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Hinesburg Community School Awarded Grant

HCS is One of Ten Schools and Districts Selected for the Second Cohort

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

Hinesburg Community School (HCS) was selected as one of 10 schools nationally to partner with the national education nonprofit organization, Transcend, to be a part of their second cohort of the Rural Schools Design Community. This is a ten-month program where school administrators and faculty will prioritize reimagining their school model to better serve students and families.

At the start of the ten-month program, each school community will identify a core team to lead the process in their communities. Through this program, teams work locally to enlist their broad-



er community in shaping the vision for their reimagined school. Throughout the 10 months, the groups will also engage in convenings, exploring high-impact topics such as generating a community-led school design process to achieve equitable results for all students, understanding the skills

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Hinesburg Harvest Festival



The Hinesburg Fall Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the town green behind the police station. Contact Hinesburg Recreation Department (HRD) for questions, at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 802-482-4208.

10 a.m. No Strings Marionette Company at the United Church of Hinesburg.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Activities for all Ages behind the police station: food, crafts, music by the HCS GreenHawks, Flint & Steale, and Rik Palieri & the Hinesburg SongFarmers.

6 p.m. Stone Soup Supper in Osborne Parish Hall at the United Church. See below for details.

Stone Soup Supper at United Church

Sept. 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

It's time to again to join neighbors and friends and enjoy the bounty of the season while sharing a meal at the annual Stone Soup Supper, Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at the United Church. Beginning in 2005, the Hinesburg Land Trust has organized this event in celebration of the amazing local food that is grown in Hinesburg and surrounding towns by farmers and home gardeners. A community harvest meal is a tradition in many cultures and, as in the story of Stone Soup, a great way to bring newcomers and old-timers together, allowing us to share our gratitude for the land, the farmers and each other.

The supper will feature a variety of soups, salads and desserts to

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Reimagining Forest Management

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

When I walk in the woods with people, I often invite them to reimagine the forest. Whether you are a forester or a forest-lover, we all tend to focus on trees. While there is no question that trees are a vital component of forests, they aren't everything. Reimagining forests means broadening our definition of "the forest" from "a bunch of trees" to a dynamic and diverse community of trees, plants, animals, insects, fungi and more.



A yellow warbler.
(photo credit Gary Sturgis)

When we allow ourselves to reimagine the forest, we can see that the way that the trees in a forest are growing is as vital as the trees themselves. We can see the importance of the composition (different species of trees) and structure (different sizes and ages of trees) of the trees in the forest, the importance of having some big trees (including big trees which are declining, dying, hollow and full of cavities), dead-standing trees ("snags"), lots of dead wood on the forest floor and healthy soils. Each of these conditions is vital to the

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Wednesday, August 23	7:00pm Planning Commission Meeting
7:00pm	Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting
7:00pm	Affordable Housing Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 24	3:30pm Chess Club at CCL
Friday, August 25	5:00pm Free Community Dinner Aug. 25
Saturday, August 26	Hinesburg Independence Day

Two Residents Graduate

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BY HEATHER ROBERTS

Property Tax Bills Mailed Week of August 21

The Selectboard set the municipal tax rate at their meeting on Aug. 16. Bills will be calculated and printed the week of Aug. 21 and mailed out by the end of that week. With any luck, you have received your bill by now. If you have not, or if you have any questions about your bill, please contact the Clerk's office at 802-482-2281 x 1 or email hroberts@hinesburg.org or kfrazier@hinesburg.org.

The overall residential rate for FY24 increased 0.1012 cents per \$100 of assessed value and the overall non-residential rate increased by 0.1313 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Much of this increase is attributable to the state education tax with only 0.0216 per \$100 of assessed value coming from town and local taxes.

We will be mailing out "revised" bills each week to those people who filed for an extension on their income taxes and therefore filed their Homestead Declaration and Request of Property Tax Adjustment forms after the deadline of April 17. If you receive a revised bill and have any questions, please contact the Clerk's office.

LETTERS

Letter Policy

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from Hinesburg residents and from others who are involved in issues that affect our town. The opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor are those of the writers.

All letters must be signed. Addresses and phone numbers must also be provided for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

Letters should be 500 words or less, and we reserve the right to edit based on available space. When possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for statewide, national, and international issues.

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

You are welcome to make payments between now and the due date of Nov. 15, 2023, in order to partially pay the amount due in smaller increments. Payments can be mailed, dropped in the secure drop box outside the Clerk's office or handed to us in person during normal business hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday). If you would like a receipt, please bring your bill with you so we can stamp it paid or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Records Restoration

The Town Clerk's office is undertaking several initiatives to improve access to our land records. We will be closing the office for a day or two this fall to inventory our vault and set priorities for digitization and restoration. Please keep an eye on Front Porch Forum for specific dates of closures. Our land records are available on our website: hinesburg.org/town-clerk/pages/land-records back to July 2000 and we hope to add more historical records to our database over the next year.

Green Mountain Passports

Despite the rainy summer we've had this year, the Green Mountain Passport continues to be popular. This pass gives those 62 years of age and above, as well as military veterans, free day use entry to all Vermont State Parks. The pass costs \$2 and is good for life. Simply stop by the Clerk's office during our regular hours to purchase one. The brief application form is available on our website: hinesburg.org/town-clerk/pages/green-mountain-passport or at the Clerk's office.

Selectboard Highlights

BY MERRILY LOVELL, SELECTBOARD CHAIRPERSON

June 21

On the longest day of the year, we had perhaps our shortest meeting, covering our agenda items in less than an hour.

The selectboard appointed Joe Pasteris to the Town Forest Committee for a term of three years.

The Howard Center was not able to come to give an overview of their Community Outreach Program.

The selectboard reappointed Ed Waite as Fire Warden for a term of three years.

The creation of a Town Commons Committee was approved by the selectboard.

Todd had shown us most of the amendments that were created to the Town Personnel Policy before. At this meeting, we voted to accept the Amended Personnel Policy.

The selectboard discussed the request from Waitsfield Telecom to put up three poles on private property on Magee Hill to bring broadband wires into the area. The selectboard had questions about whether the wires needed to be underground. Staff will look into the town policies and this item will come back at a later time.

Town Manager Report

Aldrich and Elliott is reviewing plans for the Waste Water Treatment Facility, looking into viable alternatives. This review will take eight weeks, at no cost to the town, and then a report will come to the selectboard.

Todd reported on a meeting with Hinesburg representatives, Richmond representatives and the state police. Currently Hinesburg is covering Richmond police needs on a temporary basis. We hope to have more developments on this project in the future.

CGR, our Public Safety Survey consulting group, met with focus groups last week. There is now a survey on the town website; postcards will also be sent out soon with links to the survey.

A lead water service line survey is being conducted by MSK Engineering. Information on this is also available on the town website.

July 5

The selectboard approved a petition from Waitsfield Valley Telecom for two wire crossings of Magee Hill Road, where the WTCV is expanding broadband service. This issue came to the selectboard at our last meeting but we were unclear about whether these lines needed to be underground. Staff reported that the subdivision regulations requiring underground utilities do not apply to this situation, so the selectboard gave their approval.

Selectboard members voiced support for the fire department request for using the retired police cruiser as a staff car on a trial basis.

The selectboard approved the list of unlicensed dogs, those dogs who were licensed last year but were not relicensed this year. Although the Town Clerk already sent out a list to delinquent owners, and received many sad replies that their dogs were no longer living, there are still a significant number of unlicensed dogs whose owners have

not responded. The selectboard agreed to send out another reminder letter.

The selectboard reviewed and discussed updated conceptual cost estimates for the Town Hall roof stabilization. Since the proposed major Town Hall renovation will not be happening for some time, Assistant Town Manager Joy Dubin Grossman looked into the cost of shoring up the roof and walls so that the large room at Town Hall can be used. The selectboard agreed that getting the large meeting room back in service was well worth the estimated cost of \$300,000.

Town manager report

The grand list estimate made for Town Meeting was reasonably accurate, and the selectboard will approve a new tax rate in August.

We had to cancel the fireworks on July 4 because the field was too wet. One of the company's trucks got stuck. Hinesburg will pay 10 percent of the fee for cancelling, but not the whole cost of the fireworks.

July 19

This week's meeting was in person only due to key staff being on vacation. The meeting consisted of approving applicants for various committees and commissions. Hinesburg is very fortunate to have such a willing and talented group of residents to serve in these positions.

As there were two applicants for the Planning Commission, Becky Alford and John Little, the selectboard interviewed both applicants and decided to wait until our next meeting to make appointments.

The selectboard appointed Summer Stratton to the Conservation Commission.

Roberta MacDonald was appointed by the selectboard to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Maggie Gordon was appointed to the Town Common Committee.

August 2

The selectboard appointed Bill Scott to the Conservation Committee and Lenore Budd to the Town Common Committee. Becky Alford and John Little, who were interviewed at our last meeting, were appointed to the Planning Commission.

Scott LaValley gave the selectboard an overview of the work of the Howard Center generally and in Hinesburg in particular. He then answered questions from selectboard members.

The selectboard was led through the changes proposed for our Water and Wastewater Budgets and Rates by Town Manager Todd Odit. We will plan to vote on approving them at our next meeting to give

time for any public input.

Town Manager Report

The Highway Foreman position has been filled, and the fourth highway position may soon be filled.

The Village South Sidewalk is 98 percent complete. The surprise discovery of a spring where the sidewalk ends near the school has caused some complications.

The contract with Richmond police is going well. Hinesburg has provided both on call and patrol services. We are negotiating with Richmond for a longer-term contract. Depending on the terms of that contract, we may hire a new temporary full-time officer to cover both Richmond and Hinesburg. The costs for that officer would be more than covered by the new contract.

The Act 250 Hearing for Hinesburg Center II has been scheduled for Aug. 23, 9 a.m. in the lower level conference room at the Hinesburg Town Hall.

The blocking of the connector road by the police department can continue, and with an application for a permit amendment can continue to be in place until approved, since conditions have changed a lot since the permit was first issued.

Assistant Town Manager Report

The consultants, CGR, for our Public Safety Survey, will be giving us a summary report at the end of this month. They feel they got a good response from Hinesburg residents.

A consultant, APEX, has been chosen for preconstruction work on the repair of the Town Hall roof so the big hall can be used again.

August 16

Paul Lamberson, selectboard member, reported on the progress being made by the small committee that has been working on a charter for the Town of Hinesburg.

The selectboard appointed AJ Driscoll to the Town Common Committee for a term ending in April 2025.

Scott Burbank, of VHB, gave a presentation on a scoping study of the two bridges in Hinesburg that are in the worst condition, with many details in slides and documents showing damage from aging and costs to repair. One bridge is on Hollow Road, the other on Leavensworth Road. At a future date, decisions will need to be made regarding the recommended repairs.

The selectboard approved the FY23 Capital and Non-Capital Reserves, and also approved the FY24 Water and Wastewater Allocation Pools.

The selectboard examined and approved the FY24 tax rate for a town tax rate of \$0.6024 and a lo-

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Hinesburg Recreation Office: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Jennifer McCuin, 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. **Hinesburg Food Shelf** hours are Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

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

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

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

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

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

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cal agreement rate of \$0.0012. Although the town tax rate only increased 3.7 percent, the state increased the educational school rate, resulting in a combined town tax and school rate increase of \$0.1012 or 4.67 percent. The town tax increase is \$21.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value and the school tax increase is \$79.70 per \$100,000 of assessed value for residential properties.

This equates to a tax bill increase of \$101.20 per \$100,000 of assessed value. A home assessed at \$400,000 would see their total tax bill increase by \$404.80 for a total of \$9,068.

The board reviewed proposed amendments to the Water and Wastewater Ordinances. These will be decided upon at a later meeting.

After coming out of executive session, the board approved an updated agreement with the town of Richmond to address payment and parameters for police chief services.

Town Manager Report

A fourth highway employee, Mark Lund, has been hired and has begun work.

The balance of finances at the end of FY 23 was better than expected due to various savings.

The second grant application for the Richmond Road sidewalk was rejected. The selectboard discussed the challenges of putting a sidewalk on this road, where the grade is steep and there is little available space for a sidewalk. Other options for pedestrians to get down the hill in a safe manner will be explored.

The next selectboard meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 6.

CSWD

Outreach Coordinator

KAT MOODY, CSWD COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

This time of year always leaves me feeling like summer just barreled on by us. So, I have decided that I'm going to start including September as a "summer month" just to drag out my favorite season. Regardless of my declaration that summer is not over, school is starting back up for many and summer activities are winding down. As many of you transition into new routines, we at CSWD are doing the same.

Our School Outreach Coordinator "Recycle" Rhonda Mace is excited to get back to into Chittenden County schools to educate students on how to reduce, reuse and recycle (cswd.net/outreach-education/schools), I am wrapping up my work with our Waste Warrior volunteers for the summer, and businesses are gearing up for a busy fall foliage season.

Here's to a few more weeks of summer and a happy and healthy fall!

August is National Water Quality Month

This August, National Water Quality Month holds a different weight than in past years given Vermont's recent flooding. Thirty wastewater treatment facilities were impacted, phosphorous runoff increased, sewage leaked into lakes and waterways, and debris and pollutants caused water quality hazards.

These water quality concerns feel daunting, but little by little, clean-up efforts continue. As Vermont's water quality rebounds, you can do your part through proper waste disposal. To read more about how your habits can help keep our waterways clean, go to cswd.net/hazardous-waste/dont-flush-it-dont-dump-it

The Rover is Coming to Town!

The Rover is CSWD's mobile hazardous waste collection vehicle that collects household hazardous waste from Chittenden County residents. The Rover will be coming to three Chittenden County communities in September and October – mark your calendars!

If you are not able to make the Rover events, the Environmental Depot located in South Burlington takes hazardous waste year 'round by appointment.

Sept. 9 – Rover in Charlotte

Sept. 30 – Rover in Hinesburg

Oct. 14 – Rover in Shelburne

For more information: cswd.net/hazardous-waste/rover

POLICE

Incidents

July 1: 9:30 a.m. Officers responded to a single car crash on Route 116.

9:45 a.m. An officer investigated a report of theft of property on Birchwood Drive.

12:25 p.m. Suspicious activity on Wile Street was investigated.

1:51 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a civil issue on Wile Street.

July 2: 8:20 a.m. An abandoned vehicle on Route 116 was investigated.

July 3: 8:05 a.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

July 4: 11:32 a.m. Officers investigated reports of a suspicious vehicle parked on Ballard's Corner Road.

July 5: 9:41 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

July 6: 3:05 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Shadow Lane.

4:22 p.m. Officers assisted Winooski P.D. with the recovery of a stolen vehicle on Texas Hill Road.

July 7: 7:35 a.m. A burglary alarm activation at Kinney Drugs was

investigated.

10:15 a.m. Suspicious activity reported on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

3:30 p.m. Officers investigated the report of an individual bit by a dog on Baldwin Road.

4:45 p.m. The report of a stray dog on Wile Street was investigated.

6:13 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on North Road.

July 8: 7 a.m. An alarm activation on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

7:40 a.m. Suspicious activity reported on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

7:45 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with questions concerning emergency services.

8:30 a.m. Suspicious activity reported on Jourdan Street was investigated.

9:35 a.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Pond Brook Road.

July 9: 11:30 a.m. An officer assisted with a disabled vehicle on Route 116.

5:55 p.m. Officers responded to an alarm activation on O'Brien Meadows.

July 11: 2 p.m. The report of suspicious activity at a residence on Texas Hill Road was investigated.

2:12 p.m. Officers responded to investigate the report of suspicious activity on Beaver Pond Road. Jennifer Monness, 40, of Bristol was taken into custody on a warrant for failure to appear to a court summons.

2:57 p.m. An alarm activation on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

8:20 p.m. Officers responded to Silver Street to investigate the report of suspicious activity.

July 12: 7:54 a.m. Officers responded to a residence on North Road to assist first responders with a medical emergency.

8:40 a.m. An officer assisted with a traffic hazard on Pond Road.

2:50 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lock out on North Road.

3:15 p.m. An officer assisted with a disabled vehicle on Route 116.

July 13: 7:21 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

9:30 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street.

11:25 a.m. Officers responded to a business on Ballard's Corner Road where two individuals were served trespass orders.

11:45 a.m. Officers attempted to serve a temporary restraining order to an individual on Riggs Road.

2:25 p.m. An officer assisted with a traffic hazard on Pond Road.

3:45 p.m. An alarm activation on Old Route 116 was investigated.

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

4:56 p.m. Officers responded to a residence on North Road where Terrance Hart, 62, of St. Albans was arrested for violation of an abuse prevention order.

July 14: 6:25 a.m. Damage to a motor vehicle was reported and investigated on Route 116.

9:06 a.m. Lost property was reported.

10:15 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen on North Road with a civil issue.

8:07 p.m. An officer responded to Charlotte to assist first responders with a two-car motor vehicle crash.

10:10 p.m. A citizen on Route 116 was assisted with a civil issue.

July 15: 7:06 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

7:42 a.m. Officers responded to Jourdan Street for the report of suspicious activity in the area.

3:43 p.m. An officer helped to resolve a custody issue on Route 116.

4 p.m. An officer responded to Jourdan Street for a citizen dispute.

July 16: 3:22 p.m. Littering on Route 116 investigated.

July 18: 9:25 a.m. A citizen on Baldwin Road was assisted with a VIN verification.

July 19: 7:10 a.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road for a traffic hazard involving livestock in the roadway. The cow was moved.

7:30 a.m. An officer responded to a

citizen dispute on Commerce Street. 1:40 p.m. Damage to property on Texas Hill Road was investigated.

5 p.m. The report of suspicious activity on Farmall Drive was investigated.

5:15 p.m. An officer responded to a Postiche Lane for a citizen dispute.

7:38 p.m. An officer responded to Jourdon Street for a citizen dispute.

10:15 p.m. The report of suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

July 20: 7:30 a.m. An alarm activation on Commerce Street was investigated.

11:50 a.m. Officers responded to the report of suspicious individuals on Lincoln Hill Road.

6 p.m. Service of court orders were carried out on Southwind Road.

July 21: 6:19 a.m. The report of suspicious behavior on Blueberry Hill was investigated.

4 p.m. An officer investigated the report of erratic operation of a motor vehicle on Route 116.

4:25 p.m. An officer assisted the Highway department with removing a tree from the roadway on Route 116.

July 22: 9:10 a.m. An officer investigated a single car motor vehicle crash on Hainstack Road.

July 23: 4:35 p.m. The report of off-road vehicles operating on Drinkwater Road was investigated.

July 24: 7:35 a.m. The report of suspicious behavior on Magee Hill Road was investigated.

9:41 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

5:15 p.m. An officer responded to Route 116 for a three-car motor vehicle crash.

8:40 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a stolen car on Hayden Hill West Road.

10:10 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Farmall Drive.

July 25: 9:35 a.m. An officer responded to a citizen dispute on Route 116.

3 p.m. A dog bite was reported and investigated.

3:58 p.m. An officer spoke with a citizen on Texas Hill Road regarding a harassment issue.

4:25 p.m. Suspicious activity on Jourdan Street was reported and investigated.

7:22 p.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was reported and investigated.

10:22 p.m. An alarm activation on Commerce Street was investigated.

July 26: 11:30 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

4:35 p.m. A welfare check on Shelburne Falls Road was conducted.

July 27: 2:41 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

July 28: 7:45 a.m. A citizen on CVU Road was assisted with a lockout.

8:30 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Baldwin Road.

10:50 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

5:25 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Place Road West.

9:40 p.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street.

July 29: 11:59 a.m. Officers investigated a dead eagle located on Route 116.

July 30: 11:18 a.m. A welfare check on Jourdan Street was conducted.

July 31: 7 a.m. An officer investigated a single car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

10:30 p.m. Officers investigated suspicious activity on Ballard's Corner Road.

August 1: 11:50 a.m. Officers attempted to serve court paperwork on Hollow Road.

2:15 p.m. A citizen on Ballard's Corner Road was assisted with a disabled vehicle.

7:30 p.m. A citizen on Commerce Street was assisted with a disabled vehicle.

August 2: 3:40 p.m. Another citizen on Richmond Road was assisted with another disabled vehicle.

3:58 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

8:25 p.m. An officer investigated what was determined to be a fraudulent report of assault.

8:53 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

August 3: 6:25 a.m. A 911 hang up on Hayden Hill West was investigated.

10:25 a.m. A welfare check on Richmond Road was conducted.

1:42 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

2:20 p.m. Officers investigated suspicious activity on Richmond Road.

5:45 p.m. A domestic dispute on Mountain Spring Court was investigated.

9:15 p.m. Officers investigated suspicious activity on Commerce Street.

August 5: 9:45 a.m. Officers *continued on page 6*

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Police

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sponded to Green Street for the report of an intoxicated male causing a disturbance.

11:58 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Kailey's Way.

12:01 p.m. A possible home improvement fraud on Pond Road was reported and investigated.

August 7: 2:35 p.m. An officer investigated the report of damage to a motor vehicle on Route 116.

August 8: 9:45 a.m. Officers responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road.

12:56 p.m. Court orders were served to a citizen on Burritt Road.

August 9: 9:05 a.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was investigated.

10:33 p.m. Suspicious activity on Friendship Lane was investigated.

August 10: 8 a.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

9:45 a.m. Suspicious activity on Gilman Road was investigated.

3:50 p.m. Suspicious activity on Texas Hill Road was investigated.

4:50 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

6:45 p.m. Officers investigated a trespassing issue on Route 116.

August 11: 9:50 a.m. A welfare check on North Road was conducted.

11:40 a.m. Suspicious activity on Birchwood Drive was investigated.

9:20 p.m. Officers responded to Shelburne Falls Road for the report of livestock in the roadway.

August 12: 12:15 p.m. An officer investigated the report of erratic operation of a motor vehicle on Route 116.

August 13: 1:15 p.m. An officer investigated a late reported single car motor vehicle crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

3:38 p.m. A fallen tree in the roadway on North Road was reported. An officer responded to and removed the traffic hazard.

August 14: 11:52 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Village Heights Road.

5:01 p.m. Officers investigated a disabled vehicle on North Road.

8:05 p.m. Officers responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Shelburne Falls Road. Vicki Good, 43, of Bristol was arrested for DUI.

10 p.m. A fire alarm activation on Route 116 was investigated.

RECREATION

July 4th Parade Winners

Best Business Float – Siteworks

Best of Parade – Vermont Smoke & Cure

Best Pet–Livestock – Mountain Edge Farm

Best Float – Girl Scouts

Best Theme Related – George Leclair and Family

Best Horse and Rider – Veronica Taylor

Best Classic Vehicle – Sarah Quinn, Sara Fruebel, and Henry Benis

Best Decorated Bike – Oliver Greene

Thanks to our judges this year, Kevin Lewis and Mary Jo Brace.

Thanks to Hinesburg Police Dept., Fire Dept, Highway Dept., Recreation Commission, Eddy Family, Munson Family, Hinesburg Public House, Community Alliance Church and HCS – CVSD.

BUSINESS

Financial Focus:

Should you invest ... or speculate?

FROM PRESS RELEASE

You'll find some big differences between traditional and speculative investments – and knowing these differences can matter a great deal when you're trying to reach your financial goals.

To begin with, let's look at the basic types of traditional and speculative investments. Traditional investments are those with which you're probably already familiar: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. Speculative investments include cryptocurrencies, foreign currencies and precious metals such as gold, silver and copper.

Now, consider these three components of investing and how they differ between traditional and speculative investments:

The first issue to consider is risk. When you own stocks or stock-based mutual funds, the value of your investments will fluctuate. And bond prices will also move up and down, largely in response to changing interest rates. However, owning an array of stocks – small-company, large-company, international, etc.

Community News

Fire Association Craft Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested in being a vendor, email dbarber7541@gmail.com for information

Hinesburg Fire Dept. Annual Halloween Party: Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m.

Second Annual CVU Turkey Trot on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. at CVU. Register with Hinesburg Recreation Department at hinesburgrec.com.

Youth and Adult Recreation

Register with HRD at hinesburgrec.com.

Mini Shooting Stars Soccer

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

3-5 years. Sundays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 1. Millie's Field. 4-5 p.m. Cost: \$55

Hinesburg Recreation Youth Basketball

The HRD youth basketball program is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and is held at the Hinesburg Community School (HCS) gym. Kindergarten, first- and second-grade players are introduced to the basics of ball handling and movement on the court with age-appropriate games and support. Grades 3-6 have one mid-week practice and one game each Saturday.

Note: Non-residents within CVU district, please register with your respective town first – Charlotte, Shelburne, or Williston. At the close of registration, our local Rec. Depts. are committed to work together, when feasible, to ensure each child has an opportunity to play. Thanks for your support.

Dec. 2 – Feb.10 (kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades)

Dec. 2 – Feb. 17 (3rd - 6th grades)

Kindergarten and 1st grade Coed: Saturday, 8–9 a.m.

Grade 2 Co-ed: Saturday, 9:10–10:10 a.m.

Grades 3-4 Boys: Saturday, 10:20-11:20 a.m., and Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

despite the considerable risk involved.

A third difference between the two types of investments is the activity required by investors. When you're a long-term investor in traditional investments, you may not have to do all that much, once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. After that point, it's mostly just a matter of monitoring your portfolio and making occasional moves – you're not constantly buying and selling, or at least you shouldn't be. But when you speculate in crypto or other instruments, you are constantly watching prices move – and then making your own moves in response. It's an activity that requires considerable attention and effort.

One final thought: Not all speculative instruments are necessarily bad investments. Precious metals, for instance, are found in some traditional mutual funds, sometimes in the form of shares of mining companies. And even crypto may become more of a stable vehicle once additional regulation comes into play. But if you're investing for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement – rather than speculating for thrills and quick gains, which may disappear just as quickly – you may want to give careful thought to the types of investments you pursue.

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

Grades 3-4 Girls: Saturday, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Grades 5-6 Boys: Saturday, 12:40-1:40 p.m., and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 5-6 Girls: Saturday, 1:50-2:50 p.m., and Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$55 by Nov. 17 and \$65 after. Deadline is Nov. 27.

Hinesburg Children's Choir

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

Grades 2-4. Wednesdays, Sept. 13 through Nov. 29. Music Room at HCS. Cost: \$180

After-School Horseback Riding

Enjoy horseback riding lessons and so much more with Kim Johansen at Livery Stables.

Lessons are for beginning to early intermediate riders. Students may take the bus from HCS to Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Rd. right after school. Please send a permission note to ride the bus, send a snack and water

bottle, plus send boots and barn clothes. Any updates or changes will be communicated as needed. Ages 6–14.

Tuesdays, Session 1: Sept. 5–26. Session 2: Oct. 3–24. Session 3: Oct. 31–Nov. 28 (no Nov. 21).

Fridays, Session 1: Sept. 8–29. Session 2: Oct. 13–Nov. 3.

Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg. 3–5 p.m. Cost: \$160. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com. Maximum: 6 participants

After-School Junior Golf Program with Mike Slayton

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

Tues.–Thurs., Session 1: Sept 5–14. Cedar Knoll Golf Course. Ages: 6-14 years. 3:30–5 p.m. Cost: \$150.

Piano Lessons

These 40-minute, semi-private (2 students per time slot) piano lessons are taught by Evan Allen and Sammy Angstman for beginner to advanced intermediate students. It is highly recommended that participants have a piano or keyboard at home or access to one for practice to make this an optimal experience. Classes follow the school year calendar, broken into first semester (Sept. – Dec.) and second semester (Jan. – June). Students retain their lesson day and time for entire school year and subsequent years, unless they choose not to continue.

Enrollment is based on availability. If there are no openings, you are placed on a wait list and offered a date and time as available. A spring recital celebrates a year-long commitment by students and instructor.

Grades 2-8. First semester lessons

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begin week of Sept. 11 through week of Dec. 18. HCS Piano Lab. Cost: \$26 per lesson that is billed per semester.

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Safe Sitter Courses

Safe Sitter® prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching siblings or babysitting. The course offers four main content areas: Safety Skills, Child Care Skills, First Aid & Rescue Skills and Life & Business Skills. Lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Teens will practice choking rescue and diapering. Register for one date that works best for your child. Register with the town offering the program. Instructor: Rec. staff

Grades 6-8. Classes are 9 a.m.–3 p.m. in each location.

Shelburne: Sat., Nov. 4. shelburnevt.org.

Hinesburg: Sat., Dec. 2. In first floor conference room at Town Hall. hinesburgrec.com.

Williston: Sat., March 9. willistonrec.org.

Charlotte: Wed., April 24. charlotterec.com.

\$60 Res/\$70 Non. 8 student max.

Literature and Arts with Susan Lepple

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

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Fall Safety Tips

Finishing up digging projects before the snow flies?

Before you dig, **you or your contractor must contact Dig Safe™ at 811** at least 48 hours prior to digging.

Before the work begins, Dig Safe will notify member utilities, who will then ensure the locations of buried facilities they own are clearly marked. Please insist that any work within 18 inches of the marked lines be done by hand.



How to Detect a Gas Leak

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Sight: You may see a white cloud, mist, fog, bubbles in standing water, or blowing dust. You may also see vegetation that appears to be dead or dying.

Sound: You may hear an unusual noise like a roaring, hissing, or whistling.

If you suspect a leak:

Move immediately to a safe location. Call VGS at 800-639-8081 or call 911 with the exact location. Do not smoke or operate electrical switches or appliances. These items may produce a spark that might result in a dangerous condition.

Do not assume someone else will report the condition.



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Library News

September is upon us and with it comes fresh afterschool programming, exciting adult programs, and long-awaited titles (call us to

be added to the waitlist on any new books in our collection!). We are hoping for a warm and sunny summer wrap-up and a dry and colorful autumn. But if it continues to rain, we have plenty at the library to help entertain you – come visit!

New titles we can't wait to read: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, *The Raging Storm* by Ann Cleaves, *The Armor of Light* by Ken Follett, *Cheneyville* by Paulette Jiles, and many more.

August marked a huge milestone here at the library. We had a little party for our beloved and irreplaceable staff member, Judy. She has been helping to keep things running smoothly here at Carpenter-

others at Town Hall Field. Cost: \$75, \$80 non-residents.

Inline Skate Clinic with Doug Stewart

This basic inline skate clinic will introduce students to good balance on skates, proper striding techniques, proper turning, and how to stop. Protective gear and skates may be available based on sizing.

Sunday, Oct. 1. Rain date is Oct. 8

Youth clinic: ages 5-11 years, 11 a.m.–noon. Cost: \$20 and \$5 for rental equipment.

Adult clinic: ages 12 years and up. 12:15–1:15 p.m. Cost: \$20 and \$5 for equipment rental.

Skate to Ski Clinic with Doug Stewart

This skate to ski clinic assumes students have the basic skills to stride, turn, and stop on gentle hills. Building on these skills, students will learn the details of proper alpine turns with a slight downhill. The clinic will focus on the proper fundamentals for efficient and athletic alpine turns on skates. Inline skating is the best form of dry land alpine ski training, so get your next ski season off to a great start before the snow flies.

Sunday, Oct. 1. Rain date is Oct. 8

Youth clinic: ages 5-11. 1:30–2:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 and \$5 for rental.

Adult clinic: ages 12 and up. 2:45–3:45 p.m. Cost is \$20 and \$5 for rental.

AARP Safe Driver Course

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. First floor conference room at Town Hall. AARP Members \$20 and Non-members \$25.



Carse for 25 years! So many of you came out to have cake and show Judy just how appreciated she is. Thank you!



September Youth Happenings

For more information about any of these programs contact jen@carpentercarse.org

Weekly Storytime: Tuesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Join the fun and learning with picture books, songs, movement, and rhymes that are designed to promote 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.

LEGO Club: Wednesdays, Sept. 6 through Oct. 11, 2:15–3:30 p.m.

After school LEGO Club is back. Students in grades K-4 are invited to sign up for this fun and educational program. Students have the choice every week to work on their own or with others on weekly challenges or their own creations. Please register. We hope you can join us for LEGOs, friends, and fun.

Write Your Own Picture Book: Tuesdays, Sept. 12 through Oct. 17, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

Aspiring authors/illustrators in grades 1-6 can join us to work on your very own books in this six-

week program that begins Sept. 12. We'll read a book, have a snack, and discuss a new story element each week. At the end, you'll have a chance to present one of your books to the group, and to display it at the library for patrons to read. Please register.

Saturday Storytime: every third Saturday, 10–10:30 a.m.

Young children and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories and singing. Stick around for coffee, snacks, simple crafts, and book browsing. No registration is required – just show up and join the fun. This month's Saturday Storytime is happening on Sept. 16.

After School Page-to-Screen Movies and Crafts: Friday, Sept. 22, at 3:15 p.m.

This fall we will be screening movies every month that are based on the books of one of our favorite authors, Kate DiCamillo. Each month we will gather on a Friday after school for fun crafts or other activities related to the book/movie theme before sitting down to enjoy our movie and popcorn. Please register. Check each month's movie title on our website, and let us know if you would like to reserve a copy of the book that inspired our movie ahead of time.

Mid-Grade Book Club: Thursday, Sept. 28, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

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 9-12 years old. 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 the current book, contact Jen.

All Ages Programming

For more information about any of these programs contact rachel@carpentercarse.org

Chess Club: Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Players of any age or experience may drop in for a weekly game of skill and wits, using chess boards hand-made by club founder Bruce Raymond. No registration required.

Adult Programs

For more information about any of these programs contact rachel@carpentercarse.org

Hands and Needles: Mondays, 10 a.m.–noon.

Bring whatever project you're working on (quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc.) to this weekly program for a morning of creativity and conversation. No registration required.

Songfarmers of Hinesburg: Thursday, Sept. 7, 6–8 p.m.

Do you play an acoustic instrument or just love to sing along to old time, blues, country, and folk music? Come join the Songfarmers for this wonderful live music offering. Listeners welcome! No registration required.

Personal Technology Help Group: Friday, Sept. 8, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Kenneth Russell, personal technology coach and helper, will lead you in a group exploration of facing the common frustration points in using our personal technology: smartphones, computers, tablets, smart TVs, etc. Which of you cringes when you hear the word "password" or 2-step verification? It's a wonderful but demanding thing having all this fantastic technology. Let's get together, grumble a bit about those frustration points and then find some solutions...step by step...in a fun, light setting. No questions are dumb! Bring your devices. Please register.

Mystery Book: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

We meet at the library (outdoors

when weather permits) to discuss a mystery book—ranging from cozy to gritty. Please register to receive a copy of the book and to let us know you will attend.

September: *Shady Hollow* by Juneau Black

Beginning Tai Chi Level 1: Thursdays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 26 (excluding 10/5), 10–11 a.m.

Beginning Tai Chi, also called "Sun Style" or "Falls Prevention" Tai Chi, is a martial art that helps maintain agility, balance, overall health, and mindfulness. This class will feature a gentle Qi Gong warm-up and a variety of movements and forms that specifically work on weight transference, mindfulness and balance.

You can attend any or all of the sessions in this 6-week series, brought to you by Age Well Vermont. Please register.

TMCJ Comics Workshop: Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7–8 p.m.

Join award-winning cartoonist and educator Marek Bennett for a closer look at the VT Reads 2022 book, *The Most Costly Journey* (copies available at the library).

Marek presents some of the many comics documenting human migrations and struggles throughout the ages, and leads a hands-on demo to show how you can cartoon the stories of your own family, neigh-



The 4th of July book sale, which benefited the library.

borhood, and wider world. (No prior art experience needed – everybody can create comics!) For more about Marek's work, see: www.MarekBennett.com

Please register. This program will take place at Carpenter-Carse Library. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to Zoom in, reach out to Rachel.

Evening Book Group: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7–8 p.m. (Zoom)

For this special edition of Evening Book Group, we'll discuss VT

Reads 2022: *The Most Costly Journey* (*El viaje más caro*). Illustrated by New England cartoonists in a variety of styles, each short chapter describes aspects of life as an immigrant farm worker in Vermont: crossing the southern border, struggling with English, adapting to winter, growing gardens, raising children, dealing with health crises, and working long hours.

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COMMENTARY

Advocates for Wake Sport Regulation Seek Better Protection

Lake Iroquois Overlooked by the Current Proposed Rule

BY MEG HANDLER, RESPONSIBLE WAKES FOR VERMONT LAKES

Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources wrapped up its final series of public hearings in early August, and the period for submission of written comments has closed. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) now begins its final review of the new proposed rule to manage wake boat activity on Vermont's inland lakes and ponds.

DEC received more than 90 verbal comments and 750 written comments in response, and the public is clamoring for a stronger rule. Comments overwhelmingly support strong regulation of wake boats and that wake boats operate at least 1,000 feet from shore, rather than the 500 feet proposed by DEC. This difference – 1,000 feet vs. 500 feet – proves critical for adequate protection of smaller lakes like Lake Iroquois.

In March 2022, Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes (RWVL) (responsiblewakes.org) petitioned the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to regulate wake sports, proposing that wake sports on inland lakes and ponds be confined to wake sport zones of at least 60 acres in size, more than 20 feet in depth and at least 1,000 feet from shore.

While relatively uncommon in Vermont, nationally wake boats are the fastest-growing segment of the motorboat industry.

They are designed to throw a wake the size of an ocean wave, so people can surf far from the ocean.

In contrast to conventional motorboats, waves generated by wake boats damage shorelines, churn up sediment, spread invasive species, and terrorize people trying to swim, paddle, sail or otherwise enjoy the lakes.

RWVL brought its petition on behalf of 14 specific named lakes, chosen for their size, location, and popularity – factors which make them especially vulnerable to abuse by wake boats. Often heavily used for traditional lake recreation, these

are small lakes, just barely big enough to entice boaters. Examples include Shadow Lake (210 acres) and Lake Iroquois, right here in Chittenden County (243 acres). Forty-five organizations and more than a thousand citizens signed on in support of the petition.

The Agency of Natural Resources responded to the petition with its own weakened rule requiring only 50 acres, more than 20 feet in depth and 500 feet from shore. Faced with the opportunity for meaningful environmental protection, the state chose instead to settle for an ineffective rule.

The State's weakened 500-foot rule excludes from protection a majority of the petitioning lakes. Under the State's rule, many of Vermont's smaller lakes and ponds, including Lake Iroquois, would now affirmatively welcome wake sport activity just 500 feet from shore.

Currently, only seventy-three lakes in Vermont allow motorboats operating over 5 mph. The other seven hundred plus are protected from power boat wakes. Even among the seventy-three lakes allowing motorboats, many are small, shallow ponds obviously inappropriate and rarely if ever visited by wake boats. Such ponds are not particularly at risk for excessive wake sport activity. Adding DEC's proposed rule, at a distance from shore of 500 feet, does not significantly change the situation on many small lakes and ponds.

In this way, the State has managed to create the illusion of a solution without the reality of significant change.

The lakes most vulnerable to abuse by wake boats are those lakes, including Lake Iroquois, right in the middle – not large enough to tolerate massive waves, but not small enough for the State's rule, at 500 feet, to ban wake sport activity. In other words, the petitioning lakes are unprotected. The State's weakened rule, allowing wake sports in small lakes, allows wake sports to dominate lakes like Lake Iroquois, claiming the deepest areas in the center of the lake, often barely 500 feet from shore.

Without a strong rule in place, wake boats will arrive in greater numbers here in Vermont, as they have elsewhere, while the industry continues to aggressively market powerful new watercraft. The State's 500-foot rule includes no margin of error to accommodate future growth. Water quality will decline, along with the health and enjoyment of Vermont's lakes.

Vermont enjoys a glowing reputation for good environmental practices. Across the country, people trust

Vermont to Do the Right Thing when it comes to environmental decision-making. Here at home, we trust the State to safeguard our clean air, clean water, and open land for future generations. It is now in the hands of Julie Moore and the Agency of Natural Resources to restore the wisdom and integrity of the original proposed rule.

The people of Vermont insist upon true protection, not just symbolic protection without substance. Now is the time for Julie Moore and the Agency of Natural Resources to respond by increasing the distance from shore back to 1,000 feet, as proposed in the original petition.

Titanic's Rivet Story Surfaced First

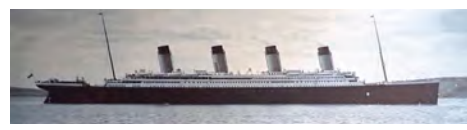
BY ROGER DONEGAN

The loss of OceanGate's now tragically familiar submersible named Titan stirred up the unsettling stories that swirl around the last hours of RMS (Royal Mail Ship) Titanic. No matter how shockingly catastrophic its underwater implosion, the loss of Titan is gnat-sized compared to the depth of ocean it challenged, the scale of lives previously lost, and the decrepit condition in which the Titanic rests, for which Titan immersed to reconnoiter in close proximity.

This upwelling of old stirrings put last year's special issue of 360 Media Magazine's "The Titanic – The True Story" (the latter half of the title appearing in small print) back in stock on newsstands and magazine racks. The true story and ominous bow image of the Titanic on the cover closes in on readers' attention unexpectedly.

Dogged reruns of A Night to Remember, the earlier 1958 Titanic movie, made me interested in breaking Titanic stories, especially after the one video image of Titanic's Scotch-Marine boiler slid into view on the monitor screen of the Woods Hole oceanographic research ship Knorr Sept. 1, 1985. The live camera feed of the boiler provided by Argo, an unmanned remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) unlike the five people lost aboard Titan, was the trail marker for Titanic's underwater debris field that spilled from the colossal ship as it sank and which led to the Titanic's wreck. See "How We Found Titanic," co-authored by Robert D. Ballard, National Geographic, Vol. 168, No. 6, December 1985.

Ten years after probing the wreck, metallurgical forensic analysis reported the cause of the April 15, 1912, black of night wee hours of the morning sinking as "brittle fracture" failure of the steel in the ship's



Titanic photo in Queenstown Story Exhibit.



Titanic poster in Queenstown Story Exhibit.



Button head rivets hold Hinesburg truss bridge together.

double bottom hull. Six underwater expeditions to the wreck disproved the presumed 300-foot gash in the side of the hull theory. Instead, significantly smaller openings appeared in the hull plates because rivets had popped. The analysis found the steel plate rivet holes had not been reamed, a necessary metal dressing step after holes were cold punched out by machine.

Fanciers of structural steel construction recognize button head rivets as the most common. Old machine shop books specify the head be 1.75 times the diameter of the shank. The best cold punching method meant punching holes slightly smaller than required, then reaming or drilling the holes to the correct diameter afterwards. Damage to the Titanic's hull was done when hull seams were forced open by the impact of the collision with the massive iceberg.

Moving on two years before the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's loss, the granddaughter of Second Officer Charles Lightoller disclosed that a fundamental steering error on the night of April 14, 1912, made the collision with the iceberg inevitable. Instead of steering Titanic away to avoid the iceberg dead ahead the steersman turned the ship's wheel, and the ship, in the wrong direction. In that period ship handling conversion from sail ship to steam ship meant two very different means or methods of steering ships existed and were in use at the same time. ("Titanic Mistake: Steering Error Sank Ship, Author Claims," ABC News and "The Secret Blunder that Sank the Titanic," Reuters, Sept. 22 and 23,

2010, respectively.)

Additional causative revelations surface in subsequent years. Smithsonian Magazine ran the article "Optical Illusion: a New Explanation for the Disaster" in March 2012, which held that thermal inversion on a moonless night created super mirages and false horizons for lookouts, including those on ships attempting to react to Titanic's S.O.S signal and signal flares.

Later the New York Times reported on claims by an Irish journalist in an article titled: "Coal Fire, Not Just Iceberg, Doomed the Titanic," Jan. 3, 2017. A three-story tall coal bunker built-in right next to one of the ship's boiler rooms smoldered for as long as three weeks before the ship set off on its fateful maiden voyage. Previously unpublished photographs taken by an engineering supervisor at the Hartland and Wolf shipyard in Belfast, Great

► Forest Management

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function of the forest community, its resilience and adaptability, the natural processes that make it work, and the way that it changes over time. Each is a condition to which the tens of thousands of species that comprise the reimagined forest have adapted to for millennia, and each is underrepresented in our modern forests.

As we reimagine what forests are, we also need to reimagine what it means to take care of them. Reimagining forest management means understanding that my job as a forester is to care for the reimagined forest in its entirety – not just its trees. My success should be measured not by my ability to keep every tree in the forest alive, but by my ability to support and enrich the forest community. While forest management includes many different tools and techniques, one of the most powerful ways I can help the reimagined forest recover from the wounds of the past, endure the challenges of the present and move into an uncertain future is through the thoughtful and strategic cutting of trees.

If we think of forests as "a bunch of trees," the cutting of the tree is a loss. If we reimagine forests, we can see that the cutting of a tree – as part of a holistic forest management approach – can be as profound a gift to the forest as

Britain, documented a 30-foot-long scorch mark on the starboard side where the hull was later damaged by the iceberg.

Most recall the cameo poster image of Kate Winslet and Leonardo Di Caprio on deck in the 1997 "Titanic" movie as they romantically embrace an evening ahead of catastrophe, their hair buffeted by simulated ocean breezes, as they stand together in the snug confines of Titanic's tapered bow. Not nearly as many have had the opportunity to travel to Titanic's last port of call or where passenger victims of the tragedy were brought ashore.

The thrust of most Titanic stories and films over simplify the ship's maiden voyage as departing Southampton, Great Britain, period, and that its sinking for all intent and purposes occurred somewhere in the middle North Atlantic. For eastern North Americans, this trim-

its life. Following forest management, gaps in the forest's canopy will become foraging habitat for birds and bats; the understory will bloom with a diverse mix of plants, shrubs and young trees; the trees and treetops on the forest floor will become rich communities of mosses, invertebrates and fungi, will benefit soil hydrology and help build richer soils. In the reimagined forest, the death of trees can help young forests become more like old growth forests, can help create habitat for species which are declining and under threat, and can help us actively respond to the many threats that our forests face.

If we reimagine forest management as a means to care for this reimagined forest (as it is often applied in Vermont today), the fact that forest management can be commercial is one of its greatest assets; and the mills, markets, foresters, loggers and truckers that make commercial forest management possible are vital to forests' biodiversity, their integrity, their resilience. Forest management is the only form of ecosystem restoration that can pay for itself and can even generate income that landowners can use to pay property taxes and other costs associated with keeping forests intact and healthy. As such, it can be applied on a much larger scale than any other form of restoration. In a world of non-local, non-renewable resources that cause harm to peoples and ecosystems across the

globe, forest management is also the only form of ecosystem restoration that generates local, renewable resources.

Reimagining forests and forest management means forming a more holistic and expansive vision of what forests are and what it means to truly care for them. Doing what is necessary to protect forests, and all their pieces and parts,

will often require us to make compromises as bittersweet as cutting a tree to enrich a reimagined forest.

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the first land sighted in Europe by Charles Lindbergh on his historic solo transatlantic flight from New York to Paris in May 1927. In July we toured Cobb's Heritage Centre to include "The Queenstown Story," highlighting Titanic's last port-of-call.

Of the number of Titanic's passengers, 713 survived, whereas more than 1,500 perished.

On a previous anniversary trip, we toured Nova Scotia and visited the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax, NS. We became aware of Titanic's other disaster stats because Halifax was central to the physical recovery of many Titanic's victims. While the wreck site is 370 miles south of Newfoundland, Halifax at a longer reach had the facilities to support recovery. Of the victim remains recovered at sea, 150 of them are buried in cemeteries right in Halifax.



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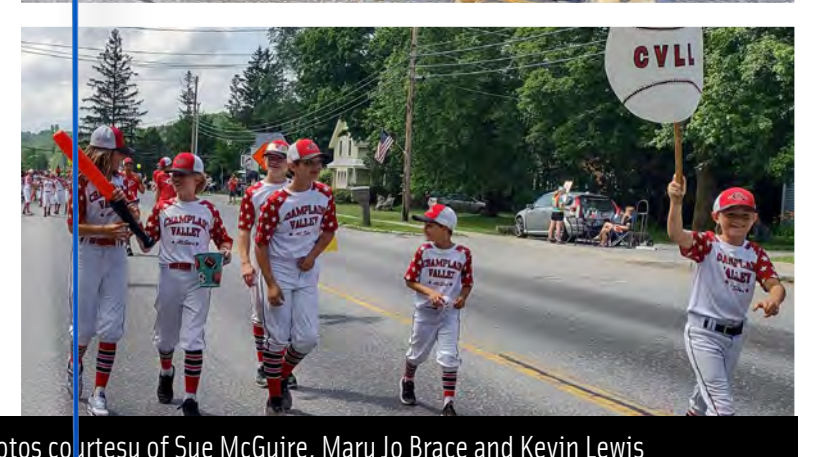
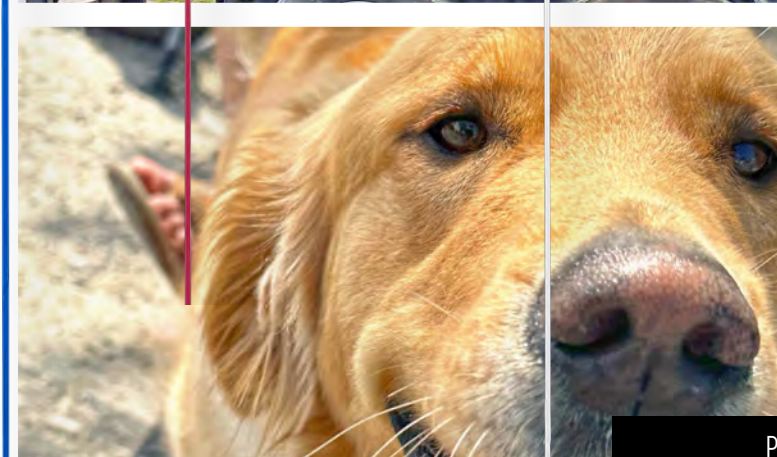
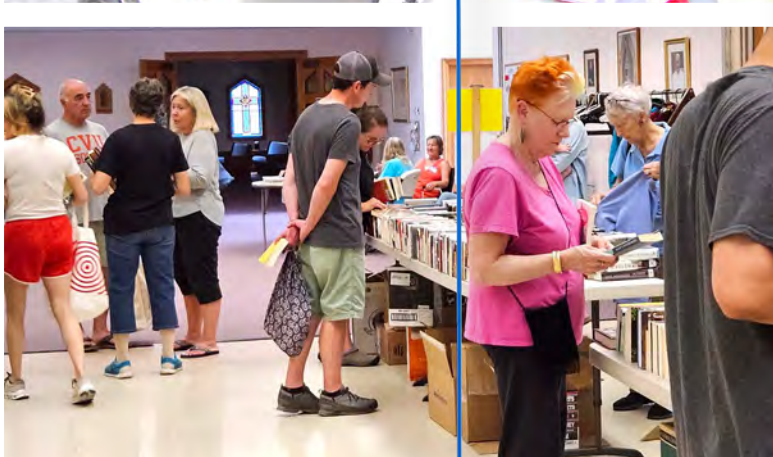
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FROM PRESS RELEASE

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ORGANIZATIONS

Shelburne Age Well Grab and Go Meal

Tuesday, Sept. 12

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, Sept. 12. 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, regardless of town of residence. These meals are nutritious and delicious. A \$5 donation is suggested.

The menu is: Swedish steak with mushroom sauce, seasoned penne pasta, broccoli, wheat bread, vanilla fluff with blueberries and strawberries, and milk.

To order a meal: please contact Kathleen by Wednesday, Sept. 6, by email: (preferred) agewell-steath@gmail.com or phone: 802-503-1107.

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 dine at one of the participating restaurants. More information on this program can be located on the Age Well site: agewellvt.org

Multiply your 3SquaresVT Dollars with Crop Cash

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Through Oct. 31, when you spend 3SquaresVT/SNAP benefits at participating farmers markets, you'll receive extra money to spend on local food. Anyone who receives 3SquaresVT/SNAP benefits is automatically eligible to get Crop Cash. There is no additional application for this program.

Crop Cash is Northeast Organic Farming Association's (NOFA-VT)

OUTDOORS

15th Annual Tour de Farms Returns to Shoreham on Sept. 17

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Registration is open for ACORN's Tour de Farms, one of Vermont's oldest cycling farm tours. Returning to Shoreham for its 15th year of celebrating local food, the revenue from this year's ticket sales will directly support ACORN's new Food Hub which opened last October. The ACORN Food Hub is a centralized warehouse space in Middlebury that facilitates the aggregation, storage, and distribution of locally produced foods, easing the challenge of accessing products from small and medium farms. Food Hubs around Vermont and New England create innovative logistical solutions that disrupt the commodity food market while also supplying local food that represents the values consumers are in search of. By participating in the Tour, riders have the opportunity to pledge their support for a more just and resilient local food system.

The Tour, which commences at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, allows riders to explore two to eight different farm stops, as well as 15 additional local food vendors. The full day of tasting products finishes at 4:30 p.m. with a stop at the Shoreham Apple Fest, where riders can celebrate the fall apple harvest. The Tour features a 30-mile route, as well as a shorter, family-friendly 10-mile route for those who prefer a more relaxed adventure.

Riders will set out in the morning from the Shoreham Green, which is located 42 miles south of



The 15th Annual Tour de Farms is on Sept. 17.

Burlington, off Route 22A. The terrain includes rolling hills with a mix of paved and dirt roads, so a mountain bike or road bike with wide tires is recommended. Make sure to bring a camera, as the pastoral landscapes are breathtaking. Just as delightful as the views are the products up for tasting. Riders will taste local meats, fruit, vegetables and value-added products like cheese, chocolate, granola and jams. A concierge van brings purchased goods back to the finish so that riders can feel free to make as many purchases of local goods as they'd like.

The Tour de Farms is a rain or shine event. Advance online registration is now open at

runsignup.com/Race/VT/Shoreham/TourdeFarms. Registration prices vary based on age, distance, and date of registration. Registration will be capped at 500 riders. Commemorative t-shirts and a one-of-a-kind cycling jersey featuring the art of local artist Caitlin O'Donnell can also be purchased at registration.

The 2023 Tour is sponsored by Cooperative Insurance, Vermont Federal Credit Union, AARP Vermont, Vermont Gas, VBT Bicycling Vacations, Frog Hollow Bikes, National Bank of Middlebury, IPJ Real Estate, Vermont Coffee Company, Ben & Jerry's, and Gold Standard

Accounting. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for interested parties.

ACORN (Addison County Relocalization Network) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization based in Middlebury, Vt. Its mission is to promote the growth and health of local food and agriculture in Vermont's Champlain Valley by providing support to our farmers and food producers, engaging in food education and ensuring access to healthy food for all members of our community. For more information, go to acornvt.org.

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Peregrine Falcon Nesting Season Complete

Cliffs Clear to Hike and Climb Again

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

Hikers and rock climbers can return to Vermont cliffs now that peregrine falcon nesting season has ended. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has confirmed that all the young falcons have learned to fly and should not be disturbed by human presence on the cliffs.

“The young peregrines have fledged, and nesting data suggest many of Vermont’s falcons had a successful year,” said Vermont Fish and Wildlife’s nongame bird biologist Jillian Kilborn. “The falcon’s nesting success is due to a combination of factors, including good weather early in the nesting season and cooperation from hikers and rock climbers who observe a respectful distance from nesting falcons during this critical period.



Vermont cliffs monitored by biologists and volunteers for nesting peregrine pairs this spring and summer are now open for recreationists. VTF&W photo by C.P. Merrill

Peregrine nesting success would not be possible without more than 50 volunteers who monitor the nest sites statewide from March to the end of July.”

According to Audubon biologist Margaret Fowle, who coordinates the monitoring effort on behalf of the Fish and Wildlife Department, biologists and volunteers monitored peregrine pairs that occupied at least 50 Vermont cliffs in early spring and summer.

“We greatly appreciate the time and effort volunteers put into monitoring the population this year, and we thank landowners and rec-

reationists for their cooperation in protecting nesting peregrines from human disturbance,” said Fowle.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife and Audubon Vermont partner to monitor and protect peregrine nesting sites in Vermont. Peregrine falcons were removed from the state’s Threatened and Endangered Species List in 2005. Ongoing cooperation from recreationists and continued monitoring efforts by Vermont Fish and Wildlife and Audubon Vermont will help ensure the peregrine’s remarkable recovery in future years.

ARTS

2023 Tiny Art Auction Best Yet!

BY JEAN KIEDAISCH

In each of its six years, the Responsible Growth Hinesburg (RGH) Tiny Art Auction has grown. From 2018, when there were 6 artists contributing 4”x4” paintings, to this past summer, with 32 artists and 45 paintings.

RGH has appreciated the support of BiddingOwl in making the bidding process run smoothly.

This year’s auction raised over \$2,000. After accounting for a small number of expenses, RGH will donate the proceeds to the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

RGH would like to thank the following artists for their generous donations: Cynthia Guild-Kling, Mary Azarian, Bethanne Cellars, Andy Newman, Gregory Maguire, Brenna Lyman, Peter Sis, Kara Borowczyk, Jesse Azarian, Barb Forauer, Marguerite Jarvis, Mary Hill, John Penoyar, Ellen Kinsella, Maggie Smith, Marcy Kass,



Pear Still Life by Marian Willmott

Jasmine Cellars, Kim Provost, Kelly Kendall, Renee Rodney, Katie O’Brien, Seema Shiv, Amanda Kolifraht, Stephanie Riggs, Mariana Dominguez Kellogg, Iris Mills, Rosetta Mills, Beth Royer, Marian Willmott, Thacher Hurd, Mike Kanfer, Heidi Chamberlain.

Thanks also to Natacha Liuzzi for contacting artists, mailing out and then collecting canvases, doing publicity, and organizing a display for the 4th of July.

Next year, RGH will consider creating a kids’ category to encourage budding artists. These may be made available on the Fourth of July to buy, rather than involving competitive bidding. Thank you everyone!

Art at the Birds of Vermont Museum

Fueling a love of birds

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Birds of Vermont Museum has been hosting themed community art

shows since 2014. Each winter, the staff develops a bird-related theme for the exhibit and posts a Call to Artists, inviting submissions in varied media. Our 2023 art show, Spark!, brings together well over 60 artists, photographers, and poets of all ages. Most artists are from Vermont.

Many birders — and artists — have a “spark” moment that fueled a lifelong love of birds and birding and took them in unexpected directions. What spark stories do you find in these stories, poems, and images? The museum hopes these works inspire you also to create connections with birds, birding, conservation, and other bird-friendly folks.

For more information, and to see a list of participating artists, go to birdsofvermont.org/2023/07/08/spark-love-birds.

The show runs through Oct. 31 at the Birds of Vermont Museum. The museum is open Wednesdays – Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Road in Huntington.

Shelburne Museum News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Shelburne Museum Welcomes College Students Back

Shelburne Museum extends a warm welcome to college students as they return to school with free admission on Saturdays throughout the month of September. Kicking off Student Saturdays on Labor Day weekend (Saturday, Sept. 2), the museum will offer a unique opportunity for stu-

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CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday Tacos at Frost Beer Works, Commerce Street, Hinesburg, VT.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Music at the Dumb Luck Pub. The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg, VT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day.

7:30-9:00 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. Zoom Meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:00-7:30 p.m. CVSD Board Committee Meetings. CVU High School, Hinesburg.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt>. Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee. Remote meeting.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, 104 Ballard’s Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT05461.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

3:30pm-4:30 p.m. Chess Club at CCL. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Folk Jam with SongFarmers. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday Tacos at Frost Beer Works, Commerce Street, Hinesburg, VT.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Music at the Dumb Luck Pub. The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg, VT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:30-7:30 p.m. Economic Development. Hinesburg Town Hall.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Village Steering Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Conservation Commission Meeting. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82438637932?pwd=MTZqRWdPMVZkZ3M0b3FWb3plY2dVdz09>.

7:00-8:00 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, 104 Ballard’s Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT05461.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Town Office, Lower Level Conference Room.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Advertising and news deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

3:30pm-4:30 p.m. Chess Club at CCL. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 BallardsCorner Rd., Hinesburg.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. us06web.zoom.us/j/83093064817?pwd=eUVRT1MxazhvcjktMHN3YkFZUjZtZ09. lewiscreekorg@gmail.com.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Town Forest Committee Meeting. <https://meet.google.com/kks-okby-ejy>.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday Tacos at Frost Beer Works, Commerce Street, Hinesburg, VT.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Music at the Dumb Luck Pub. The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg, VT.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00-9:00 p.m. Rm 160 & 162, CVSD School Board Meeting. Champlain Valley Union High School.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Town Office, lower level conference room.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, 104 Ballard’s Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT05461.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. Remote meeting.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

3:30pm-4:30 p.m. Chess Club at CCL. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday Tacos at Frost Beer Works, Commerce Street, Hinesburg, VT.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Music at the Dumb Luck Pub. The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg, VT.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub and Grill, 104 Ballard’s Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT05461.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7-7:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee Meeting. Remotely and in person at Hinesburg Town Hall.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

3:30pm-4:30 p.m. Chess Club at CCL. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Rummage Sale.

Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St, Richmond, VT 05477.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Rummage Sale. Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St, Richmond, VT 05477.

4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday Tacos at Frost Beer Works, Commerce Street, Hinesburg, VT.

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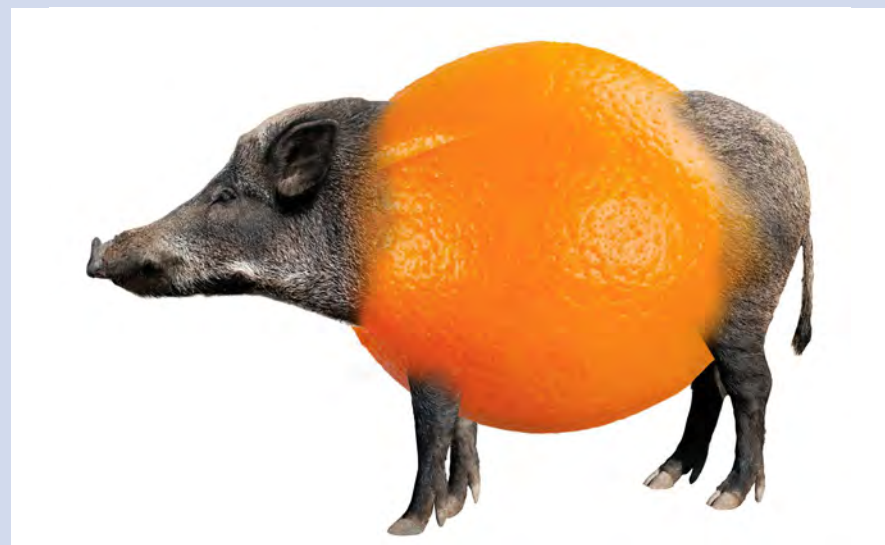


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dents to engage with art, culture, and community. Whether reuniting with friends or exploring local heritage, students are invited to enjoy some fun while learning about the museum's collections.

Present a valid college ID at the entrance, and college students can explore for free the museum's captivating 45-acre campus, which features an impressive ensemble of 39 buildings and 22 beautifully manicured gardens. As the preeminent art and history museum in Northern New England, Shelburne Museum boasts a diverse collection of more than 100,000 objects that showcase the region's rich cultural tapestry.

A short 10-minute drive south of Burlington, the museum is also conveniently located along the Green Mountain Transit line No. 6.

For further information, including museum hours, exhibit details, and directions, please visit shelburnemuseum.org.

Winter Lights Tickets on Sale Soon

Member Early Access Starts Sept. 5; General Public Sept. 16

From the day after Thanksgiving through January 6, Shelburne Museum

lights its campus aglow in a spectacular visual display of lighting accompanied throughout by musical selections.

Eighteen buildings and gardens will be decorated for the event. In addition to an extra weekend for this year's season, other new offerings include lighting the Locomotive 220 and Grand Isle Rail Car at the Train Station, and visitors can hear the sounds of the Ticonderoga plying the waters of Lake Champlain while gazing upon the brilliantly lit massive steamboat. This season, special Wednesday evening hours will be in effect for drive-through tours of the display, available with advance ticket purchase. For more information, go to shelburnemuseum.org/visit/winter-lights

Special Winter Lights Events

Member Night: Thursday, Dec. 14, 5-7 p.m. Shelburne Museum Members explore the expanded Winter Lights for an exclusive two hours.

Ice Bar at Winter Lights: Thursday, Dec. 7, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Winter Lights Ticket Prices: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child ages 3-17, free for children under 3.

Vermont Poet Laureate: Call for Nominations

FROM VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Arts Council along with its partners, Vermont Humanities, Poetry Society of Vermont and Sundog Poetry invite you to submit nominations for the appointment of a new Vermont Poet Laureate.

Serving as Vermont's ambassador for the art of poetry, the Poet Laureate is not only honored for their own work and accomplishments but can raise awareness and a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry.

All nominations are welcome, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, cultural heritage, socio-economic background, physical ability, or poetic subgenre in the pursuit of the Poet Laureate being representative of the rich and diverse cultures of poetry in the state of Vermont. Self-nominations are also eligible.

The nomination deadline is Oct. 30.

For more information about the Vermont Poet Laureate position, criteria and selection process, and the online nomination form, visit the Vermont Poet Laureate webpage at vermontartscouncil.org/programs/vermont-poet-laureate



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PEOPLE

Two Hinesburg Residents Graduate from Snelling Center for Government's Vermont Leadership Institute

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Snelling Center for Government is pleased to announce that Wayne Maceyka Jr. and Abbey Willard, both of Hinesburg, have graduated from the Vermont Leadership Institute. The Class of 2023 celebrated with family members, colleagues and friends in attendance at graduation on June 3 at Basin Harbor in Vergennes.

Maceyka is currently the Senior Business Outreach Professional at the University of Vermont Office of Engagement. Willard is currently the Development Division Director at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

As participants in the Vermont Leadership Institute (VLI), Maceyka and Willard joined 23 other leaders from around the state for a unique series of eight overnight sessions designed to foster meaningful relationships and explore some of the most important issues facing Vermont. With session themes including personal leadership adaptation, complex systems thinking, public policy, innovation, and leadership paradigms that actively promote diversity, equity and inclusion for all Vermonters, the program challenges and supports participants to develop self-awareness and acquire knowledge and skills that result in strong, effective leadership and thoughtful action.



Wayne Maceyka Jr., recent graduate of the Vermont Leadership Institute.



Abbey Willard, recent graduate of the Vermont Leadership Institute.

With graduation as the culmination of the VLI journey, this year's keynote address was delivered by Gus Seelig, Executive Director of Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Seelig reflected on leadership throughout history, making connections between historical movements and the ongoing work today. He encouraged the group to keep working and continuing to make progress.

The Class of 2023 is the 28th graduating class and Maceyka and Willard now join a professional network of over 1,000 Vermont Leadership Network alumni, including more than 675 VLI graduates who are positively influencing Vermont's future in business, public policy, education, community development and a wide range of volunteer and nonprofit sector roles.

To learn more about the Vermont Leadership Institute and the Snelling Center's other professional development programs, please visit snellingcenter.org or call 802-859-3090.

The Snelling Center for Government is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization committed to fostering responsible and ethical civic leadership, encouraging public service by private citizens, and promoting informed citizen participation in shaping public policy in Vermont. For more information, please visit our website at www.snellingcenter.org.

Recent Graduates

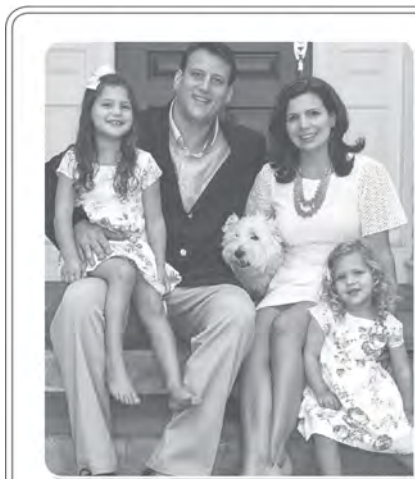
Ryan Gardner of Hinesburg has earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Mary Titus of Hinesburg graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Castleton University following the successful completion of the spring semester in May 2023. Titus was also named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Local Students Graduate from the University of Vermont

The following Hinesburg students earned bachelor's degrees from UVM:

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Roy C. Gifford

It is with a broken heart that we share that Roy C. Gifford, 79, of Hinesburg, Vermont, passed on in the early hours of Monday, June 12, 2023. Roy was an unparalleled photographer, master carpenter, deep and wide music lover, avid gardener, Vietnam veteran, and gifted storyteller. Well-known for his humor, wit, and big heart.

Roy leaves behind his wife, Lisa Cattabriga, their dog Willow, daughter Amy Allen, grandchildren Piper and Storm Turnbaugh, and multiple friends. Notably, Don Sidney and wife Kathy, and Kelli Brown-Varela and husband Armando, all of whom loved and supported us, especially throughout Roy's perilous five-year nasopharyngeal cancer odyssey.

Thank you to UVMHC staff and Drs. Steve Grant, Maura Barry, Havaleh Gagne, and Mirabelle Sajisevi for their unwavering efforts over the years.

And a huge thanks to all staff at UVM Home Health and Hospice. It is because of them that we were able to cope with what was coming our way – with kindness, thoughtfulness, and comfort.

There will be no public ceremony. Please, specifically, send donations to UVM HHH in Roy's honor so they may continue to help others.



Roy C. Gifford

As he said to me "I'm just waiting to hop the train..."
Peace.

Melbern "Mel" Allen Moore

Melbern "Mel" Allen Moore of Hinesburg passed away on August 3, 2023, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Mel was born in Burlington, Maine, on Sept. 15, 1944. After high school he served in the United States Navy over three years as a hospital corpsman. After basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he served in Pensacola, Florida; St. Albans, N.Y.; and



Melbern "Mel" Allen Moore

Philadelphia, Penn. It was in Philly he met the woman he would spend the next 57 years traveling through life with. After his Navy service he worked for GE in Philadelphia and transferred to the GE offices in Burlington, Vt. Starting in 1971, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Vermont, where he spent 35 years working various positions as letter carrier, postal clerk and for a brief time as Officer in Charge. After retiring from the USPS, he worked as a private contractor at the FAA in Burlington International Airport for 11 years.

In May of 1969, Mel married Audrey Daubert and they would spend the next 54 years lovingly together. They were blessed with two wonderful sons, Mark and Dan. Mark, along with his wife Melanie, added to the family with granddaughter Miranda and grandson

Mitchell. Dan added to our growing family by marrying Tanya Brehaut and blessing us with grandson Zachary and twin birth of grandson Sawyer and granddaughter Payton. In 2021 a great-granddaughter, McKenna, joined the family. It was Pop-pop's greatest joy to spend time with his grandchildren climbing mountains, traveling to various zoos and amusement parks, and attending numerous gymnastics, baseball, hockey, basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball competitions. At most family events he could be found behind the lens of a camera recording every memory.

Mel is also fondly remembered by his sister Josephine Lavigne and brother Chris Shirley both of Hinesburg, Vt., his sister-in-law Brenda Daubert of Pennsylvania, and a large extended family including aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins throughout the country. He shared his life with an extended family of friends and neighbors, volunteering in the community, coaching youth sports teams and offering his help to anyone who needed it.

Mel was predeceased by his father, Lawrence Moore; mother, Daphne Shirley; stepmother Madeline Moore; sister, Janet Spencer; and brothers-in-law Ed Daubert and Gary Lavigne.

A celebration will be held in September to honor his life. Arrangements are in care of Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot St., Richmond, Vt.

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Gabriel Atkins graduated with a bachelor's in Mathematics.

Katherine Gingras graduated with a bachelor's in Community and International Development.

Lena Heinrich graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Zoology.

Jack Landry graduated with a bachelor's in Neuroscience.

Harper Mead graduated with a bachelor's in Elementary Education: K-6.

Eileen Needham graduated with a bachelor's in Public Communication.

Zoe Prue graduated with a bachelor's in Biological Science.

Benjamin Ross graduated with a bachelor's in Political Science.

Grace Washburn graduated with a bachelor's in Animal Sciences.

Higher Education Honors

Amy Carlson and Isabelle Hopkins, both of Hinesburg, were named to Northern Vermont University's President's List for the spring 2023 semester. Students who achieve a 4.00 semester average are placed on the President's List.

Frederick Marshall of Hinesburg has been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2023 at the University of Hartford (Conn.).

Ethan Provost of Hinesburg has been named to the President's List for the Spring 2023 semester at Plymouth State University (N.H.). To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better. Provost is majoring in Exercise and Sport Physiology.

Aiden Robertson of Hinesburg has been named to the spring 2023 Dean's List at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes full-time students with a grade point average between 3.5

and 3.99.

Chloe Stidsen of Hinesburg, a rising sophomore at Dickinson College (Penn.), has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. A graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School, she is the daughter of Michelle Stidsen of Hinesburg.

Lily Taff of Hinesburg was named to the spring 2023 Student Honors List at the Community College of Vermont. This honor recognizes part-time students with a 4.0 grade point average.

Elizabeth Toensing of Hinesburg was named to the Spring 2023 President's List at the College of Charleston (S.C.). Toensing is majoring in Public Health. To qualify for President's List (Highly

Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher.

Evan Turner of Hinesburg has been named to the Champlain College President's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Turner is currently enrolled in the Graphic Design & Visual Communication major.

Sophie Yarwood of Hinesburg was named to second honors on the Clark University (Mass.) Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

HCS Awarded Grant

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and mindsets needed for young people to thrive in and transform the world, learning how to ensure community aspirations and needs are reflected, and understanding school & district design.

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- Riverhead Charter School in Calverton, NY
- Rugby Public Schools in Rugby, ND
- Southern Berkshire Regional School District in Sheffield, MA
- Warren County Schools in Warrenton, NC

The Rural Schools Design Community will take place at no cost to participants thanks to a grant and will commence in August of 2023.

About Transcend

Transcend is a national nonprofit that supports school communities to create and spread extraordinary, equitable learning environments. The organization was founded on a belief that we must reimagine schooling, using a community-driven approach, so all children can realize their infinite potential. Transcend pursues its mission by partnering directly with schools on design journeys while also sharing powerful models, tools and insights across the sector. To date, Transcend has worked directly with hundreds of schools and leaders in over 30 states, and has influenced thousands more. Ultimately, Transcend strives to fuel significant leaps in education so all young people can thrive in and transform the world.

For more information, visit their website at transcendeducation.org.

Hinesburg Harvest Festival

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suit all diets with local ingredients cooked with a magic stone by talented Hinesburg cooks. This year the proceeds from the supper will be donated to Intervale Farmer Recovery Fund. Tickets are being sold through the Hinesburg Recreation Dept., at the Fall Festival and at the door. Adults \$10, children under 12 free.

One of the soups will be cooking in the giant kettle during the Fall Festival along with the telling of the traditional Stone Soup folktale. It is a story told in many cultures around the world of how hungry strangers, with the help of a magic stone, convince stingy and suspicious villagers to each share some of their recent harvest and make a feast that feeds the entire village.

The Hinesburg Stone Soup Supper was first celebrated in 2005 upon the completion of the stone wall next to Hinesburg Town Hall. The wall itself was built using stones that were brought by Hinesburg residents from all over town.

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Location and Mailing Address:

190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (over-looking CVUHS soccer fields)

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

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

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

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
802-482-2588 • LBCvt.homestead.com
lighthousevt@aim.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 288

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Luncheon 11:40-12:20 p.m. Bible Study until 1:00 p.m. No evening service

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

All services live-streamed on Facebook Live (Lighthouse Baptist Church Hinesburg page)

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:

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Supervisor: Contact parish office.

Weekend Masses:

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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.

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

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

Religious Education (CCD): The first Sunday of each month following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Students and parents meet each month.

Please call Marie at 802-482-2290 (Parish Office).

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.

United Church of Hinesburg

Pastor: Rev. Jared Hamilton
802-482-3352 • ueofh.org
unitedchurch@gmavt.net

Location: 10580 Route 116

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 39

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

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer
802-878-5792 • steeple.org
WillistonFederatedChurch@gmail.com

Location and Mailing Address:

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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:

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Pastor: Rev. Don Chatfield
802-985-3819 • allsoulsinterfaith.org
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This involvement ultimately strengthens the community's democratic foundation.

6. Nurturing Journalism and Writing: Community newspapers provide a training ground for aspiring journalists, writers, and photographers. They offer a platform for these individuals to hone their skills, tell meaningful stories, and connect with the community. This nurturing environment contributes to the growth of a diverse and talented pool of local talent.

7. Counteracting Digital Divides: Despite the digital age's advancements, not everyone has access to the internet or digital devices. Community newspapers ensure

that vital information reaches all members of the community, bridging the digital divide and promoting inclusivity.

8. Fostering Unity and Social Capital: The shared experience of reading a community newspaper fosters a sense of unity among residents. People can discuss articles, share stories, and engage in conversations that strengthen social bonds. This sense of connection contributes to the creation of social capital,

which, in turn, benefits the entire community.

In conclusion, the benefits of a community newspaper extend far beyond the ink on paper. From connecting neighbors to preserving history and promoting local businesses, these newspapers play a pivotal role in the well-being of communities. In a world where global news often overshadows local matters, these newspapers serve as a reminder that the heart of society resides in the stories and experiences of its local residents.

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It Makes a Village

The Invaluable Benefits of a Community Newspaper

BY KEVIN LEWIS, CATHY RYAN AND MARY-JO BRACE

In an era dominated by digital media and instant communication, the humble community newspaper stands as a beacon of local connectivity and information. This traditional yet enduring medium offers a plethora of benefits that go beyond its ink-and-paper confines. From fostering a sense of belonging to preserving local heritage, the community newspaper plays a vital role in enhancing the fabric of society.

Here in Hinesburg, *The Hinesburg Record* has been published 10 times a year since 1987. It was founded by Francis “Frankie” Birdsall and June Giroux. With June’s recent passing in May, *The Hinesburg Record* is steered by the next generation of community-minded individuals, many of whom, like their predecessors, volunteer their time. But it was June and Frankie who set the tone and established the culture of what is now a fixture in the Hinesburg community.

The exciting news is that *The Hinesburg Record* has applied for and received accreditation as a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity. Its description as “Hinesburg’s independent, nonprofit, community newspaper” means even more now.

Listed below, and scattered throughout this article, are both the general and the specific reasons why *The Hinesburg Record* “makes a village.”

1. Local Connection and Engagement: A community newspaper serves as a vital bridge that connects neighbors, businesses, and local organizations. It provides a platform for highlighting the accomplishments, challenges, and stories of individuals within the community. By covering events, profiles, and happenings, the newspaper strengthens the sense of belonging and identity among residents. It gives voice to grassroots initiatives, encouraging residents to engage actively in shaping the local narrative.

2. Reliable Local Information: In a world saturated with information, the community newspaper stands out as a trusted source of local news. It focuses on issues that matter directly to the community, such as local governance, school board decisions, and

zoning regulations. By providing well-researched and accurate information, the newspaper empowers residents to make informed decisions about their lives and surroundings.

3. Preserving Local History: Community newspapers often serve as historical archives, chronicling the evolution of the local area over time. They document events, celebrations, and milestones, preserving a record of the community’s journey. This historical context not only fosters a sense of continuity but also helps future generations understand their roots and heritage.

4. Supporting Local Businesses: Local businesses are the lifeblood of a community, and community newspapers offer them a unique advertising avenue. By featuring advertisements and articles about local businesses, the newspaper helps promote economic growth within the community. This symbiotic relationship nurtures a vibrant local economy while ensuring that residents are aware of the services available to them.

5. Spotlight on Civic Engagement: Community newspapers encourage civic participation by highlighting volunteer opportunities, town hall meetings, and public forums. They promote active engagement in local governance and issues, fostering a sense of responsibility among residents.

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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 Ray Mainer at rmainer@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.

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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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