 430 miles per day. The media frenzy had people thinking and seeing balloons in a different light admittedly not given as serious a consideration since the Japanese launched thousands of Fu-Go balloon bombs across the Pacific to ignite forest fires in the northwest in WWII.

Subsequently, more balloons were detected as radars were tuned to tract smaller objects meanwhile the country is passed over relentlessly by satellites of every stripe as we live and breathe.

Days after "The Hainan Island Incident" in April of 2001, MSNBC reported the EP-3E had flown over one of China's spy bases, "EP-3 Flew Over Huge China Spy Base MSNBC International News" April 5, 2001. The headline failed to em-

phasize the crippled EP-3 was in its approach to the emergency landing at the Lingshui airport. MSNBC did report the base was used to intercept international satellite signals close to the equator over which most communication satellites are positioned.

Once the Chinese spy balloon was identified as such some days pass before public speculation where the spy balloon was launched bubbled up in the media. Several

Students Take the Plunge

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three members of the Hinesburg Fire Department who stood by to make sure all of our penguins were safe!

Plunging into the water were: Fifth-grade teachers Paul Lasher and Alyssa Wieland; SAP Councillor Amy Sayre; students Eliza Tappan, Sof Morton, Bella Seeholzer, Amelia Parrott, Katy Ciffo, Renee Rodney, Adrielle Thibault, Tessa Sayre, Sebastian Koncewicz, Teddy Cluver, Josephine Reilly, Zach Stolz, Cameron Certo, Eve Bowditch, Gage Golston, Gavin Golston, Siobhan Mullen, Greta Daniels, Maya Daniels, Laena Wheeler, Abby Kelly, Chloe Shepardson, Maddy Reed, Maria Bush, Logan Spear,

media outlets indirectly mention none other than Hainan Island as the probable launch site. The headline "Satellite Images Reveal Chinese Balloon Bases" appeared in *Rolling Stone*, Feb. 14, 2023, followed by the one liner "a pair of facilities (on Hainan Island) have all the tell-tale signs of launch pads for high-altitude balloons" credited to a person at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA.



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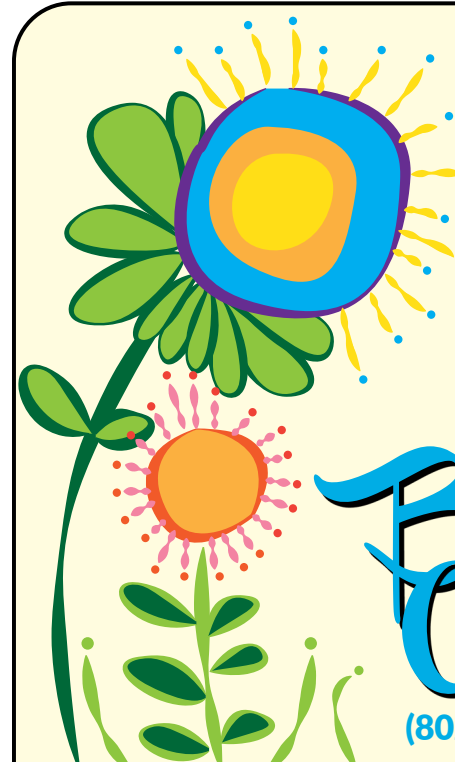
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► **Three Hinesburgers Race**

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a four-year hiatus. After the team's strong 2019 showing, we found ourselves with significantly more team experience and support from our higher headquarters. This enabled us to start our team selection in Fall 2022, with the goal of fielding two teams during this year's race. Our initial tryout was a hill time trial up the Mount Mansfield toll road, which yielded a team of 20 strong competitors at the start of Winter 2022-2023. Our team at the start of the winter included seven veterans from the 2019 race, instructors from the famed Army Mountain Warfare School, several championship biathletes, and a former Olympian. As our funding flowed and the team equipment trickled in, everything seemed to be going much too smoothly for a military operation. In keeping with Murphy's Law, everything started to fall apart with only two weeks left before we flew to Austria.

In the span of only several days, the team lost three crucial members due to a combination of unexpected family issues and a funding problem. We had counted me out of the competition due to a broken ankle I sustained early in the ski season, but I was suddenly vaulted out of just being a team captain to at least filling in as an alternate on the team. But even with me in the wings, we were still one racer short of having enough people for me to feel comfortable with fielding two teams. Essentially, we were one cold or sprained ankle away from one of our two teams dropping out of the race. With only six days remaining before we were to fly to Austria, I happened to meet another Soldier who was race-ready and, most importantly, available on short notice. We scrambled to get his travel documents together and the Edelweiss Raid team departed Vermont on Saturday, February 18th after scraping together the 20 racers we needed.

After arriving in Austria, the team spent a week training on the Kitzsteinhorn glacier to hone our skills in the many military tasks that the race demands teams complete. Although most civilian ski races have trended towards a "light and fast" model, the Edelweiss Raid is unique in that the Austrian military keeps it a decidedly "tactical" race. In addition to the rugged skiing on the demanding backcountry course, teams operate in squad-size units to simulate combat operations. Skills stations are interspersed throughout the racecourse, requiring teams to conduct tasks such as high angle shooting, casualty evacuation, range estimation, crevasse rescue, and the infamous roped



Sergeant Travis Cooper packs away his weapon after completing the high angle shooting event.



Major Nathan Fry receives his Edelweiss pin from the commander of the Austrian 6th Mountain Brigade after completing the Raid for the second time.



The US competition team completes Day 1 of the Raid by pulling a heavily loaded sled to their bivouac site.

skiing event. Of course, teams also need equipment to conduct these tasks, so instead of light packs, Raid teams carry 40-pound packs with weapons strapped to the outside. If you've ever skied a Mad River mogul run after a big snowstorm while carrying all your kids' snacks and water and your father's hunting rifle just for fun, you may know how we felt. During our training, two things happened that would drastically affect our performance during the coming race. First, we sorted into two teams – a "competition" and "development" team – based on uphill speed and downhill ski ability. Second, someone got sick, who then passed their bug on to me.



The complete US Edelweiss Raid team at Lizum Training Area the day prior to the race.

On Sunday, February 26 we arrived at Austria's Training Area Lizum, a tiny cluster of stone buildings set in the center of a ring of towering, craggy mountains. The camp was alive with activity – the People's Republic of China, Poland, and Bulgaria had already arrived and were busy with final preparations for the race. As we settled into our crowded barracks room, I began to feel feverish and dizzy, but attributed it to dehydration and the altitude. By now, I had been practicing with the competition team for a week, as my ankle felt nearly healed and my uphill time was one of the fastest on the team. However, by Sunday afternoon, I was shivering in my bed as purple elephants danced in front of my eyes. The team quickly shifted me down to a single room in the hopes of preventing the spread to other team members, and we all held out hope that the sickness would pass quickly. Meanwhile, the teams continued to train and prepare for a race that would start in only three days.

From Monday to Tuesday, the team drama peaked in a frenzy of replacements. A development team member aggravated an old knee injury, forcing us to pull him out and replace him with our strongest alternate. The other alternate who was to go in for me struggled as an East Coast skier to handle the deep Alpine powder, creating concerns that one team would not be able to finish the race. With only 12 hours to go before the race started, I hauled myself out of bed after two nights of dousing myself in Nyquil and found myself capable of at least keeping up with the development team. After shuffling me down to development team and another guy up to the competition team, we at least had two complete rosters to start the race the next day. One team was just reliant on guy with a broken ankle and the flu to finish.

At 9:30 a.m. on March 1, the start gun for the 2023 Edelweiss Raid fired. 22 teams representing the nations of Austria, Germany, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Switzerland, the Czech Republic,

the United States, and China all surged forward for the initial test of finding two buried avalanche beacons before starting the first long uphill climb to our first summit. Over the course of the next two days, four teams would drop out due to injuries, while 18 teams jockeyed for position under blue-bird skies and a deep blanket of fresh snow. Although initially disappointed to race on the slower development team, I found myself grateful to watch our less experienced Soldiers take the lead in building snow anchors for rappelling, taking well-aimed shots with their rifles, and fighting through cramps and sore feet. Team USA's competition team crossed the finish line in a respectable 10th place on Day 2, with plenty of daylight and tall Austrian beers waiting for them at the finish line. Our development team, slow and steady, crossed at dusk in 18th place, accompanied by an experienced Austrian colonel who tailed us for the final few miles of the day. "I like skiing with you guys," he noted. "You do it right – you are teaching, you are pushing everyone but also staying together, you work as a team. This is the way mountain troops should be."

I would not trade that compliment for any number of first place trophies.

Warrant Officer 2 Nick Pileggi, formerly of Texas Hill, and Sergeant Travis Cooper, who lives at the base of Texas Hill, raced on the 2023 Edelweiss Raid team along with Texas Hill resident Major Nathan Fry. Nathan is convinced that there is something in the water or soil of Texas Hill for it to produce such outstanding athletes and dedicated Soldiers. And, yes, everyone on the team did eventually get sick... after they returned to Vermont!

Nathan would also like to thank Leanne at Dee PT, Sarah and Travis at Vermont Chiropractic and Sports Therapy, and Stephanie of Vermont Massage for all their help in making his broken ankle race-capable in only 9 weeks.

EDUCATION



The CVU Robotics teams, including Hinesburg students Rhett Gardner and Addison Hoopes

Both CVU Teams Win Robotics State Championship

BY OLAF VERDONK

On Sat., Feb. 12, Champlain Valley Union High School hosted the Vermont FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Championship, an international high school robotics competition. Teams create robots to complete different challenges, work to connect with and mentor others in the STEM community, and showcase their hard work at the competition. Nineteen teams from all over Vermont participated in this year's event, including two teams from CVU: the varsity RoboHawks and the JV RoboRedhawks. Due to their outstanding performance in the judged engineering portfolio presentation and extensive outreach helping to establish six FIRST Lego League robotics teams in the CVSD middle schools, the varsity RoboHawks won the prestigious Inspire Award. The Inspire Award recognizes the team with the best designed robot, teamwork, and community outreach; this award also comes with an invitation to the World Championship in Houston, Texas.

The two CVU teams were exceptional in the robot competition and cruised through the qualifying rounds, then sailed through the semi-finals. However, the best of three finals was intense. This had the two CVU teams working together in an alliance, facing off against a strong alliance between Essex and U32. Each alliance

won a match, forcing a tie-breaking match. It was an exciting and close third and final match with the two CVU teams working together to win by just four points. This victory gave the CVU JV robotics team a slot alongside their varsity counterparts to the World Championship in April.

Both CVU teams have learned a tremendous amount about engineering, coding, and most importantly, teamwork and communication. They are excited to attend the FIRST Robotics World Championship in April and collaborate with teams from all over the world. The opportunity to learn from some of the best and smartest high school students in the world is a tremendous opportunity, and CVU Robotics is working on fundraising enough money to get both teams and their robots to Houston, Texas, for the competition in April. The two teams are looking for local sponsors to help them represent the best that Vermont has to offer. Please check out their website at robhawks5741.com to help support getting the two CVU robotics teams to Houston, Texas for this year's FIRST robotics World Championship.

Thank you from the CVSD Board

CVSD BOARD PRESS RELEASE

On behalf of the entire school district, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your

support in passing the budget for our students and our schools. Your decision to invest in education will have a positive impact on the lives of our students and the future of our community.

Your vote demonstrates a commitment to providing our students with the best possible educational experience, and we are grateful for your trust and confidence in us. We will continue to work hard to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment for all our students, and to help them reach their full potential.

Access CVU Spring Offerings

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Winter/Spring semester of Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU High School, is well under way. With over 75 classes that have yet to start, there's something for everyone.

- Some things of note:
- We have added two drawing classes with Lorien Leyden to our offerings and they are popular. At the time of writing, our Drawing Portraits class still has a few spots and starts in May.
 - Are you a maker looking for a new project? Our craft options this month are plentiful with everything from felted soaps and foraged bird nests, to wood carving and turning a wood pen.
 - If you prefer online classes, we have options that include gut health, traveling to Paris, advanced health care directives and more.

Below is a list of classes offered during April, 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.

- Cooking & Cuisine**
 Wednesday, Apr. 5: Spring Cookies
 Thursday, Apr. 13: Vietnamese – Banh Mi & Stirfry
 Monday, Apr. 17: Baking 101: Cookies
 Tuesday, Apr. 18: Baking 101: Cupcakes
 Wednesday, Apr. 19: Vegetarian Mediterranean Feast
 Thursday, Apr. 20: Indian Appetizers: Pakoras, Chaats &



Spring cookies, April 5

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Fine Arts & Crafts

- Tuesday, Apr. 4: Carving in Wood: The Wizard Hiking Stick
 Thursday, Apr. 6: Spring Decor: Foraged and Assembled Nests
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Spring Decor: Foraged and Assembled Nests, Apr. 6

Wednesday, Apr. 12: Needle-Felted Spring Flowers

Wednesday, Apr. 12: Gemstone and Essential Oil Diffusing Bracelet Workshop

Monday, Apr. 17: Felted Soaps



Felted Soaps, Apr. 17

Tuesday, Apr. 18: Turn a Wooden Pen!

Thursday, Apr. 20: Mala Bead Necklace Workshop

Fitness, Dance, Yoga & Mindful Movement

Monday, Apr. 3: Monday Asana Yoga with Heather

Tuesday, Apr. 4: East Coast Swing Dancing for Beginners Continued

Wednesday, Apr. 5: Zumba with Dillon!

Tuesday, Apr. 18: Intro to Yang Tai Chi

Health & Nutrition, New Age & Holistic Wellbeing

Tuesday, Apr. 4: The Sweet Tooth Dilemma with Dr. Andrea Grayson*

Thursday, Apr. 6: Herbal Remedies for Healthy Digestion

Monday, Apr. 10: Tarot & Oracle Card Reading Workshop

Thursday, Apr. 13: Medicinal CBD Basics

Wednesday, Apr. 19: Gut Health & Digestion*

Thursday, Apr. 20: Tarot Reversed Cards Workshop

Home & Garden, Nature & Animals

Monday, Apr. 3: Renovation 101: Selecting Your Finishes

Monday, Apr. 3: Suburban Homesteading 101: Preserving & Storing Your Harvest*

Wednesday, Apr. 5: Dog Body Language & Communication: What Does Your Dog Tell You?

Thursday, Apr. 6: Home Repair Series: Electrical

Wednesday, Apr. 19: Positive Dog Training

Kids, Teens, & Parenting

Tuesday, Apr. 4: SAT Bootcamp

Tuesday, Apr. 4: Conscious Discipline: 5 Steps to Best Support Kids & Teens

Music & Languages

Tuesday, Apr. 18: Guitar for Beginners – Part 2

Saturday, Apr. 22: Paris je t'aime (Paris I love you)*

One Night University

Monday, Apr. 3: Advanced Health Care Directives*

Thursday, Apr. 13: How to Be a Prepared Hiker, Part 2

Professional Development & Writing Workshops

Thursday, Apr. 6: Job Search Series: LinkedIn

Thursday, Apr. 13: Job Search Series: Resume

Thursday, Apr. 13: Write and Pitch Your Book So It Will Sell*

Thursday, Apr. 20: Job Search Series: The Proactive Job Search

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SPORTS



The CVU Girls Basketball Team: 2023 State Champions. Photo credit: Amy Vaughan.

CVU Girls Basketball Wins State Championship

BY MARY JO BRACE

After five years of great seasons with disappointing endings, CVU girls basketball are back on top, winning the 2023 Girls D1 Championship on Friday March 3rd in front of a packed crowd.

CVU lost in 2018 and 2019 in the finals to St. Johnsbury Academy after winning five straight 2013-2017. Covid hit the day of the semi-finals in 2020, leaving an undefeated CVU to settle with being named quad-champions as the playoffs were canceled. In 2021 after another great regular season, they had to bow out before the playoffs due to a Covid case. Last year they lost to MMU in the semi-finals.

Hungry to get back on top, CVU was led by Addi Hunter's 16 points, 6 rebounds, and Elise Berger's 11 points 3 assist, 3 steals and 4 blocks. They beat St. Johnsbury 43-29 to claim the championship.

It was a tight first half, but CVU went on a 12-2 run before the half to lead 22-16 at the break. They came back out, switched to a half-court trap, a norm for CVU defense in the second half of games, and pushed the pace on offense resulting in a 12-3 run early in the third. Two 3s from St. J kept it to an 11-point lead at 36-25 heading into the final quarter. Along with a few nice plays, CVU worked the clock down in the fourth for the win.

Making an impact on the court all season from Hinesburg were seniors, Elise Ayer and Shelby Companion and junior, Merrill Jacobs.



Merrill Jacobs, Shelby Companion, Elise Ayer. Photo credit: Amy Vaughan.

This championship was also the first time since 1990 that two women coaches faced off in a D1 championship game. The win gave coach Ute Otley her 7th title in 11 years. CVU girls have won 10 basketball titles in program history.

CVU Boys Basketball Wins State Championship

BY MARY JO BRACE AND MIKE OSBORNE

At the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, CVU was without a football or boys basketball state championship, 4 months apart, they have captured both.

Top-seeded CVU (22-1) rallied from nine points down in the third quarter to defeat #2 Rice (18-4) 42-38 at Patrick Gym on March 11th, earning the school its first-ever boys basketball state title. It came 59 years after the school opened, in the 100th D1 boys basketball championship. It is the 10th time that



The CVU Boys Basketball Team: 2023 State Champions. Photo credit: Amy Vaughan.



Alex Provost going up for a shot. Photo credit: Amy Vaughan.

the DI basketball championship was swept by the same school and is coach Mike Osborne's 10th season as head coach.

CVU's stingy defense held the Green Knights to 29% shooting on the day and a game-high 19 points from junior Kyle Eaton helped key the historic win. Eaton added four rebounds while shooting 10 for 12 from the free throw line and 3 for 5 from the 3-point line.

Rice would grab a quick 5-0 lead as junior standout Drew Bessette hit a 3 and had an offensive rebound stick back in the early minutes of the game. But those would be the 6"7" forward's only points of the game due to a stifling effort by CVU junior Tucker Tharpe. Despite shooting struggles from the floor, the Redhawks went 6 for 6 at the free throw line and held a 10-9 lead after one quarter.

Eaton would can a pair of 3's and go 3 for 4 from the free line in the second, but Rice was able connect on three 3-pointers in the frame and take a 24-19 lead into halftime.

Eaton drilled another 3 to open the third quarter to cut the lead to two but seven straight from Rice pushed the Rice lead to nine at 31-22. The Redhawks responded with a 9-0 run to close the period, with

five points coming from senior Alex Provost and knotted the game at 31-all to end the third.

A pair of Tharpe free throws to open the fourth gave CVU their first lead since early in the second quarter, but Bilodeau answered with a 3 to reclaim the lead for Rice. A run out lay-up by senior Logan Vaughan for a score, a post score by Ollie Cheer, two Provost free throws, two Eaton free throws, a few defensive stops and holding Rice scoreless for seven minutes, gave CVU their biggest lead of the night at 41-34 with 1:07 remaining. The rest is history as the Redhawks held on for the victory.

Hinesburg players were Jack St. Peter and Alex Provost. Provost who was named Burlington Free Press Football player of the year, also had a huge impact on this championship, finishing with 9 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Provost remarked, "It feels amazing to be a part of two historic teams. Obviously it's not one person though. It takes hard-work from every teammate and coach, and so much uplifting support from an amazing community. I'm just thankful to be a part of it all."



The CVU Gymnastics Team



The Hinesburg Community School Girls Basketball B-Team. Photo credit: Denise Farmer.

HCS Girls Basketball B-Team Completes Perfect Season!

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

The Hinesburg Community School girls basketball B-team completed a phenomenal season this year. In each game, players gave 100% effort and exhibited outstanding sportsmanship on the court. They worked together to power through each game.

As the season progressed, excitement mounted. Players, families, and community members began to realize the power and skill of our team. We won most of our games by over 10 points. Our toughest game was against Christ the King, where we won by one point in the last minute of the game. It was

thrilling!

The season finished Tuesday, February 14 with a final win against Shelburne. With this win, the HCS team captured the Champlain Valley School District Championship and completed its perfect season. With a record of 11-0, it was definitely a point of pride for the team and HCS. The team was extremely excited and thankful for the support from the Hinesburg Community and beyond!

Our team was led by captains Ava Norful, Hannah Jones, and Jordan Kramer-Nison. These players provided excellent leadership on the court and off the court. All players exemplified the best characteristics expected of student athletes. Players this year were: Ava Norful, Bella Seeholzer, Caris Leise, Hannah Jones, Jordan Kramer-Nison, Maggie Miller, Meg Roberts and Rowan Farmer. Congratulations team!

Gymnastics State Championship

BY KATE DODGE

On February 18, nine CVU student athletes wrapped up the season by competing at the Vermont State Gymnastics Championship, held at Essex High School. CVU (7-1) placed third out of 11 teams, facing stiff competition from Burr & Burton and Essex. Hinesburg residents Ruby Opton and Jasmine Dye both earned spots on the podium. Opton, a junior, took third place on Balance Beam, and Dye, a freshman, took eighth place on Floor. Congratulations to the team on a great season!

ORGANIZATIONS

SCHIP Spring Grant Deadline

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The spring deadline for SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop grant applications is Sat., April 15, 2023. 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 one-year period by any one entity.

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- One application per organization per calendar year.

Grants deadlines are April 15 and October 15.

Application forms are available on the "Grants" link at: [TheSCHIP.org](https://www.schip.org).

New Scholarship Deadline Announced

BY JEAN KIEDAISCH

The deadline for applying for the Responsible Growth Hinesburg (RGH) Environmental Scholarship has been extended to May 1, 2023.

RGH is offering this one-time \$1,000 scholarship to a Hinesburg graduating senior, in keeping with its commitment to protecting Hinesburg's working landscape, recreational lands, and natural systems. The successful applicant will have demonstrated commitment to these same values. The student might be attending CVU, Vermont Commons, Rice, or the Waldorf School.

The scholarship will support the student's further education at a col-

lege or university, technical program, or vocational training program. The focus might be on studying environmental science or a related field or pursuing environmental journalism.

To be considered, the student must submit an essay describing:

- why it is important for citizens to engage in local activities that improve or conserve the important qualities of Hinesburg.
- how their own involvement has benefited them so far and affected their enjoyment of Hinesburg and its surroundings.
- how they plan to continue that involvement in the future.

Questions? Email Natacha Liuzzi, nml1961@gmail.com.

United Church of Hinesburg Plant Sale!

FROM PRESS RELEASE

A 50-plus year tradition at the United Church of Hinesburg continues with our 2023 Plant Sale. The sale will be in two phases again this year, with an online sale of perennials in April that will be ready for pick up on Sat., May 6, and an in-person sale



The UCH plant sale will have both an online sale and an In-person sale this year.

of annuals and other selections on the following Sat., May 13.

We will have beautiful, generously sized, hardy perennials, dug from our gardens to tempt you. To avoid the possibility of spreading the invasive snake worm, also known as jumping worm among other names, all roots are washed thoroughly after the plants are dug. Most plants will be potted in light potting soil; however, some will be dug just before the sale to allow them to get a better start and will be wrapped in damp newsprint, ready for planting directly into your gardens.

The online perennials store, accessed from the church website ucofh.org, will open on April 8 and close on April 22. Place your order and pay with a credit or debit card. Shop early to ensure the best selection.

Contact the United Church of

Hinesburg with any questions at (802) 482-3352 or unitedchurch@gmavt.net.

United Church Continues to Help Small Organic Farms in Puerto Rico

FROM PRESS RELEASE

In June of 2018, in the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria, the Hinesburg Youth Project (HYP), a youth group sponsored by the United Church of Hinesburg, traveled to Puerto Rico for a week of service. Among the service activities around the island were building residential structures, distribution of basic needs, and rebuilding organic farms. The youth and their volunteer chaperones worked alongside people from Puerto Rico, learning about their hurricane experiences, their culture, and about



A recent United Church community dinner helped support Enlace Tres Vidas, an

their spirit of gratitude and resilience.

When Hurricane Fiona hit the same region of the island last fall, remembering the devastation our youth had witnessed during their service week, the church wanted to help again. Funds raised from a community dinner and distributed through HASER, a Puerto Rican non-profit promoting social well-being, are helping support Enlace Tres Vidas, an ecosystem of farms, including the farms worked at in 2018. These farms are committed to increasing the accessibility of organic products to historically marginalized communities. They are connected to a program that dis-

tributes product donations to senior populations in rural areas and have helped reduce the food insecurity of vulnerable populations in the rural area of Puerto Rico.

This donation, in addition to continuing a relationship that started with the youth trip, dovetails with other efforts sponsored by the United Church and supported by the Hinesburg community to help address food insecurity, including the Little Free Pantry and support for the Vermont Foodbank's BackPack Program.

Shelburne Age Well Grab and Go Meal – April 11

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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 Tues., April 11. The meal will be available for pick up in the parking lot at 72

Church St., Shelburne, from 11 a.m. until noon. These meals are available for all 60 or older. These meals are nutritious and delicious.

The menu is: Baked ham with raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, wheat roll with butter, Congo bar, and milk.

To order a meal, please contact Kathleen by Wed., April 5, by email (preferred) agewellstcath@gmail.com, or phone: 802-507-1107.

If this is a first-time order, please provide 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 one to: Age Well; 875 Roosevelt Highway, Ste. 210; Colchester, VT. 05446.

We will have forms on hand for you to fill out at meal pick up.

An Age Well representative will be available to obtain the suggested \$5 donation restaurant tickets to **continued on page 18**

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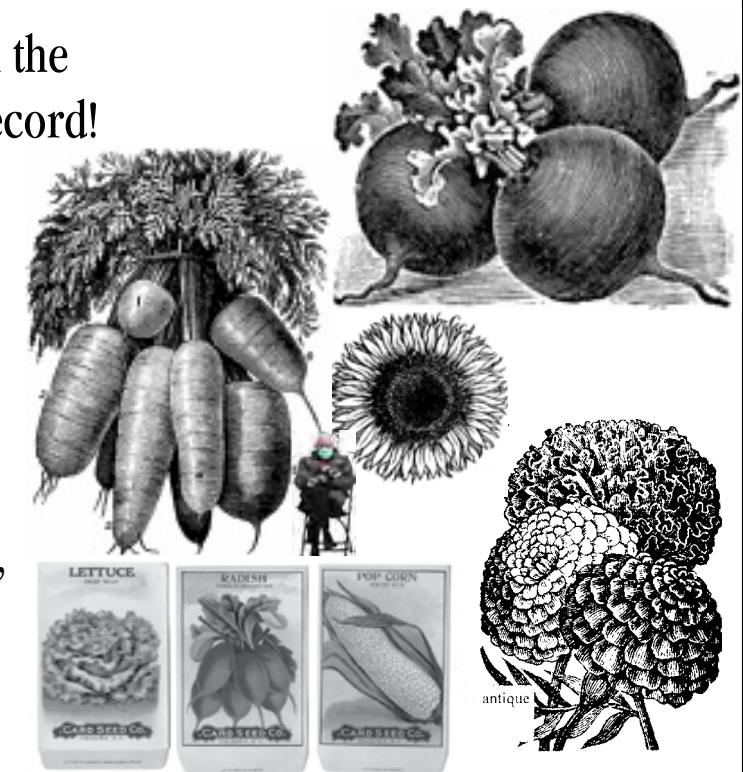
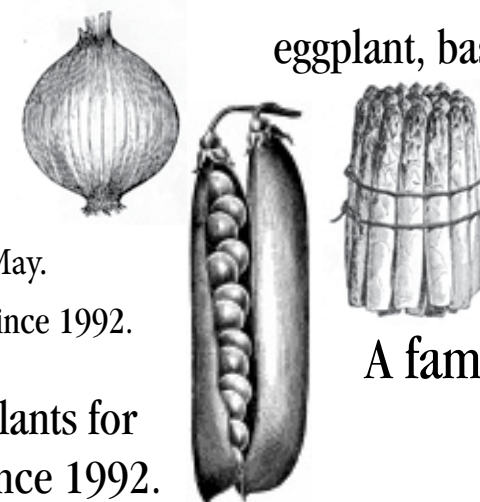
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Pristine, or Poisoned?

BY MORGEN GALLOWAY,
VERMONT MILITARY POISONS
AND PFAS COALITION

The EPA has issued proposed drinking water safety guidelines related to PFAS that address 6 PFAS-related compounds. There are 14,735 total compounds in this chemical class; regulating six barely skims the surface in the effort to detoxify our nation's water supply. We have human health studies on just 25 of the PFAS chemicals in circulation, less than 0.02 percent of the substances in use. Studies indicate that these substances cause reproductive problems; developmental delays (low birth weight, bone variations, and neurological and behavioral changes); increased risk of cancer, including kidney and testicular; reduced immune system function (reduced vaccine effectiveness); hormonal interference, including thyroid impacts; increased cholesterol levels, and liver damage. That's what these poisons do to human bodies, not to men-

tion other species, who matter in their own right. For those who consume meat, agricultural toxins build up in animals' bodies as well. Tragically, manufacturers can use small amounts of related compounds, or develop new ones, to evade regulation. Under these conditions, it is imperative that Vermont take the new EPA guidance and apply it proactively.

In a survey created by the VT PFAS and Military Poisons Coalition, many running for state office this past fall promised to take serious action on PFAS this session. As much as our state is working toward real progress on integrated, accessible, fair and affordable housing, the legislature's emphasis on what is likely to amount to a coup for developers has taken the focus this session, and crowded out clean water concerns that sustainable development must accommodate. At present, Vermont's most neglectful environmental policies are causing the most harm to poor, rural communities and to the state's most diverse communities. We cannot go another year knowing that sludge containing PFAS is being spread on local farm fields. The legislature must take action to prevent negative fertility impacts, and protect babies from being born with preventable degenerative conditions.

Legislation is pending in the Vermont State Senate, including: an act relating to the development of a committee to study the impacts of PFAS in leachate from landfills in the State (S. 82) in the Senate Committee for Natural Resources and Energy, and an act relating to regulating cosmetic and menstrual products containing certain chemicals and chemical classes and textiles and athletic turf fields containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (S.25) in the Senate Committee for Health and Welfare. Legislation is also pending in the Vermont House, much of it in the House Committee on Environment and Energy to: create drinking water standards (H.421), to study the impacts of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in leachate

from landfills (H. 422), to administer and enforce agricultural water quality requirements (H.387); an act relating to regulating products containing certain chemicals and chemical classes (H. 152); an act relating to solid waste management (H.48). Please call the Sergeant at Arms office (802-828-2228) and leave a message for representatives working on this legislation.

Up until now, Vermont followed the principle that toxins will disperse in the environment, which obscures the fact that PFAS is diluted through our human bodies and those of other living organisms. PFAS bioaccumulates and is known as a forever chemical. Please ask your legislators to obey the precautionary principle. When we use a car seat for the children in our lives, we acknowledge the importance of protecting what we love. We love the idea that Vermont's water is safe and clean, but the truth is far from that. It is not safe to eat fish from our lakes or rivers. It is not safe to swim without the risk of developing neurodegenerative conditions. Vermont can address sources and clean up of PFAS. We must center the needs of residents not only for safe, accessible, affordable and integrated housing, but also for safe places to fish, enjoy outdoor recreation, and be free from poisons in the water supply, all around the state. Until our calls result in action from the legislature, we need campaigns to educate Vermonters and tourists that water recreation and consumption can be unsafe, even here. Pristine or poisonous? I wish I could say Vermont is the former.

VT Scholastic Chess Championships

BY MIKE STRIDSBERG

The 36th Vermont Scholastic High School and Middle School Chess Championships will be held on Sat., April 15, at the Capital City Grange Hall on Vermont Route 12 in Berlin, Vt. All Vermont students are eligible to compete for State Championships in middle school (grades six through eight) and high school (grades nine through 12) divisions.

The 36th Vermont Scholastic Elementary School Chess Championships will be held on Saturday at the Capital City Grange Hall on Vermont Route 12 in Berlin. All Vermont elementary school students are eligible to compete for individual State Championships in six divisions – each grade, kindergarten through grade five.

All abilities are welcome and encouraged to participate. Advance registration is required. Complete rules and registration information can be found at vtchess.info or by contacting Mike Stridsberg, tournament director, at mike@vtchess.info.

Vermont Genealogy Library Classes

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at the Vermont Genealogy Library in Pinewood Plaza, 57 River Rd., Essex Junction, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and cost \$10. Please visit our website vtgenlib.org for additional details and for registration.

Key Online Resources for French-Canadian Research – Jane Whitmore, April 1

The Drouin Genealogical Institute brings family historians invaluable tools and collections for finding French-Canadian ancestors. With a little practice, these databases on the *GénéalogieQuébec* and PRDH websites are easy to use. They reveal a wealth of information from birth, marriage, and death records. Vital statistics on whole families are linked from one generation to the next. Knowing how to use these databases together, along with informative tips and information from their blog, will help to fill in many of the gaps on your French-Canadian family tree. A few other helpful websites for French-Canadian family research will also be introduced. This class for the Vermont Genealogy Library will be a Zoom webinar.

Finding Your Place: Applied Mapping for Genealogy Research – Suzanne Blanchard, April 15

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Celebrating Nuance

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

On a recent episode of the *On Being* podcast, journalist Amanda Ripley was quoted as saying: “real life is not a bumper sticker.” I was struck by how true this is for forests and for forest management. As much as we would like to believe that taking care of forests is simple, in truth it is nuanced and complex and often unintuitive. Celebrating nuance means having the courage to go beyond simple narratives and polarities, to ask tough

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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 follow up for those interested in making use of this innovative strategy.

Hidden Treasures at FamilySearch.org – Ed McGuire, April 22

Ed McGuire will discuss why FamilySearch.org is the most valuable place to start your research, including numerous strategies for getting the most out of the search tool. In addition, Family Search has: catalog search, image search, digitized books, a huge video library, maps, and an incredible directory to the entire world's genealogical collections. Join us and learn how to employ these free tools at the world's best family history resource. A detailed handout with tips, advice and references will also be provided.

Building a Genealogy Book – Pamela Crosby, April 29

If you've been doing genealogy for a while, you've probably found yourself in the possession of many different kinds of records and you may be wondering how you would like to share them with others. This class covers some methods for using what you have collected to build a family “genealogy book.” By using vital record information combined with other records, photos, newspaper clippings, book excerpts, and other information you can tell your ancestors' stories in a unique way that “brings them to life” by building a genealogy book suitable for sharing with family or to share with friends. This class will not be recorded for later viewing.

questions about what it means to care for forests at this moment in time.

One example of where nuance is often lacking is in the discussion of mycorrhizal networks – sometimes called “The Wood Wide Web.” Through the research of Dr. Susan Simard and others, it has been shown that these underground fungal networks can connect trees' root systems, facilitating resource-sharing, communication and a number of other emergent and adaptive properties. This has led some to anthropomorphize trees – thinking of them as people – and to mythologize forests – thinking of them as utopias. When we do this, we misunderstand the true nature of forests: that mycorrhizal networks are one piece of dynamic and imperfect communities which are defined by resilience, which celebrate death and change, and which need our help. Taking care of forests means having the courage to recognize that they are nothing like us, that is more powerful to see them as they are than to weave comfortable and convenient narratives around them.

Another discussion that is often missing nuance is the discourse around old growth forests. Old growth forests are amazing: they support biodiversity, store lots of carbon, and provide an array of other benefits to forest ecology and to ourselves. Old growth forests are exceedingly rare in Vermont, and there is broad consensus in our conservation community that we need to both protect existing old growth forests and to leave some forests unmanaged to develop into old growth on their own. Where this discussion gets derailed is when the importance of old growth is taken to mean that forest management is bad, and that the answer to all our problems is to leave forests alone.

Old growth forests are not valuable just because they are old – they are valuable because of the characteristics that they have: things like dead wood, canopy gaps, trees of different sizes and ages, and old trees, each of which provides unique habitats and properties. Nearly all of Vermont's forests are young, many having regrown from pastures within the last 60-100 years. Most are missing these attributes and developing them naturally may take centuries. In a climate crisis and a biodiversity crisis, we need forests with these characteristics now – we cannot afford to wait. To this end, forest management can be a vital tool, helping create many of the attributes of old growth in just decades. We also need to acknowledge that our forests face



A red oak seedling sprouting next to a red maple stump. Photo by Ethan Tapper.

an unprecedented array of threats and stressors and are moving into an uncertain future. As a result, many of our forests may never become old growth on their own. As they navigate climate change, non-native invasive plants, pests and pathogens, forest fragmentation, deforestation, deer overabundance and more, inaction may actually be an expression of negligence. If we hope to protect forests' function, their biodiversity, and their ecology, we will need to manage them.

Another topic which often lacks nuance is forest carbon. While, in theory, unmanaged forests store more carbon than managed forests, a forest's ability to sequester and store carbon in the long-term is a function of its holistic health, its resilience, and its adaptability. What we need is resilient carbon: carbon which is stored in diverse, multi-generational, healthy forests. Managing forests, even when it causes some carbon to be released in the short-term, can help forests respond to legacies, threats and stressors, build resilience and adapt to climate change, thus safeguarding their ability to store carbon in the future.

What does it mean to love a forest? Celebrating nuance means having the courage to wade in uncertain waters, to recognize that what forests require from us in this moment is often complex and unintuitive, challenging and strange. Forests, and what it means to take care of them, will never be as simple as a bumper sticker, but that's what makes them beautiful.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Dept. 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

Bears are Becoming Active, Vermonters Need to Take Steps Prevent Conflicts

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE



A security camera captured this image of a bear attempting to enter a Vermont homeowner's outbuilding where garbage was stored.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has begun to receive reports of bears coming out of their dens as the weather warms.

Bear incidents have been on the rise over the past several years. The year 2022 saw high numbers of bear home break-ins, and two bear attacks. Officials believe this trend is a result of Vermont's healthy black bear population learning to associate people and food over multiple generations.

“Preventing bears from having access to human-related foods is key to successful coexistence with these long-lived and intelligent animals,” said Jaclyn Comeau, Vermont Fish and Wildlife's bear biologist.

The department asks Vermonters to take the following proactive steps for coexisting with bears:

- Take down birdfeeders between late March and December
- Store garbage in bear-proof containers or structures—trash cans alone are not enough
- Follow the steps on our web page for composting in bear country
- Use electric fences to keep chickens and honeybees safe
- Request a bear-proof dumpster from your waste hauler
- Feed your pets indoors
- Never feed bears, deliberately or accidentally

“Now is the time for Vermonters to take down our birdfeeders, make sure our garbage is secure, and protect our backyard chickens and bees with an electric fence,” said Comeau. “This will help teach

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bears that our yards and neighborhoods are not good places to search for food—but it will only work if everyone does their part.”

Vermont Fish and Wildlife also asks Vermonters to submit reports of bears engaging in potentially dangerous behavior like targeting birdfeeders and garbage, feeding on crops or livestock, or investigating campgrounds. Reports can be submitted on the department’s Living with Black Bears web page. The data help biologists keep track of bear incidents and provide early interventions to head off conflicts.

“At the end of the day, purposely feeding a bear is not just bad for the bear,” said Comeau. “It is also dangerous for you, it causes problems for your neighbors, and it is illegal. If bears are finding food on your property, it is

your responsibility to remove that attractant and report a problem before the situation escalates.”



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ARTS & LEISURE



Hinesburg Artist Series Spring Concert on March 12 at St. Jude's.

Hinesburg Artist Series Spring Concert

BY RUFUS PATRICK

If you missed our March concert please join us for our next concert on May 14, 4:30 p.m. at Champlain Valley Union High School. This concert will feature the Hinesburg Community Band and South County Chorus.

This Mother's Day concert will be fun for the whole family, so save the date. Full details will be in the next issue of the *Hinesburg Record*.

Shelburne Museum Announces Exhibitions for the 2023 Season

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne Museum has announced its slate of exhibitions for the 2023 season. This year, the museum will feature a variety of special exhibitions focused on creative play, whimsy, and beautiful masterworks of Native American pottery.

The museum will be open six days a week, Tues. through Sun., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning Sat., May 13, through Sun., Oct. 22. This season's exhibitions include:

Object/s of Play: The Work of Cas Holman and Karen Hewitt: May 13 – October 22

“Object/s of Play: The Work of Cas Holman and Karen Hewitt” explores the creative processes of two award-winning American toy designers—a generation apart—who interpret the concept of open-ended play in their own unique ways. Instead of providing step-by-step instructions or written rules about how to engage with their toys, both Holman and Hewitt design playthings that encourage children to use their own imaginations, fostering creativity, ingenu-

ity, and independent thinking.

Pet Friendly: The Art of Stephen Huneck: May 13 – October 22

The colorful exhibition “Pet-Friendly: The Art of Stephen Huneck” highlights the prolific career and multimedia artwork of the celebrated Vermont artist Stephen Huneck (1948-2010). Despite limited training, Huneck worked fluidly between artistic media, including sculptural woodcarvings, furniture, paintings, stained glass windows, prints, children's books, and more. Bridging Huneck's varied artistic ventures is his subject matter. Huneck is perhaps best known for his depictions of dogs—especially his beloved black Lab, Sally—a faithful source of inspiration for over two decades. While canines and their humans feature prominently throughout his oeuvre, Huneck also highlighted a menagerie of other adored creatures, including cats, birds, fish, and farm animals in his art.

Pop Up: Inflated Sculpture: May 13 – October 22

“Pop Up: Inflated Sculpture” celebrates the innovative designs, diverse materiality, and technological advancements of contemporary inflatable sculpture. Disrupting Shelburne Museum's landscape with large, sensuous forms and bold pops of color, the inflated art-



Stephen Huneck, Vermont Ski Patrol, 2004. Woodcut print, 25 1/2 x 18 1/2 in. Collection of Shelburne Museum, gift of the Friends of Dog Mountain, Inc. 2022-3.38. Photography by Andy Duback.

works imbue playful humor and wonder while also facilitating conversations related to larger sensory, socio-political, and cultural topics. Pop Up features work by three talented contemporary artists: Claire Ashley, Tamar Ettun, and Pneuhaus. Every two months, a new large outdoor sculpture by one of the participating artists will be on view at different locations across the museum's grounds. Throughout the duration of the exhibition, additional multimedia artwork by each artist will be on view in conversation with various museum buildings and collections.

Right Under Your Nose: Children's Printed Textiles from the Collection of J.J. Murphy and Nancy Mladenoff: May 13 – October 22

Featuring selections from the collection of J.J. Murphy and Nancy Mladenoff, “Right Under Your Nose” is inspired by the more than 3,200 examples of children's printed textiles gifted to Shelburne Museum in 2020. Themes as varied as insects, alphabets, circus clowns, shadow puppets, the solar system, and a lumberjack beaver appear on these printed cotton handkerchiefs manufactured for children between the 18th and 20th centuries. Usually worn on or carried close to the user's body, these intimate, everyday objects taught lessons, instilled social and cultural standards, and sometimes even inspired a giggle while providing soothing relief for a runny nose. Close examination of these objects reveals technological innovations in manufacturing, shifts in understandings of children and the concept of childhood, the development of ideas like nationalism and cultural identity, the evolution of gender norms and racial stereotypes, and more.

Built from the Earth: Pueblo Pottery from the Anthony and Teressa Perry Collection: June 24 – October 22

“Built from the Earth: Pueblo Pottery from the Anthony and Teressa Perry Collection” high-



Artist formerly known (Acoma Pueblo), Polychrome Storage Jar, ca.1880-90. Collection of Shelburne Museum, Perry Collection of Native American Arts.

lights important items from the Perry collection. The exhibition focuses on the skill and artistry of potters from eight of the Pueblo communities in New Mexico: Acoma, Cochiti, Laguna, Santa Ana, Santo Domingo, San Ildefonso, Zia, and Zuni. Built from the Earth will introduce visitors to the techniques of creating these works of art, discussing the historic methods rooted in the land and materials of New Mexico.

Hinesburg Community School Presents Moana Jr.

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Hinesburg Community School will present Disney's *Moana Jr. the Musical*, on Fri., April 21, at 7 p.m. and Sat., April 22, at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Moana Jr. is a musical adaptation of the Disney animated film, bringing the adventures of Moana and her village of Motunui to life on-stage. The musical features all the beloved songs from the film, including “How Far I'll Go,” “Shiny,” and “You're Welcome.”

This heartwarming coming-of-age story follows the strong-willed Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage. Moana and the legendary demigod Maui embark on an epic journey of self-discovery and camaraderie as both learn to harness the power that lies within. With empowering messages of bravery and selflessness, *Moana Jr.* is sure to bring out the hero within everyone.

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Fulbright Taking Starksboro Teacher to South America

BY MARIN HOWELL

Kerry Lake's approach to teaching has largely been shaped by her experiences outside the classroom, and more specifically, outside the United States. The Hinesburg resident and Robinson Elementary School teacher's visits to foreign countries have introduced her to the wide world that awaits her students and revealed the importance of preparing her third- and fourth-graders for that world.

Lake's now looking forward to how her next expedition will further inspire her work as an educator.

This June, Lake will head to Uruguay as part of the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms program. Her trip to the South American country is one part of the year-long program, designed to help educators bring an international perspective to their schools.

Lake said she's thrilled to have been selected for this year's exchange. She's one of 63 teachers from throughout the country who made the cut.

“I was ecstatic and really honored,” she said. “I think it's so important to help students to view themselves as global citizens and the Fulbright has been such a valuable opportunity to extend and expand that.”

The Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms (TGC) program is one of several teacher exchanges offered through the Fulbright Program, an international educational exchange program led by the United States government in partnership with more than 160 countries.

Through online course work, a professional development and a three-week trip abroad, the Fulbright TGC program connects teachers from around the United State and equips them with skills to prepare their students for a competitive global economy. Lake said her interest in bringing a global perspective to her classroom is what inspired her to apply for the program.

“It was something that I had heard about and applied for a little bit at the last minute,” she said. “I knew that it would help increase my skills around global education. Traveling and learning about people from countries throughout the world has always been really exciting to me as a person and a teacher.”

It appears her excitement resonated with the Fulbright TGC panel, as Lake kicked off her participation in the program this past September with a nine-week online course on global education best practices.

The graduate level course consists of self-paced and collaborative material, totaling around 10 hours of work per week.

“It was really intense, but it was one of the best and most inspiring professional developments that I've been lucky enough to work through,” Lake said. “It really expanded my views of teaching in the classroom and how to integrate the ideas and concepts I was learning in the course

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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 p.m.

Wednesday: 7 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 Route 116, Hinesburg

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 69, Hinesburg, VT 05461

Pastor's Mailing Address:

2894 Spear Street/P. O. Box 158, Charlotte, VT 05445

Hinesburg Rectory: 802-482-2290,
stjude@vermontcatholic.org,

P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461 (10759 Route 116)

Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, Rectory, 802-482-2290,
mcookson@vermontcatholic.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: William Bessette, 678-878-5910

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 a.m. and 11 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte

Weekday Masses:

Monday & Friday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude's; Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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 p.m. and Friday following the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Church and by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 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).

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is held the first Friday of each month following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's and every Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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 Bingo. Seniors, you are invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Reservations are required by the Wednesday before. **Due to the increased numbers of COVID 19 in our area, we ask that everyone again wear a mask while at Senior Bingo. Free masks will be available if you need one. If you have symptoms, have been recently exposed and/or are feeling ill, please stay home. Thank you!!** If you are a newcomer to our event, please call the week before that you are attending, so that enough Grab and Go Meals can be ordered. You will be given a packaged complete meal to take home, provided by Age Well. **The suggested donation is \$5.00 per meal due to pandemic funding coming to an end.** Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy and Ted Barrett at 453-3087 (leave a message) or email to tedbarrett79@gmail.com for reservations.

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 instructions 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 a.m.: Morning Meditation

Sunday 5 p.m.: Music & Spirit Service

appointment.

Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m.

Senior Meals: Second Friday of the month; cost \$5. 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 • stepple.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 community, country, and world.

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

► People

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throughout my classroom."

The course also allowed Lake to collaborate on course material with teachers across the country. This fall, a connection Lake made with a fellow Fulbright teacher created an opportunity for Starksboro students to correspond with "mystery pen pals" at Cottonwood Elementary School in Tucson, Ariz.

Students compiled clues about their home state and tried to guess where their pen pals were located.

"It was really neat to have kids doing that kind of on-the-fly exchange of information. It really kick-starts the idea of building empathy and relationships, and exchanging ideas," she said.

Off to Uruguay

A handful of those teachers will join Lake on her trip to Uruguay this summer. During that trip, Lake's cohort will travel to several communities and learn about the South American country's history, education system and culture. They'll visit schools, meet with local educators and participate in cultural excursions and workshops.

Lake said she's looking forward to absorbing as much as possible during the trip.

"I'm just trying to be open minded and open to everything that I can see and learn and do. It's good to approach it with a sense of wonder and opportunity and see where the relationships will take me there and then beyond. Because it's really just the beginning," she said.

She hopes the trip will be fruitful for the Robinson Elementary School community as well.

Part of the program entails creating a global education guide to serve as a resource for Lake's community. The guide can be used as a tool for Lake to share her experiences with the Robinson Elementary community and promote global awareness.

Lake's also hoping the connection she makes through the program will allow for further collaboration with educators and students throughout the world.

"One of the things that is excit-

ing is trying to build relationships with schools not in our state," Lake said. "I feel that relationships really form the bedrock of my teaching. When that's really solid, then you can work through a really positive learning environment, kids can take risks and teachers can provide positive learning spaces."

Robinson Elementary School Principal Edorah Frazer lauded Lake for her acceptance into the Fulbright TGC program.

"I am so very proud of Kerry Lake and her commitment to global education. She has long been a leader in connecting her classroom to the world," Frazer said. "She provides multiple opportunities for her students to interact with people from other countries and regions of the United States, and her class often leads service activities such as food drives and pet supply drives."

Frazer joined Lake on her trip to the Global Education Symposium in Washington. She said she's excited at future opportunities that arise from Lake's participation in the program.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about Uruguay specifically, and I'm sure Kerry will also develop sustained connections with educators from other parts of the U.S. I hope there will be a way for Kerry's classroom to connect to Uruguayan students in real time," Frazer said.

Higher Education Honors

Max Barron of Hinesburg was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology (NY) for the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Barron is in the mechanical engineering program. Students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.4.

Toni Blackburn and **Evan Turner**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the Fall 2022 semester.

Amy Carlson and **Izzy Hopkins**, both of Hinesburg, were named to the President's List at Northern University for the fall 2022 semester. Students who achieve a 4.0 semester average are placed on the

President's List.

Julia Daggett of Hinesburg has made Emmanuel College's (MA) Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Frederick Marshall of Hinesburg has been named to The University of Hartford 's (CT) President's Honors List for Fall 2022. The President's Honors List is made up of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester.

Corey Ryan of Hinesburg has achieved Dean's List honors in the Bachelor of Science in Professional Pilot Technology program at Vermont Technical College. To qualify for this academic honor, students must be enrolled in at least 12 or more letter-graded credit hours and achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

Claire Smith, a Biology/Health major at Grove City College (PA) from Hinesburg, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the Fall 2022 semester. Students eligible for the Dean's List with Distinction have a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84.

Olivia St. Peter of Hinesburg has qualified for the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Seton Hall University (NJ). Students completing all courses with a GPA of 3.4, with no grades lower than "C", qualify for the Dean's List.

Elizabeth Toensing of Hinesburg was named to the College of Charleston (SC) Fall 2022 Dean's List. Toensing is majoring in Public Health. To qualify for Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

Sophie Yarwood of Hinesburg was named to first honors on the Clark University (MA) Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2022 semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

► Missing Missy

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there was a collective sigh of relief. Missy calmly and clearly explained how we were going to proceed with a written vote, then led each row up to put their ballots in the box so there would be no confused clamoring around the ballot box. When it seemed everyone had come up, she asked if anyone still needed to vote. Then she said we would have a five-to-ten-minute break in the meeting while she and a few others counted the ballots. The tone in the hall was relaxed and friendly as we waited, a marked contrast to the tension and anxiety before the vote. When Missy came back into the hall, stood in the front and announced what the vote was, everyone nodded and the meeting proceeded.

"I do not remember what the issue was or how I voted, but I clearly remember Missy's upright, confident stature, the trust we all had in her clear and transparent directions,



Missy as Teletubby one Halloween.

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Missing Missy A Town Clerk for the Ages!

BY KEVIN LEWIS

The Town of Hinesburg Town Clerk, Melissa Ross (just Missy to most), is retiring after more than 20 years of service. While 20 years is not normally considered an “age,” it certainly is when we consider the exemplary way in which Missy served. People she worked with, voters she registered, new residents she welcomed, dog owners she licensed and whoever she may have only given a warm “hello” to, express similar feelings of a down-to-earth and calm person that made you feel valued and listened to.

Our community will surely miss Missy!

Missy was appointed Town Clerk in October of 2001. At 21 years and 6 months of service, she has served as Town Clerk longer than any other since 1900. Take a look at some other numbers that mark her tenure:

- 113,800 land records pages recorded
- 55,900 water and sewer bills mailed
- 37,800 tax bills mailed
- 12,600 dogs licensed
- 3,059 voters registered
- 50 elections held
- 1 riot averted*
(*read on for details!)



Keeping the peace at Town Meeting...

Some other interesting bits of information shared by coworkers and acquaintances:

- She once came to work as a Teletubby.
- Spiders terrify her, but you had to capture them and put them gently out.
- Missy is always hungry!
- Lunch time was always at noon. Missy often reached out to her coworkers to organize lunchtime gatherings she dubbed “Lunch Bunch” which afforded the staff at town hall an opportunity to gather and simply visit about their families, vacations and pending town business.
- She could organize the hell out of anything.

Missy attended town meetings since she was a young girl when her father was a town Moderator for 26 years. His public service was an inspiration to many who followed, including Missy. The Town Clerk in Manchester registered her to vote. She has always appreciated and respected the importance of a strong municipality and hopes history will show her tenure reflects that. She feels fortunate to have worked with a talented staff and a wonderful community; and calls those who volunteer their time the real heroes of our town.

Perhaps we can gather much about who Missy was and why we’ll miss her from Merrily Lovell, Chairperson



...and keeping records on file.

of the Selectboard. At the informational meeting held in at CVU on March 6 in advance of Town Meeting, Merrily honored Missy for her years of service, saying:

“At a Town Meeting several years ago, an issue came up that people felt passionate about. The Yay votes were strong, but the Nay votes were equally strong. Sitting in the audience, I wondered what would happen. People around me were talking to each other with more and more emotion. It seemed chaos was about to ensue, when Missy stood up. Her upright, confident stance brought quiet to the room immediately. In a calm yet strong and firm voice, she said ‘This is what we’ll do.’

“I could feel the energy in the room come down, as if

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Missy's DIY shade cabana.

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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 **802-482-6248** 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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