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NOVEMBER 2023

A Splash of Purple

Rotary club plants crocus bulbs to raise awareness for efforts to end polio.

BY JIM DONOVAN,
ROTARY MEMBER

Spring each year sees a beautiful purple carpet of crocus blooming in many communities across Great Britain and Ireland and, now, the United States thanks to the Purple Crocus Bulb planting to raise awareness of the Rotary fight for a polio free world.

On Saturday, October 21, volunteers from the Rotary Club of Charlotte, Shelburne and Hinesburg planted about 2,000 crocus bulbs at the Champlain

Valley Union High School entrance. Last autumn, volunteers planted crocus bulbs in Charlotte and Shelburne.

Planting the purple crocus bulbs by Rotary and many community groups is a great way of getting active, having fun and talking to lots of different people about the need to eradicate the life threatening and disabling polio virus.

Rotary clubs

are keen to work with the community in their area to plant more purple crocus bulbs in different places as well as building on where they already flower each spring.

So if you are a community group or organization, reach out to your local Rotary to find out how you can be involved.

Please note the crocus species is *Crocus tommasinianus* (Ruby Giant). Children should be supervised at all

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Happy Hinesburg Homeshare

BY RIC CENGERI,
HOMESHARE VERMONT



When you enter the home of Brian and his mother, Gail, in Hinesburg, you're immediately struck by the sunny welcome you receive from your hosts and the open, airy kitchen. This is the place where so much interaction happens between the hosts and their homeshare guest, Addison.

Brian looked into homesharing when Gail started experiencing some memory issues. "When I was going to be away, I would ask friends or my daughters to come over and visit," Brian explained. "But I wanted something that was more consistent and someone who really understood Mom."

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Construction Underway in Hinesburg on 24 New Apartments for Older Adults

Kelley's Field II will offer a mix of affordable and market rate rents

FROM CATHEDRAL SQUARE AND
EVERNORTH PRESS RELEASE

Cathedral Square and Evernorth are pleased to announce construction is underway on Kelley's Field II, 24 new energy-efficient affordable apartments for adults 55 and older in Hinesburg.

Situated next to Kelley's Field I, Kelley's Field II is the second

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Hinesburg Artist Series Concert Nov. 19

Featuring South County Chorus and Hinesburg Community Band

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Hinesburg Artist Series will perform an exciting mix of choral and band music at the Champlain Valley Union High School at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19.

"Our fall concert is always free and fun," said Rufus Patrick, Hinesburg Artist Series Music Director. "Both the band and chorus will perform a variety of music that will appeal to all ages,

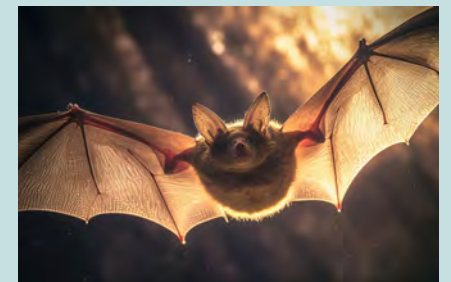
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Hinesburg's independent, nonprofit, community newspaper

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Bat Week is Here!

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has this exemption. The other large developments planned in the village area would receive various financial benefits from this designation but would not be exempt from Act 250 review. There were a good number of attendees at this meeting who gave their views both for and against the Neighborhood Development Area. After more than an hour's discussion, the selectboard voted unanimously in favor of supporting the application for the Neighborhood Development Area.

The selectboard approved amendments to the water and wastewater ordinances that had been discussed at previous meetings.

Chief Cambridge gave a police department update, particularly in terms of our police working with Richmond. The chief said now that our police are doing patrolling as well as calls, the amount of time spent in Richmond is about the same as the amount of time spent in Hinesburg. At this point, our arrangement with Richmond is working out very well.

The selectboard approved the loan for highway trucks that had been discussed before.

The selectboard approved a quote for a truck to be shared by the water and wastewater departments.

Town manager report

The Town Manager submitted the first of monthly Town Manager Updates to the *Hinesburg Record*.

The town received a Municipal Energy Resilience Program Grant to have an energy audit conducted on the town hall that will include a blower door test. Upon completion of the audit, the town will be eligible to apply for a grant up to \$500,000 for implementation.

The Town Hall roof stabilization project is out to bid. Five different contractors attended the site visit. We should know the bid results

to review at our Oct. 4 meeting.

October 4

The selectboard appointed Rachel Sellers to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging committee for a term ending in 2026.

The selectboard discussed the roof stabilization bid for the Town Hall, submitted by Millbrook Building and Remodeling, for \$340,000. Probably a project manager will also be hired to oversee the project, bringing the total cost close to \$400,000. Millbrook estimated that they could complete the project in early spring of 2024, meaning our big hall in the Town Hall could be available for events next spring. The selectboard approved spending funds from ARPA for this important project.

The Lake Iroquois Association presented their FY25 budget request. This year, the association has won the Lake Wise Gold Award by having 15 percent of the total lake properties be approved for modifying their shoreline frontage with buffer plantings that help protect water quality. At this point, 16 out of the total of 94 properties have achieved this status, and many more property owners are working on the required modifications. Lake Iroquois is only one of three lakes in the state of Vermont to achieve this award. Information was also given about the current status of Eurasian Milfoil, which, due to weather conditions, increased considerably this September. The Greeter Program and a Stormwater Improvement Project were also described.

This is the time of year when the selectboard starts work on the budget that will be presented to voters at Town Meeting in March. Our Town Manager, Todd Odit, led the selectboard through the first draft of the FY25 budget. Details of the budget, and Todd's budget narrative, can be found on the Meeting Documents for the Oct. 4 selectboard meeting.

Ad and news deadline is November 16 for the next issue. Publication date is November 30. Go to hinesburgrecord.org or call 802-999-2410 for more information.

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CSWD

The End of Summer

BY KAT MOODY, CSWD COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Hello neighbors!

This month has been quite busy for us here at CSWD, as I'm sure it has been for you. I had the opportunity to attend Vermont's Composting Certification course taught by some of Vermont's compost experts. I learned about all things compost, from compost recipe development to troubleshooting common composting challenges. I'm excited to have a deeper knowledge of composting and to use this knowledge in my outreach work with the community!

And speaking of community outreach, as the summer winds down, so does our summer full of event waste reduction with our Waste Warrior volunteer program. We had a successful summer of diverting waste from the landfill and educating the community on proper waste sorting. The Waste Warriors volunteered at 35 different events (wow!) including the South End Get Down, the Burlington Farmers' Market, and many different Higher Ground concerts at the Waterfront and Shelburne Museum. If you missed out on volunteering with us this summer, keep an eye out next spring for opportunities to become a Waste Warrior volunteer!

Drop-Off Center Changes:

We have a couple of exciting changes happening at our Drop-Off Centers in Burlington and Hinesburg with the goal of providing better service and access to waste management for these communities.

Burlington location accepting blue-bin recyclables & food scraps

Starting Saturday, Sept. 23, residents can drop off food scraps and blue-bin recycling on Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Blue-bin recycling can be dropped off for \$2 with a limit of 1 cubic yard. Trash and other materials are still not accepted.

Hinesburg location providing an extra day of service

Beginning Oct. 4, we will be adding an extra day of service to our Drop-Off Center located in Hinesburg. In addition to our Saturday hours of operation, we will now also be open on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Question of the Month

How can I stay up to date with information on how to dispose of certain items and other sustainability tips?

ANSWER: Follow us on Instagram ([instagram.com/cswdvt](https://www.instagram.com/cswdvt)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/cswdvt](https://www.facebook.com/cswdvt))! Every Friday, we post an answer to one of your frequently asked questions in our "Frequently Asked Fridays" series. From how to start backyard composting to what to do with old shoes and clothes, we cover a wide range of topics related to compost, recycling, and sustainability.

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LEGISLATIVE

VT Delegation Applauds Investment in State's Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Oct. 5, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Senator Peter Welch (D-VT) and Representative Becca Balint (VT-AL) applauded the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) investment of more than \$7 million in the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center, housed within the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. The Innovation Center, which was a priority of former Senator Patrick Leahy established in the 2018 Farm Bill, supports small and mid-sized dairy businesses in the development, production, marketing, and distribution of dairy products. This funding will help Vermont and regional dairy producers increase sales, open new markets, create jobs, and expand infrastructure.

"Vermont's dairy farmers have always played an essential role in our state's culture and local economies, and it's no secret that the last few years have been especially difficult for our farmers and farm workers," said the Vermont Congressional Delegation in a joint statement. "This federal investment will bring much-needed support to help this industry succeed by supporting innovations in development, marketing, and production. We will continue to work together to fight for our world-

class Vermont dairy producers in the upcoming Farm Bill."

"These investments are supporting our rural communities," said Anson Tebbetts, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets. "This program works for farmers and processors. Thank you, USDA and the Vermont delegation for supporting our farmers."

"The influx of an additional \$7 million will allow the NE-DBIC to continue to make critical investments in the region's dairy sector," says Laura Ginsburg, Dairy Development and Innovation Lead at Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center. "These funds give us the capacity to invest in foundational needs for farmers and processors for the next three years, giving businesses the ability to plan and apply for projects that will strengthen their operations. The NE-DBIC is looking forward to seeing the positive impacts of this funding and to supporting the region's dairy community."

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets is one of this year's recipients of the Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives grant program. The federal funding will be used to provide valuable technical and financial assistance to dairy farmers and farm businesses across north-central Vermont, supporting them with business plan development, marketing, and branding, as well as increasing access to innovative production and processing techniques to support the development of value-added products.

For more information, visit the AMS Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives webpage at ams.usda.gov/services/grants/dbi.

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POLICE

Incidents

September 12: 12:12 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

5:45 p.m. Officers responded to Kelley's Field to investigate a parking issue.

September 13: 11:45 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

1:32 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint on CVU Road was investigated.

2:25 p.m. An officer investigated a report of harassment by electronic communication.

4:51 p.m. Suspicious activity on Tyler Bridge Road was investigated.

5:15 p.m. Officers assisted first responders with a medical emergency on North Road.

September 14: 7:48 a.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

12:41 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on North Road.

September 15: 9:25 a.m. An offi-

cer investigated the report of a violation of a Relief from Abuse Order on Route 116.

12:42 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

1:22 p.m. An officer investigated the report of damage to a motor vehicle.

3:20 p.m. The report of illegal burning on North Road was investigated.

7:03 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Hollow Road.

September 16: 4:15 p.m. Officers responded to Silver Street for the report of livestock in the roadway.

September 17: 7 a.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

9:30 a.m. Officers investigated a theft of property on North Road.

12:18 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

September 18: 8:03 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Green Street.

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10:25 p.m. Officers assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Place Road East.

September 19: 7:24 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Buck Hill Road East. Howard Popke, 68, of Hinesburg was arrested for aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon.

September 21: 10:09 a.m. Officers trespassed an individual from a residence on North Road per request of the homeowner.

2:37 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

2:45 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

3:02 p.m. A motorist was assisted on Route 116 with a disabled vehicle.

4:03 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Texas Hill Road.

6:58 p.m. Officers investigated a theft of property from a business on Commerce Street.

September 23: 6:43 p.m. Officers responded to CVU for the report of a student brandishing a firearm on school grounds. That investigation is still ongoing.

September 25: 3:15 p.m. A welfare check was conducted off of North Road.

6:50 p.m. An officer assisted with first responders with a medical emergency on Patricia's Place.

September 26: 12:25 p.m. A stalking issue on Richmond Road was investigated.

1 p.m. Officers investigated the report of vandalism and destruction of property on Route 116.

1:30 p.m. Found property was turned in to the Hinesburg police.

September 27: 2:50 p.m. Property damage to a motor vehicle was investigated on Pond Road.

3:00 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a domestic dispute on Route 116.

5:57 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

8:30 p.m. An officer investigated a noise complaint in the form of gunshots on Pond Brook Road.

September 28: 10:25 a.m. An officer investigated suspicious activity on Haystack Road.

September 29: 2:06 p.m. Officers responded to a two-vehicle motor vehicle crash on Mechanicsville Road.

5:41 p.m. An officer investigated suspicious activity on Nick's Run.

September 30: 12:40 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Hollow Road.

2:50 p.m. An alarm activation on Mallard Pond Road was investigated.

2:52 p.m. Officers responded to CVU to assist first responders with a medical emergency.

3:40 p.m. Found property was turned in to the Hinesburg police.

4:30 p.m. An officer responded to an animal complaint on Mechanicsville Road.

October 1: 7 a.m. An officer investigated the report of suspicious activity at a business on Route 116.

3:07 p.m. An alarm activation on Orchard Hill was investigated.

October 3: 11:01 a.m. An alarm activation on Lincoln Hill Road was investigated.

2 p.m. Found property was turned in to the Hinesburg police.

2:05 p.m. A stolen utility trailer out of South Burlington was recovered on East Shore Drive.

2:30 p.m. Found property was turned in to the Hinesburg police.

4:45 p.m. Suspicious activity on Haystack Road was investigated.

October 4: 3:15 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen on Pond Road with a lock out.

October 5: 10:37 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen on Birdie Drive with an animal problem.

11:48 a.m. Suspicious activity on Haystack Road investigated.

2:37 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4:20 p.m. Property damage on Richmond Road was investigated.

7:50 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Pond Road.

October 6: 11:35 a.m. An officer responded to a 911 hangup on Hidden Pasture Road.

October 7: 10:58 a.m. Officers assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Lavigne Hill Road.

5:24 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Commerce Street.

BUSINESS

Financial Focus: Don't leave your IRA to the IRS

FROM PRESS RELEASE

If you've invested in an IRA for many decades, it may well turn into a key source of income for your retirement. Still, you might not deplete your IRA in your lifetime, especially if you also have a pension or a 401(k) and other investment income. So, if your IRA still has sizable assets after your passing, it would likely end up in your estate plan. If you leave your IRA to grown children or other family members, could they be hit with a big tax bill?

Here's a little background: Up until the Secure Act of 2019, those who inherited traditional IRAs could extend their required withdrawals over their lifetimes, which stretched out the annual taxes due on these withdrawals. But the Secure Act changed the provisions for non-spouse beneficiaries who inherited an IRA after 2019, meaning that beneficiaries of inherited IRAs had only 10 years (beginning the year after death) to withdraw the entire balance. For some beneficiaries, this could potentially create a tax burden. (Inheritors of Roth IRAs are also required to follow the 10-year distribution rule but are not subject to income taxes on account earnings if the Roth IRA's five-year holding period has been met).

However, not all beneficiaries were affected by the new rules. Spouses can stretch their inherited IRA distributions over their lifetimes and exceptions exist for certain non-spouse beneficiaries. Minor children of the IRA owner (until the age of majority), chronically ill or disabled individuals, and beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner may opt to stretch their distributions.

The new 10-year requirement applies to IRAs inherited on or after Jan. 1, 2020. But due to confusion over changes to required minimum distribution (RMD)

rules for some beneficiaries of inherited IRAs, the IRS waived penalties for individuals who failed to take RMDs in 2021 and 2022 and extended the RMD penalty waiver for 2023.

Although these rulings give beneficiaries — those not eligible for the exemptions listed above — more time to plan, they will eventually need to start taking RMDs, which could affect their tax situations. To help protect your heirs, consider these suggestions:

- Using permanent life insurance. A properly structured permanent life insurance policy could help you replace the assets your family might lose to the taxes resulting from an inherited IRA. You might even consider naming a charity as the beneficiary of an IRA, rather than your family members. The charity would receive the IRA proceeds tax free, and the life insurance could then provide tax-free benefits to your heirs.
- Leaving taxable investment accounts to your heirs. Apart from your tax-deferred IRA, you may own other, fully taxable accounts containing investments such as stocks or bonds. Typically, these investments receive what's known as a "step-up" in their cost basis once they are inherited. This means your heirs will essentially inherit all the gains your investments earned by the time of your passing — but they won't be taxed on these gains if they sell the assets immediately. This type of sale could help offset the taxes your heirs will incur from the inherited IRA.

The tax and investment issues surrounding inherited IRAs can be complex, so consult with your tax and financial advisors before making any moves. And, as with many areas relating to inheritances, the sooner you start planning, the better.

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

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RECREATION

Community News

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 HRD at hinesburgrec.com. First 50 registrations receive THANKFUL t-shirts thanks to Project HoePppnEr.

Youth Recreation Sports

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 with-in CVU district, please register with your respective town FIRST – Charlotte, Shelburne, or Williston. At the close of registration, our local recreation departments are committed to work together, when feasible, to ensure each child has an opportunity to play. Thanks for your support.

Dec. 2 - Feb. 10 (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade)

Dec. 2 - Feb. 17 (3-6 grades)

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Co-ed: Sat. 8-9 a.m.

Grade 2 Co-ed: Sat. 9:10-10:10 a.m.

Grade 3-4 Boys: Sat. 10:20-11:20 a.m. and Wed. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grade 3-4 Girls: Sat. 11:30 a.m.-

12:30 p.m. and Tues. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grade 5-6 Boys: Sat. 12:40-1:40 p.m. and Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 5-6 Girls: Sat. 1:50-2:50 p.m. and Mon. 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.

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.

Who: Ages 6 - 14. When: Tuesdays, Session 3: Oct. 31 – Nov. 28 (no Nov. 21). Where: Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg. Time: 3-5 p.m. Cost: \$160.

More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com. Maximum: 6 participants

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: Saturday, Nov. 4. shelburnevt.org.

Hinesburg: Saturday, Dec. 2, in first floor conference room at Town Hall. hinesburgrec.com.

Williston: Saturday, March 9. willistonrec.org.

Charlotte: Wednesday, April 24. charlotterec.com.

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Literature & Arts with Susan Lepple

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

Tuesdays, 2:45-4:30 p.m. HCS Art Room. Grades 2-5.

Session 2: Jan. 9 – Feb. 6

Session 3: Feb. 20 – March 26

Cost: \$150

AARP Safe Driver Course

Refresh your driving skills and you may save on auto insurance. Learn about skills and strategies you can use on the road every day. Discover defensive driving techniques to help you deal with aggress-

sive drivers. Explore local laws and traffic rules for drivers. Get tips for proper maintenance of your vehicle so it's safe before you drive.

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

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Library News

This month, we're pleased to welcome our new Library Director, Robert Broder. Rob comes from the Pierson Library in Shelburne, where he was the Program Coordinator. In addition to his library work, Rob co-founded and ran a children's publishing company and is a published picture book author. Please stop in and say hi – he'd love to meet you.

New materials arriving this month include *A Christmas Vanishing* by Anne Perry, *Class* by Stephanie Land, *Day* by Michael Cunningham, *So Late in the Day* by Claire Keegan, and *Straw Dogs of the Universe* by Chun Ye. You can also expect new books from Patricia Cornwell, David Baldacci, and Michael Connelly in November. CCL is also expecting a set of pickle ball paddles that will be added to our Library of Things.

November Youth Happenings

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

Weekly Storytime: Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 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.

Story and STEM Club: every Wednesday through Nov. 15, 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Students in grades K-4 are invited to sign up for this fun and educational program. Each week, librarians will use STEM-themed picture books to engage and inspire children on each topic, then lead the group in various hands-on activities to meet a new STEM challenge. Students will be asked to work together in pairs or small groups and then share their weekly project and observations. We hope you can join us for creativity, friends, and fun! Please register. **WAITLIST ONLY.**

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 Nov. 18.

Make a Countdown to the Holidays Calendar: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2:15-3:30 p.m.

Youth in grades K-4 are invited to sign up for this fun after-school

workshop that will get everyone in the spirit for celebrating winter holidays. Each child will make their own calendar for the month of December that will help them count the days to the holiday their family celebrates. Please register.

Mid-Grade Book Club: Thursday, Nov. 30, 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 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.

November Adult Programs

For more information about any of these programs contact library@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.

NaNoWriMo Write-in – Wednesdays, Nov. 1 and 29, 5 – 7 p.m.

November is National Novel Writing Month! Whether a novel is your goal or not, drop in at any point during our two sessions for some quiet writing time. You may also meet other writers, chat about craft, and exchange feedback. No registration required.

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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.

Mystery Book Group – Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

We meet at the library to discuss a mystery book—ranging from cozy to gritty. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk, or by emailing library@carpentercarse.org.

November: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Personal Technology Help Group – Fridays, Nov. 10 and 17, 10:30 a.m. - noon

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! Contact library@carpentercarse.org to RSVP.

To Be Read: an any-book discussion group – Tuesday, Nov. 28, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Is your “TBR” list in need of some fresh recommendations? Do you gush about your recent reads to your barista and hairdresser? Ever read a book so bad, you just need to complain about it? Join like-minded readers to chat about books you've read, books you want to read, books that made you ugly cry, and anything in between. Maybe you'll even leave the library with a new rec in hand.

No monthly commitment or reading required to participate. Please register.

COMMENTARY

In the Smokies They Sugar in the Fall

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Last fall we traveled to Weaversville, North Carolina, for a wedding. With the festivities concluded we awoke the next morning to head for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park an hour or so distant. I had camped in the Smoky Mountains after college in the fall. I've never forgotten the unique composition of fall colors nor the sense of serenity one experiences in the 800 square miles of the Smoky Mountains National Park. Fall stands still in the Smokies in one fashion or another. Now was a chance to revisit and share nature's time out.

We stayed two nights in Maggie Valley outside Cherokee Indian Reservation territory. The Cherokee described the mountains as “Shaconage,” meaning “blue, like smoke.” The classic morning picture of the Smoky Mountains at elevation is one of vapors rising from the valley floors smoke-like that levels out just shy of the ridge lines.

From Maggie Valley we first drove through the town of Cherokee on the western terminus of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the same parkway that stretches 469 miles down from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. We pulled into the Oconaluftee Visitor Center inside the park boundary for a look-see and double-check our plans against the information at the visitor center. Midway through the park, Route 441 crosses the North Carolina and Tennessee state line. The Appalachian Trail traces this state line through much of the park. This way point is near a service road to Clingmans Dome, the third highest peak in the Smokies which tops out at 6,643 feet. After parking the car, a mile walk uphill on a wide pedestrian path to the top and observation tower remains. Coming down off the mountain,

we drove the rest of the way through the park to the west boundary outside Gatlinburg, Tenn. Here the main drag is lined with honky tonks, tourist traps, a busy snowless chair lift operation, and a crush of humanity that presented a study in contrasts for the day. We doubled back through the park on the same two-lane parkway we passed through on.

Park brochures available at the visitor center in the morning lent credence to the park's obvious and subtle natural beauty. One titled “A Wondrous Diversity of Life” highlighted the 100 species of native trees (!) and five dominant forest types (!) attributable to the fact ice age glaciers did not reach as far south as the Smokies. “Consequently these mountains became a refuge for many species of plants and animals that were displaced from their northern homes.”

There's little doubt that the throngs of people touring the park in October, who individually and as drivers are as polite as “all get-out,” come to take in sights of fall foliage. The fall foliage mix of 100 different species of trees presents a spectacular show. Color intensity may not be as striking as fall foliage in New England, however the Smokies have a much wider spectrum of color to present.

The drive under this canopy of tree leaves is like no other.

Starting at the same visitor center the second day we decided to go slow, do less driving. We were content to stay put and would set out to walk the Oconaluftee River Trail. An initial meander through the “gift shop” for starters enabled a casual glance at locally produced products lining the shelves. The display looked awfully familiar in the form of opaque beige colored plastic jug containers, pint jars of warm colored liquid, and a rack of recipe books for home cooking.

The wayward thought triggered notions of Vermont maple syrup. Actually reading the container labels brought the first revelation. The beige plastic jugs and pint glass jars weren't maple syrup containers but sorghum syrup.

The second revelation, we come to learn, in the Smoky Mountains region they sugar in the fall.

Unlike maple, syrup sorghum syrup doesn't come from a tree. This sorghum is one of 25 species of flowering sorghum plants in the grass family. At one period almost all farmers of southern Appalachia had a cane patch. Sugar cane grows in the warmer, more southern regions. Sorghum was used in place of scarce cane and scant sugar supply. Sorghum needed to be harvested before the first frost.

A National Park Smokies Guide – Fall 2022 listed things to do in the fall. One was to “Savor the Harvest. And learn all about growing, harvesting, and preserving a Smoky Mountain staple...Sorghum cane is processed using a century-old mill creating juice that is then boiled down to render a sweet, grassy syrup.”

We weren't lucky enough to be present the right day nor at the right visitor center to see the scheduled demonstrations. But we did come across a “Sorghum Mill and Furnace” sign and eyes dropped on a park ranger leading a public walking tour through the Mountain Farm Museum settlement which included what a Vermont “sugarmaker” might call an arch and pan.

Naturally the choice of words differs regionally. The “mill” device was approximately the size of a small engine block anchored to the top of a waist-high timber frame. The sorghum plant leaves and seed heads would be stripped and the cane cut in the field. Several stalks of sorghum cane at a time were hand fed into a side opening in the mill. Inside these passed between a set of gear driven rollers that worked very much the same as an old fashion clothes ringer that squeezed juice from the cane collected in a bucket. Horse power was a horse, a mule or oxen hitched to one end of a pole that trod a circular track. The other end of the pole was connected to the shaft of a bull gear poking out the top of the mill and turned the inside rollers.

“The juice is then boiled down on a wood fired furnace (arch) cooked in a large vat (pan)” fixed with a familiar labyrinth of channels for juice to progressively

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skimmed and cooled. It takes about 10 gallons of sorghum juice to render one gallon of syrup.

These last words come from an article by Aaron Searcy, A Sweet Harvest Tradition Returns to Cades Cove, (within the Smoky Mountain National Park) that appeared in the Citizen Times of Asheville, N.C., 09-17-22. He quotes Mark Guenther, a member of a long-standing family that demonstrates the traditional method of making sorghum syrup. “Everybody calls it molasses, but it is sorghum cane and the correct name is sorghum syrup... a regional delicacy paired with butter on a hot biscuit, drizzled onto a pancake, or mixed into porridge or grits.”

Can We Disagree Like Adults?

BY MARIA GIGLIELLO,
COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR FOR THE VT FISH
& WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

“They [Vermont Fish and Wildlife] need to be dispatched (tortured, beaten) the same way [as a trapped animal].”

“You’re no better than the Ku Klux Klan.”

“Bunch of in-breds out there just shooting animals for fun. Great job Vermont Fish and Wildlife!!!”

“Why any girl finds this fun [hunting] is beyond me... she must not have maternal instincts.”

These are just some of the social media comments that the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Information team sees on a regular basis. As the department’s social media leads, Joshua Morse and I get a front row seat to the good, the bad and the ugly emotions that the department’s work brings to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. I write this piece as a reminder that despite the public’s varying feelings on the work we do at Vermont Fish and Wildlife, there is always a place for kindness.

Probably due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we’ve seen a shift in the long-term trends of our social media audiences. More people are at home and online, therefore making them more observant and engaged with wildlife management decisions in the state. People are also interacting more with

each other online and that separation from person to person by a screen has increased boldness in people—boldness in their comments to us and each other.

When people who feel strongly about wildlife conservation hit “send” on a comment that calls department staff or other commenters rude names, threatens us, undermines our work, personally attacks us, etc., there are always actual people on the other end of that comment reading it. These hateful comments are very concerning and do not accomplish anything positive.

One of the department’s outreach goals is to use our social media platforms as educational tools.

Teachers, students and other educational groups use our social media channels to learn about Vermont’s wildlife. We see the value in making the natural world accessible to all. However, we often receive comments that are wildly inappropriate for young eyes. Comments such as, “Hey look the hunting idiot is back to showcase he provides nothing to Vermont wildlife but the brute force rifle he backs next to his tiny pecker.” We work hard to make our social media channels welcoming to all and we want to keep our channels welcoming to all.

Apart from the mental and emotional distress that daily hostile comments bring to department staff, this behavior raises concerns regarding our physical safety as these comments can translate to the real world. In July, Oregon Public Broadcasting published an article on how Oregon’s natural resource staff face violent threats, including attack dogs and gunfire, in the field. In 2019, violent threats caused Washington’s Department of Fish and Wildlife to cancel informational wolf management meetings. And in 2019, the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that public land employees were faced with threats that ranged from phone harassment to attempted murder.

This is a reality that many Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department biologists are aware of and fear. While luckily no physical harm has come to our staff, it is an anxiety that lingers in the back of our minds, especially when we consistently experience aggressive and sinister language

directed against the department on social media. We need to be able to do our jobs without fearing for our safety.

If you want to help make our social media a more welcoming place for everyone and push back against the disturbing behavior that has become more common on these platforms, this fall is a good time to think about how to be a better member of Vermont’s online conservation community. As our commissioner has stated in the past, conserving wildlife requires respecting each other’s different values and opinions.

We have noticed an increase in online hostility when hunting and trapping seasons start. It is that time of year again and we ask that visitors of our social media channels approach each other with tolerance despite their varying viewpoints. Whether you are with an advocacy group, a hunter, a trapper, an angler or just an admirer of wildlife we all want to see the ecological systems of our state thrive. I am certain that we will not achieve this common goal by being cruel to one another.

Elegy for the St. J. and Lake Champlain Railway

BY BILL SCHUBART

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) runs 93 miles from St. Johnsbury to Swanton, snaking through 18 towns including St. Johnsbury, Danville, Hardwick, Wolcott, Morrisville, my hometown, Hyde Park, Johnson, Jeffersonville, Cambridge, the Fairfields and ending in Swanton.

The trail is a year-round corridor for hiking, bicycling, snowshoeing, horseback-riding, cross country-skiing, dogsledding, and snowmobiling. It was a brilliant endgame use for the disused rail right-of-way of the original St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain Railroad line and will provide generations of sporty Vermonters and tourists a way to be close to the landscape, see northern Vermont, and exercise.

My grandmother Elise’s best friend and housemate Gladys Stone’s husband Joe Stone worked for that railroad. So when I was young, I was able to get a



Train crossing the Fisher Covered Bridge (1908) between Morrisville and Wolcott. Photo by Jim Shaughnessy, from “The Story of the St. Johnsbury & Lamoille County Railroad” by Edward A. Lewis, 1974.

ride from Morrisville up to St. J. to be met by Tante Rose, Elise’s sister, and her husband, Alcide. I would then spend the weekend at their farm and be returned Sunday after dinner, also by rail.

Sadly those days are gone. I also rode the Washingtonian – Montrealer from Waterbury to Grand Central in New York City as a child, traveling alone to visit my paternal grandmother. I’ve written about that train trip in a prior column (schubart.com/elegy-a-vermont-train-journey-1953)

Kate and I have traveled by rail all over the world including China, Morocco, France and India, but perhaps the most astounding rail travel was in Sweden in 2006 when we went to visit our son-in-law’s family there.

We landed at Arlanda airport, took a high-speed train to the rail terminal in Stockholm and there got a regional train north to Dalarna to vacation in a craft community they had recommended. The last leg of the 220-mile trip took us to a tiny village crossing. There was no engineer on the single-car, computer-controlled train, just passengers who boarded and disembarked during each seven-minute stop. There we got a cab to our final destination. I imagined such an efficient train network in rural Vermont and then remembered the ST S. J and L.C. of my childhood.

The rich role that rail has played in our culture is lost. Do you know what a “gandy dancer” is? (wikipedia.org/wiki/Gandy_dancer)

Did you know that conductors used to sing out the stops of a train before it left the station, an art called “calling trains,” recorded by John Lomax at Parchman Farm prison in 1936?

And most memorable to me... before the modern era of welded track, rails were bolted together using metal “fishplates.” As the

train passed over these at speed, sitting in one’s seat or lying in a bunkbed one could hear the t-tick, t-tick, t-tick of the massive wheels passing over the joints. This gentle rhythmic sound produced a feeling of euphoria explained by psychologists as the sound similar to a mother’s heart-beat inside the womb.

Recently, our shared love of trains inspired us to try out the new Ethan Allen Express service inaugurated in July of 2022. We rode the 285 miles from Vergennes to New York City which took seven and a half hours. It was comfortable, had AC power and wifi, excellent service, and good food. The modern train, however, was constrained in speed by outdated tracks until we reached Albany going south. The sideways wobble of poor track made it hard to hold coffee, whereas on the Eurostar, the high-speed train from London to Paris, one could hold up a flute of Champagne and not even see a ripple. Several years ago, we took that train the same distance as the Ethan Allen Express, 295.5 miles. Time for that trip? Two hours and 17 minutes.

Once we transferred by cab from Paris’ Gare du Nord to Gare de Lyon, we then took a TGV (Très Grande Vitesse – very high speed) train to Avignon, a distance of 361 miles. That trip took two hours and 42 minutes going an average speed of 185 miles per hour. Cost? \$64.

Our own Acela, the high-speed electric train that runs from Boston to Washington stopping only at major East Coast urban centers: Boston, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Washington is a good start on interurban service. According to a recent piece in the Washington Post, there are five “higher speed” rail projects in the planning stage between major cities.

What drives the need for high-speed trains and a light-rail rural network besides convenience?

We face a climate change catastrophe in our country. According to the Federal Highway Administration, the average American drives 14,263 miles per year. According to the Automotive Trends Report from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the average 2021 car model gets 25.4 miles to the gallon. There’s been no improvement over 2020.

A typical passenger vehicle emits about 4.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that in 2022, U.S. motor gasoline consumption in the U.S. transportation sector resulted in the emission of about 1,019 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), and 457 metric tons of CO₂ for diesel, for a total of about 1,476 metric tons of CO₂. This was equal to about 80 percent of total U.S. transportation-sector CO₂ emissions and about 30 percent of total U.S. energy-related CO₂ emissions for the year. The transportation sector is the largest consumer of fossil fuel energy in the United States, 25.9 quadrillion British thermal units (BTU) in 2022.

Now imagine an intercity high-speed rail system connecting major American urban centers with exurban webs of automated light rail serving suburbs and smaller communities as we saw in Sweden. Imagine a tenth of the number of vehicles on our interstates and major connectors.

And... you can text, answer emails, have a beer, read, meet strangers, walk around – all while riding the rails!

This is all by way of both celebrating and mourning the debut of the Lamoille County Rail Trail. The loss of once active rights-of-way will be an even more difficult challenge when and if we rebuild the rich rail network we once enjoyed and now badly need.

One of our best-known recording artists in the Philo Records era was Utah Phillips, who for years rode the rails, wrote and wrote songs as he hoboed around the West.

Here’s one of my favorites:

Daddy, What’s a train? Is it something I can ride?

Does it carry lots of grown up folks and little kids inside

Is it bigger than our house? – oh, how can I explain

When my little boy asks me, “Daddy, what’s a train?”

(copyright Bruce Phillips)

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times and crocus bulbs should not be ingested. Crocus species

are not toxic to people, however, if signs of sickness are seen medical advice should be sought immediately.



Rotarians Dan York, John Pane and Bob Glover planted almost 2,000 bulbs!

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so we hope to see many from the community coming to enjoy an afternoon of music.”

The South County Chorus selections include *Cantate Dominum* by Hayes, *Flight Song* by Arnesen, *Galop* by Berg, *93 Million Miles* recorded by Jason Mraz arranged by Emerson, *I Sing Because I'm Happy* by Dilworth, and *An Americana Songbook* by Wagner incorporating *Ching a Ring Chaw*; *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*; *I'm Goin' Away*; *Cindy*; *Shenandoah*; *Red River Valley*; *When the Saints Go Marching In*; and *Good Night, Ladies*.

The Hinesburg Community Band is performing *Pelican Dance* by Dunn, *Beacon of Light* by Roszell, *In Joyous Flight* by Roszell, excerpts from *Appalachian Spring* arranged by Longfield, and *Four Cumberland Sketches* by Standridge. The band will also perform Gershwin's *Rhapsody In Blue* arranged by Longfield. Featured musicians will be pianist Evan Allen and clarinetist Margaret Roddy.

“The Hinesburg Artist Series enjoys strong support from the community,” said Mr. Patrick. “We have many faithful attendees, donors and local advertisers who support and inspire us. Bringing music and joy to the community is what keeps us going.”

While the concert is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

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Brian tried finding someone on his own before turning to HomeShare Vermont. “I don't know how somebody would do this without HomeShare. Going your own path is really tough. HomeShare made it really easy.”

Still, Brian and Gail turned down several possible matches until they met Addison. An outdoor education instructor in nearby Monkton, Addison shares Gail's background in teaching, something they both have a passion for. Gail and Brian felt an almost immediate connection with him.

Addison loved the convenient location between work and friends, the opportunity to save money and to be part of a community. “I definitely like living in a social environment,” he explained. “I was paying too

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phase in the larger Kelley's Field development project and will offer 24 energy-efficient apartments - 23 one-bedrooms and 1 two-bedroom apartment with a mix of affordable and market-rate rents.

“Investing in affordable housing isn't just about bricks and mortar; it's about creating homes where residents can thrive and feel part of a community,” said Cindy Reid, Cathedral Square's Director of Real Estate Development. “Everyone deserves a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home.”

Amenities at Kelley's Field II include a lounge, community room with kitchen, telehealth room, activity room, pavilion, garden beds, and a walking loop. All apartments are designed with ADA accessibility in mind. Kelley's Field II offers SASH@ (Support and Services at Home), which includes an onsite care coordinator and part-time wellness nurse, at no cost to residents.

Additionally, the building is being constructed to Efficiency Vermont's “High Performance” standard for energy efficiency, and rents include heat, air conditioning, electricity, hot water, and laundry.

Co-owners and co-developers Cathedral Square and Evernorth worked with Duncan Wisniewski Architects to design the building and J.A. Morrissey is the con-

struction manager.

struction manager. “The town of Hinesburg has been incredibly supportive of our efforts,” said Kathy Beyer, Evernorth's Senior Vice President for Real Estate Development. “And the location of Kelley Field II in Hinesburg's village center is also exceptional. We are thrilled to be building new homes in such a welcoming community.”

Over \$11 million in funding was raised from federal, state, local and private sources to finance the total development costs. Vermont Housing & Conservation Board is providing over \$4.7M in federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. A significant piece of the funding came from the Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocated by the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, with Housing New England Fund V providing the tax credit equity. Vermont Housing Finance Agency also allocated \$360,000 in VT State tax credits and is providing construction financing. Vermont State Housing Authority is providing rental assistance for eight of the apartments. Mascoma Bank is the permanent lender and is also the sponsor for the AHP funds. Other sources of funds were provided by the Vermont Community Development Program, the National Housing Trust Fund, FHLBB Affordable Housing Program, Efficiency Vermont, the Town of Hinesburg and many others.

Construction began in May 2023 and is expected to be complete by August 2024.

much for a little apartment. It's nice being in a bigger house with a yard and porch and garage.”

Addison was reluctant when he applied. “I was excited but apprehensive going into it,” Addison said. “I didn't really know what I was getting into. But it's been so nice and super easy. It feels great to share the kitchen space and I can come and go at my own pace.”

“I don't know how somebody would do this without HomeShare.”

Gail and Addison enjoy playing gin rummy, cooking, having dinner together and having cocktail hour. And talking about education.

Brian said, “I'll come into the kitchen and they're talking away, making dinner and I almost don't want to interrupt their evening.” Those discussions can often last a couple of hours. Addison and Brian have also

bonded over building and DIY projects and trail recommendations.

One concern Brian had about home-sharing was if their guest would invite friends over and how that might be too noisy and disruptive for his mom. “Instead, he's had friends over and they're chatting with Mom about stuff and it's just a better social opportunity.”

Gail says that discussing education with Addison keeps her motivated and she loves hearing what he's doing at school. Addison enjoys having Gail's wealth of experience in education as he works on getting his teacher's license.

Brian says that being picky in choosing the right “match” has been rewarding. “I was less concerned that we do this quickly than doing it right. Now, it feels like getting another family member.”

About Evernorth

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EDUCATION

Access CVU is Thankful

FROM PRESS RELEASE

As we enter the month of November, we want to start by expressing our gratitude for our community as you support us by taking classes, and making donations to support our scholarship fund for those in need. We are excited to share that the fall/winter semester of Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU High School, is well under way. With more than 80 classes remaining, including a mix of past favorites and creative new options, there's something for everyone!

It's never too early to start thinking about holiday gift giving.

- We have a number of craft classes that will set you up to make gifts for your friends and family – how about knitting a cowl, or holiday cards (Calligraphy and/or Block Printing)?
- Are you looking for the perfect gift that will always be in stock and won't expire? Consider an Access gift certificate.
- Or go ahead and register for a class like Needle-felted Holiday Ornaments, basket making, or Chocolate Specialties with your favorite person and enjoy some quality time together.
- Our second craft fair of the

fall season is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25 – grab your friends and family and come shop from local crafters.

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

Cooking & Cuisine

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Baking with Sourdough Workshop

Thursday, Nov. 9: Indian Cooking: Biryani Holiday Edition

Monday, Nov. 13: Tourtiere: Traditional French Canadian Meat Pie

Tuesday, Nov. 14: Baking 101: Cupcakes

Wednesday, Nov. 15: Chocolate Specialties!

Thursday, Nov. 16: Ethiopian Injera

Thursday, Nov. 30: Mexican Gorditas

Fine Arts, Crafts, Fiber, Wood, & Photography

Monday, Oct. 30: Beautiful Barn Quilts 2' X 2'

Tuesday, Oct. 31: Weaving an Adirondack Pack Basket

Thursday, Nov. 2: Intro to Organizing, Editing and

Publishing Digital Images Using Adobe Lightroom Classic*

Monday, Nov. 6: Fused Glass Small Plate Set

Tuesday, Nov. 7: Learn How to Turn a Wooden Bowl!

Tuesday, Nov. 7: Intro to Oil Painting: Landscapes & Florals

Tuesday, Nov. 7: Carving in Wood – Fork and Spoon Servers

Thursday, Nov. 9: Beginning Colorwork – Slip Stitches – Knitting the Limitless Cowl

Thursday, Nov. 9: Oil Painting: Portraiture and Figurative

Monday, Nov. 13: Holiday Greeting Cards with Lydia Batten

Wednesday, Nov. 15: Crafting a Charcuterie Board from Repurposed Woods

Tuesday, Nov. 16: Harvest Basket: Two-Handled Lading Round

Monday, Nov. 27: Gemstone and Essential Oil Diffusing Bracelet Workshop



Nov. 16 – Harvest Basket

Monday, Nov. 27: Fused Glass Ornaments (or Sun Catchers)

Monday, Nov. 27: How to Begin a Quilt: One-night Workshop!

Tuesday, Nov. 28: Needle-Felted Holiday Ornaments

Tuesday, Nov. 28: Beaded Earrings

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Thursday, Nov. 9: The Herbal Goddess Facial!

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Tuesday, Nov. 28: Women's Circle

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ORGANIZATIONS

Lyman Meadows Block Party

Sunday, Oct. 29, 3-5 p.m.

BY NATACHA LIUZZI

The Lyman Meadows neighborhood (behind Papa Nick's) will be hosting a Block Party on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 3-5 p.m. There will be Las Hermosas Authentic Mexican cuisine for sale: tacos, chips & salsa, quesadillas, and flan. There will also be a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream truck. Bring your appetites and join us! Cash, credit cards, and Venmo will be accepted. All are welcome.

Halloween costumes are optional. Note that this is NOT a day for trick-or-treating; that will be on Halloween.

United Church of Hinesburg News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Holiday Bazaar

The United Church of Hinesburg will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come and discover treasures in our Grandmother's Attic and the Jewelry Corner, and a variety of handmade items in the Arts & Crafts Center. With great selections, all reasonably priced, you



The United Church of Hinesburg's Holiday Bazaar will be Nov. 18

are sure to find something for yourself and gifts for others!

Our homemade baked goods table will have a delicious array to choose from including baked beans, pies, breads, and cookies, as well as our traditional "brown bobbies." Watch Front Porch Forum and our website (ucofh.org) for postings about a pre-Bazaar online Pie Sale!

Lunch, featuring homemade soups and sandwiches, will be available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Each order includes a free dessert.

Debit and credit cards are welcome.

A local wreath maker will have a variety of wreaths for sale (cash or check) in our parking lot again this year.

Chicken BBQ Community Dinner Hosted by UCH Raises Money

The USDA Williston Office and the United Church Missions & Social Justice Committee hosted a very special community dinner Friday evening, Sept. 29. About 100 meals were served. The delicious food, the joyful music, the sense of camaraderie, and the thought that went into so many details of this event were appreciated by all who attended.

The event collected \$990 in donations. All of the money will go to Vermont farmers affected by July's flooding. Thanks to all who

contributed to and attended this successful community event.

Shelburne Age Well Nov. 14 Grab and Go Meal, Nov. 16 Luncheon

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Nov. 14 Grab and Go Meal

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, Nov. 14. 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, but not required.

The menu is: roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, wheat roll, pumpkin pie with cream, and milk.

To order a meal: please contact Kathleen by **Wednesday, Nov. 8**, by email (preferred): agewellstcath@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 2024 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.

Nov. 16 Sit-down Lunch

Time For Turkey

St. Catherine of Siena and Age Well are teaming up to offer a Turkey Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 16, in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 72 Church St., in Shelburne. The check-in time is 11:30 a.m. and the meal will be served at noon. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

The delicious menu is: roast tur-

key, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, wheat roll, pumpkin pie with cream, and milk.

Entertainment: 50/50 raffle, door prizes.

You must register by Nov. 10.

Contact: Kerry Batres, Nutrition Coordinator at: 802-662-5283 or email kbatres@agewellvt.org

Tickets are also available at the Age Well Office: 875 Roosevelt Highway, Ste. 210; Colchester, Vt. Restaurant tickets will be available for distribution for a suggested \$5 donation.

Donations Needed to Replenish Red Cross Blood Supply

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Since announcing a national blood and platelet shortage in September, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply. As that generosity continues, the Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs. Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially

those with type O blood or those giving platelets.

Don't wait – patients are counting on critical care this fall. To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

To encourage more blood and platelet donations, the Red Cross is offering new incentives to donors. All who come to give through Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross. They'll also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners – one chosen at random each week. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines don't affect donor eligibility!

As cold and flu season quickly approaches, the Red Cross is reminding donors that they can still give blood and platelet after receiving a flu vaccine, so long as they are feeling healthy and well on the day of their donation. Likewise, there is no deferral or wait time for those receiving the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

Blood Drive in Hinesburg

There will be a blood drive in Hinesburg on Nov. 9, 1-5:30 p.m., at the United Church of Hinesburg, 10580 Route 116.

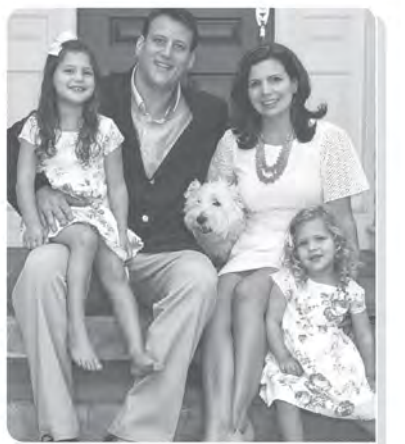
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Halloween Party

The pot has been brewing and we will be ready. The Halloween Party has returned! Join us Tuesday, October 31, 6-8 p.m. at the fire station for games, candy and prizes. Witches, warlocks, ghouls and goblins of all ages are welcome. The Hinesburg Fire Station is a nut-free building. We will also have teal pumpkins filled with non-food prizes.

Food Drive

Its that time of year again to help stock up the Hinesburg Food Shelf and The Little Free Pantry! Department members will be collecting non-perishable foods at Lantman's and The Fire Station on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



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OUTDOORS

What is an Old-Growth Forest?

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

On a highly-altered landscape, the idea of an old-growth forest is captivating to many. But what are old-growth forests? And why do they matter?

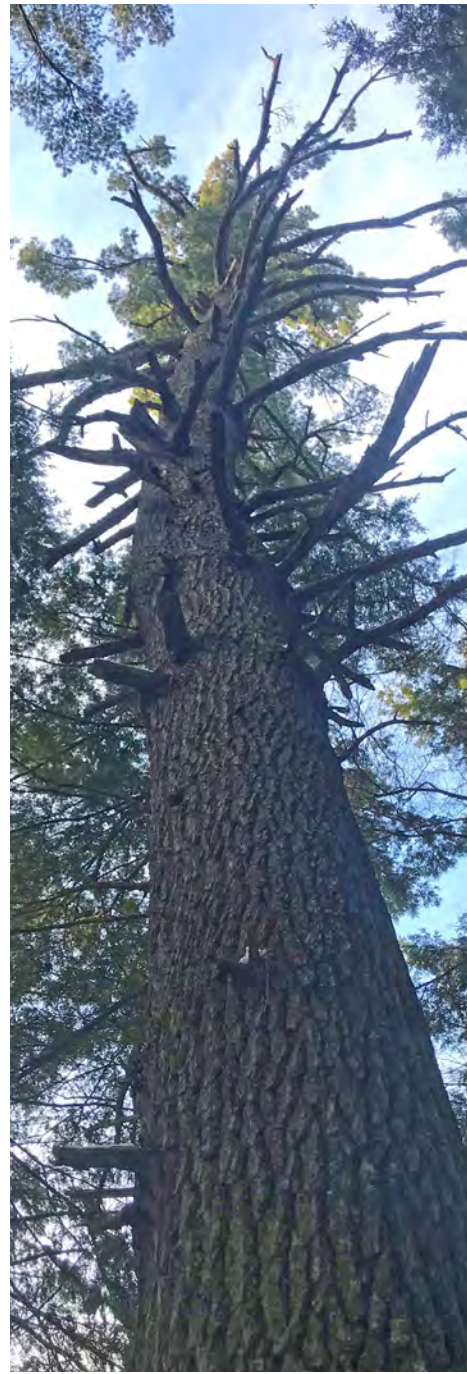
Definitions vary. Some would say that the only true old-growth forests are primary forests – the tiny fraction that have never been extensively altered by humans, or by humans of European descent. Others would say that an old-growth forest is any forest that is

old – that has escaped extensive disturbance for a long period of time, usually at least several centuries. Others would say that a forest becomes old-growth when it attains late-successional characteristics, the suite of traits common to many older forests. These characteristics include multiple generations of trees (what I call “multi-generationality”), some big, old trees, and lots of dead wood on the forest floor.

By any definition, most people have never seen an old-growth forest in Vermont, or anywhere in eastern North America. Unless you specifically seek out one of our few remnant old-growth forests, a walk in Vermont’s woods

will carry you through an area that was a field or a clearcut within the last 150 years, and probably as recently as the 1960s. The vast majority of Vermont’s forests are just 60-100 years old – just at the beginning of their centuries or millennia-long journey towards old-growth. While old-growth forests once covered more than 90 percent of Vermont, today the number is closer to 0.1 percent – perhaps one thousand acres in total.

What are old-growth forests like? While they are defined by their irregularity and their variability (and so are difficult to make generalizations about), old-growth forests – whether they are primary or just old – often feature those late-successional characteristics mentioned above. While the most obvious of these



Cambridge Pines

is big, old trees – but not a lot, often just 10-12 per acre – old-growth is equally characterized by multi-generationality, by tons of deadwood on the forest floor, by a canopy filled with gaps, by deep, well-developed soils. Interestingly, while many people imagine that old-growth forests are peaceful and easy to appreciate, these qualities make them seem incredibly “messy,” chaotic, even jarring, to most.

From an ecological perspective, old-growth forests are not just valuable because they’re old – they’re valuable because of these characteristics. On a landscape that was once dominated by old-growth, the characteristics mentioned above are the conditions to which our native flora and fauna have adapted for thousands of years. Each of these characteristics supports vital natural processes and provides important habitats for wildlife, and all are woefully underrepresented in our

modern landscape.

The rareness and uniqueness of old-growth forests has convinced some people that the best thing for our forests is just to leave them alone. Unfortunately, this is not so. While we should certainly protect all existing old-growth forests and set aside some unmanaged reserves, we need to acknowledge that our forests are facing an apocalyptic array of threats and stressors: they have been cleared and exploited, have lost native species and had non-natives introduced, are simultaneously navigating a climate crisis, a biodiversity crisis, and a mass extinction event. Many – if not most – of our forests have been altered to an extent where they will likely never become old-growth without our help. Of the forests that may someday become old-growth on their own, this process will likely take two or three centuries, leaving our planet and our biodiversity to suffer in the meantime.

While we say “Not In My Backyard” to local forest management, forests – including old-growth forests – will be exploited across the world to feed our need for resources, forcing peoples and ecosystems elsewhere to bear the cost of our consumption. As we pretend that the beauty and the importance of old-growth means that we should leave every forest unmanaged, our forests and the biological communities that they support will continue to suffer without our help.

To me, old-growth forests are a call to action. At a time when old-growth is more needed than ever before, we can use forest management to create old-growth characteristics, and the myriad habitats and benefits that they provide, in decades rather than centuries. We can do so while protecting biodiversity, sequestering and storing carbon, producing local, renewable resources, and supporting a vibrant and just local and global economy. To me, this is a far greater tribute to old-growth than leaving every forest alone.

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

Mt. Philo State Park Selected as a 2023 Leave No Trace Spotlight

1 of 20 Sites, Nationwide, Chosen for Community Conservation Initiative

FROM VT DEPT. OF FORESTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION; AND LEAVE NO TRACE PRESS RELEASE

Montpelier – The Leave No Trace organization has selected Mt. Philo State Park as a 2023 Spotlight site. As outdoor areas all over the country are being impacted by record use,

this new initiative from Leave No Trace shines a light on communities rising to meet this challenge with multi-day, onsite education and stewardship programs. From Oct. 13-15, a Subaru/Leave No

Trace Traveling Team will be in Charlotte at Mt. Philo State Park to work with the community and local land agencies to deliver Leave No Trace education as well as to partner on restoration and stewardship projects.

Sites are nominated for the Leave No Trace Spotlight initiative by local land agencies or community groups. The diverse sites chosen in 2023 span the country, each with unique environmental challenges. The goal of the initiative

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CALENDAR

PLEASE GO TO [HINESBURGRECORD.ORG/CALENDAR](https://www.hinesburgrecord.org/calendar) FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS

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ARTS & LEISURE

VT Humanities Council “Snapshot Series” Talks at Public Libraries

Recorded past events can be viewed online

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Snapshot Series is a series of free talks held at public libraries around Vermont, September through May. Most of the talks are a hybrid format – both in-person and

also live streamed. Please register so that we can send you the link for the live stream and so we can share with you other information about the event. To register and to see more session dates, go to vermonthumanities.org/programs/attend/snapshot

Watch past Snapshot presentations at vermonthumanities.org/programs/watch/fw-videos

Religion is Always in the Room

Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Brownell Library, Essex Jct.

We're taught not to talk about re-

ligion and politics in polite company. But dismissing religion ignores one of the fundamental, daily ways people interact with their world and how politics, law, healthcare, education are influenced by and tied up with religion. University of Vermont Professor Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst discusses religious literacy, what we mean when we say religion, and how even if you are not religious, religion still impacts your life.

South Korean Cinema, aka K-Cinema: What's in a Name?

Nov. 8, 1 p.m. Isley Public Library, Middlebury

What does South Korea's vibrant

Hinesburg Artist Series presents

2023 Fall Concert

Sunday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the CVU auditorium. Free admission, donations appreciated.

Featuring the South County Chorus and Hinesburg Community Band under the direction of Rufus Patrick

Concert support from Lantman's Market

Outdoors

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is to equip each Spotlight area with relevant Leave No Trace tools that address the impacts the site is facing and ultimately, to foster healthy lands and people.

“The Spotlight initiative highlights the great steps a community can take to protect an area that they cherish,” according to Dana Watts, the Executive Director of Leave No Trace. This year, the Airbnb Community Fund has made this program possible through a generous grant. Watts continues, “The three-day Spotlight features workshops for stakeholders and Leave No Trace education for the public at large. It also will include opportunities for the community and our Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Team, who will be there conducting the initiative, to roll up their sleeves together at the Spotlight site and get some work done.”

“We are thrilled to have been selected as a Leave No Trace Spotlight site,” expressed Danielle Fitzko, Commissioner of the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. “Mt. Philo is a jewel in our state park system, drawing thousands of visitors each year. This recognition underscores our unwavering dedication to creating an inclusive and enjoyable experience.

About Leave No Trace

Using the power of science and research, education for all, and stewardship to support and protect nature, Leave No Trace is on a mission to ensure a sustainable future



Bat houses are a great alternative for bats you need to evict from your home, but they do

for the outdoors and the planet. The Spotlight program is the newest education offering from Leave No Trace. Additional support for 2023 Spotlights comes from the Airbnb Community Fund. Learn more at: LNT.org.

Homes for Bats on Halloween

Bat Week is Oct. 24-31

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The onset of fall sends Vermont's bats into motion, which makes it an important time for conservation-minded Vermonters to learn about, and help conserve, our nine native bat species.

If you have noticed bats roosting in your attic, barn or office over the summer, fall and spring are the perfect times to safely

evict these uninvited guests from your property. Bats migrate between winter and summer roosts during the fall and spring and do not have vulnerable young at these times. You can learn how to safely evict bats from your building at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's best management practices page.

You can also help bat conservation efforts by reporting large colonies of bats living in structures to the department's website. Locations with rare colonies of endangered little brown bats are eligible for free bat houses from Vermont Fish and Wildlife.

Bat houses provide an alternative location for safely evicted bats to remain in your yard and continue eating huge quantities of insects that may be forest, agricultural or human pests. Variety is important, so placing several bat houses

with variable solar exposure to help bats find the right temperature ranges throughout the summer helps bats raise their young successfully.

Bat houses can be put up any time of year but do require some simple maintenance. Late fall or winter is the time to look up inside your bat house and make sure all the bats have left before cleaning out any abandoned wasp nests and planning any needed caulking or repainting.

“Fall also means Halloween, and scary images of bats, but this presents an opportunity to bring positive attention to bats as well,” said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Small Mammals Biologist Alyssa Bennett. “We celebrate ‘Bat Week’ in the days leading up to Halloween.” Bat Week takes place October 24-31 and aims to raise awareness about the vital ecological functions of bats and to dispel the many myths and misinformation about them.

Anyone interested in learning more can visit the official Bat Week website at BatWeek.org, or email Alyssa.Bennett@vermont.gov for more information about what they can do right here in Vermont to promote bat conservation.

“Vermont is home to several species of threatened and endangered bats that we are working to conserve and recover. We hope Vermonters will support these efforts and come to enjoy seeing bats in their natural environment,” added Bennett. “Bats are a very important part of our natural world.

cinema have to say about our understanding of society and the human subject? Hyon Joo Yoo will unpack how South Korean cinema, as an aesthetic response to conditions in South Korea and beyond, reflects upon the universal human subject in the era of global capitalism.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Public Input Sought for Future of Regional Emergency Medical Services in Vermont

FROM VT DEPT. OF HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Department of Health is holding a series of public meetings around the state to get input for a Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordination Study. Findings from the study will be used to make recommendations to the Legislature for improving emergency medical services in Vermont.

The Health Department is asking members of the public, as well as EMS and public safety professionals, and other stakeholders to share feedback and ideas on a host of regional EMS issues, including costs of service, existing and alternative funding models challenges and opportunities related to emergency response coordination, and the overall EMS district structure, authority, duties, and number of districts.

Comments can be submitted online through Oct. 30

The Department held meetings over the past month in St. Johnsbury, Manchester, Chester, Northfield, and Newport. In addition to the upcoming sessions,

the public can submit comments online by October 30 at emergency.vt.gov/vermontemsstudy.

Schedule of upcoming regional meetings:

October 27, 6 p.m. - District 9 - Hartford Fire Department, 810 VA Cutoff Rd., White River Junction

October 30, 9 a.m. - District 3 - Williston Fire Department, 645 Talcott Rd., Williston

Learn more about Emergency Medical Services in Vermont: HealthVermont.gov/EMS

Interested in becoming an EMS provider or volunteering for the Medical Reserve Corps? Visit OnCallforVT.org.

Have news? email news@hinesburgrecord.org.

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Hinesburg Food Shelf

Food drop off box at Lantman's in the orange bin

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Hinesburg Food Shelf hours are: Tuesday nights 5:30 - 7:30 Friday mornings 10:00 - 12:00

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ANSWERS are on inside of back page

WHAT THE HECK?

Hippopotimusk



Unidentified Frying Object



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PEOPLE

Hillier Named NEWMAC Men's Cross Country Runner of The Week

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Wheaton College (Mass.) men's cross country runner **Kai Hillier** of Hinesburg was named the New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week for the week of Sept. 25 to Oct. 1.

Hillier becomes the first Lyon to earn the honor since Harry Bachrach was tabbed on Sept. 15, 2014.

The sophomore was outstanding at the Keene State Invitational, clocking in at 25:46.3 to place fourth in the eight-kilometer race at the Owl Athletic Complex in Keene, N.H., to lead Wheaton. The Champlain Valley Union High School product shattered his previous personal-record time by 48

seconds. The second-year runner showed great improvement from last year's effort in Keene, where he finished 26th in the race.

Hillier has been the Lyons' top runner all season, finishing with Wheaton's top individual time in all three races the team has competed in. He began the season by recording a mark of 16:24 to finish second in the five-kilometer 9th Annual Wheaton & Babson Season Opener on the Mark Coogan Course at Highland Park in Attleboro, Mass., on Sept. 2. The business major followed that by placing 16th among Division III harriers with a clip of 26:34.09 at the 8K 50th Annual UMass Dartmouth Invitational on the Robert Dowd Cross Country Course in Dartmouth, Mass., on Sept. 17.

Hillier placed 50th at the NEWMAC Championship in his first season last year and was among the top two runners in all but one race in his rookie campaign with the Lyons.

Higher Education Honors

Caitlin Vamvas of Hinesburg was named to the summer 2023 Student Honors List at Community College of Vermont (CCV). This honor recognizes part-time students with a 4.0 grade point average.

OBITUARIES

Connor Scott Garrison

Connor Scott Garrison, of Cabot, passed away Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, peacefully at home, due to medical complications, with his family by his side. He was 16 years old.

Connor was born May 31, 2007, in Burlington, Vermont. From the moment of his birth at 23 weeks gestation, he was a courageous fighter. He surpassed all expectations, beating the odds and graduating home from the UVMCM NICU, formerly Fletcher Allen, after 133 days.

Life was not easy for Connor. He experienced countless hospitalizations, surgeries, procedures, and tests, all related to complications of his prematurity. Despite all he had gone through, Connor held all the strength. He persevered and bounced back with a smile that only Connor could give.

Connor was lucky enough to receive a wish granted through Make A Wish@ Vermont. Connor



Connor Scott Garrison

went to the ocean in the Outer Banks so he could experience all its glory and splendor. The experience not only infused Connor with a sense of inclusion and vitality for life but gave his family memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Connor spent most of his years living in Shelburne, Vt., where he attended Shelburne Community School through sixth grade. After moving to Cabot, Vt., in June 2019, he attended Twinfield Union. If you ask his friends, they might say Connor was the class clown, always interrupting his teachers during lessons, perhaps

trying to get kicked out of class. His love of music was known to all and was a great comfort to him. Special thank you to Debbie LaFlam, Jacki Franks, and Alice Day for being shining lights in his life.

Connor spent the last nine years playing with the TOPSoccer program at the Essex Tree Farm. The adapted soccer program paired athletes with buddies, high school soccer players, and they would practice drills. The season would end with a ceremony where participants got awarded certificates and trophies.

Connor is predeceased by his favorite partner in crime, his MeMe Carol Martin, formerly of Hinesburg, Vt., and her husband Robert "Slugger" Martin Sr. He is predeceased by his paternal uncle and namesake Scott Garrison, and grammy Lynne Garrison of Claremont, N. H.

Connor is survived by his mother Victoria Garrison, and her partner Rodney Simpson of Cabot, Vt., his father Alexander Garrison Jr. and his partner Jena Chandler of St. Albans, Vt.; siblings Devin Garrison of Manchester, N.H.; Aysa Russell, Ethan Garrison, Caleigh Garrison and Acadia

Simpson, all of Cabot, Vt., as well as his maternal grammy Robin Kirby of Essex, Vt., and paternal papa Alexander Garrison Sr. of Claremont, N.H., and countless aunts, uncles and cousins.

Connor leaves behind a legacy of love. He taught all who knew him the true meaning of life, and that

is love. His contagious laugh gave strength to all who heard it.

A Heart Is Not Judged by How Much You Love, But by How Much You Are Loved by Others.

— L. Frank Baum
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
Fly High Dragonfly!

OTHER NEWS

Minimum Wage Increase

FROM VT DEPT. OF LABOR PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Department of Labor has announced an increase to the State's minimum wage. Beginning January 1, 2024, the State's minimum wage will become \$13.67 per hour. This is an increase of \$0.49 from the current minimum wage of \$13.18.

This annual adjustment also impacts the minimum wage for tipped employees. The Basic Tipped Wage Rate for service, or "tipped employees," equals 50% of the full minimum wage. On January 1, 2024, the tipped min-

imum wage will increase from \$6.28 to \$6.84 per hour.

The minimum wage and tipped minimum wage are adjusted annually in accordance with Vermont law and take effect at the start of the new year, as outlined in 21 V.S.A. § 384.

If an employee believes they are not being compensated fairly, according to this law, they are encouraged to contact the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Unit at 802-951-4083 or online at Labor.Vermont.gov/Rights-and-Wages.

Additional information on the Vermont Department of Labor and its resources may be found at Labor.Vermont.gov.

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BY THE RECORD TEAM

All you need to do is Read, Subscribe, Volunteer, or Donate!

If ever the words “it takes a village” ring true, it is today in Hinesburg. We are a vibrant and diverse community of people, without whom the boundaries defining Hinesburg’s borders would mean nothing.

A not insignificant part of Hinesburg’s history and culture is our humble news organization, *The Hinesburg Record* (“the Record”).

As the *Record* nears 37 years of publication, it is rededicating and reinventing itself as a truly local, independent and nonprofit community news organization. Most recently, the *Record* has garnered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization status, meaning donations to the *Record* are 100 percent tax-deductible to the donor(s).

Hand-in-hand with becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the *Record* has enacted new bylaws, established an all-new, all-volunteer five-person board of directors, re-prescribed officer duties, reorganized functional responsibilities and reprioritized initiatives.

This is where you come in!

The *Record* is seeking community participation and giving. And we are making it as easy as RSVP (Reading, Subscribing, Volunteering and/or Donating).

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Our printed edition is delivered free to all Hinesburg postal addresses, and our free e-newsletter comes out weekly. Discover what’s going on in Hinesburg, learn new things, and enjoy hearing about what your neighbors are doing.

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Subscribe to our free weekly e-newsletter. Just go to hinesburgrecord.org/contact/subscribe and sign up. Every Monday you will preview Hinesburg events in the week ahead while at the same time entering a contest to win \$25!

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Volunteer

Volunteer your time. The *Record* team can always use more help. Plug in by spending as little as one hour a month simply helping us distribute papers. For the more ambitious, spend an hour or more per week helping with the website and e-newsletter. We are particularly interested in folks volunteering to write stories and/or edit and prepare the stories we already have. Below are some specific tasks. To volunteer in any capacity, call Kevin Lewis at **802-999-2410** or email him at information@hinesburgrecord.org.

- Submit a photo! 2 minutes! Provide date and location (example below).
- Write a story. 30 minutes to whatever! Vet a topic, then write about it. Include photos and captions if possible.
- Submit a story. Fifteen to 45 minutes a week. Take already written stories / photos and publish them at hinesburgrecord.org.
- Review print edition or e-news-

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make a Difference

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

Mentoring

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

Mentors bring with them a sense of shared fun, new experiences and great listening skills. Mentors bring encouragement and options for expanding a young person's regard for themselves and their world. By sharing yourself with your mentee you can inspire them to create a richer future for themselves. Contact Program Coordinator Livy Bulger at lbulger@cvsdvt.org or **802-482-6248** for more information.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center

Volunteer to help run our benefit thrift shop, Twice is Nice, in daily shifts. Or help stock shelves and offer assistance to families visiting the Food Shelf. Volunteers are needed to help with clothing and book swaps in April and October. Contact Anna Main at **802-482-4946** or at main@hinesburgresource.org 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.

Town Committees

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

- 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 Katharina Frazier (Assistant Town Manager) at **802-482-2281 ext. 1** or kfrazier@hinesburg.org.

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Rainbows over Hinesburg! October 12, taken from the Charlotte Road. Submitted by Mary Jo Brace.