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Hinesburg **Celebration Info**

Theme: A Sporty 4th

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

Thursday, July 4 - Parade lineup at the bottom of Buck Hill Road West begins at 10 a.m. Participants should register at 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 post office. Various activities will be planned post parade – check 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.

Tom Giroux is the 2024 Grand Marshall for Hinesburg's July 4th Parade

BY DAWN FRANCIS

You know the guy. He is at every concert, sporting event, play and pub with live mu-

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FROM PRESS RELEASE

rafty windows? High heating bills? Would you like to have a warmer home and save money? WindowDressers can help. Our high-quality, low-cost insulating window inserts fit inside of your existing windows to let in all the sunlight and views while keeping more heat inside your home. Each insert installed saves an estimated 8.5 gallons of heating fuel per year and installing them is a concrete way to do your part to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Join your neighbors in Hinesburg, Charlotte and Shelburne at a continued on page 12



A neighbor in action.

Memorial Day Service Well-Attended

BY PEGGY CIOFFI

he Memorial Day Community Service held on May 27 was very well attended.

Approximately eighty people gathered at the Veterans' Monuments to honor men and women living and dead and to show gratitude for the dedication of members of the police force, fire department and first response unit.

Boy and Girl Scouts Troop 692 opened the ceremony with the pre-

sentation of the colors and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Formerly Troop 690, the Hinesburg Scouts joined with Williston Scouts and is now Troop 692. All present joined in singing The Star Spangled Banner, accompanied on guitars by Michelle Keller, John Penoyar and Joe Cribari. A red, white, and blue wreath was front and center to honor the service men and women of the various wars.

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Boy and Girl Scout Troop 692, under the direction of Scoutmaster Norman Smith (third from left), stand with the colors in front of the two monuments.

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With sincere appreciation,

-Kathleen Rivard and Jill Oiala HCS Partnership in Education Co-Chairs

TOWN NEWS

Cemetery Needs Your Help Again This Year

BY HINESBURG CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

On August 17 we will be having our 2nd annual volunteer cleaning and restoration of monuments at the Village Cemetery. We will be aided by the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) and will be doing work in one of the older sections of the Village Cemetery on Mechanicsville Road from 8 a.m. to noon. Save the date.

Using expertise from the VOCA members, and help from community volunteers like you, our goal is to repair broken stones, fix those that have fallen or are leaning, and scraping and brushing lichen, moss and mildew that has accumulated over the last 150 years.

Everyone who participated last year thought it was a worthwhile cause, learned a lot, felt a sense of pride in the amount of work we accomplished and were pleased by the turnout of so many fellow residents

We need volunteers who can help with digging, using pry bars, some lifting and others who want to help with cleaning the stones. It's an opportunity to learn how to fix and clean stones for your own use and to gain experience for future workdays in our cemeteries.

Bring your shovels, pry bars, bar clamps, water spray bottles and soft bristled brushes.

As an example of what 30 minutes of cleaning can do, drive into the Village Cemetery, go straight up off the main road, look at the first two tall stones on your left; one was cleaned, one was not.

We would appreciate your support. If you can help us or know of an organization willing to do some community service, please pass the information along. Any help would be



Tom Giroux and Dianne Leary straightening stones



Frankie and Dominick Donegan pose with the stone they cleaned.

tremendous in our effort of beautifying the cemetery to honor those who have gone before us.

What's the Town of **Hinesburg Doing** to Help the **Housing Crisis?**

BY THE HINESBURG AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

This is part of a series of articles by the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee (HAHC) looking at the causes of and solutions for the current (lack of) housing crisis. By now we've all heard the horror stories concerning housing: high prices with brutal bidding wars



seeing offers for many thousands more than asking price. Very few rental options at skyrocketing rates, out of reach to many renters. What can be done to help? The 2023 Hinesburg Housing Needs Assessment contained several recommendations to aid in meeting Hinesburg's housing goals.

Recommendation #5 – Revise permitting fees to reduce unnecessary development costs.

It's no surprise that developers pass along any and all associated costs of building to the final purchaser/renter. Recently Hinesburg's costs to hook up to water and wastewater systems in the village area were the highest of surrounding towns. Last year the town took a hard look at these fees and reduced them significantly. Previously a new 3-bedroom home would have cost a tad over \$21,000 in application, allocation and holding fees to connect to both water and wastewater. Now that same unit results in fees of \$11,460, a 45 percent reduction. The HAHC will want to work with town staff to ensure that the savings in fees is passed on to the homeowner or renter.

Currently Hinesburg imposes two impact fees on any new building: one for fire protection and one for police coverage. An average size new 3-bedroom home would incur approximately \$1,800 in impact fees State law allows the selectboard to waive all or part of impact fees for affordable housing projects. We feel this is something to consider for future affordable projects. As a side note, it's interesting to note that Hinesburg's impact fees are significantly less than other towns that also have impact fees for schools. For example, in Williston, with recreation, school and transportation fees, that same new 3-bedroom home would have \$7.979 in impact fees.

Recommendation #6 – Make the permitting process shorter and more predictable.

The Town applied for and received the State Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) designation. This designation covers the village growth area, extends north on 116 to include Haystack and NRG projects and north on Mechanicsville Road to include the Laster project. Because of this designation, qualified mixed income housing projects that receive extensive local review are exempt from Act 250 review, a large cost and time savings for developers and ultimately homeowners/renters. According to Town Planner Alex Weinhagen, "The Zoning Modernization proposal will also help streamline our zoning regulations and ensure more options for housing - both new and infill development.

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Hinesburg Food Shelf hours are:

Tuesday nights 5:30 - 7:30 Friday mornings 10:00 - 12:00

Recommendation #7 – The Town should conduct a review of the density bonuses offered in its zoning regulations to determine which have been successfully used.

Both nonprofit and for-profit developers have commented that the most surefire way to increase units and therefore lower costs is to build more housing on less land. The current Zoning Modernization proposal would do away with the many previous density bonuses in favor of two; one for affordable housing and one for smaller size housing. If a developer proposes to include affordable housing or smaller size units, they would receive a corresponding increase in the number of units allowed within the constraints of the Zoning/ Subdivision Regulations.

What impact will these changes have on housing in Hinesburg? Will you be able to buy a new home for \$150,000 like the good old days? Sorry folks, those days seem to be gone. However, we should all embrace anything possible to increase the number of homes built at lower cost. These changes will support those efforts. Young couples or families just starting out facing purchasing a home well north of \$500,000 or rents in excess of \$2,500 a month is an unsustainable situation.

For more details, refer to the Hinesburg Housing Needs Assessment, which is available on the HAHC page on the Town website at Hinesburg.org.

Selectboard **Highlights**

BY MERRILY LOVELL, SELECTBOARD CHAIRPERSON

June 5

Bike and Pedestrian Path Grant Application – The selectboard was in unanimous support of applying for the 2024 VTrans Small Scale Bicycle and Pedestrian grant.

This grant, which requires a 50 percent local match, will be used to pay for safety improvements to the existing Route 116 crosswalk in front of the Hinesburg Community School. These would include a rectangular rapid flashing beacon to increase driver awareness, and curbing improvements adjacent to the crosswalk on the north side.

Don Weston Excavating appeal -The selectboard heard an appeal from Don Weston Excavating concerning final quantities and payment for the village south sidewalk project.

The selectboard approved documents concerning the WWTF continued on page 4

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OTHER INFORMATION

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center: 51 Ballards Corner Road, Shannon Wheeler, Executive Director, wheeler@hinesburgresource. org, 802-482-4946. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for Friends of Families, and she can be reached at the same number or at **koncewicz**@ hinesburgresource.org. Hinesburg Food Shelf hours are Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

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

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

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

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

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Project Loan agreement and related documents for a loan of \$9,348,000 for a term of 30 years with 0 percent interest and administrative fees

The selectboard approved refunding Black Radish Catering for their payment for a permit which was not needed.

The selectboard appointed Alex Weinhagen to another two-year term on the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Planning Advisory Committee.

Town Manager Report – The

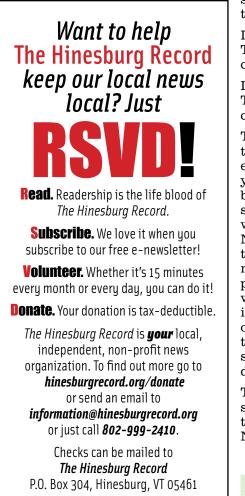
Town was awarded the grant for a scoping study for the box culvert for Patrick Brook and an inventory of other culverts in town and signs needing replacement

Applications for the job of full-time Fire Chief are open until June 17.

Selectboard Retreat Highlights, June 6

Selectboard members, along with Assistant Town Manager Jov Dubin Grossnan and Town Manager Todd Odit, held a retreat from 3-5:15 p.m. at The Birch and Berry

Jennifer Decker offered her thoughts about climate change and general emergency management at



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the beginning of the meeting, and then left.

The selectboard looked at the Future Actions from The Public Safety Strategic Plan and discussed the following items: community conversation and reconciliation, supporting public safety personnel living in Hinesburg, joint fire and police public safety clerk, public safety dashboard, emergency management position, animal control officer, expanding fire and EMS coverage with full-time staffing, regionalization of fire services, new fire station, regionalization of police coverage with Richmond, expanding police coverage to 20 hours a day, alternate police uniforms, community events for officers, policy review process and improved mental health response mode. Although many of these items are beyond the resources the Town can currently afford, some of them will be on future selectboard agendas to see what actions can be taken

The selectboard then discussed local option taxes, which are optional taxes the voters could approve in Hinesburg. Local option tax (LOT) is a way for municipalities in Vermont to raise additional revenue. A municipality may vote to levy the following 1 percent local option taxes in addition to state business taxes.

Local Option Sales Tax: 6 percent sales tax + 1 percent = 7 percent total tax.

Local Option Meals and Rooms Tax: 9 percent meals tax + 1 percent = 10 percent total tax.

Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Tax: 10 percent alcohol tax + 1 percent = 11 percent total tax.

The Town Manager has estimated that the adoption of all three taxes could raise at least \$175,000 a year and possibly more. All selectboard members believed that the selectboard should pursue a townwide vote on local option taxes in November 2024. The selectboard then discussed how the revenue might be used if the taxes were approved. The three ideas mentioned were reducing the wastewater facility loan payment, revenue for the operating budget and revenue for the capital budget. General consensus was on using the revenue to reduce the property tax.

The selectboard plans to hold several educational meetings on the Local Option Tax before the November vote.

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LEGISLATIVE

Bill to Defend Public Libraries Against Book Bans Passes

BY NORAH WHITE

bill aimed at fighting book bans will require school libraries to prohibit removing books based on personal beliefs, content related to sexual health or the identity and political and religious views of authors or characters.

S.220, which Gov. Phil Scott signed on June 3, will also require all public libraries, when deciding what books live on their shelves, to adopt policies that align with the First Amendment and state and federal anti-discrimination protections.

In recent years, libraries across the country have come under fire for housing books that focus on gender, sexual and racial identity, especially those for children. There's been a nationwide rise in challenges to library books and in successful book bans since 2020.

The Department of Libraries will craft model policies, guidelines and best practices for libraries to use. The department will also ensure Vermont public libraries have collections that reflect the state's diverse people, history, and political beliefs, according to the bill.

Some libraries already have similar policies in place, like the South Burlington Public Library, but not all. Those libraries without policies will make sure they are in compliance, Jennifer Murray, the library's director, said in an interview.

"I think that is a very useful thing to have," she said. "It helps us to drive our purchasing and to respond to the public when they are interested in removing a book."

Another section of the bill proposes that library card holders above 12 years old will have confidential library records, meaning teenagers' parents will not be able to see what books they've checked out.

Right now, if a parent of a child under the age of 16 asks library staff about the books the child has checked out, the library is required to provide that information.

The intent is that young readers who are exploring different aspects of their bodies and their sexualities will have an opportunity to do so without a librarian reporting back to their parents upon request, Murray said.

"It gives them that freedom to read

in libraries across the country," Murray said.

The bill will take effect July 1.

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VT Secretary of State Announces Candidates for 2024 Primary Election

FROM PRESS RELEASE

ermont Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas has announced the statewide and Federal candidates for the upcoming Primary Election in August.

"The May 30 candidate filing deadline is another milestone in Vermont's very busy 2024 electoral calendar," said Secretary Copeland Hanzas. "It's inspiring to have all these folks step up to serve, and my office gets a front-row seat as candidates come to file their petitions and paperwork.'

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024. Voters will choose which candidates will represent their party in the November General Election. The following offices are up for election:

U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, all 30 State Senate Seats. all 150 State Representative seats. and High Bailiffs.

Independent candidates have until Aug. 8 to file for the November general election ballot. Statewide and Federal candidates that have qualified to run in the Primary Election are as follows:

U.S. Senator

Bernie Sanders, D-Burlington

Gerald Malloy, R-Weathersfield

U.S. Representative

Becca Balint, D-Brattleboro

Mark Coester. R-Westminster Governor

Esther Charlestin, D-Middlebury

Peter K. Duval, D-Underhill

Marielle Blais, P-Brandon

Phil Scott, R-Berlin

Lieutenant Governor

David Zuckerman, D-Hinesburg

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Secretary Copeland Hanzas reminded voters of one key difference between the August Primary and the March Presidential Primary: This summer, voters will be given all three major party ballots - Republican, Democrat, and Progressive – and will choose which party primary to vote in. Voters must return the other two, unmarked ballots, and the voted ballot will be recorded.

"With the busyness of summer, the clerks and poll workers. August Primary will come quickly. It's good to start thinking about Voters may request absentee balyour voting plan," said Copeland lots through the My Voter Page at Hanzas. "Is your voter registration mvp.vermont.gov or by contacting up to date? Do you plan to vote in their town or city clerk. person or request an absentee ballot? Where is your polling place?





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H. Brooke Paige, R-Washington

Voters can check on all these items and more at their My Voter Page - **mvp.vermont.gov** - or check in with their town or city clerks."

Copeland Hanzas also praised the hard work of all the Vermonters who help prepare for and run elections in the state. "Vermont's town and city clerks do an amazing job administering elections and are a critical local resource for all voters as the Primary Election approaches," said Copeland Hanzas. "Clerks and their staff, along with local Boards of Civil Authority and all the volunteer poll workers and others that support local elections, make Vermont's elections the envy of states across the country."

Secretary Copeland Hanzas also discussed the newly enacted statewide law that prohibits firearms in polling locations. "Firearms are not allowed in other sensitive areas in our civic life. Our office supports extending that prohibition to polling locations," said Copeland Hanzas. "Ultimately, we all play an important role to make sure that our elections run smoothly and securely. This is a big election year, and it's crucial that every eligible Vermonter can make their voice heard."

As part of their work to support clerks and local election officials, the secretary noted that her office will be producing educational materials and posters before the Primary Election, including a poster related to the prohibition against firearms in polling places. In addition, they will provide de-escalation and security training for

POLICE

May 7: 7:01 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency at CVU.

7:12 p.m. An officer investigated a motor vehicle complaint at Kelley's Field.

May 8: 7:51 a.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Majestic Lane. Mary Wildasin, 55, of Hinesburg was cited for domestic assault.

5:18 p.m. A fraud, reported on Hollow Road, was investigated.

May 9: 8:44 a.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Route 116 was investigated.

12:07 p.m. A loose dog was located on Hillview Terrace and later returned to its owner.

1:27 p.m. Suspicious activity on Mechanicsville Road was nvestigated.

3:00 p.m. Two individuals were assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.



4:35 p.m. Suspicious activity on North Road was investigated.

May 10: 7:00 a.m. An officer investigated a noise complaint on Hollow Road

2:14 p.m. A citizen on Commerce continued on page 6



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Street was assisted with a lockout.

4:05 p.m. A citizen on Ballard's Corner Road was assisted with a lockout

9:05 p.m. An officer responded to Main Road in Huntington to assist state police with a shooting investigation.

May 11: 11:30 a.m. A loose dog was located on Route 116 and later returned to its owner.

11:36 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Pond Road.

3:13 p.m. Officers responded to Hillview Terrace for the report of suspicious activity. Joseph Robar, 37, of Hinesburg was cited for disorderly conduct.

May 12: 2:25 p.m. An officer responded to Pond Brook Road for the report of an abandoned vehicle.

May 13: 7:13 a.m. An officer assisted another agency with delivering a death notification.

8:24 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a civil issue

10.42 a m A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

1:30 p.m. An officer investigated suspicious circumstances reported on Route 116.

3:35 p.m. An animal complaint on Hayden Hill Road was investigated

4:30 p.m. Two loose dogs were located on North Road and were later returned to their owner.

4:54 p.m. An officer responded to CVU Road for the report of a male in the roadway causing a traffic hazard and having a mental health crisis

May 14: 3:48 p.m. An officer responded to a juvenile issue on Hillview Terrace.

5:10 p.m. Suspicious circumstances on Route 116 were investigated.

9:28 p.m. An officer responded to the report of suspicious activity on North Road.

May 15: 3:24 p.m. A late reported crash at Ballard's Corner Road was investigated

8:34 p.m. An officer assisted another agency with an investigation on Pond Road.

May 16: 3:33 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

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

May 17: 7 a.m. An officer investigated a burglary on Commerce Street.

May 18: 3:30 p.m. Two loose dogs were turned into the P.D. The owners were later located.

3:48 p.m. An officer responded to an alarm activation on Beecher Hill Road

May 19: 10:57 a.m. Suspicious ac-

tivity on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

4:32 p.m. Suspicious activity on Burritt Road was investigated.

May 20: 5:34 p.m. An alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

7:02 p.m. Officers responded to a single vehicle crash on Pond Road.

8:23 p.m. Suspicious activity on Birchwood Drive was investigated.

May 21: 7 a.m. Suspicious activity on North Road was investigated.

11:09 a.m. An animal problem on Boutin Road was reported and investigated.

5:36 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a VIN verification.

May 22: 12:20 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Route 116 was reported and investigated.

May 23: 12:43 p.m. An officer investigated the report of damage to property on North Road.

12:45 p.m. An officer investigated the report of damage to property on CVU Road.

3:10 p.m. Two citizens were assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

5:58 p.m. A report of illegal burning on North Road was investigated.

May 24: 11:30 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout on Route 116.

6:23 p.m. An officer assisted state police with a traffic stop on Route 116.

May 27: 4:22 p.m. An officer investigated the report of property damage on Ledgewood Lane.

May 28: 8:45 a.m. An officer investigated the report of an abandoned vehicle on Commerce Street.

8:46 a.m. A loose dog was turned in to the P.D. The owner was later located.

10:28 a.m. A theft of property on Abani Drive was reported and investigated.

May 29: 8:46 a.m. Officers responded to the report of suspicious activity on Baldwin Road.

12:14 p.m. Suspicious circumstances on Route 116 were investigated.

3:59 p.m. Suspicious circumstances on Commerce Street were investigated.

6:48 p.m. An officer responded to a single car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

May 30: 9:41 a.m. An officer responded to an alarm activation on Mechanicsville Road.

3:30 p.m. Four individuals were assisted with fingerprinting for employment purposes.

4:45 p.m. An officer investigated a late reported motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

8:38 p.m. Suspicious activity on Baldwin Road was investigated.

9:50 p.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

9:51 p.m. A noise complaint on Tyler Bridge Road was investigated.

May 31: 7:27 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

10:30 p.m. Suspicious activity on North Road was investigated.

10:40 p.m. A noise complaint on North Road was investigated.

June 1: 12:18 p.m. An officer responded to an alarm activation at CVU.

4:30 p.m. An officer investigated a parking issue on Jourdan Street.

June 2: 3:56 p.m. A loose dog was reported on North Road and later returned to the owner.

June 3: 2:32 p.m. An alarm activation on Leavensworth Road was investigated.

June 4: 7 a.m. A citizen dispute on Farmall Drive was reported and investigated.

11:18 a.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on North Road.

2:54 p.m. An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash at CVU.

5:42 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Lyman Meadows was investigated.

6:10 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Texas Hill Road.

10:17 p.m. An officer responded into Shelburne to assist with a suspicious individual on Shelburne Falls Road.

June 5: 8:53 a.m. Officers responded into St. George to assist other agencies with a pursuit.

9:20 a.m. A welfare check was conducted on Southwest Shore Road. Lyn Donaghy, 59, of Hinesburg was located and pronounced dead of suspected natural causes

10:38 a.m. An individual was trespassed from a business on Ballard's Corner Road.

4:42 p.m. An officer assisted first responders with a medical emergency on Hawk Lane.

4:50 p.m. A fraud was reported and investigated.

6:11 p.m. A late reported motor vehicle crash was reported and investigated.

June 6: 11:15 a.m. A traffic stop on Anthony Road was conducted. The operator, Tegan Ross, 22, of Hinesburg was arrested on multiple warrants and charged with providing false information to a law enforcement officer.

1:53 p.m. Officers investigated the report of shoplifting from a business on Commerce Street.

7:53 p.m. Suspicious activity on Commerce Street was investigated.

June 7: 11:19 a.m. An officer assisted with a disabled vehicle on Shelburne Falls Road.

4:05 p.m. Found property was turned into the P.D. and later returned to the owner.

7:06 p.m. Suspicious circumstances on Ballard's Corner Road were investigated.

7:52 p.m. The report of erratic operation on Ballard's Corner Road was reported and investigated.

June 8: 8:55 a.m. An individual was trespassed from a business on Ballard's Corner Road.

10:53 a.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for a motor vehicle vs. bear

June 9: 1:35 p.m. An alarm activation on Silver Street was investigated.

3:15 p.m. A juvenile issue was reported and investigated.

June 10: 11:45 a.m. Suspicious activity on Route 116 was investigated.

5:44 p.m. An officer responded to an animal problem on Richmond Road

8:17 p.m. Officers assisted a trooper with an investigation on Richmond Road.



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Financial Focus: What to Know **Before "Reversing" Your Retirement**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Social Security will only count your earnings up to the month be-If you've retired, you may have fore you reach your full retirement thought you closed the book on one age, at which point your earnings chapter of your life. But what hapwill no longer reduce your benefits, pens if you need to "reverse" your regardless of how much you earn. retirement? Also, Social Security will recalcu-Due to higher inflation and rising late your benefit amounts to credit interest rates, many retirees are you for the months your payments taking out more money from their were reduced due to your excess retirement accounts than they had earnings. Social Security also aloriginally anticipated. As a result, lows you to pay back early benefits some are headed back to the workreceived if you withdraw your apforce. If you're thinking of joinplication within 12 months of starting them, you'll need to consider ing benefits. This move could help some factors that may affect your you receive substantially higher finances. benefits at full retirement age.

First, if you've been taking Social Security, be aware that you could lose some of your benefits if you earn over a certain level, at least until you reach your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. Specifically, if you are under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will





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deduct \$1 from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which, in 2024, is \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above a different limit. which, in 2024, is \$59,520.

Your Social Security isn't the only benefit that could be affected by your earnings. Your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums are based on your income, so they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, your extra income could push you into a higher tax bracket.

Nonetheless, you can certainly gain going back to

some benefits by returning to the working world. Obviously, you'll be making money that can help you boost your daily cash flow and possibly reduce some debts. But depending on where you work, you might also be able to contribute to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And regardless of where you work, you'll be eligible to contribute to an IRA. By putting more money into these accounts, you may well be able to strengthen your financial position during your retirement years. You might also be able to receive some employee benefits, such as group health insurance – which could be particularly valuable if you haven't yet started receiving Medicare.

In addition to the potential financial advantages of going back to work, you might get some social benefits, too. Many people enjoy the interactions with fellow work-

ers and miss these exchanges when they retire, so a return to the workforce, even if it's on a part-time basis, may give you an emotional boost.

In the final analysis, you'll want to weigh the potential costs of

work against the possible benefits. There's no one right answer for everyone, but by looking at all the variables, you should be able to reach a decision that works for you.

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Library News

njoy your summer to the fullest with the help of the library. Did you know you can borrow a pickleball set or a spotting scope from our Library of Things? We also have park and museum passes galore – receive free or reduced admission when you use these passes to visit state parks, historic monuments, the Fairbanks Museum, Shelburne Museum, ECHO, the Wild Center and more. We have a full list of offerings on our website and at the circulation desk.

And it sure wouldn't be summer without a good book to read. We have plenty of those, too. New titles arriving this summer include *The* God of the Woods by Liz Moore, Hard to Kill by James Patterson, The Summer Pact by Emily Giffin,

What Have You Done? by Shari Lapena, By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult, and *Brothersong* by T.J. Klune. Place holds on these titles through your online library account or by contacting the library.

July and August Youth Happenings at Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Weekly Storytime: Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 and Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Join the fun and learning with picture books, songs, movement, and rhymes that are designed to promote early language, fine motor, and pre-literacy skills in a friendly environment. Each week we will finish up Storytime with snacks, coffee for the adults, a simple craft or sensory activity, and book 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**

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Our summer pick-up option at Millie's Field is back again. Open to ages 12 years and up. There is no charge, but please register for this program. June 20-Aug. 22. Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Bissonette Rec. Area – Millie's Field. Please register at hinesburgrec.com.

Kevin Browne's Fall Driver Ed

Virtual classes and in-person driving. Sept. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30, Oct. 5–6. Class time: 6–7:30 p.m. Cost: \$850.

Other information: Students must have a learner's permit before signing up. Students should enroll in the course where they are available to drive. Students are expected to have cameras on during class. Driving is done on weekends 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 hines**burgrec.com;** checks are payable to Kevin Browne and due to HRD, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg

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

activities such as crafts, scavenger hunts, contests, and fun ways to track summer reading and listening. Stop by and check it all out.

Also, throughout the month of July, we continue to offer free, fun, and engaging Summer Reading Club events at the library. Registration is required, and you can read full descriptions of the events and sign up online through our website carpentercarse.org. These events are designed for kids in preschool-grade 4 and some events are drop-off for kids ages 5 and up (with a signed waiver).

July 10, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Castle Cupcakes and Quest for the Dragon's Egg.

July 17, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Bat Adventure! Wildlife Imaging with Brogan Morton.

July 25, 3 p.m. Family Concert with Busy Morning Duo.

July 31, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Puppet Theater Workshop with Peg Jarvis.

CCL Adult Programs July and August 2024

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

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

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

Senior Meet-Up: 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 and Me: Fridays, 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.

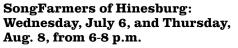
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Mystery Book Club: Wednesday, July 10, and Wednesday, Aug. 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Hinesburg Garden Tour: Sunday, July 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

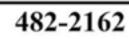
The Hinesburg Garden Tour returns for its third year. Organized by the Friends of the Carpenter-Carse Library (FCCL), the tour features six stunning gardens in Hinesburg, including three in the village center. Each garden offers a unique experience, sure to delight and inspire both gardeners and non-gardeners. Tickets are on sale at CCL and Red Wagon Plants for \$20 per person. This popular event sells out quickly, so don't wait to purchase your tickets. Proceeds benefit the Carpenter–Carse Library. Interested in volunteering? FCCL is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help on the day of the event. For more information, contact Anne Donegan at ardonegan@ gmail.com

Breath and Silence with Kim Marie: Wednesday, July 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kim Marie Glynn will provide a space to uncover the scientifically proven benefits and powers of silence in our lives. Together we will cultivate ways to create more silence within the noise of everyday life to breathe deeper into the peace that is present.

Kim Marie has been immersed in the powers of silence for many years. She is a meditation leader, who also works with the breath and knows the therapeutic value of the natural world to balance us in this noisy world

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Eclectic Book Group: Thursdays, July 11 and 25, and Aug. 8 and 22, 11 a.m.-noon.

read aloud for three minutes or not, talk about your reading life, share a reading topic you pursue, or just stop in. All are welcome. Meeting the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Summer Trivia Night: Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5:30-7 p.m.

Summer-themed questions, music, free pizza, and a prize for the winning team. Limited enrollment, please register.

Being a Friend in Grief: An Informative Workshop for Times of Hardship: Thursday, Aug. 15, from 6-8 p.m.

And it can be overwhelming. How can we show up for people enduring loss? What can we say? What can we do? What kind of support is actually beneficial? Join local doula/author Francesca Arnoldy for an interactive workshop on Aug. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Carpenter-Carse Library in Hinesburg. We'll discuss the language of grief, including what to say and phrases to avoid, and how to offer emotional care and practical assistance to the bereaved with sensitivity, no matter the type of loss. Space is limited, so please register.

This is not a mental health training or grief support group – it is a community education event meant to help increase our courage, confidence, and connections as friends, loved ones, and neighbors.



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Grief is universal. Grief is personal.

COMMENTARY

A Dark Horse

BY ROGER DONEGAN

favorite memento of mine of the John F. Kennedy (JFK) **C**presidency is a postcard portrait of a tan JFK at the helm of his sailing yacht Manitou off Cape Cod in summer. In the photo he is sitting sideways in the port stern squeezed between a brassy binnacle in front and dark stained wood rail behind him. The bright sunshine on his face as he stares ahead makes him squint. He has one hand casually on the wheel while wearing a blue short-sleeve shirt and white trousers. The Manitou was designed for yacht racing on the Great Lakes.

This image of JFK pops in mind since seeing pictures of his nephew, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., run as an independent dark horse candidate for president, appear in everydav media.

I was taken aback first.

Where did this dynastic Kennedyesque looking dude come from? I didn't recognize him as the one and same co-author photographed as a young man on the book jacket of "The Riverkeepers" (1997) by John Cronin and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (RFK Jr.) with forward by Al Gore. RFK Jr. is an avid kayaker. His online bio indicates he resigned from the Riverkeeper Alliance in 2020; he was a leading opponent of the Covid-19 vaccine; and wrote two books about Covid and vaccines.

"The Riverkeepers" is a remarkable story about remarkable results turning the tables on corporate polluters by employing fundamental ideals and organizational skills at ground level. It began with the Hudson River Fisherman's Association (HRFA), sort of a blue-collar environmental force. The book describes the

role of one Fred Danback, first a union steward then a union president who was employed at the former Anaconda Wire and Cable Company. As a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, he is quoted saying about his on-the-job related challenges, "If Patton didn't get me killed, nobody could."

"The River Keeper" was Robert H. Boyle's conception, a board member of the HRFA. He wrote "The Hudson River: A Natural and Unnatural History" (1969), was a 42-year career writer for Sports *Illustrated* and a former member of the USMC. The HRFA merged with Riverkeepers in 1986.

One incident in particular described in the second chapter of "The Riverkeepers" shows just how dead-on 'Cap' Dutton from Franklin, Vermont, who careered in the merchant marine, aligned with citizens of Vermont and New York, were in opposing the proposed Lake Champlain Seaway, a deep water channel considered in the '60s that would have coursed through Lake Champlain, up the Richelieu to connect to the St. Lawrence River and Seaway. "See Remembering 'Cap' Dutton, a True Vermont Hero," Burlington Free Press, "My Turn," Warner Shedd,

July 18, 2004.

In short, an oil tanker would anchor in the Hudson 75 miles upriver then fill up with fresh water after rinsing out tanks to take to ports in the Caribbean. Waterborne in a small boat, in 1983 Robert Boyle and an NBC videographer came alongside and dialogued over short wave radio with a crew member aboard the tanker "Palm Beach" who blithely said it was discharging 14,000 tons of seawater (3.7 million gallons). Investigation of ship movements revealed a tanker would leave Lago oil refinery on the Island of Aruba near Venezuela with jet fuel, deliver fuel to locations on the U.S. Atlantic coast then proceed up the Hudson empty to take on fresh water. Upon return to Aruba the water went to the public water supply. Today Aruba depends heavily on energy intensive desalination for fresh water supply.

The Lake Champlain Seaway would have been a minor leg of the Saint Lawrence Seaway shaving a thousand miles off the NYC to Montreal maritime route. The canals, canal locks, the Saint Lawrence River, the Seaway, dams and hydro-electric generation projects form a multi-strand braided rope all tied together by water. It is easier to comprehend the Saint Lawrence Seaway in concept than picture it.

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an international trade route over rivers, tributary waters, man-made lakes. lesser lakes and the Great Lakes along a waterway stretching 2.343 miles with access to many mid-continent cities and ports along the way.

Electrical power-wise, only a smidgeon, less than 1 percent of a once larger long-term allocation, reaches Vermont municipal and cooperative electrical utilities today from the federally commissioned hydro-electric projects on the purposefully developed water route. This power is provided at cost via a transmission line crossing from upstate New York down through Vermont's Champlain Islands. Some may remember this high voltage transmission supply was installed over water on tall wood utility poles at Sandbar but disrupted in the spring of 1994 by an ice flow which sheared off a number of them. People realized that an even more picturesque view of Lake Champlain could be had without an aerial transmission line overhead along Route 2 at Sandbar and campaigned to have it rebuilt underwater, out of sight. In the spring of 1997 eleven sets of disused utility poles and the associated rock pile pylons were removed leaving the world class view and lake surface unblemished.

In a much different setting, a year later Senator Patrick Leahy slipped words into the 1998 federal appropriations bill, signed by President Clinton, that newly classified Lake Champlain a Great Lake. See "Why Isn't Lake Champlain 'Great'?" Mike Winslow, "Essay in the Public Square," Oct. 2, 2018. Following the political uproar "the offending phrase calling Lake Champlain a Great Lake was struck, but Vermont's eligibility for a Sea Grant Office remained. Lake Champlain lost its status but retained funding." Mike Winslow is the author of "Lake Champlain: A Natural History" (2008).

An early informational pamphlet on the St. Lawrence Seaway explains "historically, it is not a new route, but an extension (and expansion) of operations begun centuries ago.³ Indians called the St. Lawrence "river without end." The British are credited with building the first locks upriver from Montreal. Following the Erie Canal, William Hamilton Merritt built a competing Canadian canal bypassing Niagara Falls in 1829. While the majestic Falls always gets attention, the Welland Canal crossed the Niagara peninsula of Canada with eight locks (1913-1932) and is considered the first section of the St. Lawrence Seaway to be built

"Going through" means a ship navigates the full distance of the Seaway after rounding the Gaspe' Colossal facilities are way points on peninsula from the Atlantic to Lake Ontario, the Thousand Islands section of the St. Lawrence, Lake Erie, the Detroit River, to Lake Huron, then to Lake Michigan via the Mackinaw Straits or through the Soo Locks to Lake Superior. By this point a ship is raised 600 feet above sea level. Anyone new to the conventional names of the principal places on the Seaway in two languages might think they are seeing double. The Soo Locks on the St. Mary's River is the one and the same as the Sault Locks at Sault Ste. Marie. Charles T. Harvey, an engineer and traveling representative for the Vermont based Fairbanks Scale Company, responded to Congressional enticement and built the first canal allowing passage around the Saint Mary's Falls between Lake Superior and Lake Huron which opened in 1855

The Ghost **Quartet:** Part I

BY BILL SCHUBART

f we zoom out and look with cvnicism at the health care crisis in America, we see a remarkably effective business plan: Grow the burgeoning health care business even larger from its current \$4.5 trillion per year in spending, and do so using two other lucrative industries - the chemical/industrial/agriculture partnership and the ultra-processed food industry.

By design or by default, these four - the "ghost quartet" - are an extraordinarily profitable business model. They make money making you sick and even more money trying to cure you.

Starting with the chemical/agricultural complex: the Great Lakes, the largest source of fresh water in America and the source of much of America's drinking water, is now toxified with PFAS - the "forever chemical." Unlike some toxins. these chemicals endure in nature; 99 percent of humans, including fetuses, have measurable levels of PFAS in their bloodstreams, as do most animals. The presence of PFAS in our bodies is linked to altered immune and thyroid function, liver disease, lipid and insulin deregulation, kidney disease, adverse reproductive and developmental outcomes, cancers and low birth weight in newborns.

By the 1970s, half a century ago, scientists at 3M knew that PFAS were appearing in human blood samples and that the chemicals were toxic. Virtually everyone now has at least one PFAS compound in their blood, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to an envi-

ronmental chemist from Harvard University, given their presence in everyone, the chemicals are "reducing public health on an incredibly large scale."

Other chemicals used in agriculture can also pose a danger.

From a review published in the International Journal of Molecular Sciences: "Glyphosate, a non-selective systemic biocide with broad-spectrum activity, is the most widely used herbicide in the world. It can persist in the environment for days or months, and its intensive and large-scale use can constitute a major environmental and health problem." It's marketed worldwide by Monsanto as "Roundup."

The International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans." In the U.S., the Environmental Protection Agency decided it's "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans.

But the scientific review I cited previously states, "... it is unequivocal that exposure to glyphosate produces important alterations in the structure and function of the nervous system of humans, rodents, fish, and invertebrates.'

The insecticide chlorpyrifos is so dangerous it was banned for household use more than a decade ago. But a ban on crop use was overturned late last year, and this toxic insecticide may be used on thousands of acres of crops during the 2024 growing season despite having been linked to neurological damage and developmental problems in young people.

Dicamba, a brand of weed killer used in industrial agriculture, has been reported by farmers to have damaged millions of acres of crops, endangered species and natural areas. It was banned for a few months in 2020 but the Trump administration reversed the ban and it's being applied again.

And just this May, Gov. Phil Scott vetoed House bill 706, which would have banned the use of seeds treated with neonicotinoid pesticides in most instances. Although the most deleterious effect of "neonics" is on pollinators, on which we depend for regenerative agriculture, they may also have a deleterious effect on humans. The science is new but there are potential effects on human brain and nervous systems, especially in the young.

On another front, microplastics have now been found in blood clots in the heart, brain and legs.

So one practice of the ghost quartet is to poison our soils, waterways, and air to make us sick.

Number two is to market us ultra-processed foods.

These are foods that contain ingredients "never or rarely used in kitchens, or classes of additives whose function is to make the final product palatable or more appealing," according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

One nationally known example: Kraft Heinz Foods is marketing "Lunchables" to our school systems in place of traditional school cafeteria meals. They've been found to contain deleterious levels of lead and sodium and phthalates in their trays which can disrupt hormones in growing kids.

According to National Geographic, consuming ultra-processed foods that are typically high in salt, sugar and fat - and cheap and accessible – may boost the risk of heart disease, diabetes, anxiety, depression and cognitive decline.

According to MedPage Today, a study showed that higher intake of ultra-processed foods upped the incidence of cognitive impairment or stroke. It also is believed to be one of the causes of early onset puberty in our children.

These reports are just the tip of the iceberg. Medical literature is rife with stories of the cognitive and physical damage caused by ultra-processed foods and the benefits of eating foods consistent with those found in nature, akin to the Mediterranean diet.

These industries spend a combined \$250 million lobbying Congress to forestall regulation that might protect their customers from toxic agents. (Chemical: \$65 million / industrial food industry: \$28 million / agribusiness: \$170 million)

Now that you're sick, let's look at the two world-class businesses we rely on to cure you: our cutting-edge pharmaceutical industry and the burgeoning and lucrative business of health care. To give you a sense of their market power, pharma's share of U.S. GDP is 3.2 percent, at \$625 billion, just \$200 billion below our U.S. defense budget. But health care spending is 17.3 percent of GDP – \$4.5 trillion in all, or \$13,493 per person, almost five times the defense budget.

Granted, from the consumer standpoint, there's a fault in this business model in that much of the damage caused in the customer base isn't yet curable. Science still has a lot to learn about recovery from many of the illnesses caused and some of you die prematurely, reducing the customer base. Setting that aside, the business model works.

Let me spare you further sarcasm and clarify my point if I have been too abstruse:

As a society, we must decide whether we are about the expansive accretion and concentration of wealth and power for the few. Or whether we're about the common good of our citizens, our communities and, perhaps most important, our children who will inherit the ills of our venality.

As a friend, Will Patten, has written in a forthcoming book, the concentration of power that has cycled up and down throughout U.S. history is not about the intrinsic evil of capitalism. Capitalism is simply an economic tool to either enrich us all or just the few. That depends on whether we're willing to regulate our capitalist system and tax it appropriately.

In The Age of Enlightenment, starting in the late 17th century, capitalism became the way out of poverty and dependence for peasants who were otherwise in thrall to the king who owned everything, and the church which controlled all knowledge. Capitalism gave succeeding generations the opportunity to earn income by adding value through manual labor and making possible independent businesses. This ultimately gave rise to a middle class and also a series of bloody revolutions against oligarchy.

Our failure today to slow the ascent of monopolies through regulation and to tax business appropriately is creating a new era of economic aggression that may well make our children and grandchildren a new generation of peasants.

Substance Use: **A** Changed Perspective

Part 2 of 2

BY ANNE C. SULLIVAN

This is the second half of a commentary by Hinesburg resident Anne C. Sullivan. The first half can be read on p. 10 of the May 30 issue, available at hinesburgrecord. org/about/past-issues.

In Massachusetts, I visited a residential treatment center for mothers, in recovery from illegal substance use, and their babies. I saw mothers individually with their babies and in a group. Some mothers slept during the group. Some

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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 guardian ad litem (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 Department of Children and Families (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

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for all new mothers and how much support they need. I wondered how due to a relapse, meaning they much support she'd been able to find for herself. Clearly not enough.

Many months later the mother was accepted at a residential treatment center. The court allowed the baby to live there with her after the transition. By now the baby was a toddler, walking, using words and eating table food. During his transition to living with his mother, I watched as the foster parents handed the boy over to his mother. He'd cry but over time he became familiar with the routine. In the center playroom I could see his mother beginning to play and talk with him more often. She also began to talk with me when we'd go outside for a walk. She was alert and focused. I remember the day she told me she didn't want to lose her son ever again.

Her words brought to mind an incident from a few years back, when I witnessed the trauma of a mother-child separation. One day in Massachusetts I had an Early Intervention appointment with a very young mother and her infant at the residential treatment center, when two DCF social workers entered the room. One social worker took the baby out of the mother's arms while the other explained why they were taking him. Then they left with the baby. The mother was distraught and crying. Other mothers there were watching. The

staff said the child's removal was found illegal substances in the mother's room, and they are required to report this to DCF to protect the baby. The baby was eventually returned.

Now my GAL reports to DCF and the baby's attorney described the baby's positive development I'd observed during monthly visits. His mother now talked to him, kept her eyes on him and moved around with him in the playroom. She even apologized to me for the "very rocky start" she thought we'd had in our initial meetings.

The mother attended court hearings and conferences all held via Zoom over the past two years, answered questions from the family court judge, and listened to reports about herself by several attorneys, the family support worker, and mine about the baby. She remained at the treatment center for almost a year with her baby. She completed housing applications and searched for an apartment.

When I last visited the boy, now two years old, he was living with his mother in an apartment. He was talking, playing, sitting in her lap and she was alert and more talkative. She'd been discharged from residential treatment and found affordable housing with a voucher. I saw that the child was continued on page 12



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meeting all developmental milestones and thriving despite having been exposed to substances and dealing with many transitions.

Shortly after that visit, a status conference was held in court via Zoom. I reported on the boy's great progress and said I didn't see any indications of trauma in his behaviors. Then, since the lawyers agreed there were no longer any safety concerns, the judge closed the case two months early. In court, everyone praised the mother for staying in recovery and congratulated her many times.

She deserves this. Mothers addicted to opioids, when giving birth in the hospital, are often treated as bad mothers and criminals. They are discharged from the hospital without their babies, who are taken away from them. There aren't enough treatment centers and support for them to stay together. Unfortunately, relapses are inevitable and not a sign of weakness

Since this legal case has now been closed by the Family Court, I will no longer have contact with the mother, who texted me after the hearing, "Thank you for everything the end of the war. you've done to help us."

Now, when I talk with neighbors or friends about illegal drug users, I think about the struggles they face. I better understand why a safe recovery and success are so hard to achieve

The writer, a child development specialist, was a play therapist and teacher in Massachusetts for 50 years, in schools, hospitals and agencies. In 2021 she received a Senior Heroes award from the Framingham Council on Aging and the Massachusetts House and Senate for her Environmental Justice volunteer work. She now lives in Hinesburg.

Memorial Day continued from page 1

Smith began and oversaw the ceremony. He gave a brief explanation of the origin and meaning of Memorial Day. He noted that we remember the men and women who have sacrificed their lives that we might live in freedom; and we also honor their families, who mourn their loss. He continued by saluting all those who have served in the military, the police and fire departments, and as first responders. He stated that we also remember all those who have sustained injury in mind or body in the course of their service.

Bouquets of Remembrance were then laid at the base of each of the monuments. David Eddy, son of WWII veteran Paul Eddy and nephew of World War II veteran Dwight Eddy, laid a bouquet at the World War I and World War II monument. Dwight Eddy received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a 1st lieutenant and wounded while guiding his men through a minefield (unknown to them) on the Maginot line at the French German border. He got his men safely out of the minefield and received the Bronze Star for gallantry, being promoted to Captain at

Raymond Bouchard laid a bouquet at the Korean and Vietnam Wars and Desert Storm Conflict monument. Ray is a retired Colonel of the U.S. Army. He served 35 years in the Vermont Army National Guard, including 15 months served in Afghanistan.

Scout Jackson Telstone did an excellent reading of "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae. This was followed by all joining in to sing America the Beautiful. The Rev. James Zuccaro of St. Jude's Church then offered a Memorial Day prayer

Scoutmaster Smith gave a short

WindowDressers continued from page 1

Community Build to complete inserts. Your local WindowDressers volunteer team is accepting orders now for the fall Community Build, which will be held at the Shelburne Town Hall Nov. 1-7. Once you sign up, trained volunteers will schedule a time to measure your windows for the custom-built inserts. Then you and other community volunteers will gather to build the inserts at the Community Build.

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history of the two monuments, citing 1950 as the year of installation of the WWI and WWII monument. He noted that The Korean and Vietnam wars and Desert Storm monument is twenty-one years old this year and was dedicated on July 4, 2003.

Scoutmaster Smith noted that Hinesburg remembers with gratitude our veterans living and dead from all wars fought during our country's history and that we salute all branches of our armed services that have protected us and kept us safe. He pointed out that June 6 is the 80th anniversary of D-Day: the allied invasion of Europe in 1944. A total of 4,414 allied troops were killed that day including 2,501 Americans. He concluded with a hope for peace and an end to all wars.

Daniel Silverman then played Taps, followed by the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. The service concluded with the Retiring of the Colors by the Scouts.

All veterans present at the service were acknowledged and asked to gather near a monument bench for a photo.

We would like to thank our community participants, Troop 692 Boy and Girl Scouts, our musicians and all who participated in the Memorial Day service. Also, a special thank you goes out to Norman Smith for leading the Memorial Dav service.

It is hoped that the Memorial Day commemoration will continue to be an annual event which goes all out to honor our veterans and community service organizations.



Members of the fire department and community gather for the May 27 Memorial Day service as Scout Troop 692 stands at attention in front of the monuments while leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



Twelve veterans were present for the Memorial Day service on May 27. Seated in the front row, left to right, are Landon Dennison, Bruce Dumelin, and Roger Donegan. In the second row, left to right, are an unidentified woman veteran, Mike Gately, Bob Hedges, and Jerry Wetzel. In the last row, far left to far right, are Marshal Delaire, Ed McGuire, Doug Mead, Gene Giroux, and Ray Bouchard.

EDUCATION

Connecting **Cultures: HCS to** Uganda

BY MARY MUROSKI

ifth-grade students at Hinesburg Community School had the exciting opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange with students at Nayenga Primary School in Kamuli, Uganda, throughout this past school year.

The HCS students were first introduced to Ugandan culture by Mary Muroski, former HCS teacher, and founder of the Children's Legacy Partnership, a local nonprofit organization that supports education and personal leadership development for children in the U.S. and Uganda.



Students at Nayenga School in Uganda receiving school supplies.





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Throughout the school year, fifth graders on both sides met in live video exchanges monthly. HCS students were treated to skits and songs by the children in this rural village in northern Uganda. It was an eye-opening experience for students as they heard that Ugandan children spend much of their after-school time working around the home, tending crops, and carrying water from a borehole.

The students in Uganda were thrilled to be part of this exchange as they rarely travel from their home village. They face many challenges such as food insecurity and access to clean water. This video exchange was a bright spot in their lives and one they will remember for a long time.

Students deepened their connection by also writing letters back and forth. This presented some challenges as the students in Uganda don't have computers. They hand-wrote their letters which were scanned and sent to HCS teachers.

As the year progressed, this went way beyond a virtual connection. The HCS students learned they could be change-makers and in January they held a Penny War and raised \$1,200 to help the kids in Uganda. These funds bought school supplies for the Nayenga students, helped build a school garden, and paid school fees for some of the children.

At the last video visit, HCS students were asked how they are continued on page 14

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RGANIZATIONS



Champlain Valley View #2 by Ashey Wolff

Responsible Growth Hinesburg's 7th **Annual Tiny Art** Auction

BY NATACHA LIUZZI

veryone has room to en-H joy a tiny piece of original art! Each of these canvases measures just four inches by four inches.

This year's artists include Mary Azarian, Ashley Wolff, Amy Huntington, Mary Hill, Gregory Maguire, Andy Newman, John Penoyar, Kim Provost, Thacher Hurd and many others.

This year will also include children's art with a "buy now" option on the Fourth of July during the parade.

Bidding for the auction, which begins on July 4 and ends on July 12, will be done online at new. biddingowl.com/RGHinesburg.

This year's proceeds will be split between the Hinesburg Foodshelf and NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont).

The mission of Responsible Growth Hinesburg is to ensure that new development in Hinesburg is scaled to meet the needs of our town, constructed so that waters of Lake Champlain, its tributaries and other natural resources are protected; and located so that it complements its

surroundings, protects our working landscape and recreational lands, and fosters a sense of community.

Lewis Creek Association **Develops Projects** in Lewis Creek Watershed

BY KATE KELLY, LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Lewis Creek Association (LCA) and landowners have partnered to plan for improvements to water quality in Lewis Creek. The projects LCA investigated were identified as high priority areas or projects in stream geomorphic assessments and a watershed management plan completed over a decade ago.

With funding from Watersheds United Vermont Project Development Block grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, LCA was able to prioritize a subset of these projects in 2023. LCA staff then sent letters to landowners, visited properties, and investigated a wide variety of potential projects (from river corridor easements to tree plantings to removing old bridge abutments). LCA has now prepared two high priority projects for the next step (applying for grants that will support further design work or implementation).

One of these is a tree and shrub (woody buffer) planting project along the creek in Hinesburg, for which LCA has received funding to complete this fall. The other is a road project in Starksboro, where a gravel road has been eroding, dumping sediment and pollutants into Lewis Creek. If funding is received, it will allow LCA to hire engineers to design fixes for the road.

You can learn more about Lake Champlain's water quality problem and what landowners can do to improve water quality in a brief 17-minute presentation on LCA's website at **bit.ly/lca-wq-videos**. These include things like slowing water down, spreading it out, and sinking it into the ground ("the three S's" that are central to LCA's Ahead of the Storm program. Learn more about the Ahead of the Storm program at **bit.ly/lca-aots**). It is crucial that we all do our part to improve water quality in small ways, in order to improve Lake Champlain's health and beauty, and to protect the animals and plants that live in our rivers and streams.

Free Monthly Courage and Renewal Circle

BY PEGGY DIPPEN

I am Peggy Dippen, a Courage and Renewal Facilitator. If you are unfamiliar with Parker Palmer's Center for Courage and Renewal that was founded over 30 years ago, please check out the website: couragerenewal.org.

The mission for Courage and Renewal is to nurture deep integrity and relational trust, building the foundation for a more loving, equitable, and healthy world.

I am offering a free monthly circle at the Carpenter-Carse Library the second Wednesday of each month, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Here is a list of dates and themes for our times together:

July 10: Summer: The Paradox of Scarcity and Abundance

Aug. 14: Being Present: Walking Meditations

Sept. 11: Life on the Mobius Strip: Exploring our Inner and Outer Realities

Oct. 9: The Paradox of Autumn: Shadows and Light

Nov. 13: Turning Inward: Our Individual and Collective Stories

Dec. 11: The Gifts of Impermanence and Imperfection

Feel free to check out my website at mindfuljourneywork.com to learn a bit more about me. I am a Hinesburg resident and public educator for more than 26 years.

ARTS

Learning From Shipwrecks: A New Exhibit **Showcases Canal Boat Stories from** a Fresh Perspective

FROM PRESS RELEASE

ake Champlain Maritime Museum has announced that they are opening a new exhibit that dives into the history of canal boats. Using research and artifacts recovered from shipwrecks in Lake Champlain by underwater archaeologists, as well as interviews with real people and interactive experiences, the exhibit shares lesser-known local stories of canal boats and the people who worked on board, providing unexpected points of connection for all with this key era of local history. The exhibit, titled "Underwater



This cornet recovered from the shipwreck of the O.J. Walker helps us better understand the recreational side of canal boat life. Credit: Cornet and parts, O.J. Walker Collection, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Collection.

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thinking differently from their experience with Uganda this year. From several students, HCS fifthgrade teachers Angela Galyean, Paul Lasher, and Alyssa Wieland heard the same thing: "I didn't realize how little they had, and it makes me grateful that I have so much." "Even though the kids don't have a lot in Uganda, they always seem so happy." Wow! That's a powerful lesson for fifth graders. They are already asking if they can continue this connection next school year. To learn more or help support these important programs for children you can visit **www.ourclp.org** or contact mary@ourclp.org.



Archaeology: Diving into the Stories of People and Canal Boats on Lake Champlain," will open to the public on July 13.

While the maritime industry of the 19th century was largely dominated by men, the canal boat community was strikingly different. Boats were often owned and operated by families who lived on board, combining work and home for men, women, and children, and building strong, connected communities with other canal boat families. For the museum's research and archaeology team, the work of excavating canal boat shipwrecks in Lake Champlain is a unique and



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The famous moment the sailing canal boat General Butler crashed on the Burlington breakwater. Artifacts from this shipwreck will be on display in the new exhibit. Credit: The General Butler on the Burlington Breakwater, 2000, Ernest Haas, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Collection.

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special experience as they discover families' home goods, toys, tools, and clothes as well as the cargo that canal boats were tasked with

The new exhibit experience invites visitors to immerse themselves in these stories and experience being an underwater archaeologist diving on a shipwreck to recover artifacts. Using 3D models of original artifacts, visitors can experience what it's like to find an object in dark water by guessing what it is by touch alone. Through audio recordings of interviews with two women who grew up on canal boats, visitors can listen to

Canal boats are towed down Lake Champlain towards the canals. Credit: In Tow Down Lake Champlain, Postcard 340, circa 1900. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Collection.

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first-person accounts of what life was like for children on these vessels, going to school in the winter, recreation, and more. A rich collec- off the Burlington breakwater, tion of objects including artifacts recovered from shipwrecks, ship models, and documents welcomes visitors to envision life on board for the diverse mix of people who lived and worked on canal boats.

Featured artifacts include a toy



boat and woman's overshoe recovered from the sailing canal boat General Butler shipwreck just continued on page 16



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an iron kettle from the canal boat Vergennes, a 19th-century cornet from the sailing canal boat O.J. Walker, and more.

The public is invited to a special preview of this new exhibit at the museum's annual Summer Party on Friday, July 12. This is an evening event that includes live music, local food, a raffle and silent auction, and after-hours access to exhibits. Tickets to the party and exhibit preview are available for purchase at lcmm.org/SummerParty.

The museum is also holding a free event on Saturday, July 13, for the public to view more artifacts recovered from canal boats that couldn't fit into the exhibit. Visitors will be able to speak with museum experts, ask questions, and hear more stories uncovered through underwater nounced the winners of the 2024

able at lcmm.org/collections-corner-canalboat-artifacts.

The new exhibit will open on July 13 at 10 a.m. and will be open daily for the public to visit until the museum closes for the season on Oct. 20. Admission to Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is free for all visitors. Plan your visit at **lemm.org**.

Winners of 2024 **Vermont Writers**' **Prize Announced**

Annual prizes for poetry and prose awarded by Green Mountain Power and Vermont Magazine

Green Mountain Power (GMP) anarchaeology. Event details are avail- Vermont Writers' Prize, which are featured now in the summer issue of Vermont Magazine. In the poetry category, D. Slayton Avery won for "At the Fair," and in the prose category, Thea Lewis won for "Farm Boy," a short story. Along with being published in Vermont Magazine, both writers also receive \$1,250. The Vermont Writers' prize has been awarded each year since 1989 and is sponsored by Green Mountain Power and Vermont Magazine.

"Every year, the Vermont Writers' Prize entries show us just how passionate people are about the Green Mountain State," said Dr. Joshua Sherman, CEO of Old Mill Road Media and publisher of Vermont Magazine. "We're consistently impressed by the quality of the writing, and this year was no exception. Thank you to all the writers and poets who shared their works with us. The judges faced a daunting task in selecting the winners. We're thrilled to honor D. Slayton Avery and Thea Lewis as this year's

deserving recipients."

The story "Farm Boy" is the story of a Vermonter whose life takes him away from the farm, and Vermont and the emotional ride of returning home as an adult to the place where you started. The poem "At the Fair" evokes the sights and sounds that are so familiar to Vermonters who visit these long-running summer fairs, and it highlights how the simplest things can create deep connections to a place. You can read the winning entries at tinyurl.com/ VTwriteprize2024.

"This is the 35th year of the Vermont Writers' Prize, and we are so excited for both winners," said Kristin Carlson, a GMP vice president who serves as a judge for this prize. "Vermont means so many different things to different people, and it is inspiring and educational to see how Vermonters reflect that through their writing.'

The prize is open to Vermont residents and entries are accepted for poetry and prose. Your poem, short story, essay, or play should explore Vermont - its people, places, values, or history.

You can learn more details and start submitting entries for the 2025 Vermont Writers' Prize at tinyurl.com/VTwriteprize2025. The deadline to enter is January 1, 2025

Vermont Public Wins Four National Awards from Public Media Journalists Association

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Vermont Public has won four national awards for its coverage in 2023 from the Public Radio Journalists Association:

First Place, National Feature: "One pharmacist in Vermont provides lethal medications that hasten a patient's death" – **tinyurl**. com/VTPpharmacist

First Place, Interview Podcast: "Five Vermonters talk about guns" - tinyurl.com/VTPtalkguns

First Place, Use of Sound: "Mary Lake slaughters and shears sheep for a living. They're 'everything' to her" - tinyurl.com/VTPsheep

Second Place, Student Podcast: "Vermont rap – and the improbable journey of Burlington MC Omega Jade" - tinyurl.com/VTPrap

"These entries exemplify some of what Vermont Public does best: continued on page 18

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

10-11:30 a.m. Friends of Families Play Group. Hinesburg United Church. **11 a.m.-12 p.m.** Not-Your-Traditional Book Group. Carpenter-Carse Library 6:30-8 p.m. Young Adult Group. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Spamalot: Vermont Repetory Theater. Isham Family Farm, 3515 Oak Hill Rd., Williston.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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

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

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

4:30-5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road.

Church, 190 Pond Road. TUESDAY, JULY

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library 6-7:30 p.m. CVSD Board Committee Meetings. CVU High School.

6-7:30 p.m. Mahjong. Hinesburg United Church. 7-9 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. meet.google.com/eub-awgw-prt. Town Hall. **7-9 p.m.** Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub & Grill, 104 Ballard's Corner Rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Library

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

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10-11:30 a.m. Friends of Families Play Group. Hinesburg United Church. **6-8 p.m.** Folk Jam with SongFarmers. Carpenter-Carse Library 6:30-8 p.m. Young Adult Group. FRIDAY, JULY

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5:30-6:30 p.m. Ashtanga Vinyasa Fusion.

3:15pm-4:30 p.m. Monthly Fiber Arts Club. Carpenter-Carse Library

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Saturday Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library

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

9 a.m.-11 a.m. Monday Ladies Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Hands and Needles. Carpenter-Carse Library

4:30-5 p.m. Vinuasa Yoga. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road.

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

6-8 p.m. Women's Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library **10-11:30 a.m.** Senior Bingo & Meal to go. Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, 10759 Rte 116. 6-7:30 p.m. Mahjong. Hinesburg United Church.

7-9 p.m. Hinesburg Conservation Commission Meeting. us06web.zoom.us/j/82438637932 ?pwd=MTZqRWdPMVZkZ3M0b3FWb3pIY2dV dz09.

7-8 p.m. Recreation Comm. Meeting. Town Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Morning Mystery Book Group. Carpenter-Carse Library 2:15-3:30 p.m. Pokemon Club. Carpenter-Carse Libraru

5:30-6:30 p.m. Ashtanga Vinyasa Fusion. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road. 6-6 p.m. Women's Golf League at Cedar Knoll. Cedar Knoll Country Club, Route 116. 7-9 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Town Office, Lower Level Conference Room

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

Group. Carpenter-Carse Library 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library 6:30-8 p.m. Young Adult Group.

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

FRIDAY IIIIY 1

10 a.m.-11 a.m. Baby and Me. 69 Ballard's Corner Road SATIIRDAY IIIIY 13

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Saturday Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library

SUNDAY IIIIY 14

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

2-4 p.m. Ladies Hike Sunday.

Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. MONDAY, JULY 15

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

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

4:30-5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road.

6-8 p.m. Men's Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road.

THESDAY HILY 1

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library

6-7:30 p.m. Mahjong. Hinesburg United Church. 6-9 p.m. Rm 160 & 162, CVSD School Board Meeting. CVU High School, 369 CVU Rd.

7-10 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Town Office, Lower Level Conference Room

7-9 p.m. Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub & Grill, 104 Ballard's Corner Rd. WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

2:15-3:30 p.m. Pokemon Club. Carpenter-Carse libraru

5:30-6:30 p.m. Ashtanga Vinyasa Fusion. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road.

6-6 p.m. Women's Golf League at Cedar Knoll. Cedar Knoll Country Club, Route 116.

7-9 p.m. Trails Committee. Remote Meeting. THURSDAY, JULY 18

10-11:30 a.m. Friends of Families Play Group. Hinesburg United Church.

6:30-8 p.m. Kids' Club Night.

Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Rd. 6:30-8 p.m. Young Adult Group.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

10 a.m.-11 a.m. Baby and Me. 69 Ballard's Corner Road.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Saturday Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library

IINDAY IIIIY 2

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Youth Group. Communitu Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road. MONDAY IIIIY 22

9 a.m.-11 a.m. Monday Ladies Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Hands and Needles.

Carpenter-Carse Library

4:30-5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road.

6-8 p.m. Women's Group. Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weekly Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library

10-11:30 a.m. Senior Bingo & Meal to go. Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, 10759 Rte 116.

6-7:30 p.m. Mahjong. Hinesburg United Church. **7-9 p.m.** Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb Luck Pub & Grill, 104 Ballard's Corner Rd.

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WEDNESDAY IIIIY 24

2:15-3:30 p.m. Pokemon Club. Carpenter-Carse Library

5:30-6:30 p.m. Ashtanga Vinyasa Fusion. Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road.

6-6 p.m. Women's Golf League at Cedar Knoll. Cedar Knoll Country Club, Route 116.

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

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

7-9 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall. THURSDAY, JULY 25

10-11:30 a.m. Friends of Families Play Group. Hinesburg United Church.

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Not-Your-Traditional Book Group. Carpenter-Carse Library

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

FRIDAY IIIIY 2

10 a.m.-11 a.m. Baby and Me. 69 Ballard's Corner Road.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Saturday Storytime. Carpenter-Carse Library

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Youth Group. Community

Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd., Shelburne.

Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road.

Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road.

9 a.m.-11 a.m. Monday Ladies Group.

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

4:30-5 p.m. Vinuasa Yoga. Sweet Yoga,

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

7-9 p.m. Trivia Night in Hinesburg! The Dumb

2:15-3:30 p.m. Pokemon Club. Carpenter-Carse

6-6 p.m. Women's Golf League at Cedar Knoll.

10-11:30 a.m. Friends of Families Play Group.

Luck Pub & Grill, 104 Ballard's Corner Rd.

5:30-6:30 p.m. Ashtanga Vinuasa Fusion.

Sweet Yoga, Mechanicsville Road.

Cedar Knoll Country Club, Route 116.

6-8 p.m. Folk Jam with SongFarmers.

10 a.m.-11 a.m. Baby and Me. 69 Ballard's

3:15pm-4:30 p.m. Monthlu Fiber Arts Club.

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Saturday Storytime.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

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

Library

Mechanicsville Road.

2-4 p.m. Ladies Hike Sunday.

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sound-rich reporting, thought-provoking interviews, and profiles that take our audience along for a journey," said Angela Evancie, senior vice president of content. "Across both subject matter and geography, they deliver on our promise to share 'stories from every corner.""

The PMJA Awards is the only national competition devoted to recog- Areas nizing the best work in public media journalism. Awards are presented in five different size divisions representing public media organizations with as few as one to more than 30 newsroom employees.

Vermont Public competes in Division E along with major metro public radio stations including WBUR in Boston, WBEZ in Chicago, and WNYC in New York.

"This year, we had over 1,450 entries from 144 different organizations in our awards contest," said PMJA Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. "We're proud to be able to recognize the great journalism across the country through this contest."

In all, the PMJA is presenting 269 first and second place awards across 33 categories. The full list of Swimming at fishing access arwinners is available at tinyurl.com/ **PMJAawards**.

Health & Safety

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Department maintains 203 devel-

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derived from the sale of fishing

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tax on fishing equipment, fishing

tackle and gasoline for motorboats.

These funding sources explicitly

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Fish and Wildlife regulations pro-

hibit certain uses of fishing access

areas including, but not limited to:

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dogs, parking of vehicles not relat-

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"Vermont State Game Wardens will

state fishing access areas this sum-

be strictly enforcing the rules at

mer," said Col. Justin Stedman,

Vermont's Chief Game Warden.

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and open for others to enjoy, and

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PEOPLE

Hinesburg **Resident Wins EMS** Recognition Award

FROM VT DEPT OF HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

The State of Vermont recognized the dedicated EMS and first responder professionals, volunteers and agencies for the essential public health services they provide in their communities, as part of the 50th annual National Emergency Medical Services Week celebration (May 19-25).

Waterbury Ambulance Service volunteer first responder Ryan Gladstone, a Hinesburg resident, was a co-winner of the First Responder Provider of the Year Award.

Waterbury Ambulance Executive Director Maggie Burke, in a letter nominating Gladstone for the honor, wrote, "Ryan exemplifies the highest standards of excellence in clinical skills, organizational support, and community involvement, making him a deserving candidate for this prestigious recognition."

Governor Phil Scott called out the commitment and vital work of Vermont's career and volunteer emergency service providers, in his proclamation declaring May 19 -25 as EMS Week. With the theme of "Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future," the week of activities included showcasing local EMS agencies, and culminated in the annual presentation of awards honoring several individuals and EMS agencies for their outstanding efforts.



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Hinesburg resident Ryan Gladstone has been awarded the First Responder Provider of the Year.

Vermont has over 3,000 Emergency Medical Service providers who respond each year to over 117,000 requests for emergency medical care and specialized ambulance transport. EMS providers also take a leading role in supporting community-based injury prevention and health promotion initiatives - including overdose prevention, response and education.

Emily M. Heywood of Hinesburg "When someone has a medical has been named to the Community emergency or experiences a trau-College of Vermont (CCV) spring matic injury, the first people on the 2024 Student Honors List. This scene are usually First Responders, honor recognizes part-time stu-EMTs and paramedics," said Will dents with a 4.0 grade point Moran, director of the Department average of Health's Division of Emergency Lily Mincar of Hinesburg was Preparedness, Response, and Injury named to the College of Charleston Prevention. "These family members, (SC) President's List. Mincar is mafriends and neighbors are on-call joring in Psychology for each of us, day or night, bring-Ethan Provost of Hinesburg has ing the training and skills that often make the difference between life and been named to the Plymouth State death," Moran said. "I congratulate University (NH) President's List this years' awardees, and ask everyfor the Spring 2024 semester. To one to join me in thanking our EMS be named to the President's List, a service providers for their dedicastudent must achieve a grade point tion and care." average of 3.70 or better.

2024 Vermont Emergency Medical Services award recipients:

Vermont EMS Lifetime Award: Patrick Malone – University of Vermont Initiative for Rural EMS

Advanced Life Support Provider of Norah Van Vranken of Hinesburg the Year: Colby Masse, Paramedic has been named to the Spring 2024 Morristown EMS Dean's List at The University of Ambulance Service of the Year: Fair Rhode Island. To be included on Haven Rescue Squad the Dean's List, students must have achieved at least a 3.30 quality Basic Life Support Provider of point average.

the Year: Kyle Anderson, EMT -Burlington Fire Department

EMS Educator of the Year: Tyler Molleur – Hardwick Emergency **Rescue Squad**

EMS for Children Champion of the Year: Joseph Aldsworth – City of Barre

First Responder Provider of the Year: Co-Winners: Caden Knox - Northfield Ambulance Service;

Ryan Gladstone – Waterbury Ambulance Service

First Responder Service of the Year: Saxtons River First Response Rescue

Learn more about serving your community as an emergency medical technician or with the Medical Reserve Corps at **OnCallforVT.org**.

Higher Education Honors

Delaney Ayer of Hinesburg was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Ayer is currently majoring in Business Management.

Graham Coates-Farley and Skylar **Francis**, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester at Clarkson University (NY). Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average.

Sachi Depot of Hinesburg was named to the College of Charleston (SC) Dean's List. Depot is majoring in Marketing.

Nicole E. Talbert of Hinesburg has been named to the Community College of Vermont (CCV) spring 2024 Dean's List. This honor recognizes full-time students with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99.

Recent Graduates

Ashley Davidson of Hinesburg graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the College of Charleston (SC).

Travis Mark Guillemette of Hinesburg graduated from Paul Smith's College in May 2024.

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Guillemette earned a BS in Natural Resource Conservation & Management from Paul Smith's College, located in the Adirondacks in upstate New York.

Zachary Rock and Hannah Elizabeth Terrien, both of Hinesburg, earned associate degrees at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) 2024 Commencement on Sat., June 1.

University of Vermont Graduates

College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts: Jeremiah William Cory, Luke Z. Morton, **Evelyn Dion Stearns**.

Grossman School of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Nicholas R.

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College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering: Calvin Humberto Wuthrich.

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science: Anna L. Pelkey.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science: Jacob Thomas Ashe, Grace Kathryn Buzzell, Julia Christine Carlson Hillier.

Graduate College, Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry: Jacob Alden Morris. Doctor of Nursing Practice: Kristen Koeller. Master of Science in Counseling: Benjamin Soll. Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering: Kayla **M. Steen**. Master of Science in Pharmacology: Liam J. Clancy.

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Old Back Issues of The Record Now **Available Online**

BY CATHY RYAN

s many of you know, PDF versions of The Hinesburg Record are available online at hinesburgrecord. org/about/past-issues. Until recently, the issues available there went back to 2004. We at The *Record* are now working on digitizing much older issues.

The first issue of The Record was actually called "The No-Name News" be-The Hinesburg Record cause a name hadn't been decided upon yet. Readers were invited to submit suggestions for a name. This first issue was published in October 1987. The November 1987 issue was the first to be called The Hinesburg Record.

As of now, the first six issues of The Record are available online: October, November, and December of 1987, and January, The Hinesburg Record March, and April of 1988. More will be added regularly, until they are all

On page 2 of the Sept. 29, 2007 issue of The Record (**ti**nyurl.com/HR-09-29-The Hinesburg Record **07**), a history of The Hinesburg Record, and The Hinesburg News which preceded it, is given. It gives some great context to these old issues. and how The Record came to be.

For readers lucky enough to have been born and raised in Hinesburg, much of what's in these early issues may seem like old news (which, technically, it is). But for those who are more new to

Hinesburg (I've lived here almost 20 years), or perhaps for young people who weren't born yet or couldn't yet read in the late 80s, there are some fascinating tidbits.

The November 1987 issue discusses the traffic light being installed at Route 116 and CVU Road, and the addition to the elementary school which was almost completed. The under-construction Lyman Meadows development is discussed in the Planning and Zoning Notes. Lyman Meadows comes up again in a letter to the editor in the January 1988 issue. Debate about development in Hinesburg is apparently nothing new!

> The retirement of Doug and Betty Lantman is mentioned in the November 1987 issue, and in the December 1987 issue, there's an in-depth article about them, and a history of Lantman's Store.

The December 1987 issue again talks about "The Light" and it's a humous little piece about the adjustment Hinesburgers had to make to this traffic light. There's also an article about the pharmacy which had just come to town June 1, 1987. The pharmacy had many ads in *The* Record, starting with the first issue.

The March 1988 issue discusses the creation of The Chittenden Regional Solid Waste Disposal District. In the "Board of Selectmen" article, Andrea Morgante is mentioned, crusading for recycling.

So, if you have any interest in the history of Hinesburg, dive into these original issues of The Record. The PDFs are searchable: in most PDF software, there is a way to search (Ctrl-F often works, to open a search box) and you

can type in words to search for. Feel free to write a Letter to the Editor telling us of any interesting things you find, or any other comments.

Hinesburg July 4 Celebration continued from page 1

sic. He has probably refereed, coached, umpired, mowed or lined the field your child plays on every season for the last 45 plus years. This year's Grand Marshall for the Hinesburg 4th of July is Tom Giroux, who deserves recognition and appreciation for his many years of volunteer work in our community.

Tom wears many hats and has served on the Hinesburg Recreation Board off and on since its inception in the early 1980s. He is a Cemetery Commissioner, assists with town elections as a Justice of the Peace, and is always behind the scenes ensuring the town's concert series, recreation leagues and 4th of July run smoothly.

Frank Twarog, chairperson of the Recreation Commission, praised Tom's contributions, saying, "Tom Giroux has been the longest serving member of the Hinesburg Recreation Commission, with years and years of volunteerism According to town records, so far under his belt. He is an en-390,938 returnables have been thusiastic supporter of every sincollected from the community gle one of our events. From coachand from Papa Nick's, which has ing to delivering spectators to raised \$19,547 for the fields. For the bandstand for the Wednesday over 10 years, Tom borrows his Night Concert in the Park series to sister and brother-in-law's truck gathering Fourth of July float priz-(Sue and Ed McGuire) two times es to rallying support of both past a month to bring the bottles and and current special events, Tom's cans from the Bissonettes' barn to efforts are tireless and so often unthe redemption center. seen. As just one example, over the Tom also volunteers for othlast decade, Tom has personally er organizations, including the delivered thousands of dollars of Burlington City Marathon for 29 donated bottle and can returns so years. He serves on the marathon's that the Bissonette Fields could be developed without tax dollars. No board as well as boards for the Hinesburg Record and Twin State small feat, considering how many Soccer. He is a regular lector and hundreds of bags, boxes, and bins greeter at St. Jude's parish. there have been over the years. All of these efforts are most appre-Tom has been recognized by the ciated by those of us on the com-Red Cross for giving over 42 galmission as well as the citizens of lons of blood and platelets; giving Hinesburg, who are the beneficiaevery two weeks. He also helps ries of decades of Tom's energy." with the blood drives.

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Tom Giroux collecting bottles and cans to benefit Bissonette Fields.

When asked why he works so tirelessly for his community, Tom attributes his parents, Bernard and June Giroux, for instilling the importance of giving back to others. Bernard was a Fire Chief for many years and June started the *Hinesburg Record* and school library.

Join us in cheering for Tom's numerous efforts on behalf of



Tom Giroux, the 2024 Grand Marshall for Hinesburg's July 4th Parade

our community as he leads the Hinesburg July 4th parade. He will be joined by his goddaughter, Kaitlin Francis Gilbert, and her daughter Sydney, who have also been the recipients of Tom's generosity and kindness over the years.





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

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

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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

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Mass at St. Jude's and every Tuesday

following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our

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Saturday and Sunday of the month.

Parishioners are asked to make an

extra effort to bring non-perishable

for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food

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Senior Bingo. Seniors, you are invited to

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5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

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

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Pastor: Rev. Don Chatfield

802-985-3819 • allsoulsinterfaith.org

dchatfield@allsoulsinterfaith.org Location: 291 Bostwick Farm Rd.,

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

Services:

Sunday 9 a.m.: Morning Meditation Sunday 5 p.m.: Music & Spirit Service

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see what Vermont looked like hundreds of years ago. He said not to expect a nice-looking, park-like experience. It would be quite messy, with much undergrowth, and a wide variety of tree species, both standing and fallen over.

So, when we looked at the trailhead, Toward the end we encountered a we were not surprised that it was a racoon. We think we woke him up. bit narrow and overgrown. Three He scrabbled down a dry creek bed of the four of us, and I'm not namand under a log where, looking like ing names, immediately suggested a little masked bandit, he kept a we plan on doing this another day steady eye on us. someday, many, many Father's Day We made it back to the car and weekends into the future.

I boldly stepped into the path. My Store in Charlotte for some coffee family had little choice but to foland scones low, mainly because I had the car I highly recommend Williams Woods keys, I think. Flapping at non-exfor some easy and interesting walkistent mosquitos, listening for ing on Father's Day or any day. all variety of rabid creatures, and Find out more about Williams fearing blood-sucking ticks, my Woods at **tinyurl.com**/ family followed me onward, bless their hearts, and into the woods we WilliamsWoods. went. Now, by now you must realize that my daughters and wife, while appreciative of all of Vermont's natural beauty, and are not exactly hard-core nature-lovers.

While hiking years back, my wife once mistook my stomach gurgling for an actual bear, growling, nearby.

Thus, when we heard a hefty hoot from an owl during the first ten minutes, I had to talk nearly everybody off the edge.

Encountering a large tree leaning at a 45-degree angle directly over the path, I was warned not to go under it. This was not because the tree might fall on me. No, it was because, no doubt, witches had set it there and it was extremely bad luck to go under it.

Ditto for the U-shaped sapling encountered a bit further on. The fact that I had no explanation for why it was so, was considered absolute proof of the infestation of this forest with witches.

But once we got going, we realized Williams Woods was indeed very special, witches and all. While

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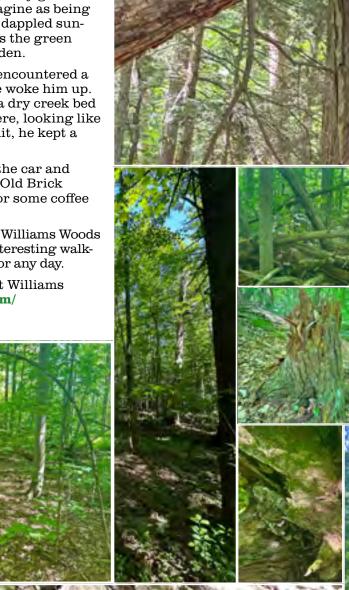
the Pastor at least six months in advance

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, and by



not beautiful in typical ways, it was none-the-less a glorious experience. The path turned out to be advised to go there if you wanted to fairly well-maintained - the white sneakers donned by one daughter got no dirt or mud on them (thank heaven)! It was very, very green. Add in what you imagine as being the most dappled of dappled sunlight, and sometimes the green seemed actually golden.

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg **A Walk in Williams Woods**

Hinesburgers Explore a Local Treasure

BY KEVIN LEWIS

n the Saturday before Father's Day my long-promised excursion to Williams Woods in Charlotte came to be. My two daughters, my wife and I got in the car and set off around

10 a.m. But first we had to go back to the house to connect to Google maps so as to find our way (there was no signal in the car). It was clear that nobody but me trusted in my ability to find Williams Woods without help. I protested but was, as usual, out-voted – Father's Day weekend privileges not-withstanding.

Secretly, though, I planned on driving there exactly how I knew to go, ignoring my oldest daughter's warning that if I deviated from Google's designated path, I would hear about it.

We arrived at Williams Woods without any berating or incident. It is off Greenbush Road in Charlotte, and the entrance is easily missed as it's barely more than a brief bit of extra road



Now, I'd heard from Ethan Tapper, a local forester and au-

shoulder with a smallish sign.

thor, that Williams Woods was one of the only remaining oldgrowth forests in Vermont. He continued on page 23







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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 Ibulger@cvsdvt.org or 802-482-6248 for more information.

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- Town Forest Committee
- Trails Committee
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee

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