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## SongFarmers of Hinesburg at Carpenter-Carse Library

Read and see more in Adult Programs of Library section on page 10.



## Partnership in Education Thankful for Community Support

BY JENNY WILKINSON, CO-CHAIR OF PiE

Hinesburg Community School's family and caregiver volunteer group, Partnership in Education (PiE), wholeheartedly appreciates the Hinesburg community's support this school year. Students, families, and local businesses have donated time and money to a movie night, a family dance, take-out from a local restaurant, cookie dough sales, Giving Tuesday, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, and the upcoming Lake Monsters game on Sunday, June 4. Without your support

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HCS students and families enjoying time together at the PiE Family Dance.

## Responsible Growth Hinesburg's 6th Annual Tiny Art Auction

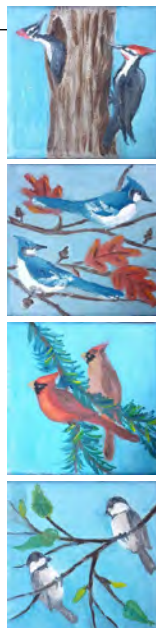
FROM PRESS RELEASE

Everyone has room to enjoy a tiny original piece of art! Each of these canvases measures just 4"x4".

This year's artists include Mary Azarian, Cynthia Guild-Kling, Marcy Kass, Gregory Maguire, Andy Newman, John Penoyar, Mary Hill and more.

The art will be on display on July 4 at the United Church of Hinesburg, Osborne Parish Hall, the location for the library book sale.

Bidding for the auction, which begins July 4 and



Tiny paintings by Cynthia Guild-Kling

ends July 18, will be done online at [biddingowl.com/RGHinesburg](http://biddingowl.com/RGHinesburg).

All proceeds will go to the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

RGH is dedicated to preserving the rural nature and small-town feel of Hinesburg and to ensure that new development protects Lake Champlain, its tributaries, and other natural systems; is scaled to meet the needs of our town; and is located so that it complements its surroundings, protects the working landscape and recreational lands, and is designed to foster a sense of community.

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feedback received. Once finalized, the proposal will be forwarded to the selectboard for consideration and at least one more public hearing before any zoning revisions are adopted.

## Selectboard Highlights

BY MERRILY LOVELL, SELECTBOARD CHAIRPERSON

### April 19

The selectboard held a public hearing for input on the Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments proposed by the planning commission. The selectboard later approved the adoption of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments.

The selectboard was pleased to approve the appointment of two new committee members: Amanda Vincent to the Economic Development Committee, and Samantha Lash to the Energy Committee.

The selectboard was made aware of the opening bids for the Waste

Water Treatment Facility.

The Landfill Solar Project has encountered difficulties getting enough Hinesburg participants. Aegis, the developer, described to the selectboard the new model they were intending to follow.

Sarah Reeves, Executive Director of The Chittenden Solid Waste District (the entity which runs our drop off center), gave us a presentation on updates during the past year and the proposed budget for FY 24. The CSWD is self-sufficient, getting their revenue from tip fees, user fees and material sales. Although they receive no payments from the member communities, we still are shown their budget each year and asked to approve it. The selectboard was happy to approve the CSWD proposed FY 24 budget.

The selectboard approved a letter of support for an application for a loan from the Community Recovery and Revitalization Program for Red Wagon Plants, which is undertaking some major expansions this year. We are pleased to support agricultural businesses like Red Wagon Plants, which help preserve the agricultural economy and rural landscape of Hinesburg.

### May 3

Issue of vicious dog: Due to several reported instances of viewing the dog without a muzzle, the selectboard decided to send a new letter to the dog's owners, with further clarifications of the requirements they need to fulfill.

Next steps for Town Hall and fire department: The town is currently facing huge costs with the proposed new wastewater treatment facility. Until the finances of the WWTF are figured out, the selectboard decided to pause on plans for the municipal building upgrades. However, staff will look into the possibility and costs of improving the roof issues in the Town Hall so that the large room, which we have missed so much, can again be available for community gatherings.

Town Manager Report

The agreement with the Richmond Police was put on hold by Richmond.

The CGR group, who is conducting our Public Safety Survey, will be back in town June 14-16.

Paving a portion of Richmond Road from the Richmond Road/North Road/Texas Hill intersection north is planned.

## LEGISLATIVE

### Sen. Welch Calls for Improvements to USPS Management, Better Mail Service for Rural Communities

FROM WELCH PRESS RELEASE

Earlier this month, Senator Peter Welch (D-VT) joined WCAX and the Gray TV network to call for improved postal service across rural America. Sen. Welch, a longtime leader on postal issues, stressed that USPS, under the leadership of Postmaster Louis DeJoy, has failed to convey a plan to address delayed postal service in rural communities, staffing shortages, equipment failures, and other serious challenges.

“We’re really calling on the postal management to manage,” said Sen. Welch. “Get the personnel, get the systems in place, get the mail delivered.”

Mail and package deliveries in Vermont and rural communities across the country have slowed in recent months, making it harder for families, seniors, and small businesses to pay their bills, access essential medications, and conduct business.

Earlier this year, Sen. Welch, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Representative Becca Balint (D-VT) sent two letters to USPS leadership decrying poor service in rural communities and calling for improved delivery across Vermont. This effort followed similar letters in 2020 and 2021.

To view the full video segment on rural postal issues, go to [tinyurl.com/WelchMail](https://www.tinyurl.com/WelchMail).

### Lt. Governor Zuckerman Statement on Veto Override of the Affordable Heat Bill

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, May 9, Lt. Governor Zuckerman released the following statement after the Senate voted to override Gov. Scott’s veto of S.5:

When we passed the Global Warming Solutions Act in 2020, we committed ourselves to finding ways to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and lessen Vermont’s role in the continued warming of the planet. We have seen more than enough data to know that the changing climate is the consequence of our own actions, and that if we continue our current trajectory then we will see more and more disastrous effects. We know the ski season is already being impacted as is our iconic maple season. These impacts will negatively affect our economy and our culture.

The Senate has taken the right step in voting to override the Governor’s veto. Inaction in the face of a crisis is not an option. The crisis is already happening.

Waiting and putting the responsibility to fix the climate on the shoulders of future generations is not acceptable. Though I know that this bill is not perfect, compromises were made on all sides. If enacted, in two years, it will strike a balance between making clean heat affordable and accessible to everyday Vermonters and taking bold steps to reduce our state’s greenhouse gas emissions.

## CSWD

### CSWD News

ALISE CERTA, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

#### CSWD Budget Approved

A huge thanks goes out to our member towns for approving our Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Each spring, Sarah Reeves, CSWD’s Executive Director, presents the next fiscal year’s budget to member town selectboards and city councils for approval. It is a great opportunity to connect with our towns and cities about what the district is up to in the upcoming year. If you are interested in reading our FY24 budget, please visit our website: [cswd.net/about-cswd/financial-information](https://www.cswd.net/about-cswd/financial-information)

#### Used Clothing & Textiles Accepted at Select CSWD Drop-Off Centers

You may have noticed the used clothing and textile bins at our Essex, Hinesburg, Milton, South Burlington, and Williston Drop-Off Centers. Over the past months, CSWD has been piloting a new collection partner for clothing and textiles. The company, Apparel Impact (formerly Helpsy), collects these items for resale and recycling.

Apparel Impact accepts clothing and textiles that are dry, have no mold or odor but do not have to be in wearable condition. The materials are provided to communities in need or are recycled. Read more about Apparel Impact by visiting their website: [apparelimpact.com](https://www.apparelimpact.com).

Note: All items must be in bags no larger than 13 gallons (kitchen size). Larger bags will not fit into the containers.

#### Now Accepting Hardcover Books at Most Drop-Off Centers

All CSWD Drop-Off Centers except the Burlington location are now accepting hardcover books in specially marked containers for recycling. Please keep hardcover books separate from your blue-bin recycling. Our friendly Drop-Off Center operators can direct you to the hardcover books area at the site. Note that softcover or paperback books (but not hardcover books) can be placed in your blue bin for recycling.

If your books are in good condition, consider donating them to an organization for reuse. See some local options on our Reuse & Donation Options page: [cswd.net/reduce-and-reuse/reuse-options](https://www.cswd.net/reduce-and-reuse/reuse-options).

#### Question of the Month: Plastic Bags

What do I do with filmy plastic like plastic bags or plastic wrap from paper towels? Can it go in my blue bin?

ANSWER:

The answer is no. Filmy plastic is included in a category called “tanglers” in the recycling business. Tanglers get caught in our machinery and have to be hand-cut out by our workers. So please, do not place these items in your bin.

But there is another option for recycling filmy plastic. Many local grocery, hardware, and other stores accept plastic bags and mailer/envelopes for recycling. To find a takeback location near you, enter your zip code on the Plastic Film Recycling website: [plasticfilmrecycling.org](https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org).

## POLICE

### Incidents

April 11: 10:50 a.m. Officers investigated threatening behavior reported at CVU.

April 12: 7:45 a.m. A theft on Silver Street was reported and investigated.

10:30 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for a domestic dispute.

April 13: 10:05 a.m. Suspicious circumstances on Rocky Mountain Lane were reported and investigated.

3:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

7:54 p.m. Officers served court paperwork to an individual on Hillview Terrace.

8:11 p.m. Suspicious activity was investigated on Sherman Hollow Road.

April 14: 4 p.m. A harassment issue was reported and investigated.

April 15: 11:42 a.m. A welfare check on Major Street was

conducted.

April 16: 7:30 a.m. A citizen on Hillview Terrace was assisted with a civil issue.

12:30 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

2:30 p.m. A welfare check on Hillview Terrace was conducted.

April 17: 4:52 p.m. A motorist at

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**Police**

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CVU was assisted with a lockout.

April 18: 8:35 a.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Farmall Drive.

4:21 p.m. Reports of erratic operation by a motor vehicle resulted in a traffic stop on Route 116.

6:35 p.m. Officers attempted to serve court paperwork to a resident on Route 116.

8:30 p.m. An assault was reported and investigated.

April 19: 7 a.m. A welfare check on Jourdan Street was conducted.

7:30 a.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Farmall Drive.

12:02 p.m. A noise complaint on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

1:10 p.m. An officer responded to Baldwin Road to investigate a traffic complaint.

1:15 p.m. An officer responded to Pond Road for the report of a traffic obstruction.

4:10 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on CVU Road. Leonard Ducharme, 50, of Hinesburg was arrested for domestic assault.

8:10 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Silver Street. The operator, Eric Pechie, 38, of Monkton was arrested for driving with a criminally suspended license and excessive speed.

April 20: 8:35 a.m. Officers investigated a two-car motor vehicle crash on Cochran Road in Richmond. Larry Knox, 50, of Hinesburg was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and negligent operation.

10:15 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with applying for a relief from abuse order.

10:30 a.m. Suspicious circum-

stances on Baldwin Road were investigated.

4:03 p.m. A theft on Richmond Road was reported and investigated.

April 22: 11:55 a.m. A welfare check on Ledgewood Lane was conducted.

12:05 p.m. Suspicious circumstances on Route 116 were investigated.

2:25 p.m. Officers responded to the parking lot of Lantman's Market for a domestic dispute. That incident is under active investigation.

April 23: 1:35 p.m. Officers investigated a juvenile having a mental health crisis on Route 116.

April 24: 11:32 a.m. An officer assisted Hinesburg Fire Dept. with a medical emergency on Route 116.

6:55 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a citizen on Silver Street.

7:22 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a domestic dispute on Route 116.

8:25 p.m. Officers assisted Colchester P.D. with a stolen car investigation on Hollow Road.

April 25: 8:15 a.m. An officer responded to a wildlife hazard on Nicks Run.

11:57 a.m. Officers responded to a juvenile issue on Hollow Road.

2:18 p.m. The report of stolen property on Route 116 was investigated.

April 26: 10:30 a.m. Citizens were assisted with a civil issue on Pine Shore Drive.

2:15 p.m. An individual was trespassed from a business on Route 116.

April 27: 6:56 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

April 28: 8:10 a.m. A motor vehicle stop was initiated on Texas Hill Road. The operator, Richard

Catella, 55, of South Burlington was arrested for driving with a suspended license, negligent operation, and eluding a police officer.

7:20 p.m. An officer responded to Williston to assist with a stolen vehicle investigation.

April 29: 6:25 a.m. Officers responded to a residence on North Road for the report of an individual having a mental health crisis.

April 30: 11:10 p.m. Suspicious activity at Hillview Terrace was investigated.

May 1: 9:50 a.m. A traffic hazard on Route 116 was investigated.

10:30 a.m. Officers responded to CVU to assist staff with a student issue.

4:43 p.m. Harassment by electronic means was reported and investigated.

5 p.m. Damage to a motor vehicle on Route 116 was investigated.

9:30 p.m. Officers assisted with a medical emergency on Kelley's Field.

May 2: 8:15 a.m. A single car motor vehicle crash on Baldwin Road was investigated.

1:50 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

May 3: 8:11 a.m. Suspicious activity on Hollow Road was investigated.

9:48 a.m. An officer responded to Charlotte to assist with a crash investigation.

12:25 p.m. A welfare check on Buck Hill Road East was conducted.

5:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

May 4: 10:25 a.m. Harassment by electronic means was reported and investigated.

May 5: 9:05 p.m. An officer investigated suspicious activity on Haystack Road.

9:15 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hollow Road was investigated.

May 6: 10:30 a.m. Suspicious activity on Hollow Road was investigated.

May 7: 12:05 p.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

1:10 p.m. Officers responded to a medical emergency on Mechanicsville Road. A death investigation is being conducted.

**FIRE**



**Deputy Chief Eric Spivack**

It is with profound sadness and grief that Chief Nicholas Baker and the Hinesburg Fire Department announce the Active Duty Death of Deputy Chief Eric Spivack, promoted posthumously from the rank of Assistant Chief. Deputy Chief Spivack was at home in Hinesburg on May 7 tending to outdoor chores when he experienced a medical episode resulting in sudden cardiac arrest. Deputy Chief Spivack began his fire service career in Massachusetts on November 10, 1986, as a call firefighter with the Fairhaven Fire-EMS Department. Eric moved to Hinesburg in 1998 and joined the Hinesburg Fire Department on July 7, 1998. Deputy Spivack rose through the ranks of Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief during his service to the town of Hinesburg, and was well known for his dedication and pride in the department and his love of his family. We would like to offer Eric's family and friends our most heartfelt condolences as we begin to process this tremendous loss.

See Eric Spivack's full obituary on page 21.

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**BUSINESS**

**VNLA Announces Award Winners and New Scholarship Fund**

**Hinesburg's Red Wagon Plants Wins Award**

**FROM PRESS RELEASE**

On February 16, the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association held their annual meeting and trade show at the University of Vermont Davis Center, which was attended by 150 people. During the VNLA annual business meeting annual awards were presented as listed below. You can read about the awards and nomination paragraph on our website: [vnlavt.org/about-us/awards-scholarships](http://vnlavt.org/about-us/awards-scholarships)

During that business meeting we also announced the establish-

ment of the Dr. Leonard P. Perry Scholarship Fund. For 35 years, Dr. Perry was a UVM Emeritus Professor/Extension Horticulture Specialist at the University of Vermont and the VNLA celebrates Dr. Perry's legacy in establishing this scholarship fund in his name. You can learn more here and find out how to make a donation: [vnlavt.org/dr-leonard-perry-scholarship-fund](http://vnlavt.org/dr-leonard-perry-scholarship-fund).

2022 Horticultural Achievement Award: Leslie and Peter van Berkum, Van Berkum Nursery, Deerfield, NH

2022 Environmental Awareness Award: Julie Rubaud, Red Wagon Plants, Hinesburg, VT

2022 Retailer of the Year Award: Full Circle Gardens, Essex, VT

2022 Allen B. Crane Horticultural Employee Acknowledgement Award: Rane Russell - Fairfax Perennial Farm, Fairfax, VT

2023 Young Nursery Professional of the Year Award: Aaron Smith - S & D Landscapes, LLC, S.



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2023 UVM Student Merit Award: Abigail Chastaine, Richmond, VT

2023 Vermont Technical College Student Merit Award: Brandon Schnopps, North Adams, MA

**116 Fitness Opens in Hinesburg**

**FROM PRESS RELEASE**

116 Fitness is here for the residents of Hinesburg, Vermont that want to improve, maintain, or change their health and fitness journey. We are a small public gym that provides members with easy access to nutritional help and knowledgeable training staff. Our

gym is open 24/7 via key card access and we're close to home!

We support our community by providing the tools and the environment individuals need to develop confidence and consistency with sustainable wellness routines. Having access to nutritional training, personal training, and a space to work out on a regular basis is the perfect start to your wellness journey.

"116 Fitness is located in the center of Hinesburg, so it provides a fun and convenient space to get in and get a workout whenever is right for your schedule". Jake Middleton, ACE CPT, Owner

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## Business

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exercise mat. 116 Fitness welcomes everybody to join the new gym that is now open for business and become part of the positive space to crush your workouts!

“I needed a regularly scheduled workout with someone to hold me accountable and I couldn’t have found a better personal trainer than with Jake. I’m so grateful for his expertise with HIIT workouts and knowing how to apply this methodology to the older generation. He pushes me forward with encouragement and our fun conversations make the time fly by. He is a delightful man and I’ve recommended him to my family, who recommended him to friends and I highly recommend him to anyone with a desire to weight train, gain balance and keep active. Invest in yourself—it’s money well spent!”

— Marianne, Bristol

For more information on membership and personal training options please visit [116fitness.com](http://116fitness.com)

## Financial Focus: Are Your Goals “Must Have” or “Nice to Have”?

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Like everyone, you may have a lot of financial goals. But are they all of equal importance? Probably not. And do they share a similar timeline? Again, it’s unlikely. So, your first step may be to prioritize your goals — and then follow a process that can help you achieve them.

This process should include the following steps:

- Identify your goals as “must have” or “nice to have.” Making sure you can retire comfortably and won’t outlive your resources is a “must have” goal.
- Prioritize your investment dol-

ars. For your main “must have” goal — retirement — you’ll be helped by the ability to automatically invest through your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you’re on track toward this goal, and you budget carefully and potentially receive salary increases over the years, you may also find space to keep contributing toward the “nice to have” goals.

- Put “price tags” on your goals. You need to know what your goals will cost. You’ll need to consider some key questions, including these: When do you want to retire? What sort of retirement lifestyle do you envision? Do you see yourself downsizing your living arrangements? For other goals, though, such as purchasing a vacation home, you could get more specific on how much money you’ll need.
- Follow an appropriate strategy. The nature of your goals, and their estimated cost, along with your appetite for risk, should drive your investment strategy — but another key factor is time. So, for a long-term goal like retirement, you’ll likely need a reasonable amount of quality growth-oriented investments in your portfolio. However, to achieve a goal you want to meet in a year or so — perhaps you’re paying for a wedding or planning a long vacation — you may want to consider more stable investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), short-term bonds or even cash or cash equivalents. They may not provide much in the way of growth, but you can essentially count on them to provide the amount you need when you need it. You’ll need to regularly review the performance of your investment strategy for each goal to assess your progress.

Achieving any goals — whether they’re “must have” or “nice to have” — can be challenging. But by identifying and prioritizing these goals, following an appropriate strategy to meet them, and consistently reviewing your approach, you can help yourself get to where you want to go.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC*

## RECREATION

### HRD Spring Sports 2023

To register for HRD programs go to [hinesburgrec.com](http://hinesburgrec.com).

#### 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

#### Golf Camp with Mike Slayton at Cedar Knoll Golf Course

Tuesday through Friday, June 20–23, July 18–21, Aug. 15–18. 9 a.m.–noon. Cost is \$320.

#### 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 Road, Hinesburg.

Camp Week 1: Monday–Friday, June 19–23. 8 a.m.–noon, \$365 cost; or 8 a.m.–4 p.m., \$495 cost.

Be sure to pack a lunch, water bottle, snacks, and send boots.

#### Tennis Lessons with Sage Peterson

Join Hinesburg tennis enthusiast Sage Peterson for introductory to intermediate tennis lessons. 6-12 years. Monday – Thursday, June 19-22. 4-5 p.m. HCS courts. Cost: \$85.

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 grades 4-10. CVU Field C: Upper Lot on Pond Rd. Cost is \$125. Register at [cvuboyslax.com/camp](http://cvuboyslax.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 [cvugirlslax.weebly.com](http://cvugirlslax.weebly.com).

#### CVU Field Hockey Summer Camp

June 19-22, Mon-Thurs. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$135. For players in grades 6-9.

### Youth/Adult Recreation

#### David Mitiguy’s Summer Driver Ed

Virtual classes and in-person driving. June 19–22, 28–30, July 5–6, 11–13, and 18–20. Class time: 5:30-7 p.m. Cost: \$850 resident and \$900 non-residents.

### Hinesburg July 4th

Theme: Family Reunion

Grand Marshals: Doug Mead, John Mead, Sally Mead and families.

Hilly Hobble Fun Run is Monday, July 3.

6 p.m. Registration begins for Foot Race at Hinesburg Community School.

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 4

10 a.m. Parade assembly begins

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

10:30 a.m. Judging of parade entries. Trophies awarded in ten categories.

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

Noon. An Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Community Alliance Church located in front of the Mason’s building on Route 116.

Dusk: FIREWORKS behind HCS

Additional events will be listed as they continue to be confirmed. Registration to participate in the parade with a float will be posted at [hinesburgrec.com](http://hinesburgrec.com) along with emails to [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-4208.

### Hinesburg Concerts in the Park

After July 4 the Recreation Commission hosts another beloved summer tradition with the Hinesburg Concerts in the Park. There’s no need to leave town to hear great music. Settle in behind the Hinesburg Community School and enjoy a 25-plus year tradition. Grab a blanket or chair, some snacks, some friends, and let the kiddos run wild and dance. A great community event with lots of space.

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

July 12 – Rodney Putnam

July 19 – HCS Greenhawks to open for John Daly Band

July 26 – Rough Suspects

August 2 – Shellhouse

August 9 – Hinesburg Community Band

August 16 – In the Pocket

No rain dates.

## LIBRARY

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### Library News

We can’t believe it’s June! Here at the library we are gearing up for the summer reading program, readying our voices to circle sing outside with Jody Albright, and we are eager for the new books arriving on our shores in June from Lisa See, S.A. Cosby, Isabel Allende, Beatriz Williams, Paul Doiron, Iris Johansen and Jane Smiley. We look forward to welcoming all the new humans born in Hinesburg at the welcome baby brunch early this month. Read on for more details of everything June has in store for us here at the library.

### All Ages Programs

**Chess Club: Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Now at a new day and time! 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.

**Welcome Baby Picnic with HCRC: Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

If you welcomed a baby to your family in the last year, please come and fill out a bookplate for your new little one. We will have a selection of new books from the picture book collection. This is an opportunity to meet other new parents in the community and to celebrate literacy. There will be



snacks and entertainment. If the weather is amenable, we will meet outside the library in the yard. Always a great time, you are also welcome to join us even if your baby has been around a while, but please RSVP so we know how many attendees to expect.

### Youth Programs

For more information about any of these programs contact [jen@carpentercarse.org](mailto:jen@carpentercarse.org)

**Weekly Storytime: Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m.**

Join our community’s newest book enthusiasts for picture books, songs, movement, and rhymes that are designed to promote early language, fine motor, and pre-literacy skills in a friendly environ-

ment! 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.

**Summer Reading Program: June 15-onward**

During the summer the library offers a variety of ways for students to stay connected with their community and stay on top of their reading success. Beginning June 5, families can pick up their Good Citizenship bingo cards and start working on their summer volunteer/activity challenges. Beginning June 15, students of all ages can sign up for our summer-long reading challenge and pick up their 2023 reading logs and stickers.


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## COMMENTARY

## Less Government, More Government, or More Effective Government?

BY BILL SCHUBART

I regularly read True North Reports (TNR), billed as “the other side of Vermont news.” I’m troubled by TNR’s outline as it refers to “news” when it’s really opinion. Serious journalists differentiate between the two.

I read TNR to better hear and un-

derstand the spectrum of Vermont political opinion. Sometimes I learn things I didn’t know, hear opinions with which I can agree, or read things that galvanize my opposition to what is being expressed.

John McClaughry of the Ethan Allen Institute and I correspond occasionally on matters of mutu-

al interest and we’ve appeared on panels and media together. I can’t speak for him, but I respect his experience and opinions, though we often disagree. I’ve also been a guest many times on Bill Sayre’s excellent WDEV Radio Vermont show “Common Sense Radio.” Bill has built his brand on dialogue, often between folks who don’t see things the same way.

Confining one’s universe of understanding to those whose outlook is the same as our own only further polarizes our small state and large country. We learn nothing from living in an echo chamber and will never make progress crafting so-

lutions to our problems if we continue to define ourselves by what we oppose rather than opening our minds to the ideas and opinions of others in civil debate.

A recent opinion piece by Rob Roper in True North, titled “Vermont does not need or want a full time, professional Legislature,” got me thinking.

Roper takes on S.39, a bill to address chronic, and, I would argue, debilitating, under-compensation of Vermont’s citizen legislature. This discussion goes back decades.

In 2004, I served on a legislature-commissioned Snelling Center

summer raffle.

**Nature Walk and Book Talk: Our Better Nature - Saturday, June 24, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Join the librarians and readers from Carpenter-Carse, Charlotte, and Pierson libraries for an outdoor perambulation and discussion of books on the subject of our big, beautiful world.

For this session, we will meet at Geprag Park in Hinesburg (554 Shelburne Falls Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461). The book we’ll discuss is *Our Better Nature* by Curt Lindberg. We’ll be joined by the author and by members of Hinesburg’s Conservation Commission for a walk featuring a landscape shaped by beaver activity. In the event of rain, we will meet in the community room at Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg.

Please contact your home library to pick up a copy of the book. Grounded in experience and science, *Our Better Nature: Hopeful Excursions in Saving Biodiversity* presents readers with stories, essays, and resources to guide and inspire action in favor of nature everywhere. Dedicated to pioneering biologist and author Edward O. Wilson (1929–2021). A lifelong observer of nature, E. O. Wilson noted what we all must: Of all the challenges facing the planet, the loss of biodiversity and the current extinction crisis are among the gravest. In the face of this, and in light of Wilson’s optimism in spite of it, *Our Better Nature* offers messages of hope.

Sign up at the circulation desk or email [rachel@carpentercarse.org](mailto:rachel@carpentercarse.org). We welcome open-minded attendees regardless of age, prior knowledge, or identity. Anyone posing questions/comments disrespectfully, without intent to learn, will be asked to leave the program.

**Adult Summer Reading Kick-Off: Form opens June 1, Pickup June 21**

Beginning June 1, you can fill out a form to receive a personalized book suggestion. On the first day of summer, your book (and other goodies) will await you in one of our brand-new library tote bags! You’ll also be the first to hear what fabulous prizes lie in store for our end-of-

**Evening Book Group (Zoom) – Tuesday, June 27, 7 - 8 p.m.**

We’ll discuss *Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller (copies available for request). Email to receive the link to join the conversation.

## Library

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And of course we are again offering a series of fun and educational activities through our yearly Summer Reading Club, which meets every Wednesday morning at 10-11:30 a.m. June 21 through July 26. For a full list and descriptions of our club activities and to sign your child up, visit our Summer Reading Program page at [carpentercarse.org/summer-reading-program](http://carpentercarse.org/summer-reading-program)

**Mid-Grade Book Club: June 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

This new book club for kids meets this month on Thursday, June 22. The Mid-grade Book Club is a 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 9-12 age range. Each month we will have a fun ice-breaker activity, eat pizza, 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](mailto:jen@carpentercarse.org).

## Adult Programs

For more information about any of these programs contact [rachel@carpentercarse.org](mailto:rachel@carpentercarse.org).

**Songfarmers of Hinesburg: Thursday, June 1, 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.

**Hands and Needles: Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10 a.m. - noon.**

Bring whatever project you’re



*Our Hinesburg SongFarmers!*

working on (quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc.) to this weekly adult program for a morning of creativity and conversation.

**Mystery Book Group: Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

We’ll be meeting at the library to talk about *By Way of Sorrow* by Robyn Gigl (copies available for request).

**Circle Sing with Jody Albright: Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

Circle Singing is a community singing and sounding practice, spontaneous and evolving – like a drum circle for voices. Based on practices developed by Bobby McFerrin and his collaborators, Circle Singing is a supportive, judgment-free space to play with your voice. Leaders create songs in the moment – patterns, percussive sounds, rhythms, harmonies, melodies, recognizable words, or invented language – and teach the parts orally to the rest of the group. The parts layer together into completely original compositions, never sung before, never to be sung again.

Join Jody Albright outdoors at CCL for this workshop. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Community Room. Sign up at the

circulation desk or email [rachel@carpentercarse.org](mailto:rachel@carpentercarse.org).

**Community Dialogue on the Trans Experience: Thursday, June 15, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Trans lives are full of joys, struggles, and endless dimensions outside of what is shown in the media cycle. This Pride Month, we invite you to an open conversation hosted by Pride Center of Vermont. This is an opportunity to ask questions and increase your understanding, or to share (and celebrate!) your own perspective within the trans community.

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study group to assess and make recommendations regarding the compensation of Vermont government officials.

We made five key recommendations regarding the legislature:

**1. An increase in the base salary for legislators.** To provide reasonable remuneration for legislators that will allow citizens from many different backgrounds to serve without economic hardship, we recommend that legislative pay be tied to the average wage of Vermonters in the private sector.

**2. Tying future adjustments in legislative pay to a specific benchmark.** We recommend that legislative salaries be adjusted automatically so that they continue to be at a level equal to the average private sector salary for Vermont from the previous year.

**3. That the legislators be compensated for at least a portion of their time and expenses beyond the actual session.** We recommend that the legislators be paid a salary to cover both their work during the legislative session and their normal legislative duties when the legislature is not in session.

**4. That reimbursement rates for legislative expenses be tied to the federal government rates for Montpelier published in the Federal Register annually.**

**5. That support to cover the cost of health insurance be provided to those members who are not already covered or otherwise provided such benefits.**

This was almost 20 years ago. After all the careful study and discussion that led to these conclusions, no ac-

tion was taken by the legislature.

Read for yourself Mr. Roper’s recommendations, but, as I understand them, although he expresses sympathy for legislative under-compensation, Roper makes an inverse case – shrinking workload to achieve more equitable pay, that is get paid the same, but work less. He recommends alternating annually between a 30- and a 60-day legislative calendar. Fair enough, but ...?

And I wish he’d confined his argument to his ideas rather than indulging a need to disparage and condemn his fellow Vermonters:

“And that is what S.39 is really about: feeding those political egos. The folks running the show in Montpelier feel like they are saving the world and deserve all the trappings that go with that mighty calling. What’s more, it shouldn’t be expected of them that their talents be distracted by other mundane tasks such as other gainful employment. They want to be a full-time, full-pay class of political elites who do nothing but figure out ways to meddle in the lives everyone else 24/7/365.”

**Personally, I would argue instead for more and better government.**

Vermont faces a tsunami of complex issues on too many of which we are losing ground. Among them: access to affordable healthcare, a Vermont State College system in leadership and financial disarray, increasing deaths from drug overdoses, one of the worst homelessness rates in the country, the grim facts of childhood hunger (one in eight Vermont children face hun-

ger daily), out of reach affordable and available childcare, climate degradation of our air, water and soils, a shortage of livable-wage jobs and affordable housing.

The Roper solution is less government and less action – 30 senators and 150 representatives meeting for 30 days one year in the biennium and 60 the next. Will this enable us to solve the so far intractable problems Vermonters confront daily?

The current legislature meets for roughly four to five months. They are well served by The Legislative Counsel, which supports the legislature on a variety of legislative initiatives, especially around drafting and editing legislation consistent with prevailing law. They also maintain the official Vermont Statutes Annotated archive.

The Joint Fiscal Office, the other important legislative resource, provides non-partisan financial research and analyses to key House and Senate committees.

But beyond these two vital resources, they have little on which to base their deliberations as they confront complex systems like public education, the environment, criminal justice, and healthcare... other than

an army of self-interested lobbyists. What external resources, beyond “study committees,” does the legislature need to address the looming issues Vermonters face daily?

I would never make the case that Vermont needs a full-time, professional, market-compensated legislature like those in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. We’re too small. I would agree with Roper that such a legislature would be overkill for a state of 630,000 people.

But neither should we starve the one resource we have to build and strengthen communities, solve complex problems, and ensure that Vermont is a source of well-being for individual Vermonters and their communities. Freedom and Unity as our 235-year-old motto states an equilibrium between individual freedom and the well-being and security of our communities.

It’s long been understood that legislators don’t make enough to live on and that their work in the legislature generally precludes holding a full-time job, raising concerns that legislative service might only be possible for those whose income

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## Commentary

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and assets allow them to serve for such modest compensation or that the legislature will be peopled primarily by older retired people with some financial security and available time.

Cautious about the timing of the compensation increase, so as not to vote current sitting members a raise, the Senate has passed S.39. This is a start and should enable a broader socio-economic spectrum of Vermonters to serve.

As an appropriate trade off for enhanced compensation, the legislature would do well to heed the recent work of VTDigger with regard to making the financial and possible conflict disclosures more accessible to the electorate and to the press.

The ongoing lack of ethical accountability and enforcement has long been a source of concern to Vermonters if not their elected leaders.

In 2017, a toothless State Ethics Commission was created by Act 79.

Two years later, a code of ethics was adopted with no significant enforcement capacity.

Last year, the legislature embedded the code of ethics in statute for all state employees with a mandatory training component, but the Ethics Commission still has no investigatory or enforcement capacity, leaving the issue of ethics little more than aspirational.

Back to resources, we have in our state a wealth of economic, social, and technical resources that could enrich the legislature's decision-making capacity and provide a counter-balance to the self-interests of the lobbying industry.

Might the legislature partner with Vermont colleges and/or leading-edge nonprofit organizations to commission research and offer up possible solutions?

Let's be our best selves and agree on ways to strengthen a legislative body that can make near-term progress solving our complex and persistent problems.

## In Plain Sight

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Over the years passersby and motorists on Route 116 have had chance to spot and ponder Kevin Donegan's outdoor sculpture set in the lower corner

of the Russell House front garden across from Town Hall. I imagine drivers traveling south halted by the traffic light might use the seconds to wonder what the sculpture represents. There is no one answer, none is needed. As always it's in the eye of the beholder. None would expect its material composition could be the stuff of controversy like one lot of disposed headstones did far away in the great state of Missouri. The conundrum is a worthy topic as Memorial Day approaches.

The Route 116 sculpture named "Memorial" debuted in the 2015 North Bennington Outdoor Sculpture Show. Most of the exhibits in the annual event are large, complicated and run the gamut from serious to zany. Location name and appearances to the contrary, the North Bennington show, usually held July to October, has nothing to do with Vermont's most popular historic site, the Bennington Battle Monument. Incidentally, the Bennington Battle Monument is scheduled to undergo restoration in coming months to be completed in time for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

Memorial Day serves an important national purpose. Quintessential images of the day include solemn invocations, a lone bugler playing taps, and fluttering miniature American flags staked next to stolid rows of deceased military headstones as maintained at federal memorial cemeteries. Placement of standard marble headstones demonstrates singleness of purpose, conformity, and duty. Short of an epitaph the individual headstone's inscription is kept to a minimum, nothing more need be said, only that the inscription be as perfect and accurate. There's no place for an error inscribed on a headstone.

Most people would instinctively hesitate to tread on an inscribed headstone laid horizontal like a fieldstone or paver which essentially represents the conundrum in Springfield, Missouri. A homeowner used 150 inscribed though defective headstones face up to build a patio, photographs of which were posted on Facebook igniting a controversy carried by major news outlets, such as "No Charges for Missouri Homeowner Over Military Headstone Patio" (Reuters, August 25, 2015) and "Mystery Solved: Vet Tombstones Used for Missouri Patio Were Discards" (Fox News, May 3, 2016).

Exacting requirements of a federal government contract to mass pro-

duce headstones likely specifies no defects to include no chipped letters, incorrect spelling of the veteran's name, wrong dates, rank or service, or a crack or defect in the quality of stone. The Missouri homeowner salvaged the discarded headstones from a landfill. They were never U.S. government property, never placed at a cemetery. Most would also hesitate to dump a stock of otherwise good quality marble stone of perfect dimensions considering it a willful waste of material and would strive to think of a reuse, especially mightn't a stone carver who saw an opportunity to get a supply of good stone at a reasonable rate.

The Route 116 sculpture first took shape as a perfectly balanced vertical piece, very much resembling the 306-foot-tall 1890s vintage Bennington Battle Monument, whose rock exterior is a blue-gray magnesian limestone quarried from Kingsbury or Hudson, New York. Eventually upended, the relief of the sculpture's spiral column of vertebrae-like marble slabs still retains some semblance to the rough shaded texture of the monument's exterior. Vertically upright or installed downward neither way exposes engraved headstone detail which may or may not be actually present.

Typically no one has license to say exactly what a sculpture represents, if anything, except the sculptor. I am inclined to interpret this work as meaningful though. For instance, maybe this one missile-like form pinning the ground at the end of an imagined trajectory portrays a hopeful dud, an aspiration for today if one fast forwards relevance to Putin's barbaric launch of hypersonic cruise missiles into civilian centers in Kiev, Ukraine. Personally, I may be predisposed to think this on account of one chance viewing of an outdoor sculpture at the United Nations (UN) which happens to come back to mind every time I drive around through neighboring Saint George. I owe my comprehension of the old world style Saint George dragon image to that UN sculpture experience.

Saint George is Vermont's smallest town. Saint George the legend happens to be the once venerated patron saint of England. Since the UN experience, however, I learned pre-medieval legends of Saint George permeate multiple European cultures, ethnic communities and respective religions. In the most consistently celebrated legend Saint George saves the girl and slays the dragon. In the UN

sculpture titled "Good Defeats Evil" he demonstrably slays the dragon again. It is a large bronze sculpture of Saint George mounted on a steed lancing the prone figure head of a dragon. However this modernized version the dragon's dismembered serpentine body incorporates real life cylindrical sections of dismantled U.S. and Soviet short range European-based nuclear missiles. The Russian sculptor, Zurab Tsereteli, unveiled his work in 1990 at a UN ceremony commemorating the 1987 signing of the INF Treaty between the two countries.



Defective headstone block piece in stone pile.



Good Defeats Evil United Nations Facebook Photo March 5, 2020.



Finished sculpture titled Memorial.



Town of Saint George Road Sign

## EDUCATION

### CVSD Offers Publicly Funded PreK

CVDS PRESS RELEASE

Champlain Valley School District is offering publicly funded prekindergarten (PreK) for children between the ages of 3 and 5 who reside in the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston.

Now Enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year

Children must be at least 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2023, to qualify for PreK funding.

What is publicly funded prekindergarten education?

**Publicly funded prekindergarten is defined as:**

- Ten hours per week (for 35 weeks) of developmentally appropriate early learning experiences that is based on Vermont's Early Learning Standards.
- Children who reside in Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston; and will be 3, 4 or 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023; and who are not attending kindergarten, are eligible for universal PreK funding from CVSD. Funding is limited to 35 weeks during the academic school year (September 2023 - June 2024).
- Publicly-funded PreK services can be found in schools and qualified community-based programs (homes and centers).
- The state tuition rate paid to community-based private PreK providers on behalf of CVSD children attending prekindergarten during the 2023-2024 school year is \$3,764.

**How do I apply?**

- The full registration packet is available on CVSD's website at [ti-](https://www.cvdsd.org)

[nyurl.com/C33RBSWE](https://nyurl.com/C33RBSWE)

- You will need to enroll your child with the private pre-qualified pre-kindergarten program and register directly with the school district for Act 166 funding.

For additional information about publicly funded prekindergarten or if you have any concerns about your child's development, please visit the CVSD website or contact Erin Gagne at [egagne@cvsdvt.org](mailto:egagne@cvsdvt.org). Our Early Education team provides developmental screenings in the areas of communication, social-emotional development, motor skills, adaptive development, and cognition.

If you have questions about the CVSD Act 166 registration process, contact Suzanne Curtis at [scurtis@cvsdvt.org](mailto:scurtis@cvsdvt.org) or 802-985-1903.

### Vermont Law and Graduate School Announces Initiative to Support Abenaki Community

#### First Nations Scholarship Will Help Students Pursue JD and Master's Degrees

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont Law and Graduate School announced a new VLGS scholarship initiative to support the indigenous people of Vermont.

The First Nations scholarship is available to citizens of state or federally recognized tribes. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable indigenous students to pursue careers in any of the many

programs offered by Vermont Law and Graduate School, including legal degrees within the Law School and master's degrees offered by the Graduate School and its School for the Environment.

"We are pleased to announce during this Abenaki Recognition and Heritage Week our commitment to supporting the indigenous people of Vermont," said Vermont Law and Graduate School President Rod Smolla. "As a concrete first step in strengthening our relationship, we are pleased to announce that an annual scholarship supporting an indigenous Vermont student's pursuit of a legal degree will now be available immediately."

In addition, Smolla announced he has reached out to the Abenaki Alliance leadership to meet this summer to discuss the legal needs of Abenaki communities and additional steps that Vermont Law and Graduate School may undertake to provide support for those needs.

A representative from the Abenaki Alliance, a consortium of Native community advocates, offered, "We are grateful for the connections that have formed between our respective communities and appreciate this generous opportunity for the upcoming generations to have

access to a legal course of study within our homelands."

**About Vermont Law and Graduate School:** Vermont Law and Graduate School, a private, independent institution, is home to a law school that offers both residential and online hybrid JD programs and a graduate school that offers master's degrees and certificates in multiple disciplines, including programs offered by the School for the Environment, the Center for Justice Reform, and other graduate-level programs emphasizing the intersection of environmental justice, social justice and public policy. Both the Law and Graduate Schools strongly feature experiential clinical and field work learning. For more information, visit [vermontlaw.edu](https://vermontlaw.edu), Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**About the Abenaki Alliance:** The mission of the Abenaki Alliance is to foster a collective voice for the Abenaki communities of our homelands while building a strong, sustainable and united presence that shares our Native heritage, culture and values with those around us. Visit them at [abenakialliance.org](https://abenakialliance.org).



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## Resilient Carbon

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

In the midst of a climate crisis, many people are interested in forests' ability to help mitigate climate change by *sequestering* and *storing* carbon. While managing forests for carbon may seem simple in principle, in practice it is incredibly nuanced, complex and unintuitive.

*What is forest carbon?* While we may picture carbon as some shapeless, amorphous substance, most carbon in the forest is, in short, wood. As a tree photosynthesizes, it sequesters carbon – sucking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. Combined with a few other elements, that carbon is transformed into sugars and starches which are used to help the tree grow, much of it ending up *stored* in the tree's branches, trunk and roots. When that tree dies, some of its carbon will be released into the atmosphere through the process of decomposition, and some of it will be stored in the forest as dead wood and eventually as organic material in forest soils. Incredibly, only about one-third of the carbon in a typical Vermont forest is found in living trees. The majority – about

60 percent – is stored in the soil.

In the form of living trees and plants, carbon feeds and shelters thousands of species of living things, forming the living structure around which the forest community is built. In the form of dead wood, carbon benefits forest hydrology, provides habitat for mammals, amphibians, insects and fungi, and enriches forest soils. *Forests are not carbon factories:* carbon is a co-benefit of healthy forested ecosystems, one which must be considered alongside wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and many other vital qualities, functions and values. Forest management will always be a balance between many things – we cannot responsibly manage forests solely for carbon any more than we can manage them solely for timber or for any other individual resource.

While research suggests that unmanaged forests store more carbon than managed forests in the short-term, our forests are young and altered, vulnerable to large-scale natural disturbances and to an expansive array of threats and stressors which fundamentally challenge their ability to grow, to thrive, and thus to sequester and store carbon in the future. While it would be comforting to believe it, leaving all of our forests unmanaged is not a viable or responsible long-term strategy for carbon or for climate mitigation.



"Most carbon in the forest is, in short, wood."

Instead, we need to focus on *resilient carbon*: carbon which is stored in healthy, diverse, resilient forests. In many – if not most – cases, management *will* be necessary to help forests develop qualities like multi-generationality and diversity which are integral to their ability to be resilient and adaptable in a changing climate, as well as to respond to the countless forest health and biodiversity threats that they face. This will often mean removing some carbon from forests in the short-term (cutting trees) in order to safeguard their ability to sequester and store carbon in the long-term. This carbon will not be a loss – it will be an investment in a more abundant and resilient future.

As we consider the nuances of forest carbon, we must also recognize the present and future carbon costs of our lives. When we use carbon as a justification for saying "not in my backyard" to forest management, we often trade local wood for wood produced in industrial forests which use *much* less carbon-friendly practices, and/or for resources like steel and concrete which have massive carbon footprints. We engage in the *illusion of preservation*

, displacing the impacts of our consumption on ecosystems somewhere else and on people without the privilege of saying "not in my backyard" – likely with a much greater cost to our forests, our climate, and our global community.

The future of forest carbon is not a landscape of unmanaged forests – it is a landscape where forests are managed for resilience and adaptability, for biodiversity, for local, renewable resources and for resilient carbon, all at once. As we try to protect our forests and ourselves in a changing climate, it is critical that we reject simple and incomplete solutions in favor of nuance and complexity, and that we do the right thing even when it makes us uncomfortable. *Resilient carbon* is another example of what is so often the case in our forests: that what is simple is rarely true and what is necessary is rarely easy.

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](http://linktr.ee/ChittendenCountyForester).

## Turtles Must be Left in the Wild

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says keeping native turtles as pets is prohibited because it can harm the turtle and pose threats to wild turtle populations.

"Capturing a wild turtle and keeping it as a pet, even if only for a short time, is detrimental to that individual turtle and also to



Bringing home a native Vermont wild turtle to keep as a pet is illegal because it can be harmful for the individual animal and local turtle populations. VTF&W Photo by Luke Groff.

Vermont's turtle populations as a whole," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife herpetologist Luke Groff. "Releasing captured turtles back into the wild comes with risks as well." Groff says the risks include introducing diseases or disrupting the genetics of wild populations.

"Adult turtles often have well-defined home ranges and know exactly where to find shelter, food and mates. Turtles released in unfamiliar habitats are likely to be disoriented and stressed, and they may attempt to return home, potentially causing them to cross roads and be struck by vehicles."

Groff says taking a turtle out of the wild means removing its reproductive contribution to the population. "Turtles are slow to develop, especially those living at northern latitudes where the growing season is short. Many of Vermont's turtle species do not reproduce until they are at least 10 years of age. Older, sexually mature females are critically important to the long-term persistence of some Vermont turtle populations. The loss of even a couple mature females from some populations may have serious consequences."

Some common species you are likely to see include the painted turtle and snapping turtle. The wood turtle, spotted turtle and spiny softshell are rare in Vermont, and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department urges you to report sightings of these species to the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas: [vtherpatlas.org](http://vtherpatlas.org).

If you see some of Vermont's native turtles, Groff says "Feel free to take a photo home with you, but support Vermont's turtles by leaving them in the wild."

For more information on Vermont's native turtle species, visit Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website and search for Reptiles or contact Vermont Fish and Wildlife herpetologist Luke Groff at [Luke.Groff@vermont.gov](mailto:Luke.Groff@vermont.gov).

Have news? email [news@hinesburgrecord.org](mailto:news@hinesburgrecord.org).



Oliver Greene of Hinesburg with a 1st place trophy from his age group from last year's Chittenden Co. Fish & Game Club's Annual Father's Day fishing derby. Ollie now 8 years old just bagged his first wild turkey on the opening day of Vermont's youth turkey hunting season, a whopping 21 pounder.

## Chittenden County Fish & Game Club's Annual Fathers Day Fishing Derby

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## Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Now Open

**Free Admission, Exhibits, and Engaging Activities Highlight the 2023 Season**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is open daily with free admission from May 20 – October 15.

Located on the shores of Lake Champlain by Vergennes, Vermont, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum offers a unique, engaging experience for families, history buffs, mariners, boat builders, learners, paddlers, and lake lovers of all ages. All are welcome to browse exhibits, stroll and picnic on museum grounds, learn about historic and replica boats, watch boats being built, shop for local gifts in the museum store, and take part in educa-

tional activities.

"We believe that all people should have equal and free access to Lake Champlain and the opportunity to learn from the lake and our history, connect with each other, and be inspired to see new possibilities," said Lauren Ross, the museum's director of development and interim co-director. "Thanks to our sponsors, donors, and members, our doors are open for free in 2023 and we look forward to welcoming everyone on campus this season."

**Highlights of the 2023 season include:**

**Free admission:** The museum is free for all visitors, open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from May 20 – Oct. 15. Plan a visit at [lcomm.org/visit](http://lcomm.org/visit).

**Indoor and outdoor exhibits:** Visitors can enjoy a dozen exhibit spaces on campus including the updated "Hazelett Small Watercraft Center" which documents the history and craft of small boats in the Champlain Valley; outboard motors collection on display in "Steam to Gasoline," open for the first time since the pandemic; and new inter-

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# ORGANIZATIONS

## Shelburne Age Well June 13 Grab and Go Senior Meal

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 Tuesday, June 13. The meal will be available for pick up in the parking lot at 72 Church St. from 11 a.m. until noon. These meals are available for all 60 or older. These meals are nutritious and delicious.

The menu is: Meatloaf with brown sauce, mashed potatoes. Mixed vegetables, wheat bread, apple crisp with topping, and milk.

To order a meal: please contact Kathleen by Wednesday, June 7. Email: (preferred) [agewellstcath@gmail.com](mailto:agewellstcath@gmail.com), phone: 802-503-1107.

Deadline to order is Wednesday, June 7. 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 dine at one of the participating restaurants. More information on this program can be located on the Age Well site: [agewellvt.org](http://agewellvt.org).

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mance on the College Board SAT or ACT exams or through nominations made by chief state school officers, other partner recognition organizations and YoungArts, the National Foundation for the Advancement of Artists.

As directed by Presidential Executive Order, the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 scholars in the arts and 20 scholars in career and technical education.

Created in 1964, the U.S.

Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 8,000 of the nation's top-performing students. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

The Presidential Scholars Class of 2023 will be recognized for their outstanding achievement this summer with an online recognition program.

A complete list of 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars is available at [ed.gov/psp](http://ed.gov/psp).

## AARP Vermont Announces State Walking College Fellowships

### Several locals receive Fellowships

FROM PRESS RELEASE

AARP Vermont has announced the names of 17 local advocates who have received Fellowships to participate in the 2023 Vermont State Walking College.

The program is presented in partnership with America Walks, a national education and advocacy organization which works to advance safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places

to walk and move by giving people and communities the resources to effectively advocate for change.

"We are delighted to welcome this group of passionate local leaders who are working to improve walkability and livability in communities throughout the state," said Kelly Stoddard-Poor, Associate State Director with AARP Vermont, "The Fellows represent a range of backgrounds and experiences, including community organizing, health and wellness, economic development, and planning."

The full list of Vermont State Walking College Fellows can be found at [tinyurl.com/WalkingFellows](http://tinyurl.com/WalkingFellows).

Local Fellows are Deirdre Holmes from Charlotte, Barbara Johnson from Shelburne, and Beth Anne

Royer from Hinesburg.

Deirdre Holmes is a Dutch-American walking and cycling enthusiast. She lives in an old farmhouse in Charlotte with her husband where they operate several world music enterprises, plant trees, garden and make maple syrup. Her two adult daughters now live in the UK and Canada. She has an MA in Ecological Urban and Regional Planning, and serves on the Charlotte Energy Committee, and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission on the Transportation Advisory Committee. She enjoys trips to Montreal where active transportation is increasingly inviting, comfortable and inspiring, as well as long rural walks in Vermont with a good friend, upbeat music or an engaging podcast.

Barbara Johnson recently retired from a 45-year career as a clinical lab scientist at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vermont. She grew up near Schenectady, New York, and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado in 1976. She raised four daughters, all of whom still live in Vermont. Barbara walks outside almost every day regardless of inclement or challenging weather, and believes this activity is vital to her physical and mental health. When she purchased

her home about 30 years ago, she wanted to live in a place where she could go out and walk for 30 minutes without driving somewhere to do that. She was surprised by how many housing options were eliminated from her search because of this criterion. She is interested in promoting a future where more people walk or bike to needed services such as schools, town offices, grocery stores, pharmacies, libraries, and post offices. She believes this would lead to a society that is healthier and more connected to neighbors. Barbara hopes that her participation in the Walking College will help her to be a strong advocate for this vision.

Beth Anne Royer is a poet and a librarian. She lives in Hinesburg, and enjoys using her feet and self-powered wheels to get around. She enjoys contemplating spaces where commerce, surprises, and art can all get along. She reads a lot, likes long bike rides, and sometimes will walk to the airport instead of taking public transportation there. Her enthusiasm for human power has its roots in her childhood in a small, walkable town (the home of Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon).

Fellows will complete a series of modules covering leadership development, coalition-building, walkable community design, local pub-

lic policy, and strategic planning. The instructional content includes online study materials, video-conferenced discussion forums with other Fellows, and community assignments. Each Fellow will receive one-on-one coaching from a personal mentor to assist them in developing a Walking Action Plan for their community.

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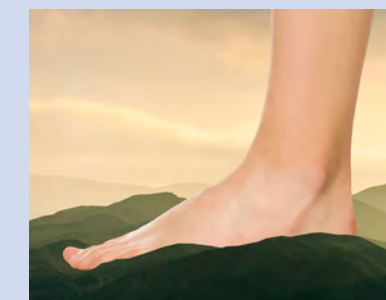
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# OBITUARIES

## June Wortheim Tabor Giroux

June Wortheim Tabor Giroux, age 91, passed away peacefully at her home in Hinesburg on May 4, 2023, with MaryJo by her side.

June was born to Hazel (Wortheim) and Baron Tabor of Richmond, Vermont, on July 20, 1931. She attended Richmond schools, graduating in 1949. For a short time she attended UVM and was then employed at New England Telephone during dial conversion in 1950-51. She married Bernard Giroux in August of 1951 and they resided the rest of their lives in Hinesburg where they raised their seven children.

In addition to child rearing, June co-founded both the library at Hinesburg Elementary School in 1968 and the monthly Hinesburg Record newspaper in 1987. She became the school's first librarian, participated in local, state and national library associations and retired after 18 years of service. The Hinesburg Record was a creation to which she was deeply committed. It continues as a community-minded source of local news as she intended.

June was also a trustee of the Carpenter-Carse library, a member of the first Parish Board at St. Jude Church, held office in the Richmond Alumni Association, participated in activities of the Vermont Diabetes organization and the Hinesburg Fire Department and was active in Scouting and school organizations with her children. Favorite pastimes included bird watching, enjoying her cat Lily, attending theater productions, reading, crossword puzzles, pinochle and traveling, especially around Vermont and other states, with Bernard. She had special friends of many years including her "Hen Club" of ladies and the "Deer Camp Crowd" of couples that gave her so much joy. June cherished her family and planned many family gatherings and reunions.

June is survived by six of her children and their spouses: Sue and Ed McGuire of Hinesburg, Mark of Essex Junction, Peter and Betsy of North Carolina, Tom of Hinesburg, Jim and Genny of Washington, and MaryJo and LeRoy Brace of Hinesburg. She was a proud grandmother and great-grand-



June Wortheim (Tabor) Giroux

mother to Jenna (Scott) Light, daughter Eliza; Jessa (Ryan) Bliss, boys Aiden, Nolan and Miles; Brian (Sharon) Brace, daughters Emmaline and Aralyn; and Kirsten (Quinn) Norton. She is also survived by her dear sister MaryAnn Tabor of Essex Junction, half-brothers Brian and James Tabor of Massachusetts, and many nieces and nephews.

June was predeceased by her beloved husband Bernard and son Daniel as well as her parents, her sisters Freda Grassley and Joyce Stokes, and a special sister-in-law, Mona Giroux.

In June's words left for us – "I view a person's life as a celebration and at death we should recall all the joys and laughter, the good times and the good example that the person left for us. Their life was a step in our life." Her memory is our blessing.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at St. Jude Catholic Church, with burial immediately following at the Hinesburg Village Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider gifts in memory of June to the Hinesburg Record, Hinesburg Community School Library or the Hinesburg Fire Department.

## Kathleen "Kay" Cody Sengle

October 26, 1930 – April 21, 2023

On April 21, 2023, Kathleen Cody Sengle passed away peacefully at The Village at Penn State, State College, Pennsylvania, where she had been a resident for the previous seven and a half years. Kathleen was born on Oct. 26,



Kathleen "Kay" Cody Sengle

1930, in Syracuse, New York, and was raised on the Cody dairy farm in the town of Fenner, New York. She was the eldest of three children of Mabel Richards Cody and K. Stanley Cody, who predeceased her. She is survived by her brother Kendall Cody (Jane) of Fenner, New York, and was predeceased by her sister Mildred "Milly" Eagan (Ed) of Long Island, New York.

Kathleen graduated from Cazenovia Central School and earned a BA in English at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany. She also earned an MA in English at SUNY-Albany and a MS in Counseling at Lehigh University. She began her working career teaching in Campbell, New York, and it was during her college breaks and summer vacations while waitressing at Skytop Lodge in the Pocono Mountains that she met John "Jake" Sengle, who was a science teacher at the local primary school, Barrett Elementary Center. Jake and Kathleen were married in Mountainhome, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 20, 1955, the day after the infamous "Flood of '55" that devastated the Pocono Mountains region. Jake and Kathleen shared almost 55 years of marriage until Jake's death on Feb. 13, 2010.

From 1955 until 2015, Kathleen lived and worked in Mountainhome and served as a teacher and school counselor for the Pocono Mountain School district until her retirement in 1992. Kay was an active member of the Mountainhome United Methodist Church, a stalwart supporter of and long-time volunteer at the Barrett Friendly Library, was active in the local AAUW chapter, a supporter of Boy Scout Troop 89 of Barrett Township, and a charter member and active volunteer for the Barrett Township Historical Society.

Jake and Kathleen traveled widely in the United States and abroad.

Kathleen was a woman of keen intellect, an avid reader, a wonderful conversationalist with great intellectual curiosity, a devotee of PBS and British television, and a lover of beauty and culture. She was a great believer in the importance of hard work, fairness, equality and the "common good." Kathleen loved her family unconditionally. She was a supportive mother, aunt, sister, and grandmother, and she and Jake gladly sacrificed to enhance the lives of their family. Kathleen, like her husband, was unfailingly humble, and in all things, placed the needs of others ahead of her own. She was a loyal and devoted friend and left the world a better place for her time in it.

Kathleen will be dearly missed by many but none more than her family: sons John (Jo Ann) of Julian, Pennsylvania, and Edward (Beth) of Hinesburg, Vermont; her grandchildren, Ben Barrett, Laura Sengle (Jeff Wagner), Jackson Sengle, Maria Sengle, and Henry Sengle; and her three great-grandchildren.

The Sengle family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the nurses and staff at Mt. Nittany Hospital, The Atrium at the Village at Penn State and UMPC-Home Hospice for their competent and compassionate care and for helping to make Kathleen's final days a time of calm and peace.

Contributions in Kathleen's memory may be made to: Barrett Friendly Library, 6500 Route-191, Cresco, PA 18326 and Centre County Library and Historical Museum, 200 North Allegheny St., Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Celebrations of life in State College and Mountainhome will be at later dates. "Keep Calm and Carry On."

Arrangements are under the direction of Wetzler Funeral Service, Inc. in Bellefonte.

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## Eric Spivack

Eric Spivack of Hinesburg, Vermont, suddenly passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at the age of 63. Beloved by his family, he is survived by his wife Margaret, sons Ronald and Evan, parents Jolyon and Dorothy Spivack, sister Faye and husband Mark Kushinsky, mother-in-law Barbara Carter, brothers-in-law Jonathan and wife Veronica Carter and Robert and wife Lisa Carter, and nieces and nephews Shaul Kushinsky and wife Rebecca Somach, Dahlia Kushinsky, Nex Carter, and Kelsyn Carter.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Eric grew up in Stoughton, Massachusetts, and graduated from Bentley University. He was a longtime firefighter of more than 35 years, beginning his career in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in 1986. He moved to Hinesburg, Vermont, in 1998 and has served with the Hinesburg Fire Department since. He worked his way through the ranks, including obtaining extra



Eric Spivack

training as an EMT, and was actively serving as an Assistant Chief. He was posthumously promoted to Deputy Chief. Eric also served as the education liaison for the Hinesburg Fire Department to the Hinesburg Community School, and could be seen driving the firetrucks to the school and providing demonstrations to the students.

Eric was a proud firefighter. He loved the department and his community. He always insisted on driving himself despite being told that his rank allowed him to just ride, and could often be found behind the wheel of Engine #1. He is described as being like "a kid in the

toy store" when he was talking about the engines.

Growing up, Eric was an active member of the Boy Scouts, and the ideals and principles that he learned helped guide him throughout his life. It was an important connection between him and his father, and later his nephew Shaul and more recently his sons, Ronald and Evan. Eric loved to participate in hiking and camping activities alongside both Cub Scout Pack 691 and Boy Scout Troop 690.

Eric deeply loved his wife and sons and was immensely proud of them. He could often be found bringing them back and forth between activities, including swimming, various band practices, and Boy Scouts. He and the family loved building Legos together, and their house is full of their individual and family

projects. They also loved watching movies together, and he was happy to put up with their Star Wars obsessions.

On his time off, Eric also loved watching fire and police related shows including Adam-12, Emergency!, Chicago PD, Chicago Fire, Chicago Med, 911, NCIS Los Angeles, NCIS New Orleans, and Fire Country as well as other shows such as Big Bang Theory. He enjoyed playing games on his phone during his free time.

Eric loved his town through and through. His family thanks the town for all of their love and support in this time and over the years.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Hinesburg Firefighters Association or a cancer charity of your choice.

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# BACK STORIES

## of Hinesburg

### Vermont Open Studio Tour Celebrates 31 Years

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BY KEVIN LEWIS

The thirty-first year of Vermont Spring Open Studio Weekend will be held during Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Visitors will have the opportunity to plan a tour that brings them through the small towns of Vermont to studios where they can purchase beautiful well-made things and talk with the artist who made them.

Open Studio Weekend is a celebration of the creation of craft and artwork and the work life of Vermont artists. With a focus on the studio, including workspace and materials, the event aims to illustrate both that creating art requires an investment of time, training, and specialized tools and equipment, and that the process is accessible and rewarding.

The Vermont Crafts Council affirms that creative problem solving is an essential human skill that will be strengthened with engagement with non-digital materials, clay, wood, metals, glass, felt, thread, cloth, paper, and paints. The history of craft traditions in Vermont presents a window into past community life that is again being embraced by a new generation seeking a grounded connection to human, handmade, functional artwork that is used in everyday life.

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

work. Several of these centers will feature groups of artists and themed displays and special sales for the weekend.

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

A key part of the Open Studio experience is planning your own route through the Vermont countryside at the end of May when it is transitioning from spring to summer.

Open Studio Weekend welcomes visitors to over 155 sites across Vermont. More details about the artists, including pictures of their work, are available at [Vermontcrafts.com](http://Vermontcrafts.com). Pick up a Vermont Studio Tour Map booklet at travel information centers on I-89 and I-91, or from participating artists.

#### Meinhardt Design Inc.



[meinhardtdesign.com](http://meinhardtdesign.com)  
202 Murray Drive, Richmond VT  
04477.

Jean Meinhardt. Hand-thrown porcelain pottery, micro-crystalline glazes.

For many years, Jean Meinhardt worked as a production thrower. That time allowed her to develop and hone throwing skills and eye for form. Since starting her own business in 1991, her work has evolved to include all aspects of the process, from design to the finished product.

Jean has chosen to work in porcelain because of its vitreous strength and the pure and neutral background that it gives her glazes.

Originally, Jean tested many types of glazes; from gas-fired Song Dynasty inspired ware, to crystal glazes fired in a computer-controlled electric kiln. This experimentation led her to develop the glazes that she is currently using. These glazes are a family of high-fired micro-crystalline glazes.

During the firing process, tiny crystals are formed in the glaze which refract light and create the iridescent quality of the surface. The process of glaze melt and crystal formation gives the glazes a dynamic dimension, which can look quite different under different lighting conditions.

In her work to develop these glazes, Jean has aimed to create something that will do more than simply cover the form. The surfaces that she finds most appealing are those that invite your eye to take a closer look. Jean strives to achieve a balance between simplicity of form and richness of surface and to make something that can be appreciated over time through daily use.

#### Huntington Valley Arts



[huntingtonvalleyarts.org](http://huntingtonvalleyarts.org)  
2209 Main Road, Huntington VT  
05462.

Fiber arts, weaving, shibori, knitwear. Celebrating the creativity and craftsmanship in the Huntington valley.

Huntington Valley Arts Inc. exists to encourage and promote the development of artists, art projects and art education. It works to connect our arts community with our local community as a whole, and emphasizes the importance of the public sharing and celebration of art processes and finished works. At this time, HVA is in a position to offer aid to individu-

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jdubingrossman@hinesburg.org).

### The Hinesburg Record

Help publish your community newspaper which is produced by volunteers who write, edit, and lay it out each month. The Record needs people to write and edit copy, take photos, and help with distribution and mailing. One-time or occasional submission of articles is more than welcome.

If you are interested contact us at [news@hinesburgrecord.org](mailto:news@hinesburgrecord.org).