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Inaugural CVU Empty Bowls Dinner

Offering a simple meal of bread and soup for the hungry

BY JOHN CLIFFORD

In 2024, Hinesburg may see many firsts but absolutely one worth mentioning and making note of is the first “Empty Bowls” event held at the CVU High School Cafe on Jan. 18. The CVU Empty Bowls dinner was organized by and is the brainchild of Teryn Hytten, a CVU high school junior and event organizer. The dinner is meant to symbolize the original Empty Bowls Movement (started by several Michigan high school students in the 1990s) to bring awareness to the deleterious effects of growing community hunger.

ACCESS CVU Program Director Laura Howard put it this way about Teryn: “Teryn was raised on UVM Empty Bowls dinners starting as a baby, and she and her family attended every year.” This is how and when Teryn learned the power of the Empty Bowls dinners.

In fact, two forces converged to give birth to the event.

First, UVM ended their annual Empty Bowls dinner and second, Teryn’s deeply rooted desire to continue the giving tradition. In many respects, for Teryn, not attending an annual Empty Bowls dinner was tantamount, philosophically, to missing out on the opportunity to help the hungry – that she had become indoctrinated to help.

Teryn jumped into action and approached Laura about starting an event at CVU. Under Laura’s expertise and mentorship, Teryn and others were able to make the event happen. But it was Teryn’s spark and vision and the drive to altruism that started the process. And thanks to the combined efforts of Teryn, Laura, and Emily Mitchell (ACCESS CVU Pottery Program Instructor), there will be fewer hungry people in Hinesburg.

The CVU dinner raised donations for the Hinesburg Food Shelf

(Hinesburg Community Resource Center) through \$20 donations (ticket price), a silent auction, and individual contributions. Attendees were also asked to bring a canned food item. Donations are used to purchase food and personal hygiene items for Hinesburg residents in need. Many community sponsors were also involved in providing support. A complete list can be found at the ACCESS CVU website. This first CVU Empty Bowls dinner drew over 300 participants, which was the maximum allowed for the event.

The mission goals of the event are twofold: to bring

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Hinesburg Artist Presents Exhibit in Milton

BY CATHY RYAN

Hinesburg artist Deborah Goudreau’s sculptural exhibit, titled ‘The Separation Series,’ is on display at the Milton Public Library



Deborah Goudreau’s work will be on display at the Milton Public Library through the end of February.

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This sculptural series, consisting of nine vessels, attempts to reflect the emotions felt by those who have suffered the loss of their children through violence.

Other sculptural works as well as pottery and wall art are also on exhibit. Learn more about the artist’s work at deborahgoudreau.com.

Sleepy Hollow Hosts Full Moon Ski Party

5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27

BY CAROL GREENHOUSE,
SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR

Sleepy Hollow in Huntington invites Nordic neophytes, seasoned skate skiers, intrepid snowshoers, passionate romantics, curious families, and anyone

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Program for assessing options for replacing the undersized Route 116 – Patrick Brook culvert, which has resulted in backed up water and flooding.

The selectboard also approved a loan agreement for money to explore options to address the contamination of drinking water wells contaminated by the old town landfill.

Hinesburg’s 2023 Housing Needs Assessment

BY CARL BOHLEN AND DAVE NAGEL, HINESBURG AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This is the first of a series of future articles from the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee (HAHC). We will address the contents and potential implications of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission’s (CCRPC) updated report on Hinesburg’s housing needs assessment. The HAHC will also include articles to highlight important housing issues facing Hinesburg and Vermont that will hopefully help the community better understand the affordable housing crisis.

Vermont’s first official census in 1791 identified 85,000 people. The state’s population more than tripled by 1850, but then slowed considerably to 359,000 by 1940. From then onward, Vermont’s population has steadily grown, reaching 643,000 in 2020.

By comparison, Hinesburg’s population grew from 454 people in 1790 to 1834 people in 1850. Hinesburg’s population then declined significantly, and by 1960 there are only 1180 residents. But there was a growth spurt over the next four decades, and by 2000, Hinesburg’s population was 4340 people.

Along with this growth, there were concerns, particularly regarding the potential risk of unplanned growth. An initial Town Plan was developed in 2004. To help plan future growth and provide support for affordable housing projects, in 2006 the Town established the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee. And over the years, Hinesburg has taken steps to concentrate new housing in a walkable town center. By 2020, Hinesburg’s population had grown a bit more, to 4609.

In 2023, the Town asked the CCRPC prepare an updated “housing needs assessment.” The CCRPC looked back over the last 20 or so years, and evaluated demo-

graphic and economic trends, as well as housing market conditions. The CCRPC also made recommendation in five areas:

1. planning for additional housing and diversified housing stock
2. partnerships to create and maintain affordable housing
3. creation of senior and service-supported housing
4. mobile homes
5. permitting fees, the permitting process, and regulatory incentives

In future articles, we will present additional information and insights from the 2023 Housing Needs Assessment including more details on the five areas listed above. The full Housing Needs Assessment Report can be found at the “Housing Needs Assessment link” on the HAHC page on the Town’s website.

Planning News

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING

Town Plan Update and Community Survey

The Town Plan serves as the framework for the future of Hinesburg, especially with regard to the decisions that will guide the Town’s growth. It looks ahead to

both the near-term (e.g., 5-10 years) and long-term (e.g., 20-plus years). It describes the Town’s history, the existing physical, social, and economic conditions of the Town, and establishes a vision for the Town’s future. This vision is supported by specific goals and action items.

Hinesburg’s Town Plan was amended in 2021 (Energy chapter rewrite), but the last comprehensive update was adopted in September 2017. The Planning Commission is charged with preparing Town Plan updates every eight years. They will be seeking input and participation from local citizens and organizations throughout 2024. More information available on the Town website: hinesburg.org.

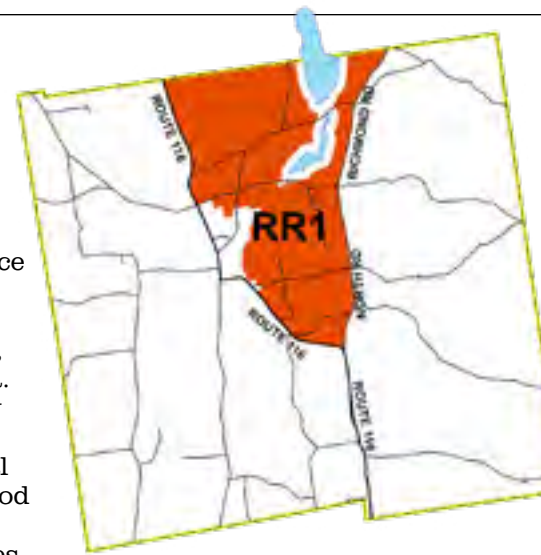
The Planning Commission wants to hear from you before it starts making revisions to the Town Plan. Register your opinions with our simple online survey. We recognize that formal meetings and public hearings attract a small slice of the community. We hope this survey will provide feedback from a larger percentage of those who live, work, or own property in Hinesburg. One survey per person please, but encourage each member of your household to complete a survey. Survey results will be posted to this site – hopefully by Town Meeting Day (March 5). There’s a link to the survey from the Town website or

access it directly: tinyurl.com/TownPlanSurvey.

Rural Residential 1 District – Rezoning Proposal

The RR1 district is that center slice of Hinesburg, bounded by Route 116 on the west and Richmond Road and North Road on the east, excluding the village growth area. The district includes very densely settled areas along the Richmond Road that are served by municipal water and/or sewer (e.g., Birchwood Drive neighborhood, Sunset Villa mobile home park). It also includes lightly settled areas constrained by steep slopes and sensitive natural resources – e.g., Mount Pritchard area (near St. George border) and Lavigne Hill Road area. Current zoning takes a one size fits all approach for the district. The proposed changes divide and rezone the existing RR1 zoning district into new and surrounding zoning districts to better reflect different land forms, patterns of development, and land use priorities.

The Planning Commission finalized proposed zoning changes for the Rural Residential 1 (RR1) district at their Dec. 13, 2023, meeting. This was the result of nearly three years of discussion, site visits, and community outreach. The Planning Commission concluded several months of public hearings on Sept. 13, 2023. Public comments sparked additional discussion and further revisions, which is why it took significant time to finalize the proposal. The proposal is now in the selectboard’s hands. They will get a brief introduction

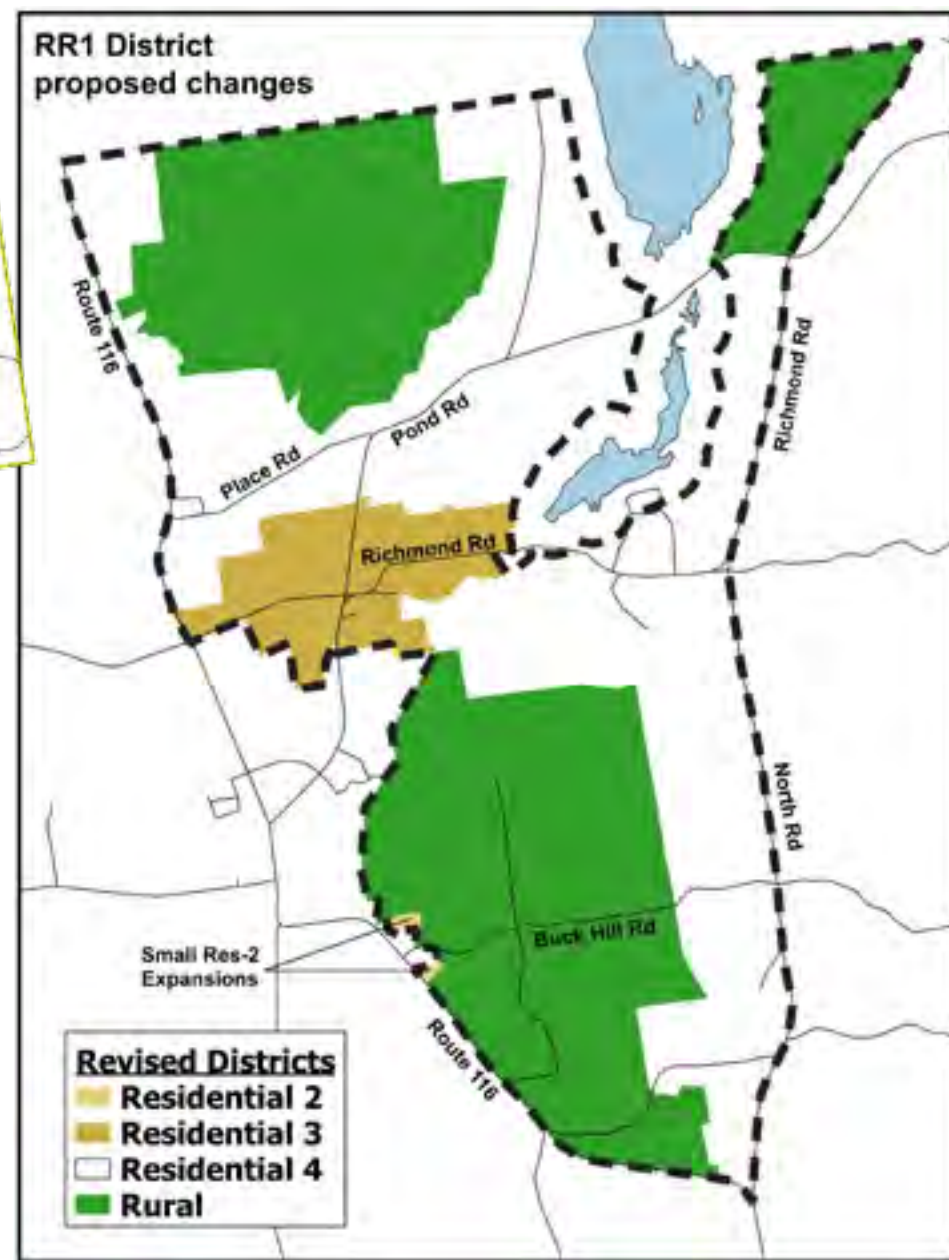


RR1 district location map

at their Feb. 7 meeting, with more detailed discussion and a formal public hearing to follow – i.e., prior to any action to adopt the changes. For details, see the Town website: hinesburg.org/planning-zoning/pages/regulation-revisions.

DRB Vacancy

We are looking for someone to serve as an alternate on the Development Review Board. Do you have the time, interest, and inclination to step up and help out? Being an alternate is a great way to dabble in Town planning and zoning without making a full-time commitment to a regular meeting schedule. How did that new subdivision get approved? Is that business going to put in a sidewalk when it expands? Why did that development proposal get denied? Do more than just satisfy your curiosity – learn about and participate in the decision-making process itself by joining the DRB! Curious to learn more? Contact



RR1 new zoning district map.

the Planning and Zoning Office for details. If you’d like to be considered, fill out the brief application

available on the Town website at tinyurl.com/HinesburgVacancies.

CSWD

Happy New Year!

BY KAT MOODY, COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

With the new year under way, I have made it a goal for myself to produce less trash. If you’d like to join me, we’ll be announcing monthly “zero waste” challenges to help get us all closer to a life of less waste. January’s challenge to kick off our zero waste challenge series: collect your trash. You can do this for a week or for the whole month, but the goal is to get an idea of what and how much you generate. Feel free to email me pictures

of your completed challenges to be featured on our social media: kmoody@eswd.net.

If you are currently dealing with the aftermath of the holiday chaos, you’re not alone. This time of year, many people are disposing of shipping packaging, getting rid of their Christmas trees, and even returning some unwanted holiday gifts. If you’re curious about what might happen after you return that sweater that’s a few sizes too small, take a listen to this podcast: tinyurl.com>ReturnsResults [Editor’s note: also an NPR article at tinyurl.com>ReturnsFate]. This episode dives into the “returniverse” and what happens after you return an unwanted item. Get an inside look on how return processors manage returns and how returned items meet their fate of being restocked or resold, recycled, donated, or disposed.

Have news? email news@hinesburgrecord.org.

Tune into our “Thinking Outside the Blue Bin” Webinar

February 7, 6 p.m.

It’s not all about the blue bin! Join Recycle Rhonda to discover the many different items that can be recycled, like plastic bags and mattresses, just not in your blue bin. We will take 45 minutes to explore the what, where, why and how non-blue bin recyclables (aka Special Materials) get turned into new things!

Register at tinyurl.com/CSWDbin.

And if you missed our past webinars, you can watch them online:

Minimize food waste: wevideo.com/view/3230805137

Have a zero-waste holiday: tinyurl.com/ZeroWasteHoliday

Greenwashing: tinyurl.com/SpotGreenwashing

Fee Changes for C&D Materials and Electronics

Electronics Fees: During the Covid-19 pandemic, we suspended fees for electronics not covered under the state’s VT E-Cycles Program (tinyurl.com/VTE-cycles). On Jan. 9, 2024, we reinstated these fees in order to cover the costs of this recycling program. Pricing is available on our website: eswd.net/recycling/electronics.

C&D Fees: CSWD’s Construction and Demo (C&D) material fees were not increased last July when we increased our Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) household trash bag pricing. On Jan. 9, 2024, we increased C&D pricing to correspond with last year’s needed increase of MSW.

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POLICE

November 24: 2 p.m. A welfare check at Kelley's Field was conducted.

9:15 p.m. Officers responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

November 25: 11:23 a.m. A parking issue on Route 116 was investigated.

November 26: 2:34 p.m. An officer investigated a larceny from a motor vehicle on Piette Road.

November 27: 10:15 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

11 a.m. An officer investigated a larceny from a motor vehicle on Hawk Lane.

7:30 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on North Road.

8:35 p.m. Officers responded to domestic dispute on North Road. Joseph Robar, 36, of Hinesburg was arrested for violation of an abuse prevention order.

November 28: 5:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

7 p.m. An officer served court paperwork to a citizen on Bear Lane.

8:10 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Cattail Lane.

November 29: 7:10 a.m. Officers responded to a single car crash on Richmond Road. Jennifer Kohler-Long, 45, of Hinesburg was arrested for DUI.

11:35 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Wile Street.

5:50 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

November 30: 8:53 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Silver Street.

12:17 p.m. An officer responded to single car motor vehicle crash on Shelburne Falls Road.

6:55 p.m. Suspicious activity on Jourdan Street was investigated.

10:48 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street. Jermaine Rushing, 26, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

December 1: 10:14 a.m. Officers responded to the Hinesburg Community School for the report of suspicious property found on the premises.

2:26 p.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

4:04 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

6:23 p.m. Suspicious activity on Green Street was investigated.

December 2: 6:19 a.m. An officer

investigated a single car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

3:58 p.m. A welfare check on Abani Drive was conducted.

4:15 p.m. An officer investigated the report of loose dogs on Catchapaw Road.

5:38 p.m. Suspicious activity on Pond Road was investigated.

December 3: 11:30 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

December 4: 8:31 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a lockout.

7:16 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

7:48 p.m. Officers investigated the report of larceny from a motor vehicle on Kailey's Way.

December 5: 1:11 p.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was investigated.

1:48 p.m. Officers assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

December 6: 7:03 a.m. Officers responded to a residence on North Road for the report of several individuals overdosing on the property. John Balch, 33, of Waitsfield was arrested for Assault on a Protected Professional. During the course of that investigation, a stolen motor vehicle out of South Burlington was located on the premises.

4:37 p.m. A welfare check on Shelburne Falls Road was conducted.

December 7: 7:41 a.m. Officers assisted Fish and Game with investigating suspicious activity on Lincoln Hill Road.

10:45 a.m. A welfare check on Route 116 was conducted.

12 p.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

12:25 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Gilman Road was investigated.

2:35 p.m. Officers responded to a residence on North Road for an unpermitted fire.

3:59 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on North Road.

December 8: 10:20 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Farmall Drive.

11:46 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

6:18 p.m. An abandoned vehicle on Tyler Bridge Road was investigated.

8:06 p.m. A late reported motor vehicle crash on Silver Street was

investigated.

December 9: 1:03 p.m. A report of loose dogs on Jourdan Street was investigated.

December 11: 7:20 a.m. An alarm activation on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

11:55 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

12:54 p.m. An officer investigated a reported citizen dispute on Kelley's Field Road.

December 12: 10:25 a.m. A loose dog found on North Road was turned into the Hinesburg P.D.

11:30 a.m. Found property was turned into the Hinesburg P.D.

12:45 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

3:25 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

4:03 p.m. Officers assisted a citizen concerning a custody issue.

December 13: 1:45 p.m. Officers responded to Pond Road for the report of erratic operation and damage to property.

4:25 p.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Texas Hill Road.

6:25 p.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Tyler Bridge Road.

8:18 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Place Road West.

December 14: 4:50 p.m. A late reported crash on North Road was investigated.

December 15: 10:33 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Gilman Road.

1 p.m. An officer assisted Williston P.D. with attempting to locate a stolen vehicle.

2:22 p.m. Officers investigated a motor vehicle complaint involving erratic operation on CVU Road.

3:19 p.m. Found property was turned into the Hinesburg P.D.

7:18 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Bear Lane.

December 16: 11:10 a.m. Found property was turned into the Hinesburg P.D.

12:03 p.m. An alarm activation on CVU Road was investigated.

December 18

1:14 p.m. A 911 hangup on Birchwood Drive was investigated.

3:35 p.m. A late reported crash on North Road was investigated.

4:32 p.m. Officers assisted a citizen concerning a custody issue.

4:59 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

December 19

7:53 a.m. Officers investigated a 911 hang up on Ballard's Corner Road.

8:51 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

12:33 p.m. Officers recovered a stolen vehicle out of Williston on Hillview Terrace.

1:25 p.m. Officers investigated a 911 hang up on Haymeadow Lane.

4:56 p.m. The report of stolen property from a motor vehicle at CVU was investigated.

5:22 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a citizen on Baldwin Road.

10:50 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a citizen on Hillview Terrace.

December 20: 8:17 a.m. Officers recovered a stolen vehicle out of Shelburne on North Road.

4:33 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Hollow Road.

5:07 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a citizen on Hillview Terrace.

6 p.m. A single car motor vehicle crash on Place Road West was investigated.

8:23 p.m. Officers responded to a residence on Silver Street where they assisted the Essex Police Department with an investigation. David Quaglietta, 50, of Hinesburg was arrested for burglary.

December 21: 9:25 a.m. Suspicious activity in the parking lot of a business on Route 116 was investigated.

12:51 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4:57 p.m. A welfare check on Richmond Road was conducted.

7 p.m. Officers executed a search warrant on North Road. Stolen property and a stolen vehicle were recovered.

10:41 p.m. Suspicious activity on Lincoln Hill Road was investigated.

December 22: 8:15 a.m. A vehicle on Route 116 was reported stolen. That vehicle was later located on Hillview Terrace.

12:25 p.m. Officers executed a search warrant on Hillview Terrace. Stolen property and a stolen vehicle were recovered.

7:31 p.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

December 24: 7 a.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Lincoln Hill Road. The occupants fled the scene and the vehicle was later determined to be stolen out of Burlington.

10:38 a.m. Officers assisted with a landlord/tenant issue on North Road.

11:45 a.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Route 116.

5:15 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

5:55 p.m. A parking issue on Route 116 was investigated.

December 25: 9:05 p.m. An officer assisted a business on Route 116 with a utility issue.

December 26: 5:38 p.m. Officers responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Charlotte Road.

December 27: 10 a.m. A late reported motor vehicle crash was investigated.

2:30 p.m. A report of disorderly conduct through electronic communication was investigated.

7:25 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Place Road West. Stephen Bench, 39, of Hinesburg was arrested for first-degree aggravated domestic assault.

December 28: 11:07 a.m. Officers responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

11:37 a.m. An officer assisted with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

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

2:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4:07 p.m. An officer assisted the Chittenden County sheriffs with a DUI investigation in St. George.

December 29: 12:18 p.m. Officers recovered a stolen motor vehicle on Hillview Terrace.

December 30: 12:11 p.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

3:15 p.m. Officers investigated a domestic dispute on Hillview Terrace. Justin Perkins, 39, of Hinesburg was arrested for first-degree aggravated domestic assault.

5:30 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Farmall Drive.

December 31: 9:10 a.m. An officer attempted to stop a vehicle on North Road for speeding. That vehicle fled from police. The incident is still being investigated.

10:41 a.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of suspicious activity. Michael Taylor, 33, of Burlington was cited for an active warrant out of Burlington.

January 1: 4 p.m. An alarm activation on Silver Street was investigated.

January 2: 1 p.m. Damage to a motor vehicle on Kelley's Field Road was reported and investigated.

2:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

10:45 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Mechanicsville Road.

January 4: 7:45 a.m. The report of littering on Commerce Street was investigated.

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

2:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

2:48 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

3:07 p.m. The report of a fraud was investigated.

3:55 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Kelley's Field Road.

6:15 p.m. Officers responded to a

medical emergency on Kozas Run. Michael Giroux, 70, of Hinesburg was pronounced dead at the scene. A death investigation is ongoing.

January 5: 10:04 a.m. An officer investigated a larceny from a motor vehicle on Kailey's Way.

5:20 p.m. Officers investigated the theft of a motor vehicle on Pond Road.

6:01 p.m. Officers investigated a burglary from a residence on Piette Road.

9:15 p.m. First responders were assisted with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

January 6: 1:37 p.m. Officers responded to a three-car motor vehi-

cle crash on Route 116.

January 7: 8:25 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

5:45 p.m. First responders were assisted with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

January 8: 8:45 a.m. An officer investigated a single car motor vehicle crash on Richmond Road.

8:55 a.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Buck Hill Road East.

9:25 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Walts Way.

3:25 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Kelley's Field Road.

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BUSINESS

Financial Focus: Treasury bonds: Still safe for investors

FROM PRESS RELEASE

You may have read reports about an impending “debt crisis” in the U.S. Should you be worried about investing in Treasury securities?

Part of the concern over debt has been driven by the cost of government borrowing, which has risen because of higher interest rates. But it’s worth noting that while interest expenses have risen to nearly 2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), this measure had exceeded 3 percent in the early 1990s. So, while the upward trend of federal debt could prove problematic down the road, the claims of a current crisis may be overblown. And Treasury securities are still considered among the safest investments in the world, as they are secured by the full faith and credit – that is, the ability to borrow and tax – of the United States.

In any case, if you haven’t invested in Treasury securities, you’ll want to know the basics. First of all, when you purchase a Treasury security, you’re lending money to the federal government for a specific period of time.

- Here are your purchase options:
- *Treasury bill* – Typically matures in four, 13 or 26 weeks, although some have maturities of up to a year.
 - *Treasury note* – Matures between one and 10 years.
 - *Treasury bond* – Typically matures in 10 to 30 years.

When you buy Treasury notes or bonds, you receive semiannual interest payments, but when you purchase a Treasury bill – a T-bill – you generally buy it at a discount, and when the bill matures, you receive its face value. So, for instance, you might pay \$4,700 for a 13-week T-bill and get \$5,000 back at the end of the three months.

When investing in Treasury securities, you’ll want to keep these features in mind:

- *Price fluctuation* – While your interest payments will always remain the same, the market value of your Treasury security can change. So, you might not get face value for a Treasury bond if you sell it before it matures, particularly if market interest rates are higher than the rate you’ve been receiving. Because longer-term bonds have more payments left to make than shorter-term ones, they are more sensitive to interest rate changes and market price fluctuations.
- *Taxes* – Interest income from Treasury securities is subject to federal income tax but exempt from state and local taxes.

In addition to the traditional Treasury bonds, bills and notes, another option is available: Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). Unlike other Treasury securities, in which the principal is fixed, the principal of a TIPS can move up or down, based on movements in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Once your TIPS matures, if the principal is higher than the original amount, you’ll get the increased amount; if the principal is equal to or less than the original amount, you’ll get the original amount. TIPS pay a fixed interest rate semiannually until maturity, but because interest is paid on the adjusted principal, the amount of your interest payments can vary. As with other Treasury securities, you can hold a TIPS until maturity or sell it before it matures.

Don’t let scary or gloomy predictions discourage you from considering Treasuries – they remain a good option as part of the fixed-income portion of your investment portfolio.

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

RECREATION

To register for HRD programs go to hinesburgrec.com.

Champlain Valley Little League (CVLL)

Registration is open for the 2024 Champlain Valley Little League baseball/softball season. Deadline is March 1. To register, please visit champlainvalleylittleleague.org.

2024 Spring Divisions:

- Baseball:
- Pee Wee – Age 4 years (FREE)
 - T-Ball – Age 5 years (\$70)
 - Single A – Ages 6-7 years (\$95)
 - Double A – Ages 8 years (\$95)
 - Triple A – Ages 9-10 years (\$110)
 - Majors – Ages 11-12 (\$110)
- Softball:
- Softball Minis – Ages 5-7 (\$95)
 - Minors Softball – Ages 8-9 (\$95)
 - Majors Softball – Ages 10-12 (\$110)

To determine what “Little League age” please visit: tinyurl.com/LeagueAge.

Co-Ed K-1-2 Lacrosse

Sundays, May 5 – June 9. Millie’s Field, Bissonette Rec. Area. 11 a.m. – noon. Cost: \$50. Registration deadline May 1.

Boys and Girls Youth Lacrosse

- Boys 3rd & 4th grades, 5th & 6th grades and 7th & 8th grades.
- Girls 3rd & 4th grades, 5th & 6th grade and 7th & 8th grades.

Indoor time will begin in March. Outdoor practices can begin as early as mid-April, depending on weather. Please plan on two mid-week practices and two games on Saturday (boys) and Sundays (girls) from May 4 through June 8. A (\$30) US Lacrosse membership found at uslacrosse.org is mandatory to register for this program. Practices may be in Hinesburg, Williston, or Charlotte. Dates and times are contingent on coaches and field space.

Note: All CVSD district players must register in their respective town: Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne or Williston. Sorry, no non-resident registrations. At the close of registration, town rec. depts. are committed to work together to ensure each child has an opportunity to play.

Cost: \$70 until March 3. \$80 afterward. Registration deadline is March 10 at 11:59 p.m.

Mini Shooting Stars Soccer Sessions

The O’Neil Deal shares their love of the game and teach foundational soccer skills. 3-5 years. Sundays, May 5–June 2 (no practice on May 26). Millie’s Field. 4-5 p.m. Cost: \$55.

Horseback Riding April Vacation

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

Grades K-8. Monday–Friday, April 22–26. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg.

Half day 8 a.m. – noon; or full day 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. option. Cost: Weekly: Half-day \$365 or full day \$495. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

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. In addition, Kim and staff will instruct children on basic horse care, tacking, feeding, watering, and all that happens in the horse barn! Take the bus from HCS to Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Rd. right after school. Please be sure to send a permission note with your child to ride the bus, pack a snack for your hungry rider, and send boots and barn clothes.

Grades K-8. Tuesdays, April 30–June 4, and/or Fridays, May 3–June 7. Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Rd., Hinesburg. **cont. on page 9**

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Library News

Happy 2024! There is lots to love at the library this month. New novels on the shelves in February include *At First Spite* by Olivia Dade, *Bride* by Ali Hazelwood, *A Love Song for Ricki Wilde* by Tia Williams, *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn, *In Ascension* by Martin McInnes and *The Warm Hands of Ghosts* by Katherine Arden. New nonfiction includes *Supercommunicators* by Charles Duhigg, *The Hunger Habit* by Judson Brewer, and *My Side of the River* by Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez.

February Youth Happenings at Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Weekly Storytime: Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27 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

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Hill Rd., Hinesburg. 3-5 p.m. Cost: \$285. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

Dog Obedience with Jim Warden

Join experienced dog trainer Jim Warden for this informative and beneficial dog training experience. This class is designed to provide enjoyment and interaction for both you and your pet. Jim makes it look easy, even with the most challeng-

ing dogs. Watch and see someone who truly “talks to the animals.” Please note – leave your dog at home for the first class.

Monthly Fiber Arts Club: Friday, Feb. 9, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

In February, we will hold our second session of this new club for students in grades 3-7. Each month we will focus on a different handwork skill and complete a simple project. This club is for you if you have ever wanted to learn how to knit, crochet, needle felt, embroider, and sew, or you want to share your skills with others. Please register.

Teddy Bear Tea Party: Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. – noon

Children aged 2-7 and their bears (or other favorite snuggly animal or doll) are invited to dress in their finest tea party garb and join us in the community room for stories, tea and cookies, and a Valentine craft. Parents with children under 5 years old should plan to accompany their child to the tea party. Please register.

Family Movie Friday: Friday, Feb. 16, at 3:30 p.m.

The entire family is invited to join us after school for a family-friendly film that should appeal to all ages. We will provide the popcorn and the juice boxes, and families are welcome to bring candy and their favorite snacks. Check the library website for more movie information.

Read-To-A-Dog: Saturday, Feb. 17, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

If you have been wanting to practice your reading skills, Taffy, the very huggable cockapoo, is ready to snuggle up and listen! Please register for a 10-minute slot.

After School STEAM Makerspace: Wednesdays, Feb. 21–Apr. 3 (no club during February break), 2:15–3:30 p.m.

This new 6-week after school program will offer students a fun and

supportive environment where they have access to the library’s craft supplies, blocks, LEGO bricks, tools, and other materials to build, tinker, create, and have fun! STEAM Makerspace is for students in grades K-4. Please register.

AARP Safe Driver Course

Wednesday, April 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. First floor conference room at Town Hall. AARP members \$20, non-members \$25. Please bring a lunch and water bottle.

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Mid-Grade Book Club: Thursday, Feb. 22, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

This is a book club for students who would like an opportunity to read and discuss books that are past or current Golden Dome Book Award nominees or winners. This group meets at the library once a month and will vote on which Golden Dome book to read next. Book Club is for anyone who is reading mid-grade books, which is generally students who are in the 9-12 year-old age range. Please register.

Afterschool Story and Craft Time: Friday, Feb. 23, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

This semester we are offering a monthly afterschool program on Fridays for children in grades K-2 where we’ll start with snacks and read-aloud stories before jumping into a fun, simple, and creative craft project inspired by the stories we read! Please register.

Indoor Mini Golf: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1–4 p.m.

Score a hole in one with this delightful pop-up event! During February school break, Carpenter-Carse Library will be transformed into a fun indoor 9-hole mini-golf course! Earn some treats for finishing all nine holes. Dressing up in golfing gear is encouraged. Free to play, and open to all **continued on page 10**



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CCL Adult Programs February 2024

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Blind Date with a Book: Feb. 1 through Feb. 14

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Send a Valentine: Feb. 1 through Feb. 14

Choose a vintage postcard from our collection, address it to your valentine, and CCL will provide a stamp and mail it for you. Each person can send up to four valentines. While supplies last.

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, Feb. 1, 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 during their monthly gathering and participate in this wonderful live music offering. Free and open to the public.

Mystery Book Club: Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Meet with other readers at the library 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.

February: A Murder of Magpies by Judith Flanders.

COMMENTARY

Floyd Bennett Field in Retrospect

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Finding New York's Floyd Bennett Field (FBF) center stage in the ever-worsening southern border crossings and migrant resettlement crisis was a surprise. Fox News 5 headline last Nov. 1 by Adeja Shivonne reported FBF Migrant Shelter Welcomes Its First 500, As Leaders Cite Safety Concerns. Understandably, most citizens would soon be mystified by Eye Witness News 7's lead headline on Nov. 13, 2023, Migrant Families Turn Around After Arriving at FBF Shelter in Brooklyn by Sonja Rinc'on.

As a New York expatriate, I had an inkling what was transpiring there. While FBF's early history begins way ahead of its heyday as NYC's premier municipal airport then later as the nation's busiest WW II military airport and finally absorbed into the National Park's far flung Gateway National Recreational Area plan, I knew it would never rise to resort status, never become a destination, nor ever be called home.

In its waning days as an active airport, when weather conditions were just right, I'd notice the FBF airport beacon rotating robotically, panning the night sky with light beams outside my bedroom window six miles away in East Flatbush. Naturally the airport's namesake (1890-1928) was a Brooklynite and was the naval aviator who piloted Admiral Richard E. Byrd's historic flight over the North Pole in 1926.

FBF is 1,000 acres square, 50 acres larger than Burlington Airport (BTV), is hemmed by a straight stretch of no man's land on Flatbush Avenue on one side, is strapped in by an overarching

section of the Belt Parkway on another, and otherwise is surrounded by the waters of Jamaica Bay. At this remote end, Flatbush Avenue has the telltale washboard effect that all filled in wetland roads have. The airport was filled in to 16-feet above high tide. There is scant public transportation. It's a long haul by shank's mare to the one main gate and then another hike from the main gate to anywhere else within the expansive airfield. When it's blowing, there is no place to hide from the wind.

Dead Horse Bay lies on the opposite side of Flatbush Avenue from FBF. The bay's name results from a bygone era pegged by the one-time existence of a horse rendering plant which processed that population of work horses that no longer could pull a load or died in the harness. Occasionally on long summer evenings, after Dad recovered from the hustle of mass transit home from his day job in Manhattan, an overanxious German Shepard, sometimes a few kids from the block, and I would pile into the family Chevrolet to head for open space and a pull off on Dead Horse Bay. While the dog released pent up energy running freely, we'd fish for snappers Huck Finn style with bamboo poles, fishing line tied to the top, a cork for a bobber, and a baited hook at the end.

As NYC's first municipal airport from 1931 to 1941, FBF boasted concrete runways, had a trendy art deco themed Administration Building serving as control tower and terminal, four huge hangars, and ramps for seaplanes and flying boats to egress and access Jamaica Bay. FBF helped usher in aviation's Golden Age by attracting record-setters and -breakers. These aviators included Howard Hughes, Wrongway Corrigan, Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart, and others. Post made the first solo flight around



BTV Municipal Airport Postcard c. 1940s.



Floyd Bennett Field (FBF) Poster Postcard Gateway.

the world in 1933 which began and ended at FBF. He participated in an air demonstration two years earlier at BTV. A full page of sketched scenes in the Op-Art section of the New York Times Jan. 3, 2004, titled "Floyd Bennett Field," include "Amelia Earhart and her 500 horsepower red Vega at the 1933 Bendix Transcontinental Race." In May of 1934 Earhart was presented with Keys to the City of Burlington at BTV. She promoted flying as a conventional means of travel for everyone.

FBF did not succeed commercially. It was sold to the Navy in 1942. Naval aviation had a foothold just across Jamaica Bay on the Rockaway peninsula. In 2018 I came across the account of Stephen A. Freeman in a Sheldon Museum (Middlebury) WWI exhibit marking the 100-year anniversary end of WWI. Freeman flew a Curtiss HS-1 flying boat along the east coast from Rockaway Naval Air Station protecting formation of convoys while visually searching for German submarines. After WWI he became a professor of French at Middlebury College, eventually becoming Vice President of the College and Director of the Language School. He led the Memorial Day parade in Middlebury for many years.

Charles Lindbergh did fly from FBF, however, not for the takeoff on his famous solo transatlantic flight to Europe in May 1927. The first transatlantic flight however occurred in 1919. Four NC (Navy-Curtiss) flying boats powered by tractor engines took off from Jamaica Bay May 8. On stop overs in Trepassey, Newfoundland, three



BTV Curtiss Flying Boat Photo Exhibit.

flying boats suffered delay, mishap and mechanical failure. Twenty-one destroyers stretched across the Atlantic at fifty-mile intervals to provide radio contact and guidance. NC-4 reached Corvo, the westernmost island of the Azores, then hopped onto Lisbon, Portugal and Plymouth, England, by May 27, 1919.

BTV's 100-year anniversary exhibit in the terminal's upper lounge area today includes a large scale posting of the following excerpt: "The coolest people in Burlington yesterday were the fortunate few who had the pleasure thrills of a ride in the Curtiss Flying Boat. Several times during the day, the boat taxied up to the shore of Burlington beach, (and) fanned a large crowd of bystanders with its propeller blast...Burlington Free Press, July 5, 1919."

As an impressionable youngster bumping down Flatbush Avenue in the family car unrestrained by a seatbelt, I eagerly took in the sight of military aircraft on the tarmac and hangar aprons inside the fence line. They were the real deal, feeling one could almost reach out and wipe the smudge of engine exhaust

off fuselages. Author and member of the Air National Guard (ANG) NY Ed Schnepf described the aircraft of his 114th Bomb Squadron, 106th Bomb Wing, based at FBF during the Korean conflict in No Place for Heroes (2013). I probably saw their B-26s and B-29s for a time. Mr. Schnepf writes that the ANG NY eventually converted to Military Air Transport Service (MATS) which flew C-119s, the ubiquitous "Flying Boxcars", and their curious-looking airframe on the ground at FBF is definitely etched in my memory.

As a defunct airfield with new-age challenges under the National Park's Gateway umbrella, FBF rarely made news. The more curious headline, An Accident Disfigures a Supersonic Survivor by Patrick McGeehan (New York Times July 27, 2008), reported the nosecone of a 32-year-old retired Concorde was hit by truck while in temporary storage at FBF. The Franco-British Concorde supersonic airliner had a nominal 100 passenger capacity with cruising speed of MACH 2. Powered by four Rolls-Royce turbo-jet engines, the Concorde completed transatlantic flights from JFK

and Washington D.C. in just two hours and 53 minutes.

Besides providing a location for FBF and JFK, Jamaica Bay also harbingers a wildlife refuge - one of the first and most successful. See Looking for Wild, by Lyn Hancock, 1972. Upon first hearing, then seeing, the Concorde in flight over the area, I was so dramatically impressed I noted it on my bird life list, April 21, 1978. Vermont Air National Guard's F-35s are loud. However, unseen, the sound of the Concorde taking off would make a good soundtrack for the start of a dubious movie try like "The Second Coming."

Leadership and the Governor's "Affordability Crisis"

BY BILL SCHUBART

For over 70 years, I've confronted each New Year reviewing what got better, what got worse, and what I hope for in the ensuing year. At 78, I'm grateful that I have what I need for a peaceful retirement but I want more for my fellow Vermonters.

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Quote from Burlington Free Press (July 5, 1919): "The coolest people in Burlington yesterday were the fortunate few who had the pleasurable thrills of a ride in the Curtiss flying boat. Several times during the day, the boat taxied up to the shore of Burlington Beach, fanned a large crowd of bystanders with its propeller blast, discharged a breathless passenger and took on another who was trying his best to keep from displaying his excitement." Includes BTV 100 YEARS logo.

BTV Curtiss Flying Boat Photo Exhibit Placard.

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In 2017, Governor Scott took the reins of government and has done a good job as a crisis manager (Covid and flooding) and as a navigator, steering clear of the reefs. But the waters are falling and the reefs are rising. It's time for the kind of courageous leadership that tackles the complex challenges that make life harder and harder for many Vermonters.

I and others have written extensively about them: cost of and access to healthcare, financing public and higher ed, affordable housing, hunger, nutrition and food systems, taxation and regulatory systems, criminal justice, and the existential threat of environmental degradation. These seven issues deeply affect the lives of Vermonters, and the difficulty of solving them can no longer serve as a duck blind for executive, legislative, and judicial evasion.

Governor Scott has long taken shelter by using the term “Vermont’s affordability crisis,” citing housing, education, regulation, and taxes. But “affordability” is a function of both costs and the revenues available to pay for them. It is also a self-defeating argument, as pushing these complex challenges down the road only increases their expense and adds to the “affordability crisis.”

Vermont’s 230-year-old-motto “Freedom and Unity” urges an equilibrium between what we do for ourselves and our families and what we do for our communities. We pay a lot of attention to the “every man for himself” idea of freedom, but could do better on the “unity” part. There is no true freedom without unity.

Thirteen years ago, Bill Sayre, Kathy Hoyt, Mike Costa, and I served on a Blue Ribbon Tax Structure Commission (BRTSC) to examine and, if necessary, redesign Vermont’s tax code. We took our duties seriously and tried to do a comprehensive job over two years, but little or no action was taken on our recommendations.

One of the facts we learned in our work was that Vermont had a “Gini index.”

Gini is the measure of statistical dispersion intended to represent the income inequality, the wealth inequality, or the consumption inequality within a nation or a social group.

According to the Economic Policy Institute’s analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data, income inequality has grown substantially in Vermont. After decades of widening inequality, the richest 20 percent of Vermont households have dramatically bigger incomes (\$243,900) than the

poorest 20 percent (\$25,500). The wealthiest five percent of households have incomes 9.6 times as large as the bottom twenty percent of households and 3.7 times as large as the middle (\$65,700) twenty percent of households. Income is post-federal tax and includes the value of the earned income tax credit (EITC), and the value of food stamps and housing subsidies. Income is also adjusted for inflation (to 2009 dollars) and for household size. Those of us who have done fundraising in Vermont know there is significant, if discreet, wealth here.

What if Vermont were to introduce a “community-benefit investment assessment (CBIA)” under which Vermonters who earned incomes exceeding \$1 million a year invested 3 percent, those with \$500,000 a year invested 2 percent, and those with over \$200,000 a year invested 1 percent to raise revenue to invest in community services that educate, prevent, diagnose, and address problems before they become much less affordable to fix?

According to Vermont Tax Department 2021 data, such a community benefit assessment could produce about \$184 million that could be used for this upstream investment to reduce the impact of complex systems challenges before they become too expensive to fix. Founding father Ben Franklin famously stated in 1736, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Have we learned nothing in the ensuing 288 years?

During our tax system redesign work, we heard from several rich Vermonters who encouraged us to tax them more. So might it make also sense for leadership to innovate by trying out a voluntary tax focused on alleviating one of the challenges mentioned above. A Vermonter could commit a special tax contribution to solving the complex challenge of their choice: affordable housing, addiction treatment, local primary care, access to higher education, or, let’s say, prison education.

Vermont State Treasurer Mike Pieciak has proposed an innovative and affordable investment in the future of young Vermonters, the goal of which is reducing inter-generational poverty by creating a financial “head start” for young Vermonters. The VT Baby Bonds program would provide a \$3,200 bond for each child born in Vermont whose family is on Medicaid. The bond would reach an 18-year maturity at \$11,000 helping to pay college tuition, or at its 30-year maturity, a value of about \$25,000 providing a leg up for a young person seeking a down payment on a home or for starting a business. The \$6.4 million annual investment would be funded from the unclaimed property general fund not from new taxes.

In either case, the Baby Bonds pro-

gram is a unique and innovative way to help young Vermonters address the “affordability” crisis without creating a new one.

Examples of the cost-efficiency of prevention, education and early intervention:

It’s cheaper to screen young people with trained school nurses who detect and address adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and then support their families with local community resources in dealing with the issue. This early intervention reduces more costly downstream responses like incarceration at more than \$57,000 a year. The total cost impact to Vermont in 2018 for untreated adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), extrapolated from detailed special education, opioid addiction, mental-health direct treatment and child-welfare family services is estimated at \$411,238.

It’s also more cost-efficient to have primary-care screening immediately accessible and affordable in our local communities to deal with emerging health issues and chronic disease management than to wait until patients are truly in a medical emergency and must be dealt with in a more expensive emergency room hospital setting.

In 2023, Vermonters spent \$6.5 billion on healthcare, an amount not far below the entire \$8 billion budget for the whole State of Vermont or \$10,442 per person. With an average annual income of \$41,680, this means Vermonters are spending roughly a quarter of their gross income on healthcare. And according to the Joint Fiscal Office, the livable per hour wage for a working couple with two children is about \$25/hour, whereas the legal minimum wage is \$13.67/hour a steep shortfall for most Vermonters. For a Vermonter making the legal minimum wage of \$28,434/year, healthcare cost is almost a third of their annual income. According to the State Auditor’s office, healthcare costs have more than doubled since 2000, adding that if healthcare spending in Vermont had increased at the same rate as the U.S. average, Vermonters would have saved roughly \$1 billion. Healthcare is the true “affordability crisis.”

Likewise, it’s more cost-efficient to assist new families trying to finance affordable housing than it is to address downstream homelessness. According to VTDigger (tinyurl.com/VTDhomeless), for the second year running, Vermont has the second-highest per capita rate of homelessness of any state in the country at 51 out of every 10,000 Vermonters. It has managed to shelter 96 percent of unhoused individuals in emergency shelters or some form of temporary housing. Are 3000 seasonal hotel vouchers truly cheaper than investing in more mixed-income housing, espe-

cially considering the health consequences of “living rough”? From 2022 to 2023, the number of households with children becoming unhoused jumped 36 percent, and a disproportionate number of Black Vermonters were also homeless. Is it not time for a community benefit investment discussion?

There are lots of opinion pieces and letters-to-the-editor about Vermont’s progressive leaders allowing our cities to degenerate, with homeless people living on the streets, addicts surrounded by needles shooting up on sidewalks, unsavory panhandlers importuning locals, and shoplifters helping themselves in downtown stores. Sadly, we like to forget that our current systems have failed us precisely because we’ve ignored the need to expand them. The above are all symptoms of a society that has failed to invest in the wellbeing of all its citizens. Homeless people need housing, addicts need treatment, panhandlers and shoplifters need job training and opportunities for economic self-sufficiency.

Our current criminal justice system may temporarily remove these unsavory reminders of our socio-economic failings from view, but they do not solve our long-range problems.

In my short time working in New York City when I was first exposed to street people, I took the time, when I could, to sit down on the pavement next to a sidewalk denizen and talk with them. I was always surprised. These were not bad people though, like most of us, some had made bad choices but they had no one to help them back into society and had lost any hope other than turning in vain to those who tried to ignore them. Talk to someone in need; you may be surprised.

I’m not saying that there are not among us those from whom we need protection, but they are the exception. Most people simply need our help and direction and a sense of security in their daily lives. All the evidence shows that to provide that is cheaper than jailing them.

While housing, education, the environment, and food systems definitely need legislative and executive attention, it’s clear that physical and mental healthcare and addiction treatment resources are the main drivers of the Governor’s “affordability crisis.” So let’s start by moving our socio-economic investments upstream where they’re more cost-efficient.

And let’s explore new revenue resources that will ultimately save us money and lead to a healthier, more abundant society. We can’t afford to fix downstream what we ignore at its source.

My hope for the New Year is that leadership will lead.

EDUCATION

CVU Student Recognized for Innovative App Design

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

Congratulations to Clay Nicholson, a tenth grader from Williston, who was selected by U.S. Representative Becca Balint’s office as this year’s Vermont winner of the Congressional App Challenge. Clay submitted a video as part of his application, which can be viewed at tinyurl.com/LexiscanApp. In the video, Clay outlined his app called Lexiscan. Clay not only conceptualized the idea but also brought it to life by personally developing the app. In his video, he shares that his motivation stemmed from observing the challenges faced by a friend with dyslexia while reading. We highly recommend viewing the video.

This is the third year in a row that a CVU student has been recognized for this contest. Way to go, CVU computer science!

Thank you to Becca Balint for supporting this effort. At this time, the Congressional App Challenge website (congressionalappchallenge.us) has not yet been updated to showcase the 2023 winners.

The Congressional App Challenge is an official initiative of the U.S. House of Representatives, where members of Congress host contests in their districts for middle school and high school students, encouraging them to learn to code and inspiring them to pursue careers in computer science. Each participating member of Congress selects a winning app from their district, and each winning team is invited to showcase their winning app to Congress during their annual #HouseOfCode festival. The program is a public-private partnership made possible through funding from Omidyar Network, AWS, theCoderSchool, Facebook, Replit, Accenture, and others.

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Access Cvu Winter/Spring Semester Launches

BY JENNIFER MORTON, ACCESS CVU PROGRAM MANAGER

Happy New Year! We are excited to share that the Winter/Spring semester of Access CVU, YOUR destination for community education based out of CVU High School, is ready to launch. With over 140 classes offered, and more being added monthly, there’s something for everyone.

Some things of note:

- Ready to start garden and landscape planning? How about Edible Landscaping or Growing Mushrooms? Or if you’d rather take a virtual tour, join Charlotte Albers to see the Royal Gardens of Spain or Gardens of England.
- Are you a maker looking for a new project? We have new classes that include Bead Weaving (see photo), sewing a fanny pack (see photo), or making a lap quilt.
- Are you looking to learn a language or dust off your rusty skills? We have Spanish, Italian, French and German classes all starting this month.

Below is a list of classes offered during February, 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**
 - Thursday, Feb. 15: Indian Cooking: Chicken Tikka Masala with Paratha
- Fine Arts, Crafts, Fiber, Wood, & Photography:**
 - Thursday, Feb. 1: Open Lathe Workshop – Bowl Turning with Eddie!
 - Thursday, Feb. 1: Beaded Earrings
 - Thursday, Feb. 1: Interactive Photo



Beaded Earrings, Feb. 1



Sew Your Own Fanny Pack, Feb. 15

Editing Sessions with Adobe Lightroom Classic & Photoshop

Monday, Feb. 5: Watercolor for Beginners

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Pottery Wheel for Beginners

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Learn How to Turn a Wooden Bowl!

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Pottery Wheel for Beginners

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Pottery with Supervision

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Watercolor Studio

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Crafting a Charcuterie Board from Repurposed Woods

Thursday, Feb. 8: Watercolor for Beginners 2

Thursday, Feb. 8: Pottery Wheel for Intermediate/Advanced

Thursday, Feb. 8: Night-Sky Photography Workshop*

Thursday, Feb. 8: Next Steps in Knitting – Knit a Hat

Tuesday, Feb. 13: Carving in Wood – The Love Spoon

Thursday, Feb. 15: Bead Weaving for Jewelry

Thursday, Feb. 15: Sew Your Own Fanny Pack

Monday, Feb. 19: Intro to Oil Painting: Landscapes & Florals

Monday, Feb. 19: When Knitting/

Crochet Attacks! Drop-in Lesson

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Turn a Wooden Pen!

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Beginner Quilting: Lap Quilt



Lap Quilt, Feb. 21

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Fused Glass Coasters

Thursday, Feb. 22: Oil Painting: Portraiture and Figurative

Fitness, Dance, Yoga & Mindful Movement

Tuesday, Jan 30: Intro to Yang Tai Chi

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Tuesday, Jan 30: Kriya Yoga with Lish

Thursday, Feb. 1: Gentle Evening Yoga with Ellen

Thursday, Feb. 1: Slow Flow Afternoon Yoga with Ellen

Monday, Feb. 5: Monday Yoga Hour for Women

Thursday, Feb. 8: East Coast Swing Dancing for Beginners

Wednesday, Feb. 14: Zumba with Dillon!

Health & Nutrition, New Age & Holistic Wellbeing

Tuesday, Jan 30: New - Tarot 2

Monday, Feb. 5: New - Tarot Reversed Cards 3

Monday, Feb. 5: NOT ON TOBACCO: Vaping and Smoking Cessation Program

Thursday, Feb. 15:

Transformational Breathwork & Sound Healing

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Gut Health & Digestion*

Home (DIY) & Gardening, Nature & Animals

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Solar Panels, Solar Energy!

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Tool and Knife Sharpening

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Edible Landscaping

Monday, Feb. 12: Growing Mushrooms in Your Yard

Music & Languages

Thursday, Feb. 1: Ukulele: Level 1 for Beginners

Monday, Feb. 5: Spanish Level 1 - Beginners

Monday, Feb. 5: Spanish Level 2 - Intermediate

Monday, Feb. 5: Harmonica for Adults

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Guitar for Beginners - Part 1

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Italian for Beginners - Part 1*

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Italian for Beginners: Part 2*

Tuesday, Feb. 6: German for Beginners*

Tuesday, Feb. 6: German Book Club (Intermediate)*

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Singing By Ear: Focus on Harmony

Thursday, Feb. 8: French for Beginners*

Saturday, Feb. 10: *Paris je t'aime* (Paris I love you)*

Saturday, Feb. 17: *Paris je t'aime* (Paris I love you)*

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Circle-Singing Workshop

One Night University:

Thursday, Feb. 8: Tour the Royal Gardens of Spain

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Tour the Gardens of England

Tech, Computers, & Automotive, Welding:

Monday, Feb. 5: Introduction to Welding Fabrication

Check out our website, cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com (or Google "Access CVU"), for more information, and to register for a class. As a reminder,

early signups help us plan for popular classes. It ensures you a spot in the class, and it avoids classes being canceled due to low enrollment. And if there's a waitlist for a class you're interested in, we encourage you to add your name since we will open up an extra section of a class if we get enough interest.

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High School Speech Contest - Win up to \$1,750

BY AMANDA VINCENT

The Charlotte Shelburne Hinesburg Rotary Club will hold the club round of the Rotary District 7850 High School Speech Contest on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 a.m. at the Shelburne United Methodist Church.

Please register by January 29! Forms can be found on the home page of our website under High School Speech Contest: rotaryclubofesh.org.

This year's topic is: How can we increase hope for our schools?

Students must prepare and deliver a five-minute speech, either in person or via Zoom, that relates this topic to their life, school, and Rotary values.

The winner of our local round will receive \$200 and can win up to \$1,750 if they are the district winner.

Club Round 1: \$200 prize. January 31 at 7:30 a.m. at the Shelburne United Methodist Church.

Area Round 2: \$300 prize. TBD

District Round 3: Two \$500 prizes. March 16 at Northern VT University, Lyndonville, Vt.

District Round 4: \$750 prize (winner) and \$500 prize (runner-up). April 20 at Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, Vt.

Participants for Club Round 1 must be high school-aged students who live in Charlotte, Shelburne, or Hinesburg.

Please email our Contest Coordinator, Amanda Vincent, at amandarosevincent1@gmail.com with any questions.

As always, be sure you are follow-

ing us on Facebook at Charlotte-Shelburne-Hinesburg Rotary, and on Instagram at @cshrotary to stay up to date on what we are doing and ways you can get involved.

Pre-kindergarten Lottery is Now Open For 2024-2025

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

The CVSD Early Education Program is now accepting applications for a random pre-kindergarten lottery drawing for the 2024-25 school year. This lottery is for an opportunity to enroll in one of our school-based classrooms, which run ten hours per week. Our school-based pre-kindergarten classrooms are five STARs, licensed early education programs that provide play-based, developmentally appropriate environments for all children in an inclusive setting. Our curriculum is based on the Vermont Early Learning Standards (VELS).

Our programs follow the CVSD school calendar. Children who will be age 3 or older by Sept. 1, 2024, who are not eligible for kindergarten, and live in the communities of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George, and Williston are eligible to enter the lottery. Families who are selected for the lottery and choose to enroll their child in a CVSD program access their Act 166 publicly funded pre-kindergarten funds for the school-based program.

All applications must be received by Feb. 5, 2024, and are located on the CVSD Early Education website at tinyurl.com/CVSDEarlyEd.

Paper applications are available upon request.

For additional information, questions about our program, or any concerns about your child's development, please visit our website or contact Director of Early Education, Erin Gagne at egagne@cvsdvt.org. Our Early Education team is also available for developmental screenings in the areas of communication, social-emotional development, motor skills, adaptive development, and cognition. More information about an Early Multi-Tiered System of Supports is also available on the website under the Support Services tab.

Have an ad? email ads@hinesburgrecord.org or call 802-999-2410.

ORGANIZATIONS

Hinesburg's Lyman Meadows and Lewis Creek Association Partner to Plan for Water Quality Improvements

BY KATE KELLY, LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Lewis Creek Association (LCA) and the Lyman Meadows Homeowners Association have partnered to plan for improvements in water quality. Runoff from this compact residential neighborhood and road network is currently collected in two ditches, and takes an unnatural path to the LaPlatte River. The untreated stormwater from existing impervious surfaces of homes, roads, and parking lots flows offsite to the LaPlatte River. The LaPlatte River drains into Lake Champlain at Shelburne Bay.

By capturing and treating the runoff onsite, it will reduce the volume and improve the quality of runoff reaching downstream waters. LCA hopes to help keep the river from becoming impaired due to phosphorus, which contributes to harmful algal blooms and fish die-offs in Lake Champlain. You can learn more about the problem and what landowners can do to improve water quality in a brief 17-minute presentation on LCA's website at bit.ly/lea-wq-videos. These include things like slowing water down, spreading it out, and sinking it into the ground ("the three S's" that are central to LCA's Ahead of the Storm program. You can learn more about the Ahead of the Storm program at bit.ly/lea-aots.) It is crucial that we all do our part in small ways, to improve Lake Champlain's water quality and beauty, and to protect the animals and plants that live in our rivers and streams.

Jessica Louisos and Alex Marcucci of SLR designed two gravel wetlands for the area around Lyman Meadows, one in the central green, and one in the western green. These gravel wetlands will collect runoff from the roads and roofs, then will clean it and allow it to filter through natural vegetation, slowing the velocity, and soaking it into the ground to improve water quality, habitat, and flood resiliency. In addition, it will beautify the area, allowing native wetland plants to grow. A meeting for residents is planned for Dec. 4. As part of the grant-fund-



Area in Lyman Meadows that may in the future support a gravel wetland to slow the water down, spread it out, and allow it to sink into the ground (Nov. 1, 2021, photo by Jim Jarvis).

ed project, LCA made two visits to the Hinesburg Community School, to introduce students to the concepts of stormwater management, and to participate in a site visit to the Lyman Meadows area where they mapped stormwater flow paths and tested the soils. LCA now plans to pursue grant funding to finalize the design of the gravel wetlands. Please reach out to Kate Kelly, 488-5203 or lewisecreekorg@gmail.com with any questions. This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (LC00A00707-0) to NEIWPCC in partnership with the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

Senior Meals

BY PEGGY COUTU

Shelburne Age Well February 13 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, Feb. 13. The meal will be available for pick up in the parking lot at 72 Church St. from 11 a.m. until noon. These meals are available for all 60 or older, regardless of town of residence. These meals are nutritious and delicious. A \$5 donation is suggested but not required.

The menu is: Swedish meatballs with sauce, rotini noodles, carrots, green beans, wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, and milk.

To order a meal: please contact

Kathleen by Wednesday, Feb. 7, 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 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 at agewellvt.org.

February Snow Glow Luncheon

St. Catherine of Siena and Age Well are teaming up to offer a Snow Glow February Luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 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 oven-fried chicken, red mashed potatoes with sour cream, Capri blend vegetables, wheat bread, pumpkin custard with cream, and milk.

There will be door prizes!

You must register by Feb. 14 by contacting 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.

Hinesburg Youth Project Used Book Sale

BY YVONNE WHITAKER

A used book sale fundraiser by the Hinesburg Youth Project, a program sponsored by the United Church of Hinesburg aimed at providing youth from Hinesburg with experiences in service and social justice issues, will be held at the United Church Parish House on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have gently used books in good condition that you would like to donate for the sale, please drop them off by Feb. 2. Contact the church at 802-482-3352 or by email at unitedchurch@gmavt.net with any questions.

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OUTDOORS

What is a “Generalist?”

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

At one time or another, I expect that many of us have wondered if it is better to be a specialist or a generalist – to try to be great at one thing or to be passable at many different things. Across deep time, Earth’s millions of species have “asked” this same question, again and again: if it is wiser to be an expert at exploiting a single, narrow ecological niche or to be able to exist under a wide range of different conditions. Both specialization and generalization are evolutionary strategies that can be advantageous under differ-

ent circumstances, and Vermont’s forests are filled with both specialists and generalists.

Of our forest trees, sugar maple is an example of a specialist, growing almost exclusively on soils with a relatively high pH and an abundance of calcium and other minerals (what foresters call enriched sites). While this means that sugar maple is not well-suited to many places across our landscape, on an enriched site it is extremely competitive – often accounting for more than 75 percent of the trees. By contrast, the closely related red maple is a generalist, capable of growing in swamps and on mountain tops and almost everywhere in between. While you can find some red maple trees in almost any forest, it will rarely be more than a

minor component. It is a typical generalist: a jack of all trades and a master of none.

In forests and other ecosystems, we tend to celebrate the specialists – the spring beauty miner bee, which visits only spring beauty flowers; the Dutchman’s breeches, pollinated only by queen bumblebees. Specialists are often species with unique gifts and adaptations, brilliant at accessing a specific food source or utilizing a particular life strategy. However, as Vermont’s native species face the myriad threats, stressors, changes and uncertainties of global change – climate change, non-native invasive plants, pests and pathogens, deforestation, forest fragmentation and more – the generalists, the species that can adapt, are better positioned to survive.

Among wildlife, we know our most successful generalists well: the raccoons, skunks and opossums,



White-tailed deer is an example of a generalist species in Vermont’s forests; one expected to be increasingly well-suited to our environment as our climate changes.

the gulls and the crows. All these species are sometimes ridiculed for their “trashy” behavior – gulls and raccoons have been nicknamed “dump ducks” and “trash pandas,” respectively – but, looked at another way, these species’ ability to exploit the abundance of resources produced and discarded by humans is extremely innovative and adaptive. A crow feeding on road-kill or a black bear eating trash from a dumpster is an example of a generalist species that has adapted to exploit an easy and ubiquitous food source.

While I hope that the previous paragraph helps vindicate and celebrate some of the generalist species that live (and cause mischief) among us, creating a world in which generalists thrive is also problematic for a variety of reasons. For example, all of the generalist species mentioned above (except perhaps the gulls) are nest predators; their elevated populations around forest edges, houses and developed areas leads to decreased songbird nesting success. White-tailed deer are another generalist species, one that has been so successful in our changing world that deer overpopulations damage habitat for tens of thousands of other species and impair the health, function and resilience of ecosystems across much of the North American continent.

In the case of red maple and sugar maple, we expect sugar maple to be one of the tree species most adversely impacted by climate change, whereas red maple is projected to be one of the most successful – largely due to its generalist nature. While it may be that our forests’ futures belong to red maple, we cannot abandon sugar maple entirely. It, and our other spe-

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cialists, are vital and irreplaceable, supporting crucial natural processes and providing habitat for entire communities of native species. In this changed and changing world, the specialists are often the species that are most under threat, which just means that they are those most in need of our help.

Whether you consider yourself a generalist or a specialist, I’m sure that you admire people that have taken the other road. In our human communities, both specialists and generalists contribute to diverse and functional societies. In forests, both specialists and generalists are vital to the health and the future of these incredible ecosystems.

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.

New Regulations for Trapping Came into Effect January 1

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

Trappers must ensure they are compliant with Vermont’s new trapping regulations that came into effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

The new regulations include a requirement that live-trapped animals be killed humanely; and establish standards for trap types and use of baits to reduce the risk of catching pets and non-target wildlife. Trappers must also follow new guidelines for where traps can be placed, such as maintaining a 50-foot setback distance from a legal trail, public trail or public highway unless set in the water or under ice.

“Vermont’s new trapping regulations will make trapping safer and more humane,” said Christopher



A trapper sets a trap for fisher following the state’s new requirement that most body-gripping traps be set at least five feet off the ground, or in the water or under ice, to reduce the risk to pets. This trap also complies with new requirements to cover any bait used in the set, in this case with evergreen branches, so that birds of prey are less likely to be attracted to the set.
VTF&W Photo

Herrick, Commissioner of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. “They strike a middle ground between concerns raised by both activists and trappers, and are among the most comprehensive trapping regulations in the country.”

The full set of new regulations are available on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department’s website. They will be taught in the department’s required trapper education course for new trappers, and published in the department’s annual hunting and trapping lawbook starting in 2025.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board finalized Vermont’s new trapping regulations as part of a larger update to the state’s fur-bearing species rule. During the board’s rulemaking process, Vermont’s Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) filed an objection to elements of the new trapping regulations, including its exemption from the 50-foot trail and highway setback for traps placed in the water or under the ice.

LCAR’s objection does not prevent the new trapping regulations from coming into effect. Instead, it requires the board and department to prove that the regulations are consistent with legislative intent and the requirements of administrative law if the regulations are challenged in court.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. FOF Playgroup. Hinesburg United Church.

4:00 p.m. Select Board Agenda January 25. Town Hall, 10632 Rte 116, Hinesburg.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Bill McKibben to Speak at Champlain College. Alumni Auditorium, CCM, 375 Maple St. Burlington, Vermont.

5:30-6:30 p.m. Mid-Grade Book Club. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Shelf open hours. Hinesburg Community Resource Center & Hinesburg Food Shelf, 51 Ballards. Corner Rd.

3:15pm-4:30 p.m. Afterschool Story and Craft Time. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

5:00-8:00 p.m. Community Game Night. Hinesburg United Church.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

5:00-9:00 p.m. Full Moon Ski Party. Sleepy Hollow Ski and Bike Center, 427 Ski Lodge Drive, Huntington.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Live Music at Dumb Luck Pub and Grill. 104 Ballards Corner Road.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Hands and Needles. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday Munch. Charlotte Senior Ctr., 212 Ferry Rd., Charlotte.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly StoryTime. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Food Shelf open hours. Hinesburg Community Resource Center & Hinesburg Food Shelf, 51 Ballards. Corner Rd.

5:30-6:30 p.m. To Be Read: any-book discussion group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

6:00-7:30 p.m. Mahjong. Hinesburg United Church.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

2:15pm-3:30 p.m., Pokemon Club. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

First Day of Black History Month.

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. FOF Playgroup. Hinesburg United Church.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Shelf open hours. Hinesburg Community Resource Center & Hinesburg Food Shelf, 51 Ballards. Corner Rd.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Hands and Needles. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday Munch. Charlotte Senior Ctr., 212 Ferry Rd., Charlotte.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly StoryTime. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Food Shelf open hours. Hinesburg Community Resource Center & Hinesburg Food Shelf, 51 Ballards. Corner Rd.

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

6:00-7:30 p.m. Mahjong. Hinesburg United Church.

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.-online Meeting platform.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

2:15pm-3:30pm Pokemon Club. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. FOF Playgroup. Hinesburg United Church.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Shelf open hours. Hinesburg Community Resource Center & Hinesburg Food Shelf, 51 Ballards. Corner Rd.

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Hinesburg Youth Project Used Book Sale. <https://meet.google.com/fug-bfsk-bis>. United Church of Hinesburg.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Hands and Needles. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday Munch. Charlotte Senior Ctr., 212 Ferry Rd., Charlotte.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Economic Development. Town Hall, 10632 Rte 116, Hinesburg.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly StoryTime. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard’s Corner Rd.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Food Shelf open hours. Hinesburg Community Resource Center & Hinesburg Food Shelf, 51 Ballards. Corner Rd.

6:00-7:30 p.m. Mahjong. Hinesburg United Church.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Conservation Commission Meeting. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82438637932?pwd=MTZqRWRwMmVZkzZ3M0b3FWb3plY2dVdzo9>.

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

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

WHAT THE HECK?

Auld lang syne



Alarmadillo



Faceplant



Barcolounjet



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ARTS & LEISURE

Hinesburg Artist Series 26th Annual Concert

BY DOTTY SCHNURE, HAS BOARD MEMBER

The Hinesburg Artist Series will present the 26th annual (25th Anniversary) concert on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church. The concert will feature the South County Chorus and Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra with guest artists – tenor Cameron Brownell and cellist Jiwon Lee.

The featured work this year is *Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest. “So many people have told me that this is their favorite composition, and it will be an incredible experience for performers and audience members,” said Rufus Patrick, HAS Music Director. The chorus and orchestra will also present *A Song of Peace, May the Road Rise to Meet You* and *Spirit Suite II*, arranged by Mark Hayes.

We hope you will save the date for this exciting concert. Tickets will go on sale in February and a full concert article will be in the Feb. 29, 2024, issue of the *Record*. Please go to the HAS website, hinesburgartistsseries.org for more information.

Vermont Studio Center Accepting Artist Residency Applications

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Artists and writers from near and far can now apply for 2024 residencies at the Vermont Studio Center. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 15. Residencies will take place April – December.

Thirty-five percent of accepted applicants will receive a full fellowship for their residencies – meaning the \$12,000 cost of the four-

week program will be funded by donations and foundation partners. The remaining two-thirds of residency participants will receive a partial fellowship.

And, for the first time, alumni of the Vermont Studio Center need apply only if they would like to be considered for a full fellowship. To learn more about the new alumni benefit, please go to vermontstudiocenter.org/alumni.

Residencies at the Vermont Studio Center occur in 2-, 3- and 4-week sessions throughout the year.

Through this competitive program, artists and writers across mediums and genres stay in Johnson and enjoy private studios in which to work. They are provided with time and space to unplug – to focus on individual creative practices and projects while taking in the inspiring Vermont landscape and culture.

The application process includes juried examination of five visual artist works, three minutes of video or a writing sample, depending on artists' mediums. Applicants submit their work as either a visual artist or a writer for consideration.

Judging happens anonymously, with the jury seeing work only in order to avoid bias.

For those accepted, VSC residency includes a private room in a shared house, a private studio, meals, and access to the Visiting Artist and Visiting Writer Program – a mentoring service to residents that sparks dialogue within the community and offers the chance for residents to receive constructive feedback on their work.

Residents can share their work through resident presentations and open studio events.

All residents participate in the Community Contribution Program, which builds a sense of community on campus and locally in the area, by helping with tasks in the kitchen, school arts program, visual arts, grounds, Mason House library or the writing program.

The sessions allow residents the chance to network and attend presentations from visiting artists and writers.

To learn more about residency opportunities with the Vermont Studio Center and apply today, visit vermontstudiocenter.org/fellowships. The application period ends on Feb. 15.

About Vermont Studio Center: Founded in 1984, Vermont Studio Center (VSC) welcomes artists and writers for 2-to-4-week studio residencies in an inclusive, international community, honoring creative work as the communication of spirit through form. Our buildings, many of them historic Vermont landmarks, overlook the Gihon River in the northern Green Mountains.

VSC offers residents and the general public an opportunity to engage with global creative communities. We invite Visiting Writers and Artists from around the world to join us during our residencies to mentor residents, present readings, facilitate craft talks, and give lectures that are open to the public. Starting in 2020, VSC opened its doors to the regional art community to offer studio space to area artists and writers at a deeply discounted rate.

For more information visit vermontstudiocenter.org

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PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Madeline Baker and **Samantha Haviland**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Fall 2023 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Graham Perry Coates-Farley of Hinesburg, a senior majoring in computer engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University (NY). Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Skylar Avery Francis of Hinesburg, a freshman majoring in biology, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University (NY). Dean's

List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Max Opton, a junior at Montana State University, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester. Opton is a 2021 graduate of CVU, and is majoring in Environmental Science. His parents are Kate Dodge and Dan Opton.

Deona Proulx of Hinesburg has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

Ethan Provost of Hinesburg has been named to the Plymouth State University (NH) President's List for the Fall 2023 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the Fall 2023 semester. Provost is an Exercise and Sport Physiology major at Plymouth State.

OBITUARIES

Larry Tatro

Lawrence "Larry" Arthur Tatro, 74, of Citrus Springs, Florida, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024.

Larry was born in Jeffersonville, Vermont. He was the son of Vince and Lois (Whiting) Tatro.

In 1969 Larry enlisted in the United States Navy Seabee Battalion. He served his country courageously in Vietnam from 1970-71; then later in the Navy Reserves from 1971-73. Larry went on to work for his father in the construction field before going into plumbing and heating while also working for IBM. He retired from IBM in 1982, after 11 years, to start Larry's Oil Burner Service until he retired in 2008. After retirement, Larry and Wendy moved to Florida in 2015.

Larry is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 52 years, Wendy Tatro; his son Sean Tatro and wife Shannon, their children, Emily Tatro and Dillon and Ashely Tatro, and their daughter Amelia of Milton, Vermont; his daughter Jessica Tatro Houle and husband Jason, and their children Cassidy and Evan Houle of Fairfax, Vermont.

Larry is also survived by his brother Jerry Tatro and wife Nancy of Huntington, Vermont; his sister Cheryl Huckins and husband Bernie of Lebanon, N.H.; and his sister Kerri Brockway of Hartland, Vermont.



Lawrence "Larry" Arthur Tatro

Larry had many special people in his life: friends, nieces, nephews – but most of all his aunts Alice Whiting, Marion Locke, Mildred Sargeant, and Helen Niel, and his uncle Arthur Whiting, all of Johnson, Vermont.

Larry also leaves behind his best friend and fur buddy Papa Taz of Citrus Springs, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at the Waterville Union Church on May 18, 2024, at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT 05452. (802) 878-0700.

OTHER NEWS

Green Mountain Conservation Camp Registration is Open

Financial Assistance Available

VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

If you are 12 to 14 years old and want to learn about Vermont's wildlife and gain outdoor skills, consider attending one of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Green Mountain Conservation Camps this summer. If you are a GMCC alum, 16 or younger, consider coming back for another summer.

The one-week camp programs are held at Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury. Campers participate in hands-on learning about fish and wildlife conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and archery techniques, swimming, canoeing, fishing and more. Natural resource professionals

come to the camp to share information on their programs and take campers out for field activities.

"Whether kids come alone or with friends, they are guaranteed to meet new people and form new bonds while experiencing Vermont's natural resources to the fullest," said Fish and Wildlife Education Specialist Hannah Phelps. "An important take-away message and common theme during the week is that conserving and managing habitat will help ensure Vermont will have fish and wildlife in the future."

"We would love to have all of the advanced sessions filled for campers who have already attended a basic session," added Phelps. "Advanced sessions are for campers who have completed a basic session in a previous summer and who are 16 years old or younger. Advanced sessions include more in-depth activities about backpacking, camping, natural resources, and unique hunting and fishing techniques."

Conservation Camps open June 16 and continue until August 16. Tuition is \$250 for the week, including food, lodging and equipment, **continued on page 20**



Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Green Mountain Conservation Camp program offers young people the opportunity to learn about natural resource conservation and develop outdoor skills through hands-on learning experiences. VTF&W Photo.



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and financial assistance is available. Information and registration are available at vtfishandwildlife.com. For more information, contact FWGMCC@vermont.gov or call 802-522-2925.

Be Idle Free: Turning Your Key Saves Money and Supports a Cleaner Environment

VT DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PRESS RELEASE

As Vermonters prepare for cold weather, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is urging driv-

ers to switch off their ignition to limit unnecessary idling of their vehicle engines.

“Idling gets you nowhere,” said DEC Commissioner Jason Batchelder. “It wastes fuel and money, causes excess engine wear, and pollutes our air which impacts our health and environment.”

Motor vehicles are the largest source of air pollutants and greenhouse gases in Vermont. The exhaust from vehicle idling degrades air quality for all Vermonters and is most detrimental to children, older adults, and people with heart or lung disease.

If every car and truck in Vermont reduced unnecessary idling by one minute per day over one year, Vermonters would save over one million gallons of fuel and over \$4 million in fuel costs as well as contribute to cutting carbon dioxide emissions by more than 10,000

metric tons.

You can help protect Vermont’s clean air and avoid unnecessary idling by:

- Turning off your vehicle when you are stopped for 10 seconds or more, except in traffic (30 seconds for heavy-duty vehicles).
- Warming up your engine and vehicle by driving gently. If needed, limit idling to 30 seconds (three to five minutes for heavy-duty vehicles), even in cold weather. Make sure windshield defrosting is adequate before driving.
- Use indoor spaces or waiting rooms instead of sitting in your idling vehicle.

In Vermont, the state law limits all motor vehicle idling to five minutes

► **Empty Bowls**

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needed awareness of food insecurity in Hinesburg, and to raise donations. It is estimated that in Vermont, 57,150 face hunger daily, among 12,040 children, and a recent study by UVM found that two in five in Vermont are food insecure. Food insecurity can happen to anybody at any time depending on life events. It’s also no surprise that recent inflationary trends have exacerbated the problem, greatly raising food prices over the past year. Food is now a major monthly expense that some simply cannot afford. The average Vermonter spends over \$500 per month on food, but one real concern is whether that amount of money is satisfying a nutrient-healthy diet.

The Empty Bowls Movement is rich in symbolism offering a “simple meal of bread and soup” for the hungry, and the use of ceramic bowls as a simple yet effective utensil dating back thousands of years. Using handcrafted ceramic bowls is a key component of the dinner which brought together 30 area artisans. The bowls reflect every ounce of love and sweat that went into making them. Every ticket holder is offered the opportunity to select a bowl. Each bowl reflects the creativity and skill of the artisan, but all reflect “the use of ceramic arts to fight against hunger.” The bowls can stay in the families for generations and as a reminder of the presence of hunger in society. Once the concept of the dinner was founded, calls went out to 30 area pottery artisans to join the ACCESS CVU program resources to create over 300 new bowls. This effort was spearheaded by ACCESS CVU pottery instructor Emily Mitchell. ACCESS CVU donated all the materials and pottery program equipment.

The Empty Bowls dinner offered homemade bread from the CVU Cafe, homemade soups and ice

cream. Homemade soups like potato corn chowder, butternut squash and meatball wedding; and freshly baked bread by the CVU Cafe staff like sesame wheat and light rye; and farmmade ice cream by Sisters of Anarchy like chocolate anarchy, rounded out the dinner.

Once again the organizer of this truly original event for Hinesburg Vermont, unbelievably, is high school junior Teryn Hytten. Aside from earning High Honors in academics, Ms. Hytten has distinguished herself and her team, and her school, by working tirelessly to put together this well-organized event that was both well-attended, fun and successful. Ms. Hytten’s accomplishments teaches us all that unselfish volunteerism is not only truly appreciated but in this case truly needed. Well Done! And this first event raised in excess of \$5,000 in donations! Teryn is currently a junior at CVU and she tells me she will continue the event next year, and I’m sure it will again exceed expectations. When asked what she thought her greatest accomplishment was of this year’s event she stated “it’s all about giving back and honoring great traditions that help humanity and community.” Yup, that sums it up quite nicely.



Teryn Hytten on right at Empty Bowls event with friend.

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else who likes a unique activity to traverse the moonlit forest at the Second Annual Full Moon Ski Party from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27.

This year’s event will kick off at 5 p.m. with a free one-hour classic skiing lesson for all ages and skill levels. Participants are then free to ski on Sleepy Hollow’s trail system with a headlamp or on the 1K lighted loop without one. Live musicians will play in the nearby pavilion and in Molly’s Meadow. Both sites will have bonfires burning, with hot chocolate, s’mores, and other snacks available.

New this year: Bivo and UnTapped have joined the fun as co-sponsors. Bivo is planting goodie-filled water bottles for skiers to find on the trails between Sleepy Hollow Inn and Butternut Cabin, and UnTapped will have a tent where skiers can fuel up with hot maple-pleid and yummy samples. And to make things even more entertaining, there will be a cash bar in the pavilion hosted by Bevo, and the Taco Truck All Stars will have a food truck onsite.

“It’s a great way to celebrate winter,” says Sleepy Hollow co-owner Molly Peters. “Who wouldn’t enjoy skiing in the woods under a full moon, listening to live music, eating, drinking, and sitting at a bon-

► **Going Batty**

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energy, so they try to stay out of high winds.

What exactly do they feed on? The vast majority of bats in North America, and all the bats here in Vermont, feed on insects. Every night bats can forage on thou-

sands of insects, eating up to their body weight in insects. This helps foresters and farmers protect their crops from pests.

A picture is worth a thousand... bats

At the heart of WIS is software that processes thermal imaging video technology. Thermal camer-

fire with friends and family?”

The cost of the event is \$20, which includes skiing, music, bonfire, snacks, and lesson. Those without season passes or punch passes at Sleepy Hollow or reciprocal passes need half-day passes, which are \$17, \$12 over 65, \$12 for kids, and free under 6. Rentals are available. BYOB is allowed. Tickets can be purchased at the event, but we may sell out, so advance sales are encouraged.

For those who want to continue past 9 p.m., eight rooms sleeping two to four people are available at the inn for \$175 to \$195. This is a rare opportunity since the inn is usually reserved for weddings. To find out more or book a room, con-

tact us: (802) 434-2283, (866) 254-1524 (toll free), skisleepyhollow.com, info@skisleepyhollow.com.

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Friday mornings 10:00 - 12:00

as record heat energy rather than light, making them the perfect tool for monitoring nocturnal wildlife. This kind of imaging allows for precise measurement of bat activity over time. WIS’s software transforms thousands of hours of video into bat activity data. That means they know exactly when the bats are showing up and how long they are spending at the turbine. The data revealed by the software is interesting – particularly to wind development companies, which must minimize the turbines’ impact on bats. And the images themselves are just as interesting. Kind of like an etch-a-sketch on steroids.

One image produced by WIS represents ten minutes of bat activity, providing metrics on flight patterns, time of night, and numbers of bats present, among other

things. The data produced, in turn, helps determine the optimal location of bat-deterrence systems and when to turn them on. The data is also helpful when scheduling turbines for shut down.

“Hinesburg, we have a problem?”

The open office space at WIS is jammed with monitors, computers and high-tech video. Kind of like a mini-mission control for NASA, but where bats are tracked instead of spaceships. If and when somebody has a problem with bats and turbines, Brogan hopes WIS will be their first call.

Brogan hopes the monitoring systems WIS develops will allow turbines to keep turning and protect bats at the same time.



A typical installation of monitoring equipment near a wind turbine.

Winter Safety Tips

Protect Meters and Vents from Ice and Snow

Don’t push or pile deep snow around meters and ensure whoever removes snow from your property knows meter and appliance vent locations. Use extreme caution when clearing snow and large icicles near meters and vents. If your meter gets encased in thick ice, please call us.

More safety information here:



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RELIGION

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield
802-482-2132 • hinesburgema.org
info@hinesburgema.org

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. Lunchtime 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:

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

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

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

Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, Rectory, 802-482-2290,
mcookson@vermontcatholic.org

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

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

Finance Council Chair: William Bessette, 678-878-5910

Buildings and Grounds

Supervisor: Contact parish office.

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Masses:

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

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

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

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

Religious Education Coordinator:

Marie Cookson, 802-482-2290

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

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

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

Food Shelf Weekend: Every first Saturday and Sunday of the month. Parishioners are asked to make an extra effort to bring non-perishable canned and dried food in weekly for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food Collection baskets are in the entry for your convenience.

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

United Church of Hinesburg

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

Location: 10580 Route 116

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 39

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 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.

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

Location and Mailing Address:

44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

Activities: Junior and Senior High Youth Groups; Men's Bible Study; Women's Book Group; Junior, Senior and Contemporary Music Choirs; Friendship Suppers; opportunities for mission and outreach in the community, country, and world.

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector: Rev. Dr. Fred Moser

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

Location and Mailing Address:

5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Worship service and Sunday School:

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

All Souls Interfaith Gathering

Pastor: Rev. Don Chatfield

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

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

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

Services:

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LARRY TATRO

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BACK STORIES

of Hinesburg

Going Batty

How a love for the environment and technology spawned a local business

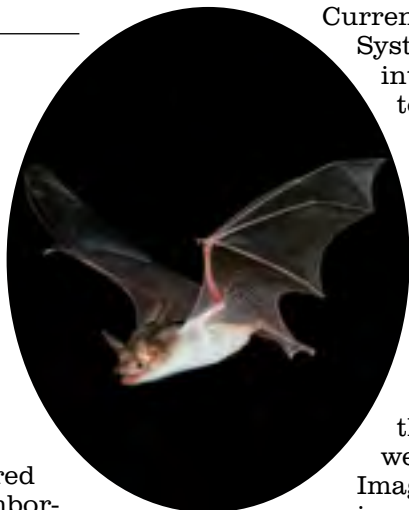
BY KEVIN LEWIS

When Brogan Morton and his wife Jen decided it was time to move “back east,” they quickly zeroed in on Hinesburg. Brogan’s master’s degree in engineering studies made him a good match for a position with NRG Systems, plus Hinesburg offered the small-town neighborly kind of community perfect for the Mortons’ growing family. So began a journey from Idaho to Vermont, and toward the birth of a new and cutting-edge technology that helps bats survive the perils of wind-turbines.

Each year thousands of bats die in and around the rotating blades of wind-turbines, mostly at night and mostly when flying insects, a primary bat food, are present.

At NRG, Brogan saw a need within the wind-turbine industry for a way to monitor bats that interact with wind-turbines. While NRG had partnered with Bat Conservation International to develop an ultrasonic bat deterrence system, much more information about bat activity around turbines was needed. In 2020, Brogan struck out on his own, intent on collecting just that information.

He founded Wildlife Imaging Systems in a small office off Mechanicsville Road to provide the kind of in-depth bat-monitoring service that wind developer companies like NRG needed.



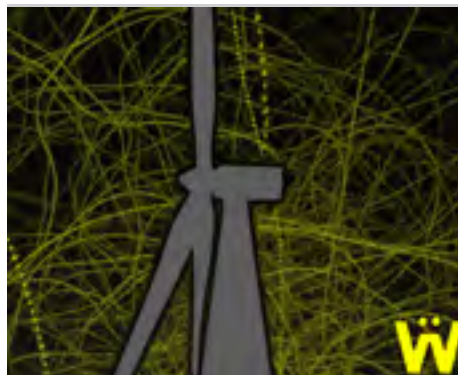
Currently, Wildlife Imaging Systems is moving into new digs next to Carpenter-Carse Library. Brogan and his three employees continue work on more than a dozen projects internationally, with over 100 technology installations. Business has been good – and the reason has been, well, the bats. Wildlife Imaging Systems’ unique technology allows for monitoring of bats, revealing how and when they feed, and, in particular, how they behave around wind-turbines.

Most recently, Wildlife Imaging Systems signed a contract for a new offshore wind project off the coast of Denmark, slated to begin this summer.

But the ‘bread and butter’ of the business is about bats, and all things batty.

Bats are the only true flying mammal. Their wings are a thin skin that is supported by their fingers, which is how their biological order, chiroptera, actually got its name, meaning ‘wind hand.’

How long do bats hibernate? While some bats hibernate, the bat species that most commonly come into conflict with wind turbines are actually long-distance migrants. While they spend their summers in northern regions, they winter in the warm climates of the southwest U.S. and Central America.



Images showing the bat activity around a wind turbine.



When exactly are they most active? Bats come out around sunset and are back home in their roost by sunrise. While bats can see, they use their unique sense of echolocation to forage for the insects that they eat.

Does strong wind reduce the presence of bats? Flying in high winds requires bats to expend additional

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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 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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