

# the HINESBURG Record

JUNE 2024

## Tree-riffic News!

**Hinesburg has been awarded a \$30,000 grant to plant trees on the future Town Common.**

On May 4, Andrea Morgante, Marie Ambusk of TreesRoi, and Nick Keirstead of Full Branch Tree Care gave workshops on proper tree planting and pruning techniques to residents interested in helping with the planting and maintenance of the trees.



## Hinesburg Housing Plan Hinges on Appeal

BY OLIVIA WILSON,  
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

*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.*

Hinesburg officials hoped a nearly decade-old development project would bring affordable housing and new businesses to residents. But when it was denied by an Act 250 commission in March, the developer appealed, and the project's future remains uncertain.

The commission denied the project March 27 after seven months of deliberation. The head developer, Brett Grabowski of Milot Real Estate, appealed a month later.

Hinesburg Center Phase 2, as the project's known, began in April 2015. Nine years later, the project's

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## Hinesburg Nursery School's 25th Annual Big Truck Day

BY LAURA CAPPS

For 25 years, Hinesburg Nursery School has hosted Big Truck Day in Hinesburg Community School's lower parking lot. The event brings the community together to explore over twenty working vehicles like VTrans' line-stripping truck, VT Well Pump's pump truck, P&P Septic truck, Hart & Mead's fuel



*Stephanie, Cameron, and Nick with Hinesburg Fire Department, and Frank with Richmond Rescue*

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## Hinesburg Bus Service Likely to Transition to Tri-Valley Transit

**Schedule and Service Would Not Change**

BY CATHY RYAN

Hinesburg's bus service is currently jointly run by Green Mountain Transit (GMT) and Tri-Valley Transit (TVT), which operates service in Addison, Orange and Northern Windsor counties. Currently, GMT runs one morning route and one evening route (Burlington to Hinesburg and back to Burlington) and TVT runs one morning route and one evening route (Middlebury, through Hinesburg, to Burlington and back through Hinesburg to Middlebury). Hinesburg currently pays \$52,000 to GMT annually, and some of that gets passed through to TVT. These local match funds draw down the

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*Hinesburg's independent, nonprofit, community newspaper*

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Decker and John Mazzuchi to the Planning Commission.

Carl Bohlen, chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, requested that the selectboard reconsider their decision to fund the Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity's project on Mechanicsville Road with \$15,000 from ARPA funds and \$15,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund. He explained that the Affordable Housing Committee was counting on using the Revolving Loan funds for other projects and requested that the selectboard change their decision and take all \$30,000 for the Mechanicsville Road project from available ARPA fund. By a vote of 4 to 1, the selectboard agreed to this change.

Commuter bus service update: The selectboard heard a report from our Town Manager, Todd, that things were progressing smoothly in the transition of our commuter bus from Green Mountain Transit to Tri Valley Transit. Phil Pouech, our GMT representative, confirmed that GMT, because of cost issues, will likely have to confine their bus service to the more developed, metropolitan areas where their buses consistently carry more passengers. Tri Valley Transit, on the other hand, is set up to serve rural areas. All the parties involved agree that the transition from GMT to TVT makes sense for Hinesburg. This transition will provide the same number of bus rides that we currently have. More decisions need to be made before this transition is final. The selectboard will keep Hinesburg residents informed.

Local option tax: The selectboard has been interested for several months in the possibility of having a local option tax, as many of our neighboring towns do. Just before adjournment, the Vermont Legislature approved legislation

that enables all towns to adopt a local option tax with only a town wide vote. Previously, a Town Charter had been needed. As Hinesburg does not have a Town Charter, a committee had been working on developing one. Now, as soon as Governor Scott approves the new legislation, the selectboard is interested in having a town vote in November to approve the tax. Such a tax could bring in a revenue of \$175,000 or more annually. The selectboard will need to have further discussions on how this revenue would be used.

NBRC grant for well #6: The selectboard approved withdrawing from the Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for well #6. The NBRC has required the Town to go through an increasingly complicated, lengthy process that involved hiring consultants and time and energy to fill out involved forms, with no guarantee that the grant will be provided when all was completed. The selectboard agreed that it was not worth the time and money needed to fulfill this lengthy process, especially when the end result was not assured.

Full-time Fire Chief: Our current Fire Chief, Nick Baker, has served as our part-time Fire Chief, at 24 hours per week, for three years. He is stepping back from this position, although he will stay on as a volunteer fire fighter. He strongly recommended the new Fire Chief be full-time, at 40 hours per week, as has been discussed for many years. Our Town Manager, Todd, explained that, with moving around money planned for the unfilled Public Works Director position, we could fund a full-time chief for only \$12,285 more than is in the current budget. The selectboard approved this plan.

Town Manager Report: Construction has started on the new Waste Water Treatment Facility.

**LEGISLATIVE**

**Wildlife Management Bill Dead in the Water**

**Part of the bill aimed to ban hunters from using dogs and bait – without a trapper's license – to hunt coyotes in the state.**

**BY BROOKE BURNS, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE**

The past few months, legislators were eyeing a bill to limit coyote hunting and defang the hunter-dominated board that sets rules on the sport in Vermont. The bill died in the House at the end of the legislative session, and the contentious practice of coyote hunting lives on.

Sen. Chris Bray, D-Addison, introduced S.258 Jan. 12. Part of the bill aimed to ban hunters from using dogs and bait – without a trapper's license – to hunt coyotes in the state.

Hound hunting is not a new issue in the state. In 2022, the legislature stopped short of an outright ban on hunting coyotes with dogs: instead they passed Act 165, which ordered the Vermont Fish and Wildlife board to research and implement new regulations on coyote hunting. The law temporarily banned coyote hunting until the new rules came into play.

The board set the regulations in January, one of which required

hunters to apply for and receive a permit if they want to pursue coyotes with dogs. Four nonprofit wildlife advocacy groups, Protect Our Wildlife, the Vermont Wildlife Coalition, the Center for a Humane Economy, and Animal Wellness Action, sued the state in response. They called the new rules inadequate and motioned for the ban on hunting coyotes with dogs to continue. A Washington County Superior court judge denied the motion in February.

Sarah Gorsline, a representative for Project Coyote, a national nonprofit that lobbies to protect coyotes and other predators, spoke to lawmakers at a House Committee on Environment and Energy meeting April 19.

"At Project Coyote, scientific studies show us that coyote hound hunting serves no legitimate purpose in modern conservation of wildlife, and it creates the conditions for conflict between packs of hunting hounds, livestock, pets, and other Vermonters who share the landscape in increasing numbers," she said.

Gorsline also pointed out in a letter to legislators that even the state's informational resources echo the pointlessness of hunting coyotes for population control, due to their reproductive habits.

"As Vermont Fish and Wildlife's Eastern coyote info sheet, available on their website, states, 'Coyotes

can increase their reproductive rates in response to hunting, so populations rebound quickly from efforts to control their numbers directly by hunting or trapping,'" the letter says.

Not only can coyotes rebound, Gorsline said, but the dogs that hunt them can attack other animals, or get injured or killed by them.

**"There is no reason why hounds should be put in the position of being mauled by a wild animal," she said.**

Chris Bradley, the president of the Vermont Federation of Sportsman Club, testified the same day. Bradley served as a consultant for the board when they were setting the new regulations. He called the researching and drafting of rules set after the passage of Act 165 intense – and that they complied with the wishes of the legislature.

"I had the privilege of serving on both working groups, as did Chair Sheldon," Bradley said in the April 19 meeting. "Other than not accepting outright bans, concessions were made and everyone knew going in that no one would get all that they wanted."

Bradley also said people who actively participate in hunting and trapping should be the ones deciding the rules around those activities. The legislature used to place game species management "into the hands of people who are knowledgeable to provide the best management possible," he said.

**POLICE**

**April 9:** 1:08 p.m. Illegal burning on Route 116 was investigated.

1:35 p.m. An officer assisted Hinesburg Fire with a medical emergency on Hollow Road.

**April 10:** 6:40 p.m. Court paperwork was served to a citizen on Hillview Terrace.

7:18 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hollow Road was investigated.

**April 11:** 3:55 p.m. Suspicious activity on Ballard's Corner Road was investigated.

6:08 p.m. Officers investigated the report of suspicious circumstances on Route 116.

7:13 p.m. A parking issue was investigated on Route 116.

**April 12:** 10:31 p.m. An officer assisted another agency with a death notification.

10:50 p.m. An officer assisted with a traffic hazard on Silver Street.

**April 13:** 2:12 p.m. A loose dog was turned in to the Hinesburg Police. The owner was later located.

5:35 p.m. The theft of property at Kelley's Field was reported and investigated.

**April 14:** 11:05 a.m. The report of vandalism on Hillview Terrace was reported and investigated.

11:15 a.m. Officers responded to North Road for the report of suspicious activity.

11:20 a.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of suspicious activity.

12:17 p.m. An alarm activation at

CVU was investigated.

6:02 p.m. An alarm activation on Commerce Street was investigated.

**April 15:** 7:30 a.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

2:12 p.m. An officer assisted with a medical emergency at Hawk Lane.

3:56 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on North Road.

4:15 p.m. A welfare check was conducted on Jourdan Street.

**April 16:** 7:20 a.m. Officers respond-

ed to Hayden Hill West for an animal complaint.

8:45 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout on Magee Hill Road.

12:05 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

8:07 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency at Kelley's Field.

**April 17:** 2:48 p.m. An alarm activation on Baldwin Road was investigated.

4:37 p.m. The report of erratic operation on Charlotte Road was investigated.

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The solar eclipse was a day to remember for Vermonters. Our state hosted thousands of solar eclipse viewers, resulting in thousands of solar eclipse glasses needing proper disposal.

In an effort to divert these solar glasses from the landfill, CSWD partnered with Astronomers Without Borders to establish collection sites for solar eclipse glasses to be reused. We worked with towns, businesses, event organizers, and libraries to collect these glasses, and had collection bins at each of our Drop-Off Centers.

We want to thank everyone for your enthusiasm and participation in our solar glasses collection project. We can't believe how big of a success it was.

**Volunteer as a Waste Warrior**

Seeking a summer adventure with purpose? Dive into an unforgettable experience as a Waste Warrior volunteer and join us in reducing waste at Chittenden County events.

A summer as a Waste Warrior comes with lots of perks like attending free concerts and events, helping to reduce waste, and meeting like-minded people.

Sign up to attend a volunteer training session on June 5 or 17, at [tinyurl.com/CSWDwastewarrior](http://tinyurl.com/CSWDwastewarrior).

Interested, but still on the fence? Email Kat at [kmood@eswd.net](mailto:kmood@eswd.net) to get your questions answered, or check out our website for more information: [eswd.net/event-waste-reduction/waste-warriors](http://eswd.net/event-waste-reduction/waste-warriors).



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4:40 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a civil issue.

**April 18:** 3:15 p.m. A citizen was assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

8:30 p.m. The report of threats by electronic communication was investigated.

**April 19:** 1:15 p.m. An officer responded to an animal problem on Route 116.

7 p.m. Officers assisted first responders and State Police with a traffic crash on Route 2A in St. George.

**April 20:** 12:38 p.m. An alarm activation on Leavensworth Road was investigated.

6:52 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute at Kelley's Field.

**April 21:** 11:45 a.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

1:16 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a parking issue on Route 116.

3:49 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

**April 22:** 2:13 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

5:50 p.m. An animal complaint on Charlotte Road was investigated.

**April 23:** 11:25 a.m. An officer assisted another agency with service of paperwork to a citizen on North Road.

5:03 p.m. An animal complaint on Kailey's Way was investigated.

8:12 p.m. A late reported motor vehicle crash on Route 116 was investigated.

**April 24:** 1:45 p.m. A citizen on Thistle Hill Drive was assisted with a lockout.

**April 25:** 12:04 p.m. An alarm activation on Partridge Hill was investigated.

3:04 p.m. Two citizens were assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

**April 26:** 6:56 a.m. The report of a stolen vehicle on North Road was investigated.

11:37 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

3 p.m. Illegal dumping on Commerce Street was reported and investigated.

8:50 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Green Street.

**April 27:** 7 a.m. Suspicious activity on Richmond Road was investigated.

**April 28:** 3:50 p.m. A welfare check at Kelley's Field was conducted.

6:40 p.m. Suspicious circumstances on Gilman Road were investigated.

**April 29:** 6:03 p.m. Officers responded to a medical emergency on Beecher Hill Road. Derek Siegler, 39, of Hinesburg was pronounced dead at the scene of suspected natural causes.

**April 30:** 10:45 a.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Richmond Road.

2:47 p.m. A welfare check on Route 116 was conducted.

**May 1:** 12:45 p.m. An officer responded to O'Neil Road for the report of livestock in the roadway.

2:30 p.m. A welfare check at Kelley's Field was conducted.

4:10 p.m. The report of erratic operation on Commerce Street was investigated.

7:13 p.m. Suspicious activity on Mechanicsville Road was investigated.

**May 2:** 8:52 a.m. An officer assisted another agency with a death notification.

10:28 a.m. An alarm activation on Route 116 was investigated.

11:19 a.m. An officer responded to Hawk Lane for a medical emergency.

5:12 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

**May 3:** 12:22 p.m. The report of harassment by electronic means was reported and investigated.

12:46 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Texas Hill Road.

9:43 p.m. Officers investigated a juvenile issue on Green Street.

**May 4:** 7:30 a.m. Suspicious activity on Gilman Road was investigated.

3:23 p.m. Suspicious activity on Shelburne Falls Road was investigated.

**May 6:** 10:30 a.m. Theft of property on Orchard Hill was reported and investigated.

10:55 a.m. An officer responded to an animal complaint on Silver Street.

7:28 p.m. A citizen dispute on Waltz Way was investigated.

**BUSINESS****Financial Focus: New Choices for Business Owners**

BY EDWARD JONES

If you own a business and you offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan to your employees, you'll want to stay current on the various changes affecting these types of accounts. And in 2024, you may find some interesting new developments to consider.

These changes are part of the SECURE 2.0 Act, enacted at the end of 2022. And while some parts of the law went into effect in 2023 – such as the new tax credit for employer contributions to start-up retirement plans with 100 or fewer employees – others were only enacted this year.

Here are some of these changes that may interest you:

- **New "starter" 401(k)/403(b)** If you haven't already established a retirement plan, you can now offer a "starter" 401(k) or "safe harbor" 403(b) plan to employees who meet age and service requirements. These plans have lower contribution limits (\$6,000 per year, or \$7,000 for those 50 or older) than a typical 401(k) or 403(b) and employers can't make matching or nonelective contributions. These plans are low-cost and easy to administer but the credit for employer contributions doesn't apply, as these contributions aren't allowed, and since start-up costs are low, the tax credit for these costs will be correspondingly lower than they'd be for a full-scale 401(k) plan.

- **Matches for student loan payments** It's not easy for young employees to save for retirement and pay back student loans. To help address this problem, Congress included a provision in Secure 2.0 that allows employers the option to provide matching contributions to employees' retirement plans (401(k), 403(b), 457(b) and SIMPLE IRAs) when these employees make qualified student loan payments. Of course, if you offer this match for student loan payments, your costs will likely increase, although these matching contributions are tax deductible. In any case, you may want to balance any additional expense with the potential benefit of attracting and retaining employees, particularly those who have recently graduated from college.
- **401(k) eligibility for part-time employees** Part-time employees who are at least 21 years old and have at least 500 hours of service

in three consecutive years must now be eligible to contribute to an existing 401(k) plan. The inclusion of part-time employees could lead to higher business expenses for you, depending on the amount of contributions you may make to employees' plans. Again, though, you'd be offering a benefit that could be attractive to quality part-time employees.

- **Emergency savings account** Many people, especially those who don't earn high incomes, have trouble building up emergency funds they can tap for unexpected costs, such as a major home or car repair or large medical expenses. Now, if you offer a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan, you can include a pension-linked emergency savings account (PLESA) that allows non-highly compensated employees to save up to \$2,500, a figure that will be indexed for inflation in the future. PLESA allows for tax-free monthly withdrawals without incurring a 10 percent tax penalty. PLESA contributions are made on an after-tax (Roth) basis and must be matched at the same rate as other employee contributions.

You may want to consult with your tax and financial professionals to determine how these changes may affect what you want to do with your retirement plan. The more you know, the better your decisions likely will be.

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

**Upcoming Events at Red Wagon Plants**

BY KAT CONSLER

**Very Berry Weekend**

**Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

We invite you to celebrate the beginning of berry season with us.

On the second weekend in June, we are offering a palette of berry themed workshops, free activities and learning opportunities with topics ranging from growing your own fruit, savoring their flavors and turning your harvest into tasty treats. You'll also have a chance to weave your own harvest basket. We will have delicious berry-packed lunch, snack and drink options available for purchase. Here are a few highlights:

**Basket Weaving Workshop: Black Ash Berry Basket with Penny**

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**Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

A unique chance to make your own basket and in the process learn one of the oldest crafts in human history. You will take home a beautiful, durable and useful berry basket, crafted from local and responsibly harvested, hand-pounded black ash logs. This is a great introduction to the extraordinary qualities of the black ash tree.

**Berry Growing Drop-In**

**Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

Free berry growing session where you may learn how and when to plant strawberries, which blueberry varieties might suit you best, or how to prune raspberries. Bring your berry curiosity. No sign-up required.

**Growing Berries in Vermont with Jacob Holzberg-Pill**

**Sunday, June 9, 10-11:30 a.m.**

From the common to the lesser-known fruit, edible landscaper Jacob Holzberg-Pill will cover all the bases to get your backyard berry patch going. Vermont's climate brings its unique challenges and opportunities for berry production. Here you can learn which varieties to choose depending on your site and how to care for them – including propagation to multiply your plants and pruning to keep them healthy.

**RECREATION**

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

**Recreational Track and Field**

Participants will learn the basics of running, jumping, throwing, and relays. There will be meets with other area Rec. Depts. Athletes aged 7-14 are eligible to participate unless they were 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 athletes.

Ages 6-14 years. Mondays and Wednesdays. June 17- July 20. 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.-1 p.m. For students entering grades 4-9. CVU Field C: Upper Lot on Pond Road. Cost: \$125. Register at [cvuboyslax.com/camp](https://cvuboyslax.com/camp).

**CVU Girls Field Hockey Camp**

Tuesday-Thursday. June 18-20. 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$125. For play-

ers 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: [tuckerpiererson@gmail.com](mailto:tuckerpiererson@gmail.com). Register at [tinyurl.com/evugirlslacrossecamp](https://tinyurl.com/evugirlslacrossecamp).

**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, offensive plays, etc.). Email [tuckerpiererson@gmail.com](mailto:tuckerpiererson@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/evugirlslacrossecamp](https://tinyurl.com/evugirlslacrossecamp).

**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

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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](http://hinesburgrec.com) but checks are payable to Kevin Browne and due to HRD, 10632 Rte. 116, Hinesburg.

**Horse Camp at Livery Stables**

Join Kim Johansen and staff at Livery Stables for a week-long horse camp. Enjoy riding lessons, grooming, tacking, and general horse duties in the relaxed atmosphere of the barn. There are horse crafts, kittens to play with and an equestrian camaraderie that can't be beat. Please note below there are two options for camp times. 6-12 years. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg.

Camp Week 1: Monday-Friday, June 17-21.

Camp Week 2: Monday- Friday, June 24-28.

Time: 8 a.m.-noon, or 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$365 for 8 a.m.-noon and \$495 for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Be sure to pack a lunch, water bottle, snacks, and send boots. For more information, please go to [liverystables.com](http://liverystables.com).

**Hinesburg's July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration****Theme: A Sporty 4<sup>th</sup>****Grand Marshal: Tom Giroux**

Wednesday, July 3 – Annual Hilly Hobbles Foot Race. Registration starts at 6 p.m. in front of HCS. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 children. All proceeds benefit Hinesburg Fireworks. 10k starts at bottom of Buck Hill Road West at 6:30 p.m., 5k starts at 7 p.m., and 2k Kid's Run starts in front of Good Times Café at 7:10 p.m. All runners finish at Veteran's Park.

Thursday, July 4 – Parade line-up at the bottom of Buck Hill Road West begins at 10 a.m. Participants should register at [hinesburgrec.com](http://hinesburgrec.com). Judging is at 10:30 a.m. Prizes awarded. Parade begins at 11 a.m. and travels north through the village, turning on Mechanicsville Road, finishing at the post office. Various activities will be planned post-parade – check [hinesburgrec.com](http://hinesburgrec.com) for updates. Rough Suspects will perform starting at 6:30 p.m. Food trucks will be set up in the lower HCS lot. Fireworks at dusk behind HCS.

**Hinesburg Summer Concerts in the Park**

The 20-plus year tradition continues at the gazebo behind the Hinesburg Community School. Enjoy Wednesday evening concerts from 6:30-8 p.m. No rain dates, just reschedules this year. Thanks to our sponsors Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom and Wahl LLC.

July 10: Rodney Putnam

July 17: Lost Edges

July 24: About Time

July 31: Atlantic Crossing

Aug. 7: Hinesburg Community Band

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**Library News**

June is a month full of transitions – school days end, spring melts into summer, new flowers bloom, and new crops ripen. We hope that the library can be a place of calm and routine during this busy time of year. As always, our Summer Reading program begins and new books pop up on our shelves. We hope you will stop by.

For gardening fans, June is also the month that tickets to this year's Hinesburg Garden Tour go on sale. Tickets may be purchased after June 15 at both Carpenter-Carse Library and Red Wagon Plants. Tickets are \$20 each and only a limited amount will be available. The tour is planned for Sunday, July 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 482-806 or 363-6471.

Books to look for in June: *Farewell, Amethystine* by Walter Mosley, *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier, *The Midnight Feast* by Lucy Foley, *Same As It Ever Was* by Claire Lombardo, *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate, *A Talent for Murder* by Peter Swanson and many more.

The library will be closed Wednesday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.

**June Youth Happenings at Carpenter-Carse Library**

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

**Weekly Storytime: Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 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.

**2024 Summer Reading Club at Carpenter-Carse Library**

Every summer public libraries across the state offer programming that is designed to encourage a love of reading and introduce youth of all ages to books and authors, expand leisure reading choices, and help prevent the “summer slide” and loss of reading skills during the summer months when youth are out of school. Beginning the week of June 10, students of all ages can pick up a free summer reading log (sticker chart) and begin tracking the hours they spend reading or listening to books throughout the summer. Completed summer reading logs can be returned to the circulation desk before school starts to receive their prize. We also offer six weeks of free, fun, and engaging events happening from June 19-July 31. Registration is required, and you can read full descriptions of the events and sign up online through our website [carpentercarse.org](http://carpentercarse.org). Club events are designed for kids in preschool-grade 4 and some events are “drop-off” for kids ages 5 and up

*continued on page 9***COMMENTARY****French Farm Elegy**

BY BILL AND KATE SCHUBART

We've lived some 30 years in our house off Drinkwater Road in Hinesburg.

The land had been part of Howard and Inez French's farm just down the road.

For the first few years, Howard and Inez grazed their cows in a pasture just below our kitchen. Once, when I was struggling to get my aging John Deere tractor up our steep driveway in winter to plow, Howard took me out to his tractor shed and said, “try these,” pointing to a 200 lb. set of rusty Canadian ring chains. We got them in the bucket of my tractor and I brought them home. They made all the difference.

After Howard died in 2006, Inez sold off much of the farm and used the proceeds to restore Howard's beloved barn, a classic Vermont barn with a spacious hayloft and rail hayfork over the ground-floor stanchion area with a milking shed at one end. She also built herself a small garage so she would not have to shovel out her car after every snowstorm.

On walks, Inez would occasionally



French Farm in Hinesburg, before the demolition.

knock on our door unannounced and ask if we had any coffee up. We'd have a wide-ranging chat about town events, family and community changes. Occasionally, we'd repeat the gift and drop by her spacious white farmhouse just down from our driveway, Magic Hill Road, which Kate had suggested be named French Farm Road when the GPS road-naming frenzy broke. But our good neighbor's dog, Magic, won out.

After Inez died, the farm was sold this year and site preparation for a new home up the hill overlooking the farm began.

To our surprise, driving by a few weeks later we saw an excavator clawing at the farmhouse, tearing

gram for a morning of creativity and conversation. No registration required.

**Senior Meet-Up: Mondays, 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.

**Baby & Me: Fridays from 10-11 a.m.**

A place to be with coffee and tea, in our community. You are welcome to attend a social gathering where parents or caregivers and their babies can come and meet other caregivers and connect, share and be together. The room is yours for an hour every Friday.

**Take Charge of Your Life with Jim Koehneke: Wednesday, June 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

We need not wait around to see what comes our way, what the world has in store for us, or which way the economy will go. We are creators, with free choice, to use our gifts and talents in magnificent ways. So, Take Charge of Your Life. Let these seven steps help you find



French Farm in Hinesburg, after the barn and house have been removed.

it room-from-room, and sorting plumbing salvage and wood into a huge dumpster. Days later, the site where Howard and Inez's house had been, was graded over with just a few landscape bushes left.

Grateful to see Howard's barn still standing, we hoped for the best. But a few weeks later we saw the same excavator clawing apart Harold's much-loved barn, and days later a smoldering fire sent the timbers and wood into the neighborhood sky.

Now the site's been graded and only the new white garage remains standing, every trace of the French Farm gone.

When our neighbors died, we missed them. Now that their classic Vermont farm has become someone's lawn, we mourn the loss.

true joy in life. As you clarify your purpose, take focused and smart action, you'll find yourself thoroughly smack dab in the middle of the game of life, enjoying each moment by having taken charge of your life and reclaimed your authentic personal power.

**SongFarmers of Hinesburg: Thursday, June 6, 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, June 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

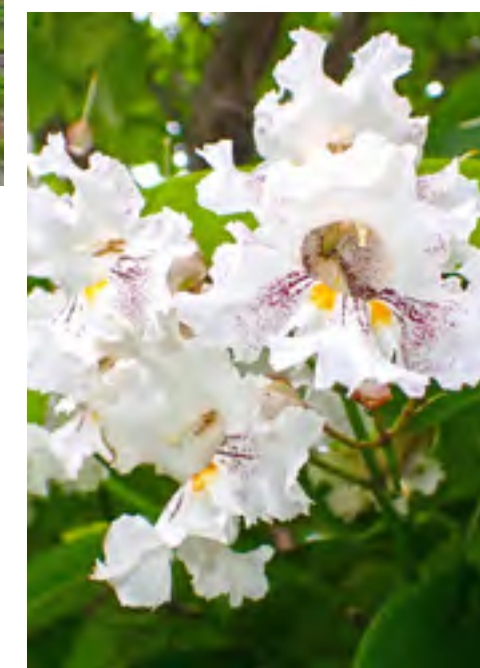
Meet with other readers at the library to discuss a mystery book – ranging from cozy to gritty. Please register to receive a copy of the book and to let us know you will attend.

**Eclectic Book Group: Thursdays, June 13 and 27, 11 a.m.-noon**

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**You Say Catalpa, I Say Catawba**

BY ROGER DONEGAN



Catalpa tree blossoms at Town Hall, June 27, 2023.

As many times I have passed Town Hall to turn onto the Charlotte Road over the years I often wondered what kind of trees lined the sidewalk and loom over the amphitheater-like space containing the crescent shaped stone wall below. The six trees are fixtures now, doing better than just surviving. Thing is I have never heard anyone speak of nor have I read what kind of trees these are.

Driving by one day last June I caught site of gorgeous blossoms in the boughs from the driver's seat. This finally prompted me to pull into the Town Hall parking lot for a closer look. No doubt there's a cell phone app available to identify plants on the spot. Lacking that, I took digital photos of the leaves plus flowers and compared them at home to photos found in the pages of *The Tree Identification Book* by George W.D. Symonds (1958).

I've lived in Hinesburg long enough to know and remember the Miner House that occupied that northwest corner location. Prior to its demise the house was surveyed as Site #37 in the Hinesburg Lower Village Historic District. From that we learn the house had been built in 1840 on a stone foundation, it was two and a half stories, and had a gabled roof. Miner family members who grew up in the house are still about.

After being laid the old fashion way, one rock at a time and finished as a spanking new retaining wall a public celebration took place on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005. *Town Celebrates Stone Wall / Residents*

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## ▶ Commentary

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*Bury Time Capsule at Town Hall* by Julia Melloni, BFP, Monday, Nov. 7, 2005.) The article reported the time capsule contained letters from everyone who contributed a rock to build the wall. The capsule, buried in the dark by candlelight at the conclusion of the event, also contains stories from primary grade students, pictures and letters from the community, and last but not least, an issue of *The Hinesburg Record*.

The ornamental trees I speak of were not yet in the picture in 2005, but landscaping followed soon enough. The trees certainly stand out. The lone pine tree in the center of the Vermont state coat of arms-style flag represents Vermont's forests. Certainly, in step with the wisdom in the adage "one can't see the forest for the trees" could apply here to those walking by Town Hall. Long before positively identifying the trees, the many times I've driven around that corner off-season, leaves gone, I'd catch site of long string bean-like pods dangling up high, where pinecones might be, and think of the classic children's tale Jack and the Bean Stalk.

The Tree Identification Book left little doubt: my digital camera photos matched the leaf, flower, and bean pod (fruit) of a Catalpa tree. In an online search on Catalpa trees, Wikipedia opens with "the Catalpa trees are also commonly called Catawba trees." I had occasion to



Catalpa tree at Town Hall early fall.



Catalpa tree heart-shaped leaves.



Catalpa tree shaded stone wall seat.

try pronouncing Catawba out loud, might as well had been Catalpa for that matter, when ordering a meal in downtown Ashville, North Carolina, in September 2022. Touted as serving up regional recipes, the restaurant provided hush puppies for appetizers, vinegary pulled pork entrees with craft beers by the Catawba Brewing Company. Even the brewing company's logo pleases the eye, inspired by the mountains of western North Carolina and the Catawba River.

These deciduous trees have big heart-shaped leaves. The flowers are very large, white, and trumpet shaped. The fruit or seed pod can be as long as 14 inches. The common eastern Catalpa has broader, spreading branches. The western Catalpa reaches higher with narrower growing branches. Comparing one to the other, the western Catalpa is a late bloomer. So much so, the blossoms of the trees lining the northwest corner of Route 116 and Charlotte Road seem to be in season with the Town of Hinesburg's birthday of June 24.

## Substance Use: A Changed Perspective

### Part 1 of 2

BY ANNE C. SULLIVAN

*This is the first half of a commentary by Hinesburg resident Anne C. Sullivan. The second half will be published in the next issue of The Record, June 27.*

I used to be biased against people with a substance disorder. But my recent experience as a Guardian ad Litem caused me to change my mind.

Since the 1980s, when a close friend was mugged at her doorstep in NYC, I'd felt that people with substance use disorders must be lazy because they weren't trying hard enough to overcome their addiction. And they must be stupid because, not wanting to work real jobs, they turned into drug dealers who mug you and rob you. How else could I explain why my friend, a childhood polio victim who walked with metal leg braces, could be treated so cruelly? It was a bitter irony that, professionally, my friend was a social worker who worked at a drug rehabilitation center.

In 2021, after moving to Vermont from Massachusetts, I volunteered and trained to be a GAL. My first assignment was a two-month-old baby boy. I was required to visit him monthly, attend court hearings, and report to the court concerning "the best interests of the

child." The baby's mother was young, and since she'd been a teen she'd used illegal drugs and experienced chronic mental health problems. Hospital medical staff are mandated reporters, required to file a report to the VT Department of Children and Families, DCF, about patients who are illegal drug users and giving birth. This begins a lengthy legal court process, in order to ensure the baby's safety.

Because the mother had used opioids during pregnancy, the baby had to receive methadone after birth to avoid withdrawal symptoms. At hospital discharge, the foster parents took the baby home with them, although the family court judge allowed daily visits for the mother to breastfeed. Then, a few months later, the mother and her boyfriend, the baby's father, were arrested for drug dealing. A search of their apartment found drugs, a weapon, and a lot of cash. The mother later overdosed and was hospitalized for many weeks for her mental health needs.

At this time, I didn't think that the DCF plan to reunite the baby with his mother would work. There was little evidence that she wanted to

live without drugs or that she had much attachment to her baby. I didn't know how she felt about being separated from her child or if she even cared.

I visited the baby monthly, as required by the court, at the foster parents' home and at a DCF office. I shared my observations about his development with the baby's lawyer and his Family Services Worker from DCF. My hour-long visits at the DCF playroom (where the mother was supervised by a DCF worker) weren't promising. During my first visit, the mother questioned my presence and asked me to leave. After I explained why I was there she changed her mind. On other visits, she was quiet and often seemed tired. She'd sit on the floor with her infant son, her cell phone in her hand. I didn't see her change a diaper, feed him or begin to play or talk with him.

These visits reminded me of my professional Early Intervention work in Massachusetts. E.I. is a state-funded program for children ages birth-3 who qualify for treatment. In MA I visited a residential treatment center for mothers, in recovery from illegal substance

afternoon routes will also extend to Middlebury, increasing access for Addison County residents.

## ▶ Hinesburg Bus Service

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Federal grants to operate the service.

After discussion among the Hinesburg selectboard, Town Manager Todd Odit, GMT's General Manager Clayton Clark, and TVT's Executive Director Jim Moulton, it seems very likely that all of the runs will be done by TVT starting Sept. 1.

The transition was discussed at the May 15 selectboard meeting. Odit said, "It seems like it's in every party's interest for the entire route to transition to being operated by Tri-Valley Transit." Tri-Valley Transit would be willing to take over operation of the service Sept. 1 of this year. Their board must still approve this new service at their June 4 meeting, which, according to Moulton, is an action that is likely to pass.

Tri-Valley Transit doesn't have assessment authority the way that GMT does. They would provide a bill to us, but Odit says there would be room for negotiation. There will be no planned changes to the service or schedule for riders of the current GMT service. The schedule can be seen at [ridegmt.com/46-116-commuter](http://ridegmt.com/46-116-commuter).

Tri-Valley Transit runs smaller buses than GMT, "which is probably more of a 'right size' for the ridership," noted Odit. Under TVT, the second run of the morning and

use, and their babies. I saw mothers individually with their babies and in a group. Some mothers slept during the group. Some mothers often didn't make eye contact, others looked tired or uninterested. It seemed they'd rather be on their phones. They'd complain about the staff and the rules; sometimes about missing their older children, who were often in foster care. Working with these mothers would often leave me feeling drained and annoyed. Although I knew they weren't being discourteous – they were mostly tired and withdrawn – it was hard to get them involved or interested.

Now as a GAL, I was skeptical about how a mother could begin to form an attachment or bond with a baby she was separated from. I knew that infant attachment gradually forms through the senses of both baby and mother during feeding, diaper changes, comforting, dressing, and transitions between sleep and waking. I wondered if this was happening between the mother and her infant. Although the baby was safe, well cared for by the foster parents and developing normally, the mother's behavior was still unstable. She had to undergo drug screens, remain in medically assisted treatment (MAT), get a job, complete lots of paperwork, and report to DCF. On one visit at DCF, after her hospitalization, she told me that she'd had a lot of stress in the postpartum period weeks after giving birth and this led to a relapse. I knew how significant the postpartum period is for all new mothers and how much support they need. I wondered how much support she'd been able to find for herself. Clearly not enough.

*Read the rest of this commentary in the June 27 issue.*

## ▶ Hinesburg Housing Plan

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fate lies in the hands of the environmental division of the Vermont Superior Court, which hears Act 250 appeals.

According to the commission, the development was denied due to flooding concerns voiced by the Agency of Natural Resources: The agency argues the project will shift and restrict the flow of floodwaters, cause further erosion and endanger future homeowners, according to the appeal.

"There are wetlands, but the bigger issue with the Hinesburg Center 2 project is flooding," said Andrea Morgante, board president and founder of the Lewis Creek Association, a conservation nonprofit. Morgante, representing the nonprofit, was granted party status to the case, or the ability to participate in Act 250 proceedings. The denial does not come lightly. Town officials expected the project to yield an influx of residents, affordable housing and new businesses. The development was set to be built on 46 acres west of Kinney Drugs and north of Farmall Drive, and it would include 22 lots, 73 new homes and 14,500 square feet of non-residential space, according to the town.

Kinney Drugs, Parkside Cafe and residential structures were approved and built in the first phase of the project.

Grabowski said the potential for flooding is slim to none and argued Act 250 keeps Vermont locked in a dire housing crisis.

"Through our analysis, the project's design today will raise the water by two and a half inches," he said in an interview. In response to the commission's concern about flooding, Grabowski said: "The

level of all the infrastructure and homes that are proposed are over five feet above that (raised waterline), so in our opinion, there really is no flooding concern."

Grabowski said the findings don't account for sites on a case-by-case basis. "The Agency of Natural Resources is essentially applying the same analysis regardless of the specific conditions of the site," he said.

Morgante argues there is cause for concern. Both the LaPlatte River and the Patrick Brook, which enters the LaPlatte on the development property, have floodplains that spill into the location, she said, and regulations "are not ade-

quate" to address events like heavy rain and flooding from high-volume storms.

But she also acknowledged the conundrum Hinesburg faces.

"Part of the problem in Hinesburg is that essentially all of its valley has little hills around it and a lot of small streams around it," she said. "We have been filling in wetland incrementally for essentially the last 200 years."

Developers can raise the land with fill to comply with required flood level regulations, according to Morgante. But she said the valley has just about exceeded its limit.

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**▶ Big Truck Day**  
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truck, local tractors, buses, and emergency vehicles. Seeing these vehicles up close teaches children the importance of the diverse equipment used to keep our community running and gives them a chance to meet the operators and learn about their exciting careers.

“The first year we had the groomer, it was rusty and one of the parents convinced me to bring it out. Once we had it refurbished, we were excited to show it off the next year. Now we’re regulars at Big Truck Day where you get to see vehicles that are different. Kids see the groomer out on the trails at night and are excited to get to see it up close here,” says Scott of Beaver Groomers – a popular attraction at the event.

Pat with Casella Waste Systems is another regular. The kids enjoy learning about recycling and waste management on the Casella Resource Rover.

Families of the nonprofit, parent-cooperative, preschool volunteer to host the event with an outpouring of community support from local sponsors, vehicle donors, and volunteers, like Andrea, who can always be found at the planting station. Plants were donated by Chris Devino, Aubuchon manager; and Red Wagon Plants.

This year, the kids also enjoyed building planters, boats, and cars, thanks to wood kits supplied by The Home Depot in Williston. The Big Blue Trunk provides rides and games, and each year there is a craft section for the little ones to engage all their senses in creating vehicle-themed arts.

Lantman’s Market donates fresh and wholesome food every year enabling families to enjoy an affordable meal after working up an appetite climbing on the trucks. To satisfy their sweet tooth, kids can find Hinesburg Nursery School’s amazing teachers, Wendy Frink and Becky Cook, in the by-donation bake-sale tent; where Wendy’s scrumptious cupcakes bring whimsical themes to life.

With approximately 850 commu-

nity members in attendance, the event raised more than \$7,000 for the school. “Days like today really hit home and make me thankful to have chosen Hinesburg Nursery School and the parent co-op model. I love seeing us all come together for the community, our school, our kids and the future of Hinesburg Nursery School,” said Leah, Fundraising Chair for the school.

Hinesburg Nursery School thanks the following sponsors and vehicle owners for supporting the event:

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Kate, Finn, Jeremy, and Runa family photo with CHAMP



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Scott with Iroquois Sno-Beavers



Andrea helping Addie, Mckenzie, Reagan, and Justin plant flowers to take home



Donald, Jay, and Cindy with VT Rail Trail Systems



Mario, Brad, Emmy, and Melissa – Hinesburg Nursery School parents working the food tent

**EDUCATION**

**CVU Scholars’ Bowl Team Competes in National Championship**

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

With its championship win at the 2023-24 Vermont-NEA Scholars’ Bowl Chittenden Regional, the Scholars’ Bowl team from Champlain Valley Union High School proved themselves worthy to play on a national stage. On Friday, May 24, the team represented their school in a 320-team national competition: National Academic Quiz Tournaments’ High School National Championship Tournament.

The CVU Team won 6 matchups and lost 5, finishing tied for 97th out of 320 teams.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. It is the national version of the game that is often locally called Scholars’ Bowl. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports, and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collabo-

ration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Participation in quiz bowl both reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

Champlain Valley has attended the High School National Championship Tournament four times before. Most recently, in 2022, they made the playoffs and finished in 82nd place.

The team was captained by Elias Leventhal, who was joined by Frank Fidler, Jacob Graham, and Colin Ravlin. The team is coached by John Bennett, assisted by Kiran MacCormick.

**CVSD Announces Appointment of Adam Bunting as Interim Superintendent for the FY25 School Year**

FROM CVSDS PRESS RELEASE

The Champlain Valley School District Board of Directors announced the appointment of Adam Bunting as the Interim Superintendent of the Champlain Valley School District (CVSD) for

the FY25 school year. His appointment will be effective July 1, 2024.

Bunting, a Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) graduate, is the current principal of CVU and has served in this role since 2015. During this time, he has led collaborative teams to envision, design, and implement personalized, proficiency-based learning for CVU’s 1,300 students. He was distinguished as the Vermont Principal of the Year in 2018. He received a bachelor’s degree from Connecticut College where he majored in English and a Master of Education degree in School Leadership from Harvard University.

“Adam has consistently demonstrated his passion for student-centered education and CVSD. His collaborative approach and deep understanding of CVSD will be critical as we continue executing our strategic plan and addressing the statewide education funding challenges that are impacting our schools,” said CVSD board chair Meghan Metzler.

**Spring Semester at ACCESS CVU Winds Down**

BY JENNIFER MORTON, PROGRAM MANAGER

Wow! The Spring Semester at Access CVU, your destination for community education based out of CVU high

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► Education

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school, has almost come to a close, with just a few long-running classes still happening (no new starts). We are so thankful to have made it to the end of a great year. We couldn't have done it without the support of our community – so thank you for taking classes and recommending us to your family and friends.

We have a couple of requests – the first is your support during the voting round of the Seven Daysies, which goes from May 27 to June 9. We are ecstatic to have been nominated in three categories: Best Place to Take an Arts Class, Best Cooking Class, and finally, the Best Craft Fair!

The second and final request is to let us know your class wishes; planning for the fall is well under way. Is there a class you wish we offered? Or a great instructor we should add to our lineup? We want to hear from you. Call 802-482-7194 or email [access@cvsdvt.org](mailto:access@cvsdvt.org).

Look for fall registration to open on Friday, Aug. 30, and classes will start mid-September. We're looking forward to hosting craft fairs on Oct. 19 and Nov. 30. Check out our website, [cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com](http://cvsdvt.ce.eleyo.com), or follow us at @accessCVU on Instagram for the latest news.

**Public Notice**

**Records to be Destroyed**

**CVSD PRESS RELEASE**

Notice is hereby given that the Champlain Valley School District (formerly Chittenden South Supervisory Union) including the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne, and Williston intends to destroy the special education records of all students who exited from any special education program during the 2018-2019 school year.

A permanent record of the student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, and year completed is maintained without time limitation.

Any former student, who has reached 18 years of age, may review and/or receive these records upon request. Also, any parent of a student who is 18 years of age or older, who has retained parental rights, may obtain these records.

Please contact the Champlain Valley Union High School Special Services Office at (802) 482-7115 by July 31, 2024. If no student, parent, or guardian responds to this public notice prior to or by July 31, 2024, the school district will assume consent to destroy the entire record specific to the student.

**SPORTS**

**On The Court or on the Mound, Vermont Miss Basketball Elise Berger Does It All**

**BY WILL THORN, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE**

You could call Elise Berger a Swiss Army knife, a state champion – even Captain Chaos, the nickname she earned for her messy room as a kid. Now, as her time at Champlain Valley Union High School comes to end, you can call her Miss Basketball.

Berger took the crown this year as the best player in girls high school hoops in Vermont, as selected by the *Burlington Free Press*. The award came on the heels of a Division I championship over St. Johnsbury Academy this March, good for the team's second title in a row.

"We all knew going into the season that this was going to be a grind," said Berger, who's played organized basketball since the first grade. "It was cool that we had six seniors on the team that have been playing together for a really long time and that we were able to bring the team together, put in all that work and have it all pay off in the end."

The 5'11" point guard averaged 8.5 points, 4.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.2 steals per game for the Redhawks this season en route to earning the program a seventh Miss Basketball victory. The senior and teammates also helped send 13-year head coach Ute Otley off to her new post leading Norwich University's women's team with a record 10th DI win.

"She's pretty much a coach's dream," said Otley. Berger was a four-year varsity player and a mature locker room presence who thrived in any role, she said.

Berger's win comes at a time of unprecedented focus on the women's college game and its recent superstars, like Caitlin Clark, Paige Bueckers and Angel Reese. Berger is all for the attention. "I think it's really cool to see the growth women's basketball has had," she said. "It's really cool to see that growth and it becoming a big national thing."

Otley hopes those who tuned in to watch Clark play realized just how many women play the game "in a way that's at such a high level that this is really entertaining to watch."



Elise Berger poses with a basketball at her home court. Photo by Catherine Morrissey

Berger's playstyle is far from Clark's high-octane shooting from deep but commands a similar respect on the court. She's "a floor leader who can advance the ball quickly, who knows how to create shots for her teammates and whose presence on the floor demands so much defensive attention that she can make the defense do what she wants to do and create the kinds of shots she wants for her teammates," Otley said.

She likes to attack the glass and do "the smaller things that set people up and get the team in good positions," Berger said. Sometimes Otley had to remind Berger to look for her own shots, too.

Berger separates herself with her playmaking, Otley said. "We haven't had a kid at 5'11" that can handle the ball the way she can," said the coach. Plus: "She has a true pull-up jumper."

"That combination of ball handling, size and midrange game," Otley said, "made her a pretty unique athlete that we could use defensively a million different ways."

Her athletic singularity goes further: Berger is even better with a baseball in her hand. She not only pitches for her high school's baseball team but has also twice been selected to pitch for the U.S. women's national team, which she first made at 16 – the earliest age allowed.

"There definitely are some nerves, but it's also really prideful, especially being from a small state like Vermont that a lot of people haven't heard of outside of the U.S.," she said. "Being able to show what we can do as a team is also really cool."

Berger committed to play baseball for Bard College in October of 2023. She has been in touch with current players and other commits,

and is excited to get to Bard and out on the field with them. "I was definitely looking for a school that had the academics and the intensity that I was looking for but also was a supportive place to play baseball," she said. "Bard was the best mix of the two for me."

Although she loves basketball, played soccer through middle school and dabbles in mountain biking, baseball "has always been the big thing," said her mother, Elizabeth Berger.

At 4, Elise would watch Lake Monster games start to finish, and growing up she'd drift asleep to the sound of baseball broadcasts, her parents remember. She made every school project she could baseball-themed.

Berger's father, Chris, is a California native and big fan of the Golden State Warriors and Cincinnati Reds. His love of sport spread to the young Berger, who, raised in Vermont, became a Red Sox fan – an infinitely better option, she's quick to say, than choosing the Yankees. She stuck with the Warriors too for their dynastic run over the last decade.

"They've been super supportive of whatever I've wanted to do along the way," Berger said of her parents. "Whichever teams I wanted to be on, whatever training I wanted to do, different tournaments we needed to go to – it was always, 'We're going to figure out a way to make this happen for you.'"

That doesn't mean there haven't been challenges along the way. She felt on the same level as boys throughout Little League, but as those male teammates got older she worried she was falling behind. Those feelings continued into her first two years playing for the Bases Loaded Bulldogs, a local travel team she started playing for at 13. But by year three, feeling more trust from her team, she grew more confident. Her pitching improved.

"That year I think I grew comfortable in my role as a pitcher, understanding that I wasn't necessarily going to keep up with them velocity-wise on the mound, but I had other aspects that made me a good pitcher," she said.

It came down to work ethic. Berger said she's driven by her competitive nature, hatred of losing and the collective euphoria of team success.

"If I lose because I feel like I got outworked by somebody, that's something that drives me to keep pushing and keep working harder," she said.

And it shows. Said her father: "She puts in hours every week on either strength work or specific conditioning work for her pitching muscles. Since middle school, it's been

pretty constant every week. She's incredibly disciplined."

Back in the summer of 2022, Berger had to miss basketball workouts because of national baseball team obligations. Otley had challenged Berger a few months prior to get faster and tighten her ball-handling, and she worried the young standout wouldn't have time to do it, the coach recalled. But Berger came back that fall with improvement in every area Otley wanted, the coach said.

Heading into last summer, Otley challenged Berger to hone her three-point shooting. Once again, Berger came through, said her coach, meaning opponents in her senior season were forced to respect her shot and bring double teams out of the post.

That dedication to her craft was present even when Otley first met Berger, when the latter was a fourth grader at a basketball camp. "I remember thinking that she was a serious little kid, very focused, very dialed in. She wasn't there to goof around; she was there to learn," Otley said.

Berger's mother recalled Elise's baseball games: "I'm there cheering her on, and I'm like, 'Hey, Elise, did you hear me cheer?' and she says, 'Nope, didn't hear.' She doesn't notice anybody in the stands, she's just focused on what she needs to do."

But Berger isn't always stone-faced. "Once you break under Berger's shell, she definitely talks a lot," said basketball teammate and fellow senior Samara Ashooh. "She's

a very funny person, and she's always down to go out and have some random adventure. People say that she's quiet and reserved, but I think she's actually a very open and communicative person and always a good presence to be around."

Berger's mother called her daughter a "chatterbox" at home. The two like to cook together, and Berger loves showing off her 30-plus Spotify playlists filled with recent music finds – lately some country, classic rock and hip hop.

As Berger steps into the more competitive college game, her parents are confident she'll be able to handle it. "Our attitude for college baseball is the same as it's been," said her father. "We feel she can usually rise to the level she needs to and work as hard as she needs to, to be competitive, and we'll see how it goes. She's going to have to earn her playing time like anybody else."

In the meantime, Berger said she appreciates the chance to give back to her community. She got invited to throw the first pitch on opening day this month for the Champlain Valley Little League, the same one she played in those years ago.

"I've been able to come back into my community and be a role model for younger girls," she said. "When I was younger, I know I had role models that I aspired to be, and being able to go meet and play with some of them now has been huge. I hope that I get to be that person for some girls."

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**Data Illustrates Hard Choices Ahead for Green Mountain Transit**

**BY WILL GUISBOND, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE**

*Will Guisbond performed the data analysis in this story in partnership with Mikaela Fudolig, a research assistant professor in math and statistics. 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.*

As Green Mountain Transit brings back urban bus fares for the first time since 2020, the agency appears buffeted by competing pres-

ures: the need for revenue, the desire to retain riders and a worry that people who stick around will be worse off. Now agency leaders say not only will services likely be cut but fare increases will also continue.

"I think that there's a very good chance that, in the next six months as we start seeing what revenue is coming in from fares, that we may need to do some adjustments," said Clayton Clark, GMT general manager, noting that fares for the main intercity services in and around Burlington will go up if that revenue goal is not met.

Five years of data analyzed by Community News Service shows the state's largest transit system is approaching that inflection point on the back of haywire trends.

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# OUTDOORS

## How to Love a Forest

BY ETHAN TAPPER

As I write this, I'm finishing up my last couple weeks as the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. My last day in this role will be May 31, marking eight years to the day since I started this job in 2016. Over the last eight years I've met thousands of you in the woods, led hundreds of public events and written more than 70 articles for a dozen community newspapers. I've written Forest Management Plans for the Andrews Community Forest, the Westford Town Lands, the Catamount Community Forest, the Huntington Community Forest, the Huntington Town Forest, the

Milton Town Forest, the Indian Brook Conservation Area and the Carse Addition to the Hinesburg Town Forest. I've been humbled to receive several honors and distinctions, most recently as the National Outstanding Inspector of the Year for the American Tree Farm System. Serving as the Chittenden County Forester has been a massive honor, and a dream come true – and now it's time for me to do something else.

For six years, I woke up every morning at 5 a.m. and wrote for an hour before heading to work in the woods. Gradually, these writings became a book called "How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World," which will be coming out in September. I was inspired to write How to Love a Forest by my work as a forester, as well as by my experience caring for my own 175-acre parcel – Bear Island – that I bought in 2017. I

found that there were lots of books about forests and other ecosystems and the threats that they face, but none about what we actually do about it: what it means to love an ecosystem in a world of young, simple, degraded forests, in a climate crisis and a biodiversity crisis, in a changed and changing world. Bear Island became a catalyst for the book – a forest that had every problem that a forest could have. I had to ask myself if it would be a greater kindness to Bear Island to leave it to suffer alone, or to do everything in my power to make it healthy again.

In a world in which many people believe that loving forests means simply leaving them alone, How to Love a Forest proffers a more complex vision: that in this moment truly caring for forests means taking action to protect them, and that the actions we must take will often be as counterintuitive, uncomfortable, and bittersweet as cutting a tree to make a forest healthy again. How to Love a Forest is a reimagining of forests and our relationship to them that is beautiful and

hopeful and empowering. You can pre-order How to Love a Forest anywhere that books are sold or at [EthanTapper.com/book](https://ethantapper.com/book). Pre-ordering really helps, so please pre-order if you can.

I will also be starting my own consulting forestry company – Bear Island Forestry. Bear Island Forestry will provide consulting forestry services to private landowners: advising landowners, writing Forest Management Plans and overseeing forest management projects. Bear Island Forestry's work will be grounded in the principles of ecological forestry: managing forests for biodiversity, ecological integrity and resilience above all else. I will also be consulting with government agencies, NGOs and companies to incorporate these principles into their work, as well as to improve their communication around ecosystem management projects. Learn more about Bear Island Forestry at [BearIslandForestry.com](https://BearIslandForestry.com)

Finally, I will be continuing to do public speaking, social media, and

public education and outreach. I am very active on Instagram, using the handle @HowToLoveAForest, as well as on YouTube and TikTok (also at @HowToLoveAForest) and Facebook. You can stay apprised of what I'm up to by signing up for my email list at [EthanTapper.com](https://ethantapper.com).

My hope is that this career shift will allow me to effect a larger change in our understanding of forests and what it means to care for them – building a larger platform from which to advocate for forests, responsible forest stewardship, and conservation. I hope that you will follow along, pre-order the book, and that you'll be hearing from me soon.

*Ethan Tapper is a forester and author from Bolton. Ethan previously served as the Chittenden County Forester, before leaving to start his own business – Bear Island Forestry – in 2024. Learn more about Ethan and pre-order How to Love a Forest at [EthanTapper.com](https://EthanTapper.com). Learn more about Bear Island Forestry at [BearIslandForestry.com](https://BearIslandForestry.com). Follow Ethan on Instagram at @HowToLoveAForest*

## Fourth Summer of LCA Steward Program Combats Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species

BY KATE KELLY AND PORTIA BUTRYM

Aquatic invasive plant species (AIS) have long threatened the health and populations of native plants in the Lewis Creek watershed. By forming dense mats of vegetation, AIS impede the activities of recreational boaters, swimmers, and anglers, while degrading ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Terrestrial non-native invasive plants also create hazards by altering erosion patterns, out-competing native species, and impacting water quality. Management of all invasive species can be difficult because they are easily spread via

seeds, roots, fragments, animals, and by humans.

Bristol Pond and Monkton Pond, popular destinations for anglers, recreational boaters, and wildlife enthusiasts, both contain AIS. As of 2023, there were three known aquatic invasive species in Bristol Pond: European Frogbit, Eurasian Watermilfoil, and Brittle Naiad, and three aquatic invasive species in Monkton Pond: Eurasian Watermilfoil, Banded Mystery Snail, and Chinese Mystery Snail. If left unmanaged, the AIS in these ponds could spread throughout the rest of the watershed and the state. To prevent further spread, Lewis Creek Association (LCA), a local nonprofit watershed group, will be launching their fourth summer of the Boat Launch Steward Program at Bristol and Monkton ponds beginning in June.

LCA's Boat Launch Steward Program, funded by a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), was created to educate the public about AIS concerns within the Lewis Creek wa-

tershed. At Bristol and Monkton ponds, the boat launch stewards greet boaters as they arrive at the ponds and offer to inspect their boats for aquatic invasive species, while also collecting data on where the boat has been and how many aquatic organisms they encountered. They educate boat owners on how to prevent the spread of AIS, which includes cleaning, draining, and drying your boat (and other equipment that has been in the water!) before moving to a different water body. This could even include swimsuits and life jackets, which could carry small, microscopic organisms like the fishhook waterflea, which was recently found in Lake Champlain.

In addition to staffing the ponds on the weekends, the stewards will also take on the task of manually removing Japanese knotweed at a site along Lewis Creek in North Ferrisburgh. Japanese knotweed is a particularly tough plant to remove; it spreads primarily by its roots/rhizomes, which can break off during a

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### Organizations

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## Lyman Meadows Block Party

**Sunday, June 9, 4-6 p.m.**

BY NATACHA LIUZZI

The Lyman Meadows neighborhood (behind Papa Nicks) will be hosting a Block Party on Sunday, June 9, from 4-6 p.m. There will be Las Hermosas Authentic Mexican cuisine – tacos, chips and salsa, quesadillas, and flan available for purchase. The Mr. Ding-a-Ling ice cream truck will also be there. Bring your appetites and join us! Cash, credit cards, and Venmo will be accepted. Bring your appetites, chairs or blankets, and join us.

## Spring 2024 SCHIP Grant Awards Announced

BY ALI GATELY, SCHIP PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

SCHIP (Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Project) has announced its Spring 2024 grant awards. Grants in the amount of \$35,020 were awarded to 13 nonprofits in our towns that met the criteria of serving the people of our communities in a variety of ways. The recipients for this cycle included: Boy Scout Troop 6110, Charlotte Senior Center, Hinesburg Nursery School, New Village Farm, Pierson Library, Shelburne Nursery School, Shelburne Parks

and Recreation, St. Catherine of Siena Church, Vermont Cancer Support Network, Vermont Parks Forever, Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Charlotte Food Shelf, and Shelburne Food Shelf.

The award to New Village Farm was in the newly established Major Grants category. Grants funded in this category can range up to \$15,000 and are designed to fund the necessary seed money to be used for future self-sustaining projects.

These awards are made possible as a result of SCHIP's mission to raise funds through the sale of donated, gently used clothing, household items, accessories, art, and collectibles at SCHIP's Upscale Resale Shop in the distinctive yellow building on Route 7, next to the town offices. Since the first grants given in April 2005, more than \$902,600 has been distributed.

SCHIP accepts grant applications twice a year. The deadlines are March 15 and Sept. 15 of each year. The maximum grant size is \$3,000 for Routine Grants and \$15,000 for Major Grants. Application forms are available on the "Grants" link at: [TheSCHIP.org](https://TheSCHIP.org).

As a member of our communities, you too are an important part of our mission. Come shop, donate, volunteer, and help us continue to meet our objectives for the future. For more information on grant recipients or the organization, please visit our website or our Facebook page (SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop) or call the shop for volunteer or donation inquiries at 985-3595.

Our participating faith communities are: Charlotte Congregational Church; Hinesburg United Church; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Charlotte; Shelburne United Methodist Church; St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Shelburne; St. Jude's Catholic Church, Hinesburg; Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne.

## Senior Meals

BY PEGGY COUTU

### Shelburne Age Well June 11 Grab and Go Meal

Age Well and St. Catherine's of Siena Parish in Shelburne are teaming up to provide a meal to go for anyone age 60 and older on Tuesday, June 11. The meal will be available for pick-up in the parking lot at 72 Church St. from 11 a.m. until noon. These meals are available for all 60 or older, regardless of town of residence. These meals are nutritious and delicious. A \$5 donation is suggested but not required.

The menu is: meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread with butter, apple crisp with topping, and milk.

To order a meal: please contact Kathleen by **Wednesday, June 5**, by email (preferred) [agewell-stcath@gmail.com](mailto:agewell-stcath@gmail.com) or phone: 802-503-1107.

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

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

We will have forms on hand for you to fill out at meal pick-up.

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

### Shelburne Luncheon, Tuesday, June 18

St. Catherine of Siena and Age Well are teaming up to offer a June 18 luncheon for anyone 60 or older, in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall at 72 Church St. in Shelburne. The check-in time is 11:30 a.m. and the meal will be served at noon. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

The delicious menu is: roast beef au jus, cheddar mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, dinner roll with margarine cup, strawberry short cake with cream, and milk.

**You must register by June 12.** Contact: Kerry Batres, Nutrition Coordinator at: 802-662-5283 or email [kbatres@agewellvt.org](mailto:kbatres@agewellvt.org).

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.

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### ACROSS

1. Ice cream treat, pl.
6. Albanian money
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13. Like Bananas Foster
14. Paleozoic \_\_\_\_
15. O. Henry's specialty
16. Printer brand
17. Always, to a poet
18. Extended family member
19. "Breaking Bad" father
21. "The Lion King" father
23. Unit of length of yarn
24. "\_\_\_\_ Me Maybe"
25. \*\_\_\_\_ Anderson, he knew best?
28. The Supremes, e.g.
30. Subject matter, pl.
35. Same as ayah
37. Plural of #14 Across
39. Like less processed grain
40. Kind of shark
41. U.S. Airline
43. Short for "and elsewhere"
44. Opposite of digest
46. Flabbergast
47. Like Gulf Stream
48. Most achy
50. Not much (2 words)
52. Reggae's cousin
53. Rapunzel's abundance
55. Maintenance closet staple
57. \*\_\_\_\_ Rock of "Everybody Hates Chris"
60. "Finding Nemo" father
63. Golfer's sun protection
64. Aloha prop
66. Only daughter of Michael Jackson
68. Not active
69. Emergency Medical Services
70. In the cooler (2 words)
71. "Opie's father
72. Egyptian boy king, for short
73. Button on electrical outlet

### DOWN

1. Nth degree
2. Not many
3. Turkish money
4. Online troublemaker
5. Mike Brady's children, e.g.
6. Malicious look
7. Before, in the olden days
8. Culture Club 1983 hit "\_\_\_\_ Chameleon"
9. Solo at LaScala
10. Fish eggs, pl.
11. Cuzco valley empire
12. Yellow #5, e.g.
15. Stream of revenue
20. Dog-\_\_\_\_ pages
22. Final, abbr.
24. Medicated shampoo ingredient (2 words)
25. \*\_\_\_\_ Evans Sr. of "Good Times"
26. Idealized image
27. "Prepare to meet your \_\_\_\_!"
29. Wraths
31. Exclamation in a stinky room
32. Smidgins
33. "National Lampoon" father
34. 1965 march site
36. Garden staple
38. Half a ticket
42. Carl Jung's inner self
45. Casual top
49. T, in Greek
51. Lethargy
54. Speck in the ocean
56. Heathrow craft
57. Same as genie
58. Pre-owned
59. Type of parrot
60. Atomizer output
61. Van Gogh's famous flower
62. On Santa's gift list
63. Roman road
65. Down Under runner
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# WHAT THE HECK?

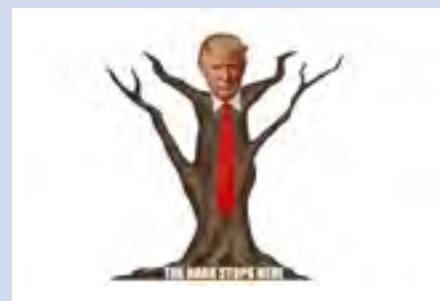
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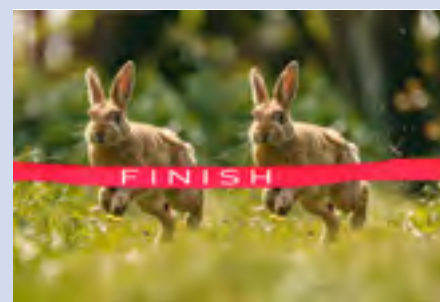
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## ► Outdoors

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flood then resprout and form a new colony downstream. A prior grant to LCA documented the presence of knotweed populations in the Lewis Creek watershed, but distribution is patchy and it has not yet spread prevalently across streambanks (unlike in many other Vermont watersheds where it covers nearly every square foot available). LCA is excited to demonstrate a non-chemical removal method to the public at a site in North Ferrisburgh, where stewards will be present weekly to lead removal efforts, and to display these methods to the public. Everyone is invited to help if they wish. LCA is partnering with Mike Bald (Got Weeds?) to guide this work and demonstrate effective methods for knotweed removal without herbicides – it can be done. You can also get involved in a project that uses community science to help us understand the distribution of knotweed in the watershed using iNaturalist. LCA would love to have your involvement in one or both portions of the project. If you're interested in learning more, sign up at [bit.ly/lca-knotweed](https://bit.ly/lca-knotweed) or reach out to Kate Kelly, Program Manager for Lewis Creek Association, at [lewiscreekorg@gmail.com](mailto:lewiscreekorg@gmail.com) or 802-488-5203.

Since 2020, LCA's boat launch stewards have been the first line of defense against invasive species within the Lewis Creek watershed. At Bristol and Monkton ponds, stewards have interacted with over 2,000 boats, and intercepted 676 boats that had aquatic plants on them launching into the ponds. They educated many more members of the community about the threat and spread of AIS at Bristol and Monkton ponds. While conducting their duties, the boat launch stewards directly prevented

potential AIS infestations to other waterbodies and may have indirectly prevented hundreds of AIS infestations by educating the public. Next time you are out at Bristol Pond or Monkton Pond, say hi to LCA's boat launch stewards. They will gladly discuss any topics regarding AIS and show you how you can do your part in preventing the spread of AIS.

## Green Mountain Conservation Camp Openings Available

FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says it still has a few openings at its Green Mountain Conservation Camps this summer, especially in June and early July.

The one-week overnight camp pro-



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



grams for youths 12 to 14 years old are held at Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury. Campers participate in hands-on learning about fish and wildlife conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and archery techniques, swimming, canoeing, fishing and more. Natural resource professionals come to both camps to share information about their programs and take campers out for field activities.

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

Conservation Camps open June 16 and continue until Aug. 16. Tuition is \$250 for the week, including food, lodging and equipment, and financial assistance is available.

Information and registration are available at [vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/gmcc](https://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/gmcc).

For more information, contact [FWGMCC@vermont.gov](mailto:FWGMCC@vermont.gov) or call 802-522-2925.

# ARTS & LEISURE

## Announcing Vermont Reads 2024: Gather by Kenneth M. Cadow

FROM VERMONT HUMANITIES PRESS RELEASE

Vermont Reads is a statewide community reading program. Since 2003, Vermont Humanities has invited students, adults, and seniors across the state to read the same book and participate in a wide variety of community activities related to the book's themes. In 2021, we shifted this annual program to start each year on July 1.

We are pleased to share that the Vermont Reads selection for 2024 is *Gather* by Vermont author and National Book Award Finalist Kenneth M. Cadow.

*Gather* is the first young adult novel by Cadow, who drew upon his 20 years

of working with middle and high school students as a teacher and administrator in rural Vermont to write this debut novel.

### About the Book

Ian is a resourceful teenager from rural Vermont. He isn't supposed to have a dog, but his adopted pup Gather soon becomes a good friend. Although he hasn't yet finished high school, Ian works hard to take care of his mother, who is trying to overcome her addiction to opioids.

In between classes and other responsibilities, Ian helps his family make ends meet by fixing things for neighbors and working at a sawmill off the books. Sadly, he needed to quit the school's basketball team to support his family.

Above all, Ian wants his family to remain on the land where they have lived for generations. But after a tragedy, he and Gather leave Vermont. Living on the run, Ian draws on his well-

honed survival skills to care for himself and his dog. At the same time, a community of folks come together to try to provide a way home for Ian and Gather.

### Hosting a Vermont Reads Program

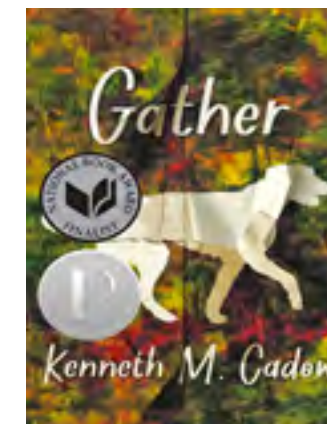
For the 22nd year of the Vermont Reads program, we invite Vermont communities to plan projects centered around *Gather* and its themes of rural life, resilience, class differences, addiction and recovery, housing and food insecurity, a deep relationship to the land, and the power of community.

The start date for Vermont Reads 2024: *Gather* is July 1. Applications for projects will be accepted through June 30, 2025.

To apply for Vermont Reads 2024, and to receive free copies of *Gather* for your community's Vermont Reads project, go to [tinyurl.com/VTReads2024](https://tinyurl.com/VTReads2024).

### About the Author

Kenneth M. Cadow is an educator and writer who lives in Pompanoosuc, Vermont. *Gather* is his first young adult novel. He is currently co-principal of Oxbow High School in Bradford, helping to oversee around 400 students.



Gather by Vermont author and National Book Award Finalist Kenneth M. Cadow is the Vermont Reads selection for 2024.

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# RELIGION

## Community Alliance Church

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

### Location and Mailing Address:

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

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

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

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

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

## Lighthouse Baptist Church

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

**Location:** Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 288

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

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

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



## Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

**Pastor:** Fr. James Zuccaro  
**802-425-2253 • stjudevt.org**  
**stjude@gmavt.net**

**Location:** 10759 Route 116, Hinesburg

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 69, Hinesburg, VT 05461

### Pastor's Mailing Address:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Buildings and Grounds Supervisor:** Contact parish office.

### Weekend Masses:

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

### Weekday Masses:

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

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Pastor for appointment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## United Church of Hinesburg

**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

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

### Location and Mailing Address:

44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

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

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

## Trinity Episcopal Church

**Rector:** Rev. Dr. Fred Moser

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

### Location and Mailing Address:

5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

**Worship service and Sunday School:**

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

## All Souls Interfaith Gathering

**Pastor:** Rev. Don Chatfield

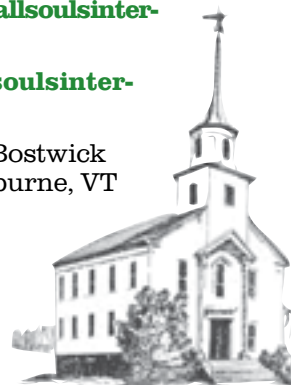
**802-985-3819 • allsoulsinterfaith.org**  
**dchatfield@allsoulsinterfaith.org**

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

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

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## Cemetary Endowment

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Commissioners Tom Giroux, Mary Jo Brace and donors access repairs needed

roduce it to Hinesburg," Tyler explained.

While acknowledging the acceptance of the Endowment Fund, Cemetary Commissioner Mary Jo Brace shared, "We'd like to get the Village Cemetery in much better shape, and keep it that way for many years."

Sharing his appreciation for the generous gift to the town, select-board member Paul Lamberson observed, "One way to honor this generous donation is to grow it with new donations, now and in the years to come."

Donations should be made payable to the Hinesburg Cemetery Fund and can either be dropped off at the Town Clerk's office, or mailed to Hinesburg Town Clerk, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg, VT 05461. (Please consult your tax advisor to determine deductibility.)



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# PEOPLE

## Higher Education Honors

**Madeline Baker** and **Samantha Haviland**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) Winter 2024 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for a place to live? Consider homesharing. Currently a kind senior man in Hinesburg who enjoys cribbage, nature shows and NASCAR on TV is seeking housemate to cook 4 evening meals/week, in exchange for no rent (just the cost of internet). Must be OK w/ outdoor smoking. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, references, background checks required. EHO

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 64 Jackman Drive, Bristol, Vermont 05443 Fax: 802-453-4403

# BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

## New Cemetery Endowment Fund Created

BY HINESBURG CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Town of Hinesburg maintains nine cemeteries with approximately 4,000 graves dating back to 1795. The Village Cemetery land was donated to the town by Jedidiah Boynton in 1825. Graves were moved to the Village Cemetery from a previous cemetery that was in front of where the Sarah Carpenter Memorial Library was on Route 116.

Burial spaces in the Village Cemetery used to sell by the plot, which contained six sites, or a half plot, which had three. The Village Cemetery has about 12 sites that are unsold.

Hence, it's no surprise that Hinesburg's old, full cemeteries generate a long list of maintenance and repair projects. Roads need to be maintained and ditched to manage stormwater, trees need to be trimmed or felled, and many stones need repair or resetting. The stairs near the Village Cemetery vault have also fallen into disrepair.

In the summer of 2023, the Hinesburg Cemetery Commission hosted a very successful volunteer workday. Another one is scheduled for Aug. 17 at the Village Cemetery. If participation continues, and organizational capacity exists, the volunteer days may double in the future and extend to other cemeteries.

But volunteer labor has its limits, and many of the cemeteries' needs require skilled labor and a financial layout. Recognizing this need, siblings Tyler Dawson and Beth (Dawson) Dubin generously created The Hinesburg Village Cemetery Endowment Fund in memory of their parents, Dale and Betty (Lyman) Dawson.

At the December selectboard meeting where the fund was officially accepted by the town, Tyler Dawson observed, "I was driving up the Village Cemetery road one day, and thought, 'Yup, this needs help.' So we consulted with the Cemetery Commission to create a fund that best meets their needs, while hoping the fund will grow."

The Cemetery Endowment Fund provides a variety of incentives for the town to contribute to cemetery projects on a matching basis. In the first five years, there is also a



Donors Beth (Dawson) Dubin and Tyler Dawson stand at their parents bench in the Village Cemetery



double match component that will hopefully inspire individuals to donate, and help the fund last longer. This year, in the first year of the fund, if the town and/or other individuals were to contribute up to



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\$25,000, the fund would contribute \$50,000 for an available total of \$75,000. The intent is to provide an incentive for others to participate and help make the fund last for years.

Taking note of existing funds in other communities, the donors were careful to create a fund that can be used for improvements, not just repairs and maintenance. "There is very specific language in state statute that regulates these types of funds. It has been done elsewhere and we're happy to in-

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Make a Difference

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

### Mentoring

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

Mentors bring encouragement and options for expanding a young person's regard for themselves and their world. By sharing yourself with your mentee you can inspire them to create a richer future for themselves. Contact Program Coordinator Livy Bulger at [lbulger@cvsdvt.org](mailto:lbulger@cvsdvt.org) or 802-482-6248 for more information.

### Hinesburg 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](mailto:main@hinesburgresource.org) for more information.

### Hinesburg Trails

Help maintain public trails. All skill levels from none (just enthusiasm) to experienced chainsaw operators, and trail designers are needed. For more information contact Ray Mainer at [rmainer@gmavt.net](mailto:rmainer@gmavt.net).

### Meals on Wheels

Help out local area residents who cannot easily get out of their homes. Become a Meals on Wheels driver. Routes take anywhere from an hour to an hour-and-a-half depending on the day. You need not commit to a weekly schedule. Call Jane Gage at 802-482-6096 for more information.

### Town Committees

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

- 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](http://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](mailto:kfrazier@hinesburg.org).

### The Hinesburg Record

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

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