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Hinesburg Artist Series Mother's Day Concert at CVU

Featuring the South County Chorus and Hinesburg Community Band



BY DOTTY SCHNURE, HINESBURG ARTIST SERIES BOARD MEMBER

he Hinesburg Artist Series (HAS) will celebrate spring and Mother's Day with a concert full of beautiful music on Sunday, May 12, at 4 p.m. in the CVU auditorium. The concert will feature the Hinesburg Community Band and South County Chorus, both under the direction of Rufus Patrick.

"We have put together a lovely mix of music that families are sure to enjoy," said Rufus Patrick, HAS Music Director. "This concert will be a wonderful way to celebrate spring and mothers."

The Hinesburg Community Band will present selections by James Swearingen, Randall Standridge, Robert Longfield and a rousing piece titled Dragons Fly On The Winds Of Time by Larry Neeck. The South County Chorus will sing selections by Michael Engelhardt, Howard Helvey, and David Waggoner. Other featured selections will be Turn the World Around by Harry Belafonte, arranged by Mark Hayes and A Million Dreams from the Greatest Showman arranged by Mark Brymer.

"Performing for our local community for more than 25 years has been so inspiring," said Patrick.

"We have enjoyed support from people who attend regularly, from many local businesses who have advertised faithfully in our program, individuals who have been moved to donate, and performers who are dedicated to bringing joy to the community through music." Come hear dragons flying and listen to the earth's spirit as we turn the world around through music.

The concert is free, with donations gratefully accepted. Please go to our website, hinesburgartistseries.org for additional information.

The HAS 2024 season is brought to you in part by the generous support of Lantman's Market.

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Rotary Club Fundraiser

44th Annual No Car Calcutta Drawing is May 10

BY AMANDA VINCENT

oin us for the Charlotte-Shelburne-Hinesburg Rotary Club's 44th Annual Calcutta. We have been hosting this Calcutta annually, with only a few years missed due to Covid.

If you attended this event pre-Covid, you may remember that we used to give away a car, but most people took the cash anyway - so we got rid of the car for cold hard cash instead.

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Housing for Seniors and Those Needing Services

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he Hinesburg Affordable
Housing Committee (HAHC)
is writing a series of articles sharing information about
the ongoing housing crisis facing
Vermont and Hinesburg, with the
main focus on sharing the results
of the 2023 Hinesburg Housing
Needs Assessment Report prepared
by the Chittenden County Regional
Planning Commission. This article
now turns to the factors impacting
housing for seniors and those who
need support services.

An Aging Community

In terms of demographics, Hinesburg is "getting older." In 1990, 10 percent of Hinesburg residents were over the age of 55. In 2020, 36 percent of our community was 55 or older. (By comparison, the percentage of 18-34 years old dropped from 32 percent in 1990 to 16 percent in 2020.)

Overall, 72 percent of homes in Hinesburg are single-unit homes, while mobile homes make up 11 percent. (Multi-unit homes make up 15 percent.) People 35 and over are generally aging in place. When they become seniors, they tend to stay in their homes, often with empty bedrooms. And even if the

LETTERS

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

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

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

housing shortage were not so overwhelming, the cost of moving and taking on pricier mortgages is not appealing. As a consequence, seniors often watch as their utility bills and other services rise with inflation. And as these seniors age, they may need to modify their homes to improve access inside and outside of their homes. In addition, visiting or "live-in" caretakers may be necessary.

Roughly 10 percent of Hinesburg residents have a disability. More than half of them are 55 or older. For these older people, this implies that, along with their personal challenges, they face many of the same issues as other seniors.

Potential Sources of Assistance

The Housing Needs Assessment recommends that Hinesburg ensures that new and rehabilitated housing meets the growing needs of seniors and those with disabilities. The HAHC will continue to advocate, as appropriate, that new developments include homes for seniors that meet the American Disability Act (ADA) codes.

Some of the options to consider include:

- Accessory Dwelling Units: An ADU (also known as a mother-inlaw apartment) is a small separate residence that provides for independent living and has facilities for eating, sleeping, and bathing. It can be a converted basement or garage, an addition to a primary residence, or a separate building. ADUs can provide rental income, or house family members or a caregiver. ADUs do need to meet state and local regulations. Go to the Affordable Housing Committee tab on the Town website to learn more.
- Cathedral Square's Home Modification Program: You may qualify for free home upgrades if you are at least 62 years of age and with a household income below \$53,700 (one person) or \$61,400 (two persons). Services can include bathroom and kitchen accessibility items, improving entryways and thresholds for safe walking, stair rails, and more. Call (802) 488-0734 or go to cathedralsquare.org for more information.
- HomeShare Vermont: HomeShare seeks to match people who need housing with people who are willing to share their homes. HomeShare spends a lot of time to confirm that the match is likely to be a good one. They also help arrange the contract between the people involved. If services are part of the agreement, these can be household chores (dishes, mowing/shoveling) but

not any medical services (bathing, administrating medications). HomeShare has found that the biggest issues are pets and smoking. Their website is homesharevermont.org.

With Kelley's Field and Green Street Apartments, Hinesburg currently has 47 homes serving seniors and those needing services. In addition, 24 new homes are under construction at Kelley's Field and 50 homes are in near term planning stages for Haystack Crossing, and these 74 homes will serve seniors and households needing services. However, it is critical to realize that these 121 total homes, if all ultimately are built, are far short of the need to meet the current and projected future demand.

For more details, refer to the Hinesburg Housing Needs Assessment which is available on the HAHC page of the Town's website, hinesburg.org/ affordable-housing-committee.

Selectboard Highlights

BY MERRILY LOVELL, SELECTBOARD CHAIRPERSON

March 20

The selectboard approved the Waste Water Treatment Facility loan application from the State Revolving Loan Program. Securing this loan is a necessary first step before we can look at bids for the facility, because we need to know what our financial situation is. Jason Booth, from Aldrich and Elliott, the engineering firm which has been working with us on this project, was present to walk us through the details of this loan and answer any questions.

Landfill well testing plan - After rigorously examining the reports from our three consultants and the recommendations from the State Department of Conservation's Solid Waste Program, our Town Manager recommended testing additional wells than had been recommended so that the Town will have accurate measurements of the southern and western boundaries of the landfill area. The selectboard was pleased to approve this plan as it will give added measures to protect the health of the residents. The affected residents who were in attendance at the meeting expressed gratitude for the work that was done and this resulting new plan.

Appointments – The selectboard re-appointed twelve volunteers to various Town committees for three and four-year terms. We expressed gratitude for the many qualified, willing, hard-working volunteers we have on our committees. The

selectboard was also pleased to reappoint James Jarvis to another three-year term as Zoning Administrator.

Various liquor and tobacco licenses were approved for businesses in Hinesburg.

Town Manager's Report:

Advertising has begun for a new road foreman. We were sorry that Rick Bushey had to leave for health reasons.

The Energy Assessment work has begun. The report will allow us to apply for a \$500,000 implementation grant. Todd also plans to apply for a mini grant of up to \$4,000 to fund an ADA assessment of the Town Hall.

Todd has also applied for a Highway Structure grant to address the culverts on Lincoln Hill which are badly in need of repair.

The selectboard discussed and eventually agreed on a way to give a grant to Habitat for Humanity \$30,000 for affordable housing units on Mechanicsville Road. The grant provides \$5,000 for each perpetually affordable ownership unit. Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity has purchased a 1-acre lot on Mechanicsville Road to construct these units. The selectboard agreed to use \$15,000 from the town's Economic Development and Housing Fund and \$15,000 from ARPA funds for this grant.

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The selectboard approved the adoption of the Fair Housing Resolution for the coming year.

ed a grant worth \$111,32 by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to help cover costs for proving the content of the cover costs for proving t

The selectboard approved the Local Emergency Plan for the coming year.

The selectboard approved a few committee reappointments.

The selectboard approved the appointments of Margaret McNurlan and Nate Methot to the energy committee, and approved reducing the Recreation Committee from seven to five members.

The selectboard accepted the irrevocable offer of dedication for a trail easement deed for a trail from the Cottage Hill development to Geprags Park.

Town Manager Report:

The Town has received a grant for sidewalk improvements for the sidewalk from Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom to Mechanicsville Road.

The Town received notice that Act 250 was denied for Hinesburg Crossing II.

The rest of the selectboard meeting was devoted to discussion of the proposed Rural Residential 1 District zoning regulation amendments put forward by the Planning Commission. There were many attendees, and many expressed various diverse points of view and opinions about these proposed zoning amendments. The select-board decided to move forward with a public hearing where more people can give input to the select-board. After that process, the selectboard will decide either to accept these amendments or to send this proposal back to the Planning Commission for further changes.

The Public Hearing on the proposed Rural Residential 1 District Zoning Regulation Amendments will be on May 29.

CSWD

CSWD Receives Hazardous Waste Management Grant from VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation

BY ALISE CERTA, MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

he Chittenden Solid Waste District has been awarded a grant worth \$111,323 by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to help cover costs for providing facilities and education for the proper disposal of hazardous waste generated by residents and qualifying businesses.

The grant is part of a solid waste assistance fund provided by the state to help towns and solid waste planning entities implement their solid waste plans, as required by state law. The grant is awarded annually by the DEC, an arm of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

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

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

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OTHER INFORMATION

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Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport
Parkway, South Burlington. Weds., Th., Fri., 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

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5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

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

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

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

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CSWD uses the grant to help fund the district's hazardous waste collection program, which includes the Environmental Depot, a facility located in South Burlington that accepts hazardous waste year-round from households and Chittenden County businesses, and the Rover, a mobile collection program that complements the Depot.

"These funds will be used to help support our hazardous waste collection program for residents and qualifying businesses," said Josh Estey, CSWD's Director of Compliance. "This program costs more than \$500,000 to manage more than 600,000 pounds of waste collected each year. The grant will help alleviate some of these costs.'

The funds will be used specifically to help cover costs for proper disposal of waste collected - expected to be nearly \$275,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 – as well as for making district members aware of the collection program.

"The grant will cover only a fraction of the cost of this program, but it is a significant help to receive this funding so we can continue to provide convenient access for our members to dispose of their hazardous waste properly," says Estey.

Some program expenses are offset by revenue sources including product stewardship programs, which reimburse CSWD for collecting certain products and materials, hazardous waste handling fees charged to businesses, and proceeds from the sale of Local Color paint, made by district staff from atex paint brought in for recycling.

All About Glass

Glass recycling is a complicated subject. The story is long, and the

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process continues to evolve. In this post we've broken it down into what's happening now plus a little history to help put it all in context.

CSWD Glass Recycling - Today

For those of you who don't spend hours watching YouTube videos about recycling plants (guilty as charged!), here's a quick overview of what happens to that glass jar or bottle after you've emptied it, given it a quick rinse, and tossed it into your blue bin. This is how glass recycling happens in Chittenden County, Vermont, which is very much like what happens all over the country.

Step 1:

Your trash and recycling hauling company picks up your recyclables or you bring them to a CSWD Drop-Off Center, and they go to CSWD's Materials Recovery Facility - commonly called the MRF (rhymes with smurf) - in Williston.

Step 2.

At the MRF, the glass bottles and jars are smashed at the beginning of the sorting process by spinning metal discs. These discs are spaced two inches apart, so the broken glass falls through and is immediately separated from all the other recyclables. Anything smaller than two inches – corks, loose bottle caps, pill bottles, etc. – also drops through these spaces and ends up as trash mixed with the glass.

The broken glass travels past vacuums, magnets, and a whole series of carefully designed machines that shake, rattle, and roll that whole messy mix. The goal? Separate glass from all that trash.

When local markets are not available, winter weather conditions make further processing at the CSWD MRF extremely difficult, or we are unable to meet PGA standards, we may opt to send this partially processed glass to dedicated glass processing facilities that clean up and market our glass for uses such as fiberglass, abrasives, or civil engineering projects that are similar to the projects it is used for in Vermont. Currently, the two facilities we use are 2M Ressources in Quebec or Patriot Recycling in Raynham, Mass.

Glass that continues through our

MRF next goes through a special smasher that breaks the shards down to pieces no more than a quarter of an inch across and passes over another special machine that screens out any remaining bits and pieces of trash.

At this point, the glass meets the Vermont standard required to be used as Processed Glass Aggregate. We know this because

Step 4.

CSWD pays about \$5 per ton to send the PGA to Whitcomb's quarry in Colchester, Vt., where it's blended with natural aggregate such as quarry stone. As part of our agreement with this quarry, we annually include information on the PGA uses allowed under Vermont's Solid Waste Rules (section 6-302(12)).

Folks who've been on our fabulous MRF tour over the years are always surprised to learn that glass bottles and jars put in your blue bins are very unlikely to become new bottles and jars. As described in this article by the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) - tinyurl.com/NEglass this is true all over the Northeast (and in many other parts of the United States).

Bottles can only be made from recycled glass if the colors are separated before the material is pulverized. Though this can be done with glass that has gone through a MRF, the "clean-up" facilities that have hightech optical sorting equipment that makes this possible are few and far between, with none in the northeastern United States. The financial and environmental costs of hauling such heavy material long distances are significant.

Glass that's collected separately, such as bottles that go to a redemption center or reverse vending machine for the nickel refund through Vermont's Bottle Bill, go through an entirely different system that doesn't include a MRF. These bottles have a slightly better chance of becoming new bottles but travel many, many miles to do so.

Past Investments Mean Future Promise

CSWD was a pioneer in Vermont's recycling industry. In 1993, CSWD's Board of Commissioners,





Processed Glass Aggregate at the

representing our 18 member municipalities, voted to enact mandatory recycling for all Chittenden County residents and businesses. That's when it became against the law in Chittenden County to put glass bottles and jars and certain other recyclables in the trash.

In April of that year, CSWD opened a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Williston to sort those recyclables so they could be sold to buyers willing and able to use them as raw materials for new products.

Our most recent investment was half a million dollars in 2015 for new secondary screening machinery specifically designed to improve the consistency and efficiency of the PGA output. Increased efficiencies mean lower costs throughout the system, and higher quality output gives us access to more markets, closer to home.

With this new machinery and test-

ing protocols developed by our engineer and approved by Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources, we are exploring brand new PGA applications and exciting new projects with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the University of Vermont Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. We believe these projects will ensure we can continue to keep directing this material into beneficial uses while also reducing traffic and emissions by keeping it as local as possible.

We're also optimistic that thanks to these investments, our PGA will generate some revenue to cover the significant costs of glass recycling.

All signs are pointing to more and better options in the future - we'll be sure to share them as they come online.

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LEGISLATIVE

Senate Bill **Targeting Drug Dealers Would** Delay 'Raise the Age' Law

The bill would hold drug sellers responsible for deaths caused by their distribution of laced drugs, even if doing so was down to mere carelessness.

BY NORAH WHITE, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

₹he Senate Committee on Judiciary is hashing out whether a drug dealer who sold illegal, laced drugs that killed another person can plead ignorance in their defense

It's an issue of whether they can use the defense of "Well, I thought that was cocaine. I didn't realize it had fentanyl," said Michele Childs. legislative counsel, when she testified in the committee Jan. 11 on a bill to prohibit that defense.

On top of the policy related to laced drugs, S.58 would require anyone found guilty of selling an illegal drug that killed someone to serve at least two years in prison without the possibility of parole or probation, unless a court decides an alternative sentence will serve equal justice. The bill doesn't say how judges should reach that finding.

But most testimony on the bill has centered on a loosely related provision: The legislation would again delay the rollout of a 2018 bill that moves 19-year-olds charged with crimes from criminal to family court.

Holding dealers accountable:

There were 212 "accidental and undetermined" opioid-related overdose deaths among Vermont residents in November 2023, according to the Vermont Department of Health - up from just 69 deaths reported a decade earlier in 2013.

The bill would hold drug sellers responsible for deaths caused by their distribution of laced drugs, even if doing so was down to mere carelessness, Childs said at the meeting.

"I know of a case where somebody took a drug that contains the animal tranquilizer, and the people that gave it to this person couldn't care less that he overdosed," Childs said.

That person died, she said.

Childs said the bill, stricter than current law, will heighten drug sellers' awareness of the consequences of handing out laced drugs and lessen the likelihood of deadly overdoses.

Delay 'Raise the age':

In July, Vermont is set to raise the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to include 19-year-olds. If S.58 passes that start date will get pushed back **BY HOLLY SULLIVAN**, to April 1, 2025.

Vermont was the first state to identify 18-year-olds as juveniles in the eyes of the courts in 2018 by passing Act 201. It was a step in the right direction, said Tyler Allen, adolescent services director for the Department for Children and Families.

"Brain science indicates that it's the way to work with the youthful population," he said.

But Allen said his department needs more resources before they bring the age up another notch.

"Right now we're at a point in time that we have an unprecedented challenge level against DCF in terms of meeting youth needs across the whole breadth of the youth we serve," Allen said.

A delay like the one included in S.58 will allow officials to gather more resources to help 19-yearolds, Allen said

Gov. Phil Scott, who supported Act 201, agrees.

"This bill again delays the 'raise the age' provision, which has put older, more violent offenders into our system and creates a number of unintended consequences that harm, rather than help, our youth,' Scott said in a March 26 statement.

Act 201 proposed a 2022 date for raising the age to 19-year-olds. But it was put on hold after requests from the children and families department because of limited resources

Scott said in his statement that the delay is attached to S.58 because drug sellers tend to target young people to move their products.

"We have observed drug traffickers are preying on young adults, using them because they know accountability is less likely," Scott said.

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"Like Brushing Your Teeth": Bill **Cuts Red Tape Around Sunscreen** in Schools to Start **Habit Young**

Right now, putting on sunscreen in Vermont schools is a tall order

COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

espite being one of the cloudiest and coldest states, Vermont has the country's second-highest rate of new skin cancer cases per capita. Using more sunscreen could reduce the rate, and lawmakers want to make it easier to start the habit young.

Senators passed S.187 in March to allow students to apply sunscreen freely without it being regulated like a medicine. The bill would let kids carry non-spray sunscreen in backpacks and slather it on whenever they see fit, as long as their parents sign an annual form. A House committee took up the proposal last week.

Right now, putting on sunscreen in Vermont schools is a tall order.

"If I give a Tylenol, if I give an ibuprofen, if I give Benadryl, or if I have a student who has prescription medication - I notify the parent every time I do that." said school nurse Clayton Wetzel, treasurer of the Vermont State School Nurses Association. "Imagine, we have 160 kids, and now I'm helping apply sunscreen for all of these people and then notifying parents about the application of sunscreen. It's not a very good use of anyone's time."

He walked legislators through the ponderous process back in February:

A nurse needs to get an annual permission slip signed by a guardian, have a guardian deliver sunscreen in its original bottle and store it in the nurse's office. They need to call students in and put the sunscreen on them, then notify the guardian and write down a string of details for student health records: each date and time they put sunscreen on a student, the dosage, a reason why and any results of the remedy.

If the bill became law, sunscreen could become just another checkbox on a pre-existing health form, signifying, "Hey, if you sign this, we're all set. You can send it in and you don't have to worry about it," Wetzel said.

Twenty-seven states and

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10:21 a.m. An officer responded to a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

12:45 p.m. A citizen on Kelley's Field was served court paperwork.

1:15 p.m. A theft on Richmond Road was investigated.

5:45 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

on Route 116 were investigated.

7:58 p.m. Suspicious circumstances

10:49 p.m. An alarm activation on Burritt Road was investigated.

March 13: 6:40 p.m. An animal problem reported on Route 116 was investigated.

March 14: 8:25 a.m. An officer responded to Place Road West for the report of a tractor trailer unit that was causing a traffic hazard and property damage.

3 p.m. Three individuals were assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

7:45 p.m. An individual was trespassed from Lantman's Market.

7:58 p.m. A traffic hazard on Commerce Street was investigated.

March 15: 8:11 p.m. Officers responded to a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

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ing concern.

9:50 p.m. An officer investigated a motor vehicle complaint on Mechanicsville Road. Riley Winch, 40, of Granville was arrested for DUI.

March 16: 11:50 a.m. Suspicious activity on Birchwood Drive was investigated.

March 17: 2:35 p.m. A noise complaint on Texas Hill Road was investigated.

March 18: 9:18 a.m. An officer responded to a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

11 a.m. Officers investigated a juvenile issue at the Hinesburg Community School.

4:50 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout on Charlotte Road.

6:33 p.m. Officers responded to a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

7:54 p.m. Vergennes P.D. was assisted with an investigation on **Buck Hill East**

March 19: 7:14 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Hollow Road.

12:45 p.m. An animal problem on Route 116 was investigated.

9:13 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on North Road. Corev Marshall, 24, of Hinesburg was arrested on an active warrant

March 20: 6:45 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street.

10:40 a.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Charlotte Road

11:53 a.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road.

2:35 p.m. Suspicious activity at the Hinesburg Community School was investigated.

3:02 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout on Commerce Street.

6:35 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a disabled vehicle on Cottage Hill Estates.

March 21: 2:11 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

11:09 p.m. An alarm activation on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

March 22: 2:21 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

3:15 p.m. A subpoena was served to a resident on Route 116.

4:22 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Commerce Street

4:42 p.m. Late reported damage to a motor vehicle was reported and investigated.

March 24: 1:51 p.m. Officers investigated a motor vehicle complaint on Haystack Road. Thomas Hart, 61, of Colchester was arrested for DUI

9:37 p.m. Suspicious activity was reported and investigated on North Road.

March 25: 1:52 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

March 26: 11:40 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

March 27: 12:03 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

1:03 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a civil issue.

7:30 p.m. An officer trespassed an individual from a residence on North Road

March 28: 3:15 p.m. Two citizens were assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

March 29: 7:50 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

1:47 p.m. Suspicious activity on Texas Hill Road was investigated.

2:10 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

3:15 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Pond Road was investigated.

March 30: 8:15 a.m. An officer served court paperwork to a citizen on Place Road West.

12:50 p.m. An officer assisted oth-

er agencies with an emergency on Silver Street in Monkton. April 1: 8:18 a.m. Suspicious ac-

tivity on Majestic Lane was

11:19 a.m. Found property was turned in to the Hinesburg P.D. and returned to its owner.

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investigated.

Vermonters, a "rapidly aging" and "fair-skinned" group of people, are negatively impacted by the state's limited sunshine, Sharon Mallory, the state health department's cancer control program director, told

a University of Vermont researcher

to most forms of skin cancer, es-"Vermonters often get 'short pecially melanoma, the deadliest. bursts' of sun because of our short That's made sun damage a hot topsummer seasons," Mallory told ic in Vermont, where sunscreen the researcher, Joy Benner. "It is use is low and skin cancer rates are thought in cancer research that high. In 2013, more than a third short bursts may actually be more of adults here reported having at harmful than long-term exposure least one sunburn in the past year. because you don't build up that according to state data. In 2015, melanin reserve. We are also not as that number was 65 percent for good at wearing sunscreen all year high schoolers and 54 percent for round because we have long winters and cloudy days, so people may The last time the state asked stunot be wearing enough sunscreen

during these times."

Efforts to prevent skin cancer in the state have grown in recent years, such as supplying free sunscreen dispensers in state parks and banning tanning beds for people younger than 18.

Vermonters' susceptibility to skin Melanoma surveyed Vermonters in cancer is why so many experts are 2018, most said they don't use sunurging representatives to pass screen due to forgetfulness or lack-S.187. As for the focus on younger people: Sunburns during childhood

raise the risk of melanoma by up to some students. But he stood behind 80 percent, state officials say.

Ilisa Stalberg, family and childcare director at the Vermont Department of Health, said normal- the bill's language. izing sunscreen use will protect kids' skin as they get older.

"It's just a good habit. And we know how influential school and peers are," she said. "So, every time you go outside, you're putting on sunscreen. It's like brushing your teeth. It becomes a habit, and that is a future prevention strategy."

Generally, S.187 has had little to no opposition. However, the bill's specification of "non-aerosolized" sunscreen sparked some debate.

Brendan Atwood, public health policy advisor for the health department, suggested removing the word from the bill for fear of equity issues.

"Essentially, by restricting the use of aerosolized sunscreens, it just may force some folks to have to purchase sunscreens that may cost more. It just limits the options that are available to some folks," he told senators on February 23.

Atwood acknowledged aerosolized sunscreens may trigger asthma in the edit, believing schools could easily work around this issue.

On the flip side, Wetzel approved of

"This is just anecdotally, but non-aerosolized doesn't put as much product out for the period of time that people are applying it," he told senators in the same meeting. "And it also uses propellants that could possibly be an irritant. Having an aerosolized product exploding in a backpack would make an even bigger mess. And just leaking, it could be a little bit dangerous."

Still, most stakeholders seem to agree the bill would make life easier for students and teachers.

"It breaks down the barriers to utilizing sunscreen because it's a lot (of stress) on a kid to have to go to the nurse to get sunscreen on." Stalberg said. "Moving around the school is not simple – teachers need you in certain places at certain times, so it really does help there."

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Financial Focus: Younger Workers **Must Balance Financial Priorities**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

rf you're a younger worker just starting out in your career, vou've got tremendous personal and professional opportunities ahead of you. But this is also when you will need to make some key decisions – especially about your financial priorities.

When considering your priorities, you may find it helpful to look at these three areas:

Paying off debts – If you're like

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4:30 p.m. An officer assisted with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

5 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a suspicious motor vehicle on Gilman Road.

April 3: 8:45 a.m. An officer responded to a single car crash on Route 116. Jason Sizen, 37, of Grand Isle was cited for driving with a criminally suspended driver's license.

8:55 a.m. A stolen vehicle out of South Burlington was recovered on Rocky Mountain Lane.

April 4: 10:17 a.m. An officer assisted another agency by attempting to locate an individual on Jourdan Street.

2:45 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes

April 5: 12:11 p.m. A 911 hangup on Charlotte Road was investigated.

April 7: 2:32 p.m. A suspicious vehicle parked on Lewis Creek Road was reported and investigated.

3:41 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Route 116.

April 8: 12:35 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a disabled vehicle on Leavensworth Road.

5:35 p.m. An officer responded to a three-car motor vehicle crash on Mechanicsville Road.

many young working people, one of your biggest debts may be your student loans – and paying these down is, by necessity, a priority, because falling behind on your student loan payments can lead to late fees and other problems. So, if you haven't done so already, you may want to enroll in autopay, which will help you stay current on your loan and possibly earn a rate reduction.

Saving for short-term goals - At

this stage of your life, you may be thinking about saving for at least one or two significant short-term goals, such as a wedding or a down payment to a house – or perhaps both. Obviously, your ability to save for these goals will depend on your income, your current cost of living and your debt situation. But if a wedding or a new home is indeed a priority for you, you'll want to look at what's possible, in terms of putting money away. Since you know you'll need a certain amount of money at a given time, you may want to automatically move a set amount from your checking or savings account each month to a low-risk account whose principal is essentially protected. You might not earn a lot on such an account, but at the same time, you won't have to worry about a drop in value just when you need to take out the money.

Saving for retirement - Even though you may just be at the beginning of your working life, it's not too soon to begin preparing for its conclusion. You could spend two, or even three, decades in an active retirement, so you will need to accumulate considerable financial resources. Fortunately, here's an area in which you may be able to get some help, starting right away. If you work for a mid-size or large company, your employer may well offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Your pre-tax salary deferral contributions are generally not taxable, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. (If your employer offers a Roth 401(k), your contributions will be taxable, but withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.) These support, strategic coaching, and over days, even many small employers often offer some type of retirement plan, so it's likely to your benefit to take full advantage of it by contributing as much as you can afford.

Prioritizing these long-term savings goals, and striving to meet them with the appropriate solutions, can certainly be challenging. But as a young worker, you have the greatest – and most irreplaceable - asset on your side: time. So, make the most of it. Think carefully about your needs and options and take the steps that enable you to keep making \bar{p} rogress toward all your objectives.

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LaunchVT **Announces 2024 Accelerator Cohort**

Hinesburg's Shrubbly and St. George's Hootie Hoo Selected

BY AMELIA CAYER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT,

BURLINGTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MANAGER

LaunchVT, a division of the Lake Champlain Chamber, has selected eight Vermont startups to participate in its 2024 Accelerator. This is the 12th co-

hort to come through LaunchVT's flagship program. Since 2013, LaunchVT has provided business development \$1 million in cash and services to accelerate 79 Vermont startups statewide.

"Since day one, LaunchVT has been about supporting the entrepreneurs and startups that will power our economy forward." said Cathy Davis, president and CEO of the Lake Champlain Chamber. She continued, "The Lake Champlain Chamber is about creating economic opportunity for all Vermonters. LaunchVT is a key part of that continued on page 8

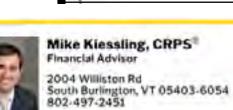
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Co Ed K-1-2 Lacrosse

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

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

Dog Obedience with Jim Warden

to work with the eight startups se-

Entrepreneurs in the LaunchVT

cohort will work with a dedicated

business coach and strategic ad-

most pressing needs. Over the 11-

visors to address their startup's

week program, which began on

April 3, they will also participate

in peer sessions, office hours with

business advisors, and workshops

with content experts. Members of

the public are encouraged to meet

the new cohort of founders during

LaunchVT's Cohort Kickoff Mixer

at Zero Gravity Beer Hall, 716 Pine

St., Burlington, on April 3 at 4 p.m.

LaunchVT's flagship event is Demo

Night at Hula, 50 Lakeside Ave.,

Burlington, on June 11 from 5-8

p.m. The cohort of founders will

pitch their businesses to investors

and the public. Hula will host the

event, and Tom Messner will serve

trepreneur will leave the program

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lected this year.'

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

Dog and owner(s). Town Hall Field Thursdays, May 9-June 13. 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$75 resident and \$85 non-residents.

Boater Safety

Boating safety education is required for any motorboat operator, 12 years of age or older, born after Jan. 1, 1974. The Boat Vermont classroom course will enable you to get the certification that you need. The course is eight hours and is offered over four days. Participants must be present at all classes to be eligible for certification.

Instructor – Jon Fick

Note: Title 23 VSA 3305a. Privilege to operate a vessel; suspension of privilege; minimum age for operation of a motorboat. (c) An individual under 12 years of age shall not operate a motorboat powered by more than six horsepower on the public waters of this State. Note: "The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) operates its

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Monday, April 29; Wednesday, May 1; Monday, May 6; and Wednesday, May 8. 6-8:30 p.m. VT State Police Building, 3294 St. George Road, Williston, Vt. Cost: \$10.

Recreational Track and Field

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

Ages 6-14 years. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 17-July 20.

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6-7:30 p.m. CVU track. Cost: \$50 resident /\$60 non-resident.

CVU Boys Lacrosse Camp

Run by CVU Varsity Boys Coach Brian Loughlin and players. Monday-Thursday. June 24-27. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For students entering 4-9 grades. CVU Field C: Upper lot on Pond Road. Cost: \$125. Register at evuboyslax.com/camp.

CVU Girls Field Hockey Camp

Tuesday-Thursday. June 18-20. 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$125. For players in grades 5-9. Join us for a fun and challenging field hockey camp at CVU. We will have current CVU players, alumnae, and coaches running camp. We will focus on fundamental skills, scrimmage play, and some specialized positional work based on registered players. Questions about camp? Contact Head Coach Tucker Pierson: tuckerpierson@gmail.com. Register at tinyurl.com/cvufieldhockeycamp.

CVU Girls Lacrosse Camp

Join us for a fun camp steeped in fundamentals of this great sport. We will have current CVU players, alumnae, and coaches coaching campers. We will focus on fundamental skills, scrimmage play, and some specialized positional work based on registered players (draw controls, goalie work, defense, of-

learn more about LaunchVT, visit launchvt.com. To learn more about the Lake Champlain Chamber, visit lccvermont.org.

BY KAT CONSLER

Make + Take: Spring Flower

Thursday, April 25, and Tuesday, April 30, 5-6:30 p.m., \$48 each

In this class, each participant will design and plant a beautiful, cold hardy planter that is sure to help usher in spring. Combining beauty and purpose, we will include a few edible flowers and herbs in each pot. Thursday class is instructed by Chad Donovan, Tuesday class by Julie Rubaud. For more information and registration, go to shop.redwagonplants.com/shop/ events/35

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fensive plays, etc.). Email tuckerpierson@gmail.com with questions. Run by CVU Varsity Coach Tucker Pierson and players.

Tuesday-Thursday. June 18-20. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Grades 5-9. Cost: \$125. Register at tinyurl.com/ cvugirlslacrossecamp

Kevin Browne's Summer Driver Ed

Virtual classes and in-person driving. June 18-20, 24-26, July 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17. Class time: 7-8:30 p.m. Driving time: June 15-July 19, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in two-hour increments. Cost: Residents \$850 and Non-residents \$900.

Other information: Students must have a learner's permit before signing up. Students should enroll in the course where they are available to do the driving time. Students are expected to have cameras on during class. Students should have reasonable availability to drive during dates of class. Driving is done on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in two-hour time slots (8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, noon-2 p.m., and 2-4 p.m.) Two students will be in the car during driving - one to drive and the other to observe. Payment is due upon registration. Register online at hinesburgrec.com but checks are payable to Kevin Browne and due to HRD, 10632 Rte. 116, Hinesburg.

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Library News

New books are springing up like so many flowers here at Carpenter-Carse! Titles to look for include Long Island by Colm Tóibín, Summers at the Saint by Mary Kay Andrews, You Like It Darker by Stephen King, and The Guncle Abroad by Steven Rowley. Craig Johnson, John Grisham, and Christina Lauren also have new books coming out this month. Please call the library or check our website to put any of these titles on hold.

This month we have a wonderful event planned that we want to make sure you are aware of. The Vermont

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Cartoonist Laureate Tillie Walden will be at the library on Thursday, May 16. She is the author of many popular graphic novels and we are thrilled to have the chance to meet her and hear her speak. Please join us! The full description of this program is in the Adult Programs listings that follow.

May Youth Happenings at Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Weekly Storytime: Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Join the fun and learning with picture books, songs, movement, and rhymes that are designed to promote early language, fine motor, and pre-literacy skills in a friendly environment! Each week we will finish up Storytime with snacks, coffee for the adults, a simple craft or sensory activity, and book browsing. Storytime is designed for babies, toddlers, and preschool/ kindergarten aged children and their caregivers, and no registration is required.

Monthly Fiber Arts Club: Friday, May 3, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

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. This club is for youth in grades continued on page 10



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vestors and extensive connections Business to advisors, investors, service procontinued from page 7 viders and other local founders. work, and I am thrilled we are able

rising stars in the startup community to LaunchVT 2024," says LaunchVT's director, Lauren Bass. "Most of the businesses in this cohort are making revenues and are already recognized in Vermont and beyond. It's an impressive group and a great sign for the growth of our startup ecosystem, which creates valuable jobs and so much more for our state.

LaunchVT Accelerator Cohort are:

Brightwater Tools, Brattleboro

Hootie Hoo, Saint George

Shrubbly, Hinesburg

thanks to their amazing partners, including All Stage, Brady

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and nurturing emerging talent. To

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Upcoming events at Red Wagon Plants

workshops in June!

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3-7. Please register.

Saturday Storytime: Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join youth librarian Jen for stories, songs, and rhymes in the library community room. Stick around for snacks, a simple craft activity, and book browsing.

LEGO Club: Wednesdays, May 1-May 29, 2:15-3:30 p.m.

LEGO Club continues this month. Students in grades K-4 have the choice every week to work on their own or with others on weekly challenges or their own creations. This club is currently full but if you would like to learn more about after-school programming at CCL, email jen@carpentercarse.org

After-School Story and Craft Time: Friday, May 17, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Children in grades K-2 can sign up to join us for read-aloud stories, snacks, and picture book-inspired



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crafts at this monthly after school program. Please register.

Board Game Night: Friday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.

Looking to meet some fellow board game enthusiasts? Would you just like a fun evening out with family or friends? Join us for our Board Game Night! We'll provide a variety of board games and you bring your competitive spirit. Feel free to bring your own game if you have a favorite. Suitable for all ages. Individuals and small groups are welcome.

Mid-Grade Book Club: Thursday, May 23, 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.

CCL Adult Programs in May

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

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

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

Senior Meet Up: Fridays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Do you remember rotary phones? Cigarette smoke in diners? Bike riding without helmets? The Ed Sullivan Show? 8-Track Tapes? Then this meetup is for you. Come gather and talk, schmooze and kvetch, share and laugh with other seniors. Coffee, tea, and games will be provided.

SongFarmers of Hinesburg: Thursday, May 2, 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. Open to the public.

Mystery Book Club: Wednesday, May 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. With local Hinesburg author Chris Tebbetts

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.

Not-Your-Traditional Book Group: Thursdays, May 9 and 23, 11 a.m.-noon

Enjoy our library, bring a book, read aloud for three minutes or not, talk about your reading life, share a reading topic you pursue, or just stop in. All are welcome. Meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

Comics and Queerness in Vermont and Beyond with Tillie Walden – Thursday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

From Alison Bechdel's Fun Home to Charles Schulz's Peanuts, comics have been a part of American culture since print first began. But comics are no longer relegated just to the newspaper, and as books like *Maus* or *Persepolis* have proven, this is a golden age for graphic novel storytelling. What is even more exciting is how the comics industry is currently championing narratives for all identities and ages.

Vermont Cartoonist Laureate Tillie Walden presents a look at the intersection of indie comics with queer identity through her many graphic novels—from science fiction to memoir to historical retelling. Explore process and power through visual narrative and learn why comics are relevant to Vermonters and beyond.

This is a Vermont Humanities program hosted by Carpenter-Carse Library. (Supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the NEH or Vermont Humanities.)

Personal Technology Help Group: Fridays, May 10 and 24, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Kenneth Russell, personal technology coach and helper, will lead you in a group exploration of facing the common frustration points in using our personal technology: smartphones, computers, tablets, etc.

Which of you cringes when you hear the word "password" or 2-step verification? It's a wonderful but demanding thing having all this fantastic technology. Let's get together, grumble a bit about those frustration points and then find some solutions...step by step...in a fun, light setting. No problem is too small. Bring your devices! An RSVP is helpful.

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Learning Inside

BY BILL SCHUBART

In my last column (tinyurl.com/ SchubartPrison), I wrote about the visionary work the Vermont Department of Corrections (DOC) is doing to decarcerate people in prison who no longer need be there, to provide educational, interventional support and counselling services for those in their custody to ensure a safe and secure reentry, and to reduce recidivism. This column expands further on their education work. The quotes below are all from incarcerated students in the CCV/DOC educational program

Today, I'll shed light on a joint venture between the Community College of Vermont (CCV) and DOC that brings the opportunity for a college education to the incarcerated population.

In a stated effort to get offenders to "think differently about themselves," learn skills, and prepare for reentry, the McClure Foundation in 2019 seed-funded CCV's Prison-to-Career Program.

"This is the first time my family has been proud of me."

Beginning in 2023, the U.S. Department of Education began the reinstatement of Pell Grant options for offenders meeting qualifications. This allows incarcerated learners to file for tuition assistance from the government in pursuit of their degree.

Only months earlier, Sen. Sanders secured \$4.5 million to expand the reach of the CCV/DOC educational partnership into other DOC facilities. Currently, three of Vermont's six facilities offer CCV classes: Northwest in St. Albans, Northern in Newport and Chittenden in South Burlington. Plans are under way to expand the program this fall to a fourth facility, Southern in Springfield, and to add another facility each academic semester until all six state correctional facilities offer the program.

"My education has given me something to talk about with my family."

To no one's surprise, at the outset of the program, correctional staff raised the obvious question, "Do I need to commit a felony to get the degree I couldn't afford?"

The partnership responded quickly to this question and made CCV classes available not only to correctional staff but to their spouses and dependents as well. Currently some 35 corrections employees take regular CCV courses. Tuition is now

a benefit of employment and has been a positive factor in the ongoing challenge to fill vacancies in correctional staffing. Correctional staff attend CCV in person and online like regular matriculated students, while classes for the incarcerated are managed inside the correctional facility. Of corrections staff taking courses, 86 percent said that their work at CCV radically improved their relationships inside the facility.

"It's a sense of pride you get because you are a part of something positive. Even the correctional officers start to treat you better and with more respect."

Offenders apply and are screened by corrections for their suitability, security-risk, and behavior. Of those that completed their first semester, 100 percent continued on to the second semester and 96 percent reported "experiencing a success" during the semester.

The "pencil box" is a test of the student's commitment to themselves. The students are allowed all the materials in it, but the supplies have value in the facility, and many may be tempted to sell the box and its contents. During orientation, a second semester student shared with incoming students, "The pencil box is a test to see how committed you are to yourself. You don't need it to pass, you don't need it to graduate, but are you going to sell it, or are you going to be serious about the work you're doing here?"

The partnership has both risks and challenges, even as the cultural benefits vastly outweigh both.

Students are only allowed to participate if their release does not occur during the semester. Offenders who are released between semesters can continue their work at the nearest CCV academic center.

One significant impediment is the issue of online access. Incarcerated students do not yet have Internet access for classes. Yet so much modern education occurs online in the form of scheduling, information, educational material deliveries, testing and teacher-student communication. CCV and DOC are collaborating to create a secure online learning environment using learning management tools specifically designed for incarcerated populations.

The other less obvious challenge is infrastructural. In a concrete and steel facility designed for security where broadband access is neither needed or allowed, how does one create secure wiring or wireless networks that enable the information collection and distribution

critical to educating incarcerated people? Wiring a wood frame building is different from securely wiring a solid concrete facility even with conduit.

But the most significant difference is cultural.

"I remember feeling proud the first time I got my grades back and could show my kids and family that I was really trying to better myself."

Historically, prisons have been

high-security fortresses designed to protect society, to isolate, and punish offenders. For many in the system – staff and offenders –the DOC/CCV partnership has greatly improved prison culture... from an offender lock-down culture to a learning community. Most incarcerated individuals will be released. How can we prepare them to be productive citizens, and what could that mean for the communities they re-enter?

This shift from penal culture to learning community has made a significant difference in how most incarcerated Vermonters see themselves... fulfilling an original goal. And this change in self-perception becomes the starting point for a new life, one that holds promise rather than the despair of confinement.

"The classes bring us together. I have created a bond with people that I would have most likely have never spoken to without CCV."

Any such experiment is rife with risk. But in order to pilot toward a greater good, improve the lives of those under their custody, facilitate secure community reentry, and reduce recidivism, the CCV/DOC partnership has had the courage to take those risks for the greater good.

Lines of Communication

BY ROGER DONEGAN

ussia's matter-of-fact invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the ensuing Russia-Ukraine conflict has generated unanticipated and unexplained episodes, believed to be state sponsored" by unnamed countries which harmed international communities and economies far beyond the area of conflict. The explosions that severed the Nord Stream One and Two undersea pipelines the following September was a deliberate attack on undefended undersea infrastructure. The pair of 720-mile-long steel concrete coated pipelines carrying natural gas stretched from Russia to Germany under the Baltic Sea. The first and only tangible sign of the



Historic Marker on Coast Road in Rye, New



"Do Not Anchor" sign facing Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vt.

pipeline destruction was a Danish Defense aerial photo of a half mile wide circle of foaming seawater caused by the turbulence of rapidly expanding methane gas escaping to the atmosphere at the surface.

More recently the unrest in the Middle East has enabled Houthis rebels in Yemen to take center stage by haphazardly targeting international shipping transiting the Red Sea using land launched missiles and explosives laden drones. But most recently this past February the Houthis are alleged to have cut Red Sea underwater digital communication cables linking Europe to Asia.

I'm often challenged to accurately place the methods and technologies we take for granted on a timeline, for instance, when did undersea cables become prevalent? Fortunately, I have a passion for historic markers. I came across one: "Historic Portsmouth: Transatlantic Cable Arrives at Rye in 1874" driving along New Hampshire's low lying coast road, the shortest coast of the New England states; Vermont has none. The historic sign threw me a loop searching. I learned undersea cable laying was a highly competitive international undertaking in 1874. Many undersea cables preceded it while the United States was a newcomer to such ventures. The 2.5-inch-thick cable running 3,400 miles under the ocean from Ireland was the first direct cable to mainland United States, a project of the Direct United States Cable Company (See Atlantic-Cable.com).

In military parlance undersea cables, lines, or pipelines of any purpose generally fall under the category "lines of communication." The Spanish War, An American Epic 1898, by G.J.A. O'Toole (1984) is a lengthy book but briefly recounts the opposed severing of undersea telegraph cables serving two point

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locations on Cuba's south coast. Grapnels thrown overboard from steam launches were used to manually haul up and cut two undersea cables at Cienfuegos, one running east to Havana, the other running west to Santiago.

An unofficial and supposed collection of "real-life" stories, Blind Man's Bluff, the Untold Story of American Submarine Espionage, by Sontag, Drew, and Drew (1998) devotes a chapter to the story of the USS Halibut (SSN 587) which allegedly tapped an undersea communication cable near the Soviet Union's missile submarine base at Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula in August of 1972.

The location of the undersea cable landfall which otherwise then extended across the Sea of Okhotsk was initially pinpointed by the presence of a cautionary land sign that a buried cable was nearby. I have seen many similar standard

oversized warning signs like this on the U.S. coast, particularly near ferry landings or bridges which often connect the shortest distance between two shores. Such signs are curious because they face the water with the intended audience being afloat on a work boat, barge, or a ship capable of dropping or dragging a sizeable anchor. For instance, modern floating marina docks for pleasure craft are held in place tethered to an array of cement blocks that weigh tons.

Up to events within the past few years undersea cables have remained largely out of sight and out of the public's mind even though much of the world's economy greatly depends on them remaining in place and intact. The U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings magazine published an opinion article last August titled: The Coast Guard Should Lead to Protect Undersea Cables. The following caption underscored a glossy photo of a cable laying vessel with which the article

"Undersea cables carry about 95 percent of the world's transnational Internet traffic and trillions of dollars in daily financial transactions. Within the current network of more than 500 cable lines, more than 100 cable breaks occur

We haven't been this wowed by underwater infrastructure since TDI New England corporate people came to town and presented at the October 2014 Lake Symposium at Burlington's ECHO Science Center on their proposed Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) power line. This kicked off years of speculative media coverage on the federal and state environmental permit applications.

Burlington Free Press articles tracking the permit process repeatedly ran the same file photo of a corporate officer cupping a short saucer sized cross-section of a high voltage direct current (HVDC) cable in his two hands. This view of the cable innards whose concentric circles of sheath, insulation, and

bumpy copper colored conductor core had an uncanny resemblance to the roughly ringed toothy mouth parts of a sea lamprey seen in an enlarged photo.

The transmission line beginning in Quebec is to be submerged the length of Lake Champlain. For a time, the cable installation was hoped to emerge and head overland to Ludlow then on to Cavendish, Vt., to be tied into the New England power grid. Whether the Vermont overland route was Plan B or only a wished-for alternative, the 1200-megawatt power cable submerged in Lake Champlain will lay entirely on the New York state side of the lake, to continue largely submerged in the Hudson River the remainder of the distance to New York City, a whopping 339 miles in overall length as originally filed in 2013. In-lake installation likely begins this summer. As no societal benefits will accrue to the state, counties or towns of Vermont, the CHPE undersea cable in Lake Champlain might as well be just another invasive species.



EDUCATION

Champlain Valley Superintendent Rene Sanchez Will **Step Down**

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

n March 20, the Champlain Valley School District Board of Directors announced the upcoming departure of Superintendent Rene Sanchez after three years in the role. He will continue as superintendent through the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

Sanchez joined the district in 2021 and immediately got to work finding ways to better serve students, including the creation of a Director of Data Systems position and implementation of the first district data warehouse. This tool combines all CVSD students' data in one location for ease of use by teachers, principals, and central office, enabling the district to more easily identify students' academic and social-emotional needs and successes.

Also during Sanchez's tenure, the district created its first strategic plan since consolidating nearly seven years ago. In preparation for that work, Sanchez commissioned a demographic study and an equity audit to look at the district's immediate and long-term needs. He also furthered the board's goal of improved outreach to the community in a number of ways.

"Superintendent Sanchez has made many meaningful and lasting leadership decisions during his time here, and the board greatly appreciates the contributions he's made to this district," said CVSD board chair Meghan Metzler. "In particular, Superintendent Sanchez's work on the district equity audit, and subsequent effort to establish positions to support the implementation of the resulting recommendations, is critical. These changes will continue to serve our students, administrators, and staff as we all seek to bring more equity and understanding into our schools. We wish him the very best in his next chapter.

Sanchez relocated in 2021 with his wife, who grew up in Brattleboro, and his three kids and quickly made Vermont their home.

"It has been a great honor to serve the Champlain Valley School District and to get established here in Vermont with my family. The people here have been wonderful, and I have learned a great deal. I will look back on my time as CVSD superintendent knowing that together we made significant progress creating systems in service to our students and our community, and I greatly appreciate the board's trust and support for our work," hared Sanchez.

The board of directors plans to appoint an interim for the 2024-25 school year. More information will be shared in the coming months.

CVU Scholars **Bowl Team Takes**

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

he team from Champlain Valley Union High School secured the state high school academic championship on Saturday, April 6, winning the Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl at Montpelier High School.

CVU capped a run of four blowout wins at the April playoffs with a 505-245 victory over defending champion Burlington. The Redhawks also swept through the first set of playoffs in January, meaning they secured their third state championship overall and second in the last three years without needing to play in a championship

The result capped a dominant season which saw the Redhawks win every Vermont competition without losing a match. Including the regional round in the fall, the Redhawks finished the state tournaments with a record of 23 wins and no losses. CVU also won the league's three side tournaments – the Sue Pasco Opening Tournament in September, the Pre-Holiday Academic Tournament in December, and the Vermont NAQT

Championship in March - to finish the regular season with an overall record of 47-0.

A similar situation occurred in the the Championship! A similar situation occurred in to JV tournament as January winner CVU B outlasted Burlington B, 330-240, in the JV championship game. CVU's JV players have now won that tournament eight of the past eleven seasons.

> Scholars Bowl is a question-and-answer quiz competition, similar to Jeopardy! but featuring teams of high school students and with a heavier focus on the academic curriculum. The tournament has been held annually since the 1983-84 school year and is sponsored by the Vermont-National Education Association.

Competing members of the CVU team Saturday included (varsity) Frank Fidler, Jacob Graham, Elias Leventhal, Zoe Mui, Colin Ravlin, Nolan Sandage; (JV) Mateo Dienz-Del Rio, Dylan Elder, Leo Elder, Willcox Elliott, Leah Rauch, Charles Redmond, and Wylie Ricklefs. The team is coached by CVU teachers John Bennett and Kiran MacCormick. Some members of the CVU team will be traveling to Atlanta with their coaches to compete in the High School National Championship Tournament (HSNCT).

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Access CVU Spring Offerings

BY JENNIFER MORTON, PROGRAM MANAGER

he Winter/Spring semester of Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU High School, is nearing the end. With almost 30 classes scheduled to start during the month of May, there is something for everyone; from Vietnamese Stirfry and Pie Extravaganza to making cutting boards and a plant walk.

Planning for the fall semester is starting - let us know what classes you wish we offered, and what we should keep. And if you know of a great instructor we should add, please send them our way.

Below is a list of classes offered during May, organized by category. All classes meet in-person at CVU, with the exception of an online class (identified with an "*") which will meet over Zoom.

Cooking & Cuisine

Wednesday, May 1: Torrone, Italian **Nougat Candies**

Thursday, May 2: Eritrean/ Ethiopian Injera

Tuesday, May 7: Vietnamese Stirfry & Kimchi

Tuesday, May 14: Pie Extravaganza: Quiche & Fruit Pie

Fine Arts, Crafts, Fiber, Wood, & **Photography**

Tuesday, Apr. 30: Digital Photography Bootcamp

Tuesday, April 30: Weaving an Adirondack Pack Basket

Thursday, May 2: Card Making through Creative Collaging

Saturday, May 4: Modern Adirondack Chair Workshop



Weave Your Own Adirondack Pack Basket with Benjamin Mayock, April 30.

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Monday, May 6: Paint and Pop with

Tuesday, May 7 Learn How to Turn

Tuesday, May 14: Mantras & Mala

Wednesday, May 15: Crafting

Wednesday, May 15: Let's Draw

Tuesday, May 16: Harvest Basket:

Two-Handled Lading Round

a Charcuterie Board from

a Wooden Bowl!

Bead Necklace Making

Repurposed Woods

Faces!

Join Jane Taylor, author of Spirit Traffic, for a night of shared storytelling, May 7.



Tuesday, May 21: Turn a Wooden

Fitness, Dance, Yoga & Mindful Movement

Monday, April 29: Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Heather*

Wednesday, May 8: i-STRIKE Self-Defense Workshop

Thursday, May 9: Gentle Evening Yoga with Ellen

Thursday, May 9: Slow Flow Afternoon Yoga with Ellen

Home (DIY) & Gardening, Nature & Animals

Wednesday, May 1: Positive Dog

Monday, May 6: Beekeeping Basics Wednesday, May 8: Native Plants

Tuesday, May 21: Late Spring Medicinal Plant Walk

One Night University

Landscaping

Tuesday, May 7: Separate and Connected: Understanding and Improving Your Relationships

Tuesday, May 7: Spirit Traffic -Share Your Stories of Adventure

Thursday, May 9: Connected: Understanding and Growing your Relationship with your Child

Tech, Computers, & Automotive, Welding

Wednesday, May 1: Van Conversion

Thursday, May 9: Getting to Know Your Car Workshop

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.

Need help getting registered, or have a question about a class? Want to teach with us? We want to hear from you! Call 802-482-7194 or email access@cvsdvt.org. We offer senior discounts for our community over 65.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Plants and Pies

BY YVONNE WHITAKER

he United Church of Hinesburg's Plant Sale tradition continues with our in-person sale on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Brighten up your gardens with annuals. Old and new favorites in a variety of colors in multi-packs, pots and hanging baskets will be for sale at competitive prices. The annuals are sourced from Paquette Full of Posies Nursery in Williston.

If you missed our online sale of locally-grown perennials last month (or if you want more!), there will be a selection of perennial plants for you to choose from.

Just in time for Mother's Day, home-baked pies will also be available. Buy a special pie and a colorful plant for a special person in your life.

Contact the United Church at 802- $482\text{-}3352 \ or \ \textbf{unitedchurch@gmavt}. \quad email \ \textbf{kbatres@agewellvt.org}.$ net with questions.

Senior Meals

BY PEGGY COUTU

Shelburne Age Well May 14 Grab and Go Meal

ge 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, May 14. The meal will be available for pick up in the parking lot at 72 Church St. from 11 a.m. until noon. These meals are available for all 60 or older, regardless of town of residence. These meals are nutritious and delicious.

The menu is: chicken breast with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice pilaf with veggies and cannellini beans, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, cookie and milk.

A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required. To order a meal, please contact Kathleen by Wednesday, May 8, by email: (preferred) agewellstcath@gmail.com, pr phone: 802-503-1107

If this is a first-time order, please provide: name, address, phone number, and date of birth.

If you haven't yet filled out a 2024 Congregate Meal Registration, please bring a completed registration form with you or send one to: Age Well; 875 Roosevelt Highway, Ste. 210; Colchester, VT. 05446.

We will have forms on hand for you

to fill out at meal pick up.

An Age Well representative will be available to obtain the suggested \$5 donation restaurant tickets to dine at one of the participating restaurants. More information on this program can be located on the Age Well site, agewellvt.org.

Shelburne Luncheon, Wednesday, May 22

St. Catherine of Siena and Age Well are teaming up to offer a May 22 luncheon for anyone 60 or older, at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 72 Church St., 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: stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, pumpkin cookie with raisins, and milk

You must register by May 16. Contact Kerry Batres, Nutrition Coordinator at: 802-662-5283 or Tickets are also available at the Age Well Office: 875 Roosevelt Highway, Ste. 210, Colchester.

Restaurant tickets will be available for distribution for a suggested \$5 donation.

Lewis Creek **Association** and Partners Release **New Stormwater** Guidance Manual for Landowners

BY KATE KELLY

That is stormwater, and how can you help manage it to promote healthier watersheds? *How To Manage* Stormwater to Promote Healthier Watersheds: An Ahead of the Storm Guide was recently published to help you assess and understand where problems might be occurring on the land near you, and what opportunities there are to improve these areas. Lewis Creek Association (LCA), along with partners, has released this new guidance manual that will help answer

these questions.

and a half, LCA has collaborated with a variety of partners (SLR Consulting, Lake Champlain Sea Grant, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Lake Champlain Committee) to develop materials, photos, and examples of how to assess the land near you, and what solutions to better manage stormwater and improve water quality may be possible. The final manual is now available on LCA's website at lewiscreek.org/aots-guidance-manual and among other partners' websites, as well as in local libraries in the Lewis Creek and LaPlatte watersheds: Bristol, Charlotte, Hinesburg, Monkton, Shelburne, Starksboro, Vergennes, and Williston. It is applicable to properties in the Lake Champlain Basin, including New York. However, the concepts contained within it apply to any area in the Northeast or beyond.

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/lca-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/lcaaots). It is crucial that we all do our part to improve water quality in small ways, in order to improve Lake Champlain's water quality and beauty, and to protect the animals and plants that live in our waterways

The funding for this project also allowed LCA and partners to hold workshops to help landowners in neighborhoods with poor water quality understand the connection between their actions on the land and the quality of the water in their area. They introduced neighbors to some of the wildlife (bats, and amphibians and reptiles) that depend on clean water for their life cycles.

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OUTDOORS

Production Forests, Working Forests and Reserves: The Triad Approach to a **Functional Forested Landscape**

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

e can put the ways that forests benefit our lives and our quality of life into three general categories: ecological, economic, and cultural. The ecological benefits of forests include how they clean our air and our water, regulate our climate, and do much, much more - providing the means for humans. and so many other species, to exist. Forests also provide economic benefits: adding billions of dollars to Vermont's economy and grow-

ing local, renewable resources like wood that enrich our lives and lower our reliance on more harmful resources produced elsewhere. Finally, forests provide cultural benefits: they are inarguably essential to our identities as Vermonters, to so many of the things that we do and value and love. As we envision a future for ourselves and for our forests, balancing all of these benefits is key: how can we care for forests in a way that creates and sustains an ecologically, economically, and culturally functional landscape?



A freshly managed area of Ethan Tapper's own forest in Bolton. Working forests are managed for biodiversity, climate resilience and more, while also producing local, renewable resources.

Almost anywhere that there are forests, they can be placed into one of three broad categories - production forests, working forests, and reserves - a triad of forest manage-

ment approaches with different objectives, that employ different strategies and have different strengths

The first leg of the triad is production forests, where trees are managed essentially as crops – often grown and harvested on relatively short rotations and using intensive management techniques. Production forests may be more diverse forests of naturally regenerating trees, but (globally) often take the form of monoculture plantations. Production forests provide some of the ecological benefits of a natural forest, but their main strengths are economic - they provide huge amounts of renewable resources, jobs and local economic benefits. It should also be said that the fact that production forests produce so many renewable resources is itself a powerful global ecological and cultural benefit - lowering our reliance on resources that cause significant harm to ecosystems and

peoples elsewhere. The second leg of the triad is working forests, the category that nearly all forests in Vermont fall into. These are forests that are periodically managed for wood and other resources, but also for a wide range of other values: things like biodiversity protection, carbon, wildlife habitat and recreation. The economic benefits of working forests are not as concentrated as production forests (so you need a much greater acreage to produce the same quantity of resources), but they provide periodic economic benefits, as well as more ecological and cultural benefits than produc-

Calendar While you may be biased toward one leg of the triad or another, produc-

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tion forests, working forests and

reserves are likely all necessary to

meet our ecological, economic and

cultural needs. The three legs of the

triad exist in a dynamic relationship

with one another: if we want more

reserves, we will also need more

production forests to produce the

resources that we need to sustain

forests and fewer reserves. If we

say "not in my backyard" to work-

saying "yes" to production forests

Of these three forest types, I think

that working forests are by far the

the only forests that we have a real

relationship with; the only ones that

truly balance all the things that we

ask, and require, from our forests.

In working forests, we can recognize

our responsibility to protect forests

for their own sake (like a reserve),

and to produce renewable resourc-

es (like a production forest), while

a positive and even regenerative

role in these ecosystems – not as a

farmer of a crop, not as a bystander,

but as the steward of a complex and

precious living system. While we

need some production forests and

reserves, I believe that working for-

ests are the place where we can max-

imize the ecological, economic, and

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9-10:30 a.m. Youth Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg.

2-4 p.m. Ladies Hike Sunday. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd., Shelburne.

9-11 a.m. Monday Ladies Group. Community 4:30-5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road, Hinesburg.

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

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

Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road, Hinesburg. 6-6 p.m. Women's Golf League at Cedar Knoll. Cedar Knoll Country Club, Route 116.

6:30-8 p.m. Young Adult Group.

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

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

7-9 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt and Town Hall. **7-9 p.m.** Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub & Grill, 104 Ballard's Corner Rd.

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7-9 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Town Group. Hinesburg United Church. Office, Lower Level Conference Room.

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Friends of Families Play Group. Hinesburg United Church. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Not-Your-Traditional Book

Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd.

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

6:30-8 p.m. Young Adult Group.

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

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Food Shelf open hours. SATURDAY, MAY 1

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Church, 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg. 4:00 p.m. Hinesburg Artist Series, Mother's Day Concert at CVU.

2-4 p.m. Ladies Hike Sunday. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd., Shelburne.

9-11 a.m. Monday Ladies Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Economic Development. Town Hall, 10632 Rte 116, Hinesburg. 6-8 p.m. Women's Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg. **7-8:30 p.m.** Village Steering Committee

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Hands and Needles. Carpenter-

Charlotte Senior Ctr., 212 Ferry Rd., Charlotte.

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9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Senior Bingo & Meal to go. Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, 10759 Rte 116. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Food Shelf open hours.

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

7-9 p.m. Hinesburg Conservation Commission

7-8 p.m. Recreation Comm. Meeting. Town Hall. **7-9 p.m.** Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub & Grill, 104 Ballard's Corner Rd.

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

5:30-6:30 p.m. Ashtanga Vinuasa Fusion. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road, Hinesburg. 6-6 p.m. Women's Golf League at Cedar Knoll. Cedar Knoll Country Club, Route 116.

7-9 p.m. Trails Committee. Remote meeting.online Meeting platform.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Ad & news deadline for The Hinesburg Record. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Friends of Families Play

6:30-8 p.m. Kids' Club Night. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Rd., Hinesburg.

6:30-8 p.m. Young Adult Group.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Women's Spring Bible Study. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Food Shelf open hours.

SATURDAY MAY 18

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tion forests.

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In Vermont, the Tree Farm System is sponsored by the Vermont Woodlands Association with 440 landowners and over 133,000 acres enrolled in the program. These landowners, known as "Tree Farmers," commit to managing their forests to prioritize wildlife habitat, clean water, and recreation, while sustainably producing forest products.

As part of this initiative, numerous Vermont county foresters, including Tapper, serve as tree farm inspectors, actively supporting and encouraging landowner participation in the program. This collaborative gives Vermont's woodland owners the tools they need to be good stewards of the land.

"To be named National Tree Farm Inspector of the Year is such an honor," says Ethan Tapper. "I became a Tree Farm Inspector because I wanted to work with Vermont's iconic working forests enrolled as Tree Farms, the amazing landowners and lands stewards that are Tree Farmers, and the incredible community of foresters that serve as inspectors. Being recognized by such an amazing organization at all – let alone nationally - is a dream come true!"

Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation's county foresters have been serving private landowners since the 1940s. This program provides assistance to landowners, administers Vermont's



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Green Mountain **Bicycle Club Introductory Rides**

FROM GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLE CLUB PRESS RELEASE

re you tired of riding alone on the same bike paths and roads but worried you don't have the skills for a group ride? The Green Mountain Bicycle Club will be offering Introductory Group Rides on select Saturdays in May

Experienced riders will explain the rules of the road and teach novice cyclists how to ride safely in a

The rides start at 10 a.m.at the Wheeler lot at Veterans Memorial Park in South Burlington, and will travel between 12 and 20 miles. Nobody will be left behind. There will be at least two ride leaders who will teach group dynamics including signaling and passing, as well as learning to respect (and be respected by) cars. The pace will be determined by the ability of new riders. Cyclists must wear helmets and have bikes in good working condition. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cyclists are asked to sign up in advance at tinyurl.com/ GMBCsignup.

Cyclists are also asked to sign

our waiver form at tinyurl.com/ **GMBC**waiver

The GMBC's Introductory Group Rides will take place on May 4 and 18, and June 8 and 22. Please contact the ride leaders listed below for more information.

May 4: John Bertelsen, 802-864-0101

May 18 and June 8: Dawn Fragola, 802-238-8752

June 22: Holly Creeks, 802-233-9013

To learn more about the Green Mountain Bicycle Club, visit our website at thegmbc.com.



Vermont Fish & Wildlife is asking for volunteers to help at its conservation camp work weekends - May 11-12 at the Bomoseen camp and May 18-19 at the Buck Lake camp.

VTF&W photos by Alison Thomas.





Green Mountain Conservation Camp 'Work-cation' Weekends

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

he Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is looking for volunteers to join them for fun-filled weekends to get the camps ready for the 2024 season. This year, the GMCC Kehoe 'workcation' weekend will be May 11-12, and the GMCC Buck Lake workcation weekend will be May 18-19.

"We look forward to workcation weekend all winter long," said Education Specialist Hannah Phelps. "With the help of local volunteers, we spruce up both camps in preparation for the summer and enjoy being outdoors knowing it's for a good cause – environmental education for today's youth."

Volunteers can participate for as long as they are able to - one hour, one day, or both days. They are welcome to stay overnight in onsite cabins or they can bring their own tents. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

The Buck Lake camp is located in Woodbury, and the Kehoe camp is on Lake Bomoseen in Castleton. This is an excellent community service opportunity for Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, as well as high school and college clubs. The Conservation Camps are looking for help with general repairs, construction, landscaping, painting, cleaning, firewood, and gardening. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, but the camps will have some available.

For more information and to register as a volunteer for one of these weekends, please email Hannah. Phelps@vermont.gov or call 802-249-4199.

Vermont's conservation camp program is unique because it is sponsored and directed by the Fish and Wildlife Department professionals who conserve Vermont's fish and wildlife species. Working biologists, foresters, wardens, and conservation educators teach young people about their role with Vermont's forests, wetlands, wildlife, and fish through interactive

The Green Mountain Conservation Camp program's greatest strength is connecting young people to the outdoors. The camp program is sponsored in part through a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Arts & Leisure

Maritime Museum Opens on May 18

Lake Champlain

Featuring Free Admission, Shipwreck Tours, and More

FROM PRESS RELEASE

he Lake Champlain Maritime Museum has announced that exhibits and museum grounds will open for the 2024 season on Saturday, May 18. The museum will be open daily with free admission from May 18-Oct. 16.

Located in a small harbor on Lake Champlain a few miles outside of downtown Vergennes, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is an educational hub and seasonal museum that offers exhibits and hands-on programs for visitors of

all ages. Exhibits and grounds are open annually from May to October for the public to explore and learn about history, shipwrecks, ecology, boats, and more. Throughout the year, the museum also offers experiential and educational programs including rowing clubs, shipwreck tours, boat building for local students, pay-what-you-can summer camps and overnight expeditions, sailing classes, and more.

"We have seen that when people have the opportunity to connect with Lake Champlain and their past, they make connections to the present, and are inspired to build a more sustainable future for the lake and our communities," said Chris Sabick, the museum's executive director. "By offering free admission to all, we ensure that everyone can have this experience. We are grateful to our sponsors, donors, and members, whose support ensures our doors can open for free again in 2024."



Two young visitors in the museum's Key to Liberty exhibit learn about how Lake Champlain played a pivotal role in the Revolutionary War.



Visitors of all ages can visit the Maritime Museum for free and climb aboard the replica boat Philadelphia II on display in the middle of the museum's campus.

Highlights of the 2024 season at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum include

- Free admission: The museum exhibits and grounds are free for all visitors, open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from May 18-Oct. 16. Exhibits include "Key to Liberty: The American Revolution in the Champlain Valley," "Steam to Gasoline," "A Noble Failure: Prohibition in the Champlain Valley," the Hazelett Small Watercraft building, and more. See all exhibits that will be open at lcmm.org/exhibits.
- Jack Kelly author talk: On May 18, opening day, the museum will welcome author Jack Kelly for a discussion about the research and highlights of his newest book, "God Save Benedict Arnold The True Story of America's Most Hated Man." Kelly will sign copies of his new book, which will be available for purchase from the museum's store. Free to attend with advance registration at lcmm.org/JackKellv.
- Shipwreck tours: On Thursdays from July-September, guests can take a scenic boat ride to the site of a shipwreck in Lake Champlain and learn about the vessel's dramatic story while watching real-time video from an underwater remote-operated vehicle equipped with a robotic camera. Tickets are \$25 for youth and \$40 for adults, available at lcmm.org/ShipwreckTours.
- The Museum After Hours Summer Party: On Friday, July 12, the museum will throw its much-loved summer party, which has sold out each year. The evening includes live music, local food and ice cream, a raffle and silent auction, open exhibits, and drinks. Tickets are \$50 and include all food. Tickets are avail $able\ at\ {\bf lcmm.org/SummerParty}.$
- Free public events: The museum will host many free public events in 2024 including Collections Corners, a free monthly event to witness rarely seen artifacts up close with historians; and Abenaki Heritage Weekend on June 29-30 presented by the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association and the Abenaki Arts and Education Center. Check the calendar for the latest events at lcmm.org/calendar.
- Open-water rowing: Each spring through fall, adults of all ages are invited to come try open-water rowing on the lake in the museum's fleet of 4-oared and 6-oared rowing gigs. Join a weekly rowing club, which range from beginner to experienced, or sign up for one of the rowing events this season including the Hope for TomorROW on June 22 or the Lake Champlain Challenge Race on Sept. 14. Sign up for a rowing club at lcmm.org/Adult-Rowing.

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WHAT THE HECK?

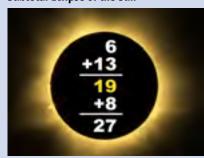
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Free admission for the 2024 season is made possible with support from Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, local businesses, individuals, foundations, and the museum's membership program.

Green Mountain Film Festival reboots after 4-year Covid break

The festival was on pause during the Covid-19 pandemic, and reviving it was no small feat.

BY CECILIA LARSON. COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

fter a four-year hiatus, the Green Mountain Film Festival returned to Montpelier's silver screens March 15 to 17. Established in 1997 as a community-building event and filmmakers' showcase, the festival was placed on pause during the Covid-19 pandemic and crawled out of hibernation for the first time since 2019.

Sam Kann, a Vermont-based artist and art event organizer, took charge of programming the festival, no small feat. Planning began months ago for her and her team, while festival advisory board chair Christopher Wiersema and others charted a course behind the scenes for two years for the spectacle's

The festival ran Thursday through Sunday that mid-March week, showcasing works from filmmakers local and global.

The weekend kicked off with an opening night party featuring the world premiere of a new film and

music composition by Vermonters Andreas John and Evan Premo, "The Space Between," a short feature profile that operated as a metacommentary on creation. Here's

what the audience at the debut saw:

From a dark screen emerged images of half-barren trees before the audience as they watched the film, followed by leaves falling in the gentle wind. A woman with striking white hair opened the door of a weathered barn and walked into the grasp of scattered light peeking through its paneled walls. She caressed a canvas and played with the light on the surface of the material. The shots panned and focused on the set's in-

Then, a voice:

teraction with illumination.

"I was in love - I was in love with the light." It was Jan Sandman, self-described spiritual healer and artist, who during the film was shown using paint, a squeegee and rollers to see the interaction between canvas and light. She placed down sheets of paper on top of the wet paint before peeling them off to reveal the shadow left from their

"The whole time I feel the hugeness of being both held and witnessed and activated by what is already there," said Sandman as a cello in the soundtrack hummed through the auditorium

After a short Q&A session following the screening, the Montpelier Chamber Orchestra performed live while two local films -"Chamberpeace" by Natalie Jones and "The Green Mountain Project" by Tori Lawrence – ran projected in the background. And just like that, the weekend had begun.

Over 30 films showed on three screens in the capital over the course of the weekend, highlighting political and historical moments, issues of sexual and racial identity and themes of privilege

Such a jam-packed weekend was the result of Kann and a team of 13 volunteers screening each of the hundreds of films submitted for

The crowd outside the "Farming While Black" panel at Green Mountain Film Festival in

Montpelier in March 2024. Photo courtesy Finnegan Cook.

consideration over the past several months.

Events and films screened at the Savoy Theater, a tiny two-screen art house cinema, and Capitol Theater, just five minutes down the street, for the duration of the weekend. The festival hub was Rabble-Rouser, an open plan coffee and chocolate shop, where guests could purchase tickets, ask any questions, hang out and purchase

This year, Kann wanted the festival to bring light to filmmakers whose work may otherwise have never made it to Vermont. Organizers selected never-before-seen films and prioritized pieces by emerging

A crowd filled the Savoy on March 16 for the documentary "Farming While Black" directed by Mark Decena, eager to learn and indulge in conversation about the experience of Black farmers in America. Afterward a panel of Black farmers from Vermont sat to chat and answer questions about mental strength and agrarianism. According to Kann, the documentary spurred "really strong conversations" and "really engaged the community in a powerful way."

The foot traffic from the festival brought some warmth back into Montpelier after the devastating floods last summer.

John Killacky, artist and former Vermont state representative, both attended the festival and debuted a work of spoken poetry. He was inspired by the organizing team's resilience and commitment to artists.

"To see Montpelier come back after the floods and to see sold out shows and to see restaurants filled and to see people walking the streets ... it was like, Montpelier's come back ... and the film festival's been really part of it. It's like a renaissance," said Killacky.

The Community News Service is a program in which University of Vermont students work with professional editors to provide content for local news outlets at no cost.

PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Emaleigh Hunter of Hinesburg was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Hunter is currently majoring in Game Art.

OTHER NEWS

New Electric **Vehicle Battery** Technology on the Horizon

BY JOHN CLIFFORD

According to Drive Electric Vermont, as of January 2024 there are 12,754 registered fully electric or plug-in electric hybrid vehicles in Vermont - 58 percent being fully electric.

The most popular EV in Vermont is the Chevrolet Bolt EV/EUV 1LT with 1,163 cars. The Chevrolet Bolt is also the most affordable at about \$27,495. The cost of the battery pack alone is \$16,775-\$17,775. GM has announced plans to discontinue the Bolt and replace it with the Equinox EV. It's likely this new GM electric vehicle platform will come with new Ultium Battery Drive Technology which includes a wireless battery monitoring system (wBMS), saving considerable weight in copper wiring and faster electronics processing. The wBMS can continuously monitor and balance chemistry within individual battery cell groups, perform SOH checks, and communicate battery conditions on the vehicle networks for optimum battery health, range, and driver updates. These low-voltage twisted wire pairs called CAN (Controller Area Networks) carry data between the various 30 or

more modules on the vehicle. It allows all computers to share information and make better decisions.

For the chemistry lovers out there, the lithium-ion battery design has been very successful for the EV market (with a few exceptions requiring some recalls). Primarily because the lithium ion's natural net positive charge enables it to transport easily across the barriers inside battery cells. To review battery basics, there are two electrodes. The positive electrode (think as wanting an additional electron to make it more stable) called a cathode, and a negative electrode (think as wanting to more easily give up an electron) called an anode. When a battery cell is discharged, the energy (chemicals) inside the battery is used up and converted to more inert (unreactive) compounds. When a battery cell is charged, the energy coming into the battery cell drives the chemical reaction in the opposite direction, reforming the original chemistry (for the most part). When discharging, the released electrons flow from cathode to anode, and freed positive lithium ions flow across internal barriers to the anode. It is, of course, the net flow of electrons in a circuit that creates current to perform electrical power or watts.

The highest cost (51 percent) in EV battery manufacturing is the cathode materials because of the rare metals used. Open pit mining of rare metals is also the biggest

source of embedded emissions (40-60 percent of total EV production emissions) producing 7,000-35,000 Sulphate, Sodium-Ion, and Solidpounds of carbon dioxide emissions per battery pack. Exposure to the toxic outgases from rare metal mining carries the greatest health risk in Central Africa and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The new GM Ultium battery will be of the NCMA variety, for Nickel, Cobalt, Manganese, and Aluminum chemical blends. Rare metals are added in special percentages to lithium to give the battery cell strength, reactivity, transport characteristics, and charging enhancements. Two other EV battery designs are common, the NMC (Nickel, Manganese, Cobalt) and LFP (Lithium Iron Phosphate). Tesla uses LFP chemistries in the Model 3 and Model Y. LFP batteries are preferred for their lower costs, can discharge to flat, can handle faster charging, less fire risk, safer iron cathodes, better high-temperature stability and contain less highly toxic metals. But LFP battery cells perform less well in cold weather and carry less charge

Like I used to tell my students, every engineering design or decision comes with tradeoffs. What is good last fall they planted nearly 2,000 for power and performance may not crocus bulbs in front of Champlain be good for emissions, and what is good for the technology may not be good for costs and regulations.

New EV battery designs under development include the Lithium-State. Many of the new designs claim to boost range to 600-1,000 miles and double the charge rate. The Chinese company Tailan is currently developing an NIO Cell with a Lithium-Manganese Cathode and a high-performance oxide composite solid-state electrolyte that can give an EV a range of 620 miles. Hold on though, the battery costs alone will be more than the price of a new Tesla.

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Location and Mailing Address:

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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.

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

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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, Chaplette

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

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

An Open, Welcoming, Affirming and Reconciling Church

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 Ellie Lawyer 802-398-5320.

Sunday School: Nursery; children's programs for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Williston Federated Church

United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church

An Open and Affirming Reconciling Congregation

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer 802-878-5792 • 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

 $802-985-2269 \cdot trinityshelburne.org$ 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).



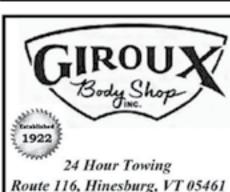
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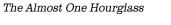
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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Making Home Goods Great!

Like-minded artisans create home and kitchen accessories

BY KEVIN LEWIS

ecently, a new kind of store opened on Kailey's Way (behind Kinney Drugs) in Hinesburg. It's a store and studio, featuring items for your home, created with skill and love by artisans from across the country. This store is part of DandyLion, the brainchild of Ashley Farland.

Ashley is a native Vermonter steeped in environmental awareness and powered by enough energy to launch the space shuttle; Ashley Farland is the visionary behind DandyLion. For 15 years, her creativity as a classically trained chef was on display at some of the finest restaurants in New York City. Later, her experience as a private chef for elite New York families kindled a love for luxurious home goods. She returned to Vermont, began experimenting, and DandyLion was born.

In 2021, Ashley decided to create a lifestyle store, where she would create a large percentage of the products she sold, understand the craft behind the products, and honor the ethos of sustainability, reuse, and superb quality.

In May 2023, DandyLion found roots off Route 116 in Hinesburg, Vermont, where customers can see exactly how each pillow, blanket, and other products are designed and produced by hand.

Most recently DandyLion

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and Pompanoosuc Mills have collaborated on a new collection that will be sold exclusively in their mid-Atlantic showrooms.

Ashley stated, "I am thrilled to announce DandyLion will be



Ashlev Farland



Some of the wide variety of unique products at DandyLion.

collaborating with Pompanoosuc Mills, a 50-year-old family-run New England company known for building forever furniture. Both our companies blend exquisite quality with sustainable practices - a challenge that few companies have successfully achieved. It's a natural fit."

Pompanoosuc Mills will be featuring DandyLion pillows in four of their showrooms, beginning in May: Philadelphia, Concord, Hanover, and Burlington stores.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the DandyLion showroom in Hinesburg - originally designed pillows and wooden products, as well as the curated artisan products, are not to be missed.

You have to get past the sheer good looks of DandyLion products to



recognize the spark of genius in each. Hold it. Use it. From unique throw pillows to stunning kitchen ceramics to custom desk accessories you will find original design, exceptional quality, and sustainability.

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

Mentorina

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

Mentors bring 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 TrailsHelp 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 easilu 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.

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Development Review Board
- Energy Committee
- Chittenden Solid Waste District
- Planning Commission
- Town Forest Committee
- Trails Committee
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging 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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