

The Hinesburg Record

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Dog Licenses are due by Monday, April 3.

“Locks of Love” Program

Emeline Mae Cooke (age 6) and Megan Jo Cooke (age 5) of Glastonbury, CT recently donated a combined 22 inches of their hair to help other kids through the “Locks of Love” program that takes donated hair and creates wigs for children in need. The girls’ aunt, Karen Lee, owner of The Permanent Solution hair salon in Hinesburg, had the honor of doing the haircuts.



Come All – It’s time for the Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

By Margery Sharp

It’s a sure sign of spring when the snow melts and the Hinesburg Lions Club holds its annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children (and visitors’ children) of Hinesburg. As always, it will be held on the Saturday before Easter Sunday, which this year is April 15.

Bright and early (9:00 a.m.) small folk carrying baskets and buckets can be seen leading sleepy parents to the elementary school playground in anticipation of a frantic race for the colored eggs that the Lions have carefully hidden around the grounds.

Participants will include children up to and including age eight. There will be three age groupings and three separate gates behind which the children will line up and no child will leave without a stash of eggs. Other prizes will be given out as well.

Everyone attending is encouraged to wear an animal costume or other appropriate “spring garb” in keeping with the advent of the season.



No matter the weather, the Annual Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt is a proven crowd-pleaser. PHOTO BY JEN BRADFORD.

From Page to Stage...

Lyric Theatre Company Brings the Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss to Life with Help of CVU Students, Hinesburg Residents

The well-known characters of Dr. Seuss leap from page to stage when Lyric Theatre Company presents *Seussical(tm) the musical* at Burlington’s Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in April.

Seussical(tm) the musical is a contemporary re-imagining of the works of Theodor Geisel (the much-beloved Dr. Seuss), conceived by the Tony Award-winning team of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (*Ragtime* and *Once on This Island*) in collaboration with Eric Idle of Monty Python’s *Spamalot* fame. “But (to quote from the show) hold onto your hat ... ‘cause this ain’t Mother Goose!”

The plot blends several well-known Seuss tales, “Horton Hears a Who” and “Horton Hatches the Egg”, with a spotlight on two social outcasts who struggle to find friendship while discovering the richness of differences and the incredible power of an open mind!

According to one reviewer, “The themes presented—kindness, acceptance, self-esteem, fostering of imagination, faithfulness, etc.—are simple enough to be understood by children, yet universal enough to touch the hearts of even the most Grinch-like adults.”

Seussical(tm) the musical is a rich, vibrant, and remarkable piece of family theatre with powerhouse music (pop, gospel, blues and R&B), rocking dance, memorable characters, and a story that will make you stand up and cheer!

Producer Sean Leach leads Lyric’s dynamic team for *Seussical(tm) the musical*. Johanna Boyce does double-duty as Artistic Director/Choreographer, assisted by Christina Weakland and Susan Hong.

Music Director Wendy Valastro waves the baton for the orchestra, with assistance from Grace Freeman. Stage management duties rest with Belinda Emerson and Donna Riera.

The 36-member cast for Lyric’s production includes several CVU students as well as Hinesburg residents. Hannah

Whitney, a junior at CVU who is playing Gertrude McFuzz, is making her Lyric debut. She appeared onstage in CVU’s productions of *Les Miserables* and *Into the Woods*.

CVU senior Ian Cramer, *The Grinch*, is appearing in his second Lyric show. He is currently the Jazz Band Solo Vocalist and has appeared in CVU’s productions of *Les Miserables*, *Chicago*, and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*.

Jacob Tischler was also a member of the *Les Miserables* cast and possesses an impressive seven years of training in the circus arts. Jacob’s character in *Seussical(tm)* is a Zebra Dancer. Hinesburg resident Allison Zengilowski, a 5th grader at The Renaissance School, is a Poison Frog Dancer in the show. Although *Seussical(tm)* marks her first appearance with Lyric, Allison has performed with Stowe Theatre Guild, with Circus Smirkus Academy, and has appeared in *The Nutcracker Ballet* for the past five years.

While the cast is rehearsing, more than 200 additional volunteers are simultaneously working behind the scenes at Lyric’s Warehouse in Williston’s Production Park. On any given night, you are likely to find volunteers of all ages and backgrounds building set pieces, painting vibrant canvases, designing props, creating whimsical costumes, marking lighting cues, creating hair and make-up designs, and doing other tasks necessary to mount the \$100,000+ production.

Hinesburg resident Karen Pike is photographer for the show.

Tickets for *Seussical(tm) the musical* are on sale through the Flynn Center Regional Box Office, 153 Main Street, Burlington, and Copy Ship Fax Plus, 159 Pearl Street, Essex Junction; by telephone at 802/86FLYNN; or online through www.flynntix.org.

During the April 6 through 9 period there will be six performances of *Seussical(tm) the musical* including matinees at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9. Curtain *(Continued on page 23.)*

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR



You—Not Snow—Make Winter Carnival Happen!

There are so many Hinesburg organizations, and community members to thank for their support at this year's Winter Carnival. Beginning with the Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction put on by the Hinesburg Nursery School—what a great way to start the morning. While parents were competing for auction items the youngsters were kept happy by having their faces painted by the girls of Girl Scout Troup 483 and hanging out with Clifford the Dog.

Down in the gym, Tom Giroux and David Eddy were on hand to referee and supervise the annual basketball tournament. Later in the day the Burlington Obedience Training Club entertained us with a dog show featuring obedience, agility and tricks.

Outside Rob Farley brought his sled dogs for a “meet and greet.” Unfortunately the lack of snow made the usual dog sled rides an impossibility this year. The Iroquois Sno-Beavers were also “grounded,” but they were there with hotdogs, drinks and lots of trinkets to give away. Although the snow put a damper on the dog sled and snowmobile rides, no snow was needed for the horse drawn carriage rides. Harry Russell and his team of horses gave fabulous rides around Lyman Meadows field. Also, thanks to the Vermont National Guard for bringing some Hummers to our carnival.

Making your way down to the ice rink, Andrea Morgante and son Morgan were offering hot cider (straight from the cauldron) and informal chat on the Hinesburg Land Trust. The ice rink was bustling with activity. Whether you wanted to skate, play hockey or broomball, or just hang out with friends...the ice rink seemed to be the place to be. The Hinesburg 4-H group was there with plenty of refreshments to keep the crowd satisfied.

Although the snow was lacking, the community spirit remained. It was still a good time to get out and see your friends, neighbors, and community members. Thanks to the all the community members who came out to enjoy the day and participate in the events. Without the volunteers, and those who participate, our sun-filled Winter Carnival would have been just another dreary winter day!

Thanks to all!

— *The Winter Carnival Committee*

In Response to Town Meeting Day Questions

At our recent town meeting two questions came up that I thought I would try to answer. If they came up among those in attendance, I am sure other residents of town may have the same questions.

The first was why expenses in the police budget were over budget for labor.

The answer is that the actual expenses paid for by local taxes have consistently, year after year, been less than the amount budgeted. However, nothing is budgeted for any grants that we might receive for traffic enforcement or drug enforcement.

Once officers work these, the town is reimbursed by the state for all costs. This causes what appears to be an over expenditure in the budget. We run the expenses through this line on the budget, but the revenue that off-sets the cost appears on an entirely different page.

These special details cost residents nothing. They do result in very effective traffic and drug enforcement which has assisted us in dealing with particular problem spots in town. The best part is that most of the money that is paid in fines by violators is returned to the town in monthly payments. It is in fact a win-win-win situation for the residents.

Again, we have consistently stayed under budget for the town part of labor expenses.

The second question was, “How big is the police department going to get?” The answer to that is that each municipality gets the police department they deserve. If residents want a larger department they let their elected representative know. If they feel they have sufficiently large

police department they also let them know.

I hope this information is useful.

— *Chief Chris Morrell*
Hinesburg Community Police

Thank You

I wish to thank my friends who sent cards, called, and expressed their sympathy in other ways at the time of my sister Janet Poor's death.

Special thanks to Jeff and Nancy Hinsdale who took me to Wilmington for the funeral. They gave me great support and comfort as Janet was my only family member.

— *Muriel Manning*

You Can't Serve Two Masters

So who is Hinesburg Representative Bill Lippert serving? That's a good question. It seems he has his own agenda...or is it? Rep. Lippert and the House Judiciary Committee has considered and found worthy a “Gender Identity and Expression” bill that would give rights to cross dressers and such.

In an act of trickery, and without warning, he tried to cover up an old bill by changing the bill from H.478 to H.865 and also changed the name of the bill and reintroduced it as a “committee bill”. It surfaced at the last minute and was not announced in advance for fear of controversy, in hopes to get it passed through the house without a fair hearing.

There was testimony heard from pro-gender-identity and expression advocates ONLY. Isn't it strange how they knew about the hearings and opponents did not? Chairperson Lippert did not take expert testimony from psychiatrists or psychologists who treat this disorder. Had that happened we would have heard from professionals who recognize that Gender Identity is a recognized disorder that is treatable, according to the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, and the Association of Mental Health Professionals. The bill will only provide further confusion for those dealing with this disorder and for society at large. Should the Legislature create special benefits for a disorder?

Needless to say his underhanded tactics worked. As we know, these actions are contrary to what Vermonters expect from our law-makers. We expect a fair and open debate that leads to an honest democratic process. This smacks of hard-ball politics. Was it wise to promote a cause that does not engender the confidence of Vermonters?

The inclusion of “gender identity and expression” into the anti-discrimination law presents problems on many fronts: Gender identity and expression is a very broad topic covering such behaviors as cross-dressers. So, does the gender “expression” clause mean we must tolerate all kinds of unusual public expressions or behaviors?

Schools will find it difficult to deal with cross-dressing teachers and the obvious problems it will create in the classroom, not the least of which is potential psychological trauma and confusion for children.

Another business problem would become evident when retail stores or businesses that depend on employee-public interaction find themselves with a cross-dresser meeting their customers. There could be serious loss of business. The bill does not give our employers the ability to remedy the situation without violating the law and opening themselves up to expensive lawsuits and potential monetary judgments.

To say the least, I am extremely disappointed Bill Lippert is wielding his elected power to promote his own agendas. Is this really the type of dishonest leadership the people of Vermont should be entrusting to our elected officials? Bill Lippert's main function is to protect our interests, not exploit them. He has proven once again he can not be trusted to this leadership position and should resign as the Chair of the Judiciary Committee. His lack of integrity has been a disservice to the people of Vermont.

— *Craig Lyman*

A Fun Run/Walk for a Good Cause

My name is Brittney Fields and I am currently a senior at CVU. As most of the community knows, every senior must complete a graduation challenge project their senior year. For my grad challenge project I choose to put together a 5K run or walk to raise money for Amnesty International.

Amnesty International is a human rights organization. Their main objective is to protect people whose rights are being violated. Amnesty has been functioning since 1961. Some of the topics that are focused on are international justice, torture,

refugees, and prisoners of conscience, just to name a few.

The race will be held May 14 at Sleepy Hollow Inn, Ski and Bike resort. The starting time is 9:00 a.m.. Money will be going through CVU's Amnesty club. Please visit my website for registration and further information, http://users.adelphia.net/~thefieldszoo/Brittney/amnesty_run.htm.

I am hoping that it will be a good turn-out and I hope to see you there!

— *Brittney Fields*

CVU Board Thanks You

On behalf of the CVU School Board, we would like to thank the community for its support of the CVU school budget.

— *Michael Bissonette & Gianetta Bertin*
CVU Board members from Hinesburg

...As Does the HCS Board

On behalf of the Board of the Hinesburg Community School, I want to thank all the voters who came to the Annual School Meeting on March 13.

The school program and budget were discussed civilly, but at length. All articles were eventually passed.

The Board appreciates your support for all our children.

— *James Gelber, Board Chair*

Dear Hinesburg Community...

It has been a little over a year now since Kaylee was diagnosed with Leukemia and she continues to do very well with her treatments. We have seen some ups and some downs but most overwhelmingly we have seen a tremendous amount of support from both the people of this community and many of the local businesses. It is through this support and the tenacious spirit of a girl who refuses to let this disease bring her down that our family has been able to deal with the daunting task of fighting this disease.

The amount of generosity shown by this community is truly astonishing. From the very first day we have received an outcry of support, be it donations, somebody stopping by with a meal for the family or the countless number of prayers and get well wishes that are directed our way. Through all of this you have taught our family what it means to be part of a great community such as this. So many of you have gone out of your way to make us feel a part of this community and to demonstrate the values and caring this community has for its people, whether they are new members or lifetime residents.

As we sit here composing this letter we have quickly come to realize that there are no words which can even begin to describe how grateful we are for all that you have done. Even “thank you” seems to fall short of conveying how we feel about the way you have all impacted our lives. But for lack of a better phrase, here it is anyways.

Thank you for every penny donated! Thank you for every prayer and get well wish spoken! Thank you for every minute of time donated to coordinate any event! And most importantly, thank you all for being the great people that you are! We know that with your continued support and the great treatment Kaylee is receiving that we are well on the road to beating this disease.

Special thanks to Hinesburg Jiffy Mart, Koval's Coffee, Lantman's IGA, and the Iroquois Sno-Beavers.

— *The Moody Family*
(Brent, Heather and Kaylee)

Injured Cat Rescued, Needs to Find Family

On Saturday, March 18 around 4:30 p.m., I picked up a cat on Route 116 between Route 2A and the CVU light that had been hit by a car.

Another motorist stopped and since he was headed to Williston, he took it to Bev's Emergency Vet Hospital. The cat was male, grey and white.

If you believe this could have been your cat, please contact Bev's at 863-2387 for more information.

— *Suzie DeBrosse*

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that affect our town. Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but do reserve the right to edit based on available space. All letters must be signed. To the extent possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for discussion of statewide, national and international issues. With these cautions, please keep those letters rolling in! Mail them to either P.O. Box 304 or 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or send via email to therecord@gmavt.net, or deliver to the Record Drop Box on Charlotte Road.



By Missy Ross

Dog Licenses Due April 3

Dog licenses are due on April 3, 2006. Because April 1 falls on a weekend, the deadline has been changed to Monday.

Our hours on Monday are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fees for a dog license are \$7 for a spayed or neutered animal, or \$11 for those dogs not spayed or neutered.

Beginning on Tuesday, April 4, the fees rise to \$9 and \$15 respectively. The state receives \$3 for each license issued, with \$1 going toward rabies eradication and \$2 toward a spay/neuter program. Please be sure to register your pet as it helps us identify the owner in the event your dog is lost. Our goal is to insure all animals have current rabies vaccines as well.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Election Results

Town Meeting on Monday evening, March 6, was attended by 202 voters. The discussion was amiable in nature, with frequent laughs punctuating citizen's comments. The item that generated the most discussion was \$89,000 in the highway budget earmarked for paving the remaining section of Pond Brook Road. There were several people who spoke out against the paving and suggested that our community needs to recognize the importance of dirt roads as multi-use corridors, not just as a means of moving car traffic. There was a motion to amend the highway budget by reducing it by \$89,000. The amendment passed, and the highway budget was approved as amended.

A couple of other items generated some discussion. The allocation of funding for agencies requesting support was increased by \$1,000 in order to send this amount to Spectrum Youth & Family Services. There was also discussion about where the Board envisioned the police department going in the next several years. The Board stated that they are hoping to begin a strategic planning process in the near future.

The polls were open on Tuesday, March 7, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There were no contested races on the ballot, resulting in a light turnout. A total of 528 registered voters came to the polls. This is approximately seventeen percent of our 3100 voters on the checklist. The incumbents running for re-election, including selectboard members Rob Bast for a two-year term and Randy Volk for a three-year term, were returned to office. Delinquent tax collector Jan Bedard, school directors Colleen MacKinnon and Alison Dennison, and several other library and cemetery commissioners were also re-elected.

Welcome to new library trustee Heather Roberts and to Glen Place, a new member of the Cemetery Commission.

Thanks to all of our citizens who devote their time and energy to serving on the many boards that help keep our community running. We all appreciate it!

Write-In Candidates Are No Joke

This election seemed to be more conducive than most to the temptation to write in people's names in the write-in spot on the ballot. This was the case because several offices had no one running, and all of the others offered no choice of candidates. This situation seems to bring out the jokester in many people who find it funny to write in their friend, spouse or themselves on the ballot. What people don't realize is that this creates lots more work for the volunteers who work at the polls to finalize the results. All write-in names must be hand counted and tabulated. In this election, for example, there were 103 different people written in for various offices.

Obviously, this is your right as a voter. However, I believe the intent of having a write-in spot on the ballot is for use when there is actually a serious effort on the part of someone who didn't initially get their name on the ballot for whatever reason. A person must receive 30 votes in order to be elected as a write-in candidate. Please respect your volunteer community members who must count the ballots and avoid frivolous write-ins. We will be grateful on election night!

Declaration of Vermont Homestead / Form HS-131

Please remember to file your Declaration of Vermont Homestead, or HS-131 on or before April 18, 2006. This should be filed with your 2005 Vermont income tax return or anytime prior to this date. You can file this form on-line by going to the Vermont tax department website at www.state.vt.us. This is VERY IMPORTANT as the deadline for filing has changed from December 1 to July 15. Failure to file an HS-131 will mean that you cannot apply for a property tax prebate for the following year. Don't wait. File today! Please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office at 482-2281 for more information.

Hinesburg Community School Meeting

The Hinesburg Community School held its annual meeting on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The meeting was changed from a Saturday morning to a Monday evening in an attempt to increase participation from the community. Apparently, it worked. The meeting was attended by 75 registered voters, as compared with the 34 voters who attended in 2005. This number, though small, represents an increase of over 100 percent.

The presentations by the Board were lengthy, but ultimately the budget passed with little dissent.

The 2006 Election by the Numbers

Candidate and Position	Votes Received
Rob Bast: 2-year term for Selectboard	426
Randy Volk: 3-year term for Selectboard	407
Jan Bedard: 1-year term for Del. Tax Coll.	438
Marie Gardner: 3-year term for Lister	428
Joseph Fallon: 1-year term for Town Moderator	467
Bud Allen: 1-year term for Town Agent	446
Bud Allen: 1-year term for Grand Juror	436
Brad Wainer: 3-year term for Cemetery Trustee	457
Glen Place: 2-year term for Cemetery Trustee	443
Laura Carlsmith: 3-year term for Peck Estate	428
Darcelene Lewis-Wedge: 3-year term for Library Trustee	408
Heather Roberts: 3-year term for Library Trustee	408
Edward Sengle: 3-year term Library Trustee	414
Dena Monahan: 1-year term for School Moderator	384
Colleen McKinnon: 3-year term for HCS School Director	379
Alison Dennison: 2-year term for HCS School Director	405
Article 2 concerning Farmer's Piggyback Contracts: Yes, 419 No, 48	
Total ballots cast: 528 out of 3093 registered voter	



Paving Issue Dominates Hinesburg Town Meeting 2006

By Stewart Pierson

Almost 2000 residents were gavelled to order at 7:32 p.m. by Town Moderator Joseph Fallon.

A power point presentation demonstrating changes in Hinesburg since 1985 began the meeting. Eight employees in 1985 have become 17 in 2005. Health insurance costs of \$10,000 have become \$180,000 in 2005. The huge increase in the Grand List has not lowered the relative tax burden on individual property owners.

The approval of meeting warrants proceeded with but a few questions until the Highway Department Warrant. A 40-minute discussion about the paving of Pond Brook Road (1st phase: \$89,000) ended by meeting action to delete this project and leave Pond Brook as dirt. The vote was 114 (dirt) to 69 (paved). An October hearing on Pond Brook Road brought out ten residents whose opinions were divided. The Selectboard
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Advertisement	News	Publication Date
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November 13	November 13	December 9

Advertising Deadlines

The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, April 10, 2006.

For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-2540 or email: hrrsales@gmavt.net.

News and Calendar Deadlines

We encourage you to submit news and calendar items as soon as possible. The deadline for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, April 10, 2006.

Material not received by deadline will be considered for the following issue. Please do NOT format (boxes, columns, all capital letters, etc.). We work with Apples and PCs and any formatting is lost from one computer to the next or one program to another. Feel free to send a hard copy of your design and we will try to adapt.

Articles cannot be accepted after the deadline date. However, if the subject matter is still current, such articles may be saved for the following month's issue.

To Submit News and Calendar Info

Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 if you have questions. You may call her at 482-2350. We prefer electronic submissions if possible. Please send your article as an attached file (Word document preferred; .jpg files for images) to: therecord@gmavt.net. You may also use the drop box at the Giroux home at 327 Charlotte Road.

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voted three in favor, two opposed to pave. This Town Meeting reversed that decision. The multiuse nature of dirt surfacing as opposed to the tendency of paved roads to favor high speed auto traffic was what seemed to win the day.

Another Town Meeting action concerned the desire of one resident to add Spectrum Youth Services to the "Funded Agencies" of Hinesburg. This amendment was adopted.

The final action of the Town Meeting was to adopt an amended resolution of "instruction" to the Governor and State representatives to NOT use State Education Funds for other purposes. The amendment broadened the definition of "education" to include preschool and adult education. It passed by a vote of 79 (yea) to 55 (nay).

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 with a rousing acclamation to the Selectboard for many jobs well done.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Hinesburg Animal Control Officer

The Town of Hinesburg is currently accepting applications from qualified candidates for the position of Animal Control Officer.

To find out more information about this part-time position, or to request an employment application and job description, contact Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at (802) 482-2096, hinesburgtown@gmavt.net., or PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

NOTICE

Vacancies on Recreation and Conservation Commissions

There are currently vacancies on the Hinesburg Recreation Commission and Hinesburg Conservation Commission.

As part of the Selectboard's Policy for Appointments to Boards and Commissions, notice of expiring terms and vacancies must be published and posted. Individuals interested in an appointment, incumbents and newcomers alike, must write or appear before the Selectboard to express their interest in an appointment. Selection of an applicant is at the discretion of the Selectboard. In the case of a Board or Commission, an effort shall be made to create or maintain a balance of views that is representative of the community. The Selectboard will also consider an applicant's qualifications, level of interest, and potential conflicts of interest as they pertain to the duties of the appointment under consideration.

To find out more about these opportunities and/or to express your interest in an appointment, please call Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at 482-2096, email hinesburgtown@gmavt.net, or write to: Hinesburg Selectboard, Attn: Jeanne Wilson, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

Have an ad?
482-2540 or hrsales@gmavt.net

Town of Hinesburg Water Department

Water Main Flushing Schedule— Wed., April 26 & Thurs., April 27

Water mains throughout the system will be flushed between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Expect discolored water, use care with laundry and run water until it clears after 4:30 p.m. each day. Discolored water does not pose a health risk.

Direct questions or concerns to Rocky Martin at 482-2096 or Steve Button at 482-6097

Notice

Sump pump, roof or floor drains may not be connected to the Town Wastewater System. These types of connections are illegal (sec. 5.01 Town of Hinesburg Sewer Ordinance) and are punishable by a fine of \$100 per day for each day the violation continues.

Community Yard Sale Day 2006 to be Held Saturday, May 13

Are you looking for great yard sale finds? Or are you looking for an opportunity to clean out the attic and unload some of those unwanted items? Is your organization looking for a great fund-raising opportunity?

Then Saturday, May 13 is a date to mark on your calendar. The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA) will sponsor the 9th Annual Hinesburg Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The community sale site will again be at the Hinesburg Fire Hall. The HBPA will offer spaces and tables for anyone wishing to rent sale space.

In addition, the HBPA is encouraging Hinesburg residents to hold sales at their homes or businesses on the same day, making May 13 a yard sale extravaganza. The HBPA will distribute maps with the various sale sites throughout town listed. There is no charge for being included on the sale site map.

This event has been incredibly successful for the past eight years, and the HBPA expects even more bargain hunters this year. Take advantage of this community event, and help put Hinesburg on the map!

For further information on renting sale space, attending the sale, or having your location included on the map, contact HBPA Treasurer Jeanne Wilson at 482-3767 or email jwilson@gmavt.net.

HBPA 50/50 Raffle to Benefit Town Beautification Project

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association is currently selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle. The proceeds of this raffle will help fund the association's Town Beautification Project. In addition to the grand prize of 50% of the raffle proceeds, many consolation prizes are available! Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The raffle will conclude on Saturday, May 13, to coincide with the Hinesburg Community Yard Sale.

Support the Children's Trust Fund on State Tax

By Gretchen Pritsky

Take an extra moment when filing your state tax return to make a donation on Line 29B for Vermont Children's Trust Fund (CTF).

Since 1991, money from the fund has come back to our area to directly support programs for youth, through Hinesburg Community Resource Center/Friends of Families (HCRC/FOF). HCRC/FOF is an all-volunteer organization providing literacy programs, parenting education, mentoring, toddler playgroups, new baby visits, and other services to strengthen families and the community. Most recently, CTF supported an HCRC/FOF summer youth outreach program for residents of Hinesburg and St. George.

If every Vermont taxpayer gave a dollar, over 50 new programs would be supported. While one dollar may not mean much to you, it could mean the difference between success and failure to many of Vermont's kids. For more information, visit www.vtchildrenstrust.org or call (888) 475-5437. Thanks!

Planning News

By Alex Weinlagen,
Director of Planning & Zoning

Village Growth Project Update

After a large community forum in January and five public discussion sessions over the last two months, it's time for the Planning Commission to sharpen its pencils and begin working out the details of zoning revisions for the village area. We'll hold one final public discussion session on April 5 (at 7:30 p.m. in the HCS Cafeteria) to talk about comprehensive issues that span (and go beyond) the entire village area—e.g., waterways, traffic and transportation, growth center limits, town-wide context. Please come out for this wrap-up session: stimulate your mind, your civic conscience, and your taste buds (free dessert and drinks!).

We've received a LOT of feedback to date, and crafting a way forward on points of common ground will be no small task. Your thoughts and ideas are still welcome and appreciated, so feel free to attend any regular Planning Commission meetings this spring/summer as we refine the community's vision.

On top of these regular meetings, rest assured that there will be additional, well-publicized venues for comment and discussion once the Planning Commission has drafted regulatory revisions to which folks can react. The Commission meets regularly on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Check the Planning/Zoning page of the Town website (www.hinesburg.org) for meeting agendas, minutes, and more information on the Village Growth Project as well as many others.

Development on the Horizon

On March 29, the Planning Commission hosted a special village growth session with presentations on upcoming municipal improvement projects and possible private development projects that will depend on zoning decisions made by the community. Since I'm writing this article in advance, I'll just give you an update on the municipal improvement projects that are in the pipeline or being planned.

Recreation Improvements:

- Soccer field behind Town Hall (created/expanded 2005) available for use this season
- Multi-use recreation field with parking at Creekside project, on lot donated to Town (timing uncertain, pending State permits and developer commitments)
- Re-location of skate park from behind HCS to location to be determined (2006 or 2007), possibly on lot donated to Town behind fire station

Buildings/Infrastructure:

- Municipal wastewater treatment facility capacity upgrade—engineering to begin in 2006, completion timing uncertain, pending State permits and funding
- Town Hall site improvements—new landscaping around stone wall and frontage of property, parking redesign along Route 116 (Summer/Fall 2006)
- Fire & Police Station co-location—CONCEPTUAL ONLY—pending community input, funding, and possibly zoning changes

Intersection improvements:

- New traffic light with pedestrian crossing signals at 116, Charlotte Road intersection (Summer/Fall 2006)—VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) project
- Redesign of the 116, Silver St intersection from a "Y" to a "T" design (Summer/Fall 2006)—VTrans project
- Redesign of 116, Shelburne Falls Road intersection—either add turn lanes and improve signal OR convert to a roundabout (tentatively summer/fall 2007)—VTrans project
- New right hand turn lane for traffic exiting Commerce Street turning north on to Route 116 (Creekside project requirement, likely 2006 or 2007, but date uncertain)

Pedestrian/Bicycle improvements:

- New sidewalk from Town Hall to Cheese Factory (Summer/Fall 2006)
- New multi-use path from Post Office to CVU and then to Library (Summer/Fall 2007)
- Planning preliminary engineering for several other village sidewalk segments (Fall/Winter 2006)
- Pedestrian bridge over the canal in front of Cheese Factory—separated from 116 (Creekside project requirement, either 2006 or 2007)
- Sidewalk from canal through Lyman property, around Storage Barn and into Creekside development; this along with interior sidewalks in Creekside including a connection out to 116 at new four-way intersection at Commerce Street (Creekside project requirement, either 2006 or 2007)
- New Route 116 crosswalks—one at Commerce Street intersection, one at Mechanicsville Road intersection (Creekside project requirement, either 2006 or 2007)
- New sidewalk on the east side of Route 116 in front of the quonset hut lot (Automotion project requirement) and what is the new used car lot (Hinesburg Auto Sales project requirement)—both of these segments to be completed once the Town has formalized a plan for a sidewalk along the entire stretch of 116 from Commerce Street to Mechanicsville Road.

Planning E-mail List

I'm still trying to build an e-mail list for community planning related information, invitations, updates, etc. If you're interested in being on this list (I promise, only infrequent e-mails on really interesting topics!), please contact me. This form of communication is quick and efficient, and will help keep all of us better informed as we plan for the future of Hinesburg.



Crash Results in DUI Charge

Officer Steve Gutierrez charged Michael Bowen, 42, of North Ferrisburg, with Driving Under the Influence following a one-car crash on Silver Street on the evening of February 17. It is alleged that Bowen was southbound on Silver Street and went off the right side of the road and struck a utility pole.

Gutierrez was assisted at the scene by an off duty Burlington police officer who came upon the crash shortly after it occurred and observed beer being removed from the car and pushed under a fence. Neither Bowen nor his wife Ellen, a passenger in the car, was injured.

Police Investigating Trailer Park Robbery

Hinesburg Community Police are investigating a strong-arm robbery that occurred Sunday evening, March 12, in Sunset Lake Villa. Officer Barbara Brisson reported that several men and women confronted a 19 year old Hinesburg man. One grabbed him by the throat and shoved him backwards against a van and stole his wallet and cell phone. The cell phone was then destroyed to prevent his calling police.

Police are pursuing several leads in the case, but ask anyone who they have not contacted, but who may have witnessed the robbery, to contact them at 482-3397.

Investigation Nets Multiple Charges

Hinesburg Community Police have charged Nicole Letourneau, 19, of Essex and formerly of Hinesburg, with two charges of Forgery. Chief Chris Morrell reports that Letourneau cashed two checks stolen from a Hinesburg residence during the summer.

The checks which totaled several hundred dollars were taken from a home during a burglary. One check was cashed in Hinesburg and a second was cashed in South Burlington.

Huntington Man Charged In Golf Course Damage

Following a lengthy investigation, Hinesburg Community Police have charged Joshua Emory, 18, of Huntington with Unlawful Mischief. It is alleged that Emory went onto the golf course in January, tipped over a sign and pushed a soda vending machine down a hill, destroying it.

Officer Lisa Primo reported the investigation was made unnecessarily long by Emory's providing false information implicating two innocent men in the damage.

Conant Joins HCP Team

Officer Kim Conant has recently joined the Hinesburg Community Police Team. She replaces Lisa Primo who is returning to school. Conant has a career in customer service and recently changed to police work. Kim is presently employed as a part-time officer in Shelburne and has completed all her required part time certifications. She will be working part-time in Hinesburg as well as Shelburne. When you will see her on patrol in town and feel free to stop and introduce yourself.



Officer Kim Conant



March 2006

By Jennifer McCuin

Despite our lack of snow for Winter Carnival, it was still a wonderful day. Between ice-skating, broomball, and hockey, the rink was the hotspot this year for Winter Carnival. Thanks to the Midnight Riders, there were drinks and yummy snacks available in the warming hut. When I swung back by at 4:30 that afternoon to check in, there were still people skating on the rink!

The Hinesburg Nursery School's Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction was the perfect event to kick off the day. The basketball players were sweating up a storm in the gym, the dog show was held after the Waffle Breakfast was finished (bet those dogs could still smell the bacon!) and the quilts that were on display were just beautiful.

My sincere thanks go to Lori Hennessey and the Winter Carnival Committee and Tom Giroux for all of their hard work in planning and bringing us this fun event.

The Cabaret Dinner was another wonderfully successful evening. The 158 diners were treated to a show to remember featuring many locally talented performers, the "Bear Farmer" film debut and a surprise finale you never could have imagined...think of a River Dancing performance on your table! This incredible community event raised \$1,864.57, which was divided between the Hinesburg Food Shelf and the Hinesburg Artist Series. What an amazing effort!

Look for your Spring/Summer Program Guide to arrive mid-April. It's full of summer activities for children and adults. It will also feature the popular Nestech Summer Concert Series schedule for our Wednesday evening concerts behind Hinesburg Community School. Good luck getting through our beloved mud season—and think spring!

2006 Recreation Spring Sports Schedule

Spring sports start the week of May 1 (weather permitting).

Lacrosse

Boys, Grades 3-4: Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Lyman Park; \$30.

Boys, Grades 5-6: Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Lyman Park; \$30.

Boys, Grades 7-8: Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Lyman Park; \$30.

Girls, Grades 5-8: Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Lyman Park; \$30.

Baseball

Tee Ball, K-Grade 1: Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at CVU Upper Field; \$15.

Farm League, Grades 2-3: Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Lyman Park; \$15.

Other Rec Offerings...

Men's Basketball

Men's Hoops continues at Hinesburg Community School Gym. This is a pick-up style game for men. Please fill out a registration form/waiver form before you attend.

Where: HCS Gym

When/Who: Wednesday evenings for those under 30-years-old and Thursday evenings for the over 30-year-old gang

Time: 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE.

Strength Training with Lee Husebos

Lee has offered this class for many years and has quite a loyal following, but it is never too late to join in this program that benefits both mind and body. Lee has expanded her classes to include aerobic elements and the use of body balls.

When: Tuesdays and/or Fridays

Time: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Where: Town Hall
Cost: \$60 for six weeks
Please register through the Rec. Office, but make checks payable to Lee Husebos.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is an ancient exercise system originating from Taoist traditions. Develop your "chi" or internal life energy by regular practice and you will improve your balance and coordination, as well as calm the mind and increasing mental focus. You will also achieve a sense of wholeness and inner peace. Mike Prehoda, who is able to guide students from beginner to advanced, offers this wonderful class. You may join anytime, but classes run for six-week sessions.

When: Thursdays

Where: Town Hall

Time: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$40

Please register through the Rec. Department. Checks are payable to HRD.

Driver Education taught by Dave Brautigam

Students must possess a Vermont Learner's Permit to be eligible for the class. Students will schedule their driving time with the instructor, in addition to classroom time. Classroom time consists of 30 hours. Driving time consists of six hours.

Where: Located in the first floor conference room in the Town Hall

Time: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; Monday through Friday

Dates: Session I—June 19 through July 8 (skipping July 4 for holiday)

Session II— July 17 through August 4

Cost: \$675 payable to Dave Brautigam.

Full payment and registration forms are due by May 15 to secure a spot in class. They can be mailed to Hinesburg Rec. Department, P.O. Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

For additional information or questions about the course please contact Dave Brautigam at brautigamd@msn.com. To enroll in the course, please contact Jennifer McCuin at the Rec. Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Driver Education taught by Kevin Browne

Students must possess a Vermont Learner's Permit to be eligible for the class. Students will schedule their driving time with the instructor, in addition to classroom time. Classroom time consists of 30 hours. Driving time consists of six hours. Kevin will administer the driving test when the student turns 16. You may contact him directly and arrange a time for the test.

Where: Located in the first floor conference room in the Town Hall.

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday

Dates: Session I—June 19 through July 7

Session II—July 31 through August 11

Cost: \$600 payable to Kevin Browne.

Full payment and registration forms are due by May 15 to secure a spot in class. They can be mailed to Hinesburg Rec. Department, P.O. Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461. For additional information or questions about the course please contact Kevin Browne or at kmb1159@verizon.net. To enroll in the course, please contact Jennifer McCuin at the Rec. Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

More Piano Lessons with Mary Beth Bowman

Mary Beth Bowman, Hinesburg resident and longtime music instructor will offer another day of piano lessons at HCS on Wednesday afternoons. Beginners are welcome to join in this four-student maximum class located in the piano lab next to Cindy Fay's music room. The class will include all instructional material. Having a keyboard or piano would make this an optimal learning experience because of the practice necessary in pursuing an instrument. These spaces will fill up quickly.

Who: Beginning piano students in 1st through 8th grade

When: Wednesdays

Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Piano Lab

Cost: \$100

Maximum: four students.

American Red Cross Babysitting Course

Conducted by the Red Cross, this six-hour class offers certification in babysitting skills and safety. It will include a handbook and first aid kit for each student to keep. It is strongly recommended that all participants have the maturity and interest to make this is beneficial experience.

Who: Students who are ten years and older

When: Thursday and Friday, April 13-14

Time: 2:45 to 5:45 p.m.
Where: Cindy Fay's Room
Cost: \$45.

Make sure to send a bagged dinner and snacks and drink...it will be a long day! Please make checks payable to the American Red Cross. To register, please contact the Rec. Department at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Girls on the Run

Who: 3rd through 5th grade girls
When: Dates and Times T.B.A., starting tentatively in April

Interested in running or coaching? Contact Kristi Johnson at 482-3366.

Wednesday Morning Walks

Walk the roads or trails in Hinesburg at different locations around town with a great bunch of people. Learn new loops or places that you've never explored. Meeting at the Town Hall parking lot to coordinate carpooling, these walks will vary in length from three to five miles and can be taken at your own pace. The walks will be predominately on quiet, dirt roads. Comfortable walking shoes are really all you need (maybe some water and a small snack, too!)

Who: All are welcome
Where: Meet at Town Hall parking lot
When: April 12, 29, May 3, 10
Time: 8:45 a.m.
FREE of charge!

Please register at the Rec. Office so that your name and phone number are available for changes. Thanks!

Hinesburg Winter Carnival Snow Golf Winners

At this year's snow golf competition we had 22 people compete for bragging rights. The competition was stiff but the following golfers came out on top.

12 and under age winners

1st place Lindsay Kimball—Longest Drive
1st place Alice Reed—Closest to the Pin (2 ft. 3 in)
2nd place Lindsay Kimball—Closest to the Pin (3 ft. 5 in)

13 and over age winners

1st place David Eddy—Longest Drive
2nd place Tom Giroux—Longest Drive
1st place Alex Hennessey—Closest to the Pin (5 in.)
2nd place Bob Chalifoux—Closest to the Pin (2 ft. 6 in.)

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The Wellness Group Comes to Hinesburg

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Hinesburg welcomes another home-based business, The Wellness Group. Judy Chaffee, a Registered Nurse for more than forty years, brings the services of this group to our community.

First, a little history. Judy's long involvement in the nursing profession led her to realize in the late 1990s that there was a compelling need for prevention of illness, not just for treatment. She also realized that most chronic diseases were caused by poor behaviors, improper nutrition, and by choices that people make over a prolonged period of time. Things we cannot change are sex, history and our genetic makeup. However, we can change our behaviors and what we eat. This realization was the beginning of Judy's interest in human behavior and nutrition.

At about this time, Judy realized that the health insurance industry had changed dramatically and the only way we were going to remain healthful was to become proactive.

She eventually joined The Wellness Group which is a group of doctors, nurses and health practitioners located in the New England States. This group is aligned with a research and development company that deals with the new technology and science of Glyconutritionals. Glyconutritionals are structural sugars, not table sugars, that support cell to cell communication. For example, every cell in our body that has a membrane has these eight sugars on the perimeter and these structural sugars form the alphabet of how cells talk to each other. What this does is support, through nutrition, the immune system. When cells can communicate properly with the immune system, the immune system then does what it was designed to do, which is to repair, restore, nourish, cleanse and destroy foreign cells like bacteria or cancers.

As a wellness educator, when Judy consults with people she looks at their behaviors, lifestyle and nutrition. In this way she is able to inform them about the needed glyconutritional supplements that are derived from plants and vegetables. Most people choose to take the supplements either to support a healthy lifestyle or, for those challenged by chronic disease or auto immune diseases (Lupus, Fibromyalgia, MS, Diabetes), to support the immune system in restoring health or improving quality of life.

Judy stressed that we all know that the food we are eating is not nurturing us the way it used to fifty to sixty years ago. For example, fresh vegetables are packed prior to ripening. Also, we live in a very toxic environment, and toxic chemicals are used in most manufacturing processes. These things are more or less out of our control. Back in the 1990s, because of these situations, the government encouraged people to take supplements to support their health.

In light of this, Judy stressed that the most important fact to keep in mind about supplements is that you should purchase them from a company that has high quality standards, good quality materials and the science to back up their products. If a person is going to invest in supplements, he/she should get the biggest bang for their buck and receive the benefits of the supplements.

Judy feels that her calling is to help people and to keep them out of the hospital if possible. She said that as a nurse she has seen too much tragedy and that she wants to make a positive difference. She feels that there is hope out there for people who thought there was no hope, in the form of complimentary medicine. She also said that we all know that good nutrition and health go hand in hand. Similarly, if a person is in a diseased state and improves their nutrition, it can lead to improved health. The glyconutritional supplements complement traditional medicine. It is not an either/or situation. In taking a pharmaceutical, the goal should be to take the least amount possible for the shortest period of time.

Judy has an office in her home and offers free consultations. She also has plans to offer free health/nutrition seminars open to the public. She can be reached at 482-2045, by e-mail at: judechaffee@juno.com or at P.O. Box 452, Hinesburg.

I asked Judy why she and her husband moved to Hinesburg. She said that they wanted to be near Burlington, wanted to be able to walk to most of their community amenities, have an old house and be involved in a vibrant community. They found all of that in Hinesburg.

Judy grew up in Queens, Long Island, and was an Army nurse stationed in Hawaii during the Viet Nam War. She attained the rank of Captain before she left the service. The majority of her nursing career was as a Medical/Surgical/Cardiology nurse at the Rutland Hospital. Judy feels the apex of her career was when she was Executive Director of Park Street Healthshare, a free clinic in Rutland for the uninsured poor. Her husband, Rick Chaffee, PhD, a native Vermonter, was a skier in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. He also has a home-based business assisting adults with career development.

Calling All Hinesburgers— Help Hinesburg Tell the World How Special We Are!

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA) has undertaken an initiative that we think the entire community should participate in. Pending approval from the town Selectboard, we are looking to update the signs on the major roads that welcome people to Hinesburg at our borders. In conjunction with this, we thought it would be nice to include a town motto after the words, "Welcome to Hinesburg."

Examples of other town mottos include Bristol's "Gateway to the Green Mountains," and Rochester's "Heart of the Green Mountains."

Hinesburg has so many wonderful qualities that we know how hard it will be to come up with something short and simple that hits the nail on the head. That's why we want to engage the creativity of the entire community in this effort. At past HBPA meetings, we have tossed around many ideas, some focusing on the "green-ness" of our town, others on the friendliness of our community, our combination of rural Vermont flavor in close proximity to some important cities and facilities, and our perfect situation between two Vermont icons: Lake Champlain and Camel's Hump. Not all of these lend themselves to a phrase that would be short, sweet, and hit the nail on the head. Won't you help with your suggestion?

If you'd care to participate, please send your suggested town motto to the HBPA no later than June 1. Write to: HBPA, PO Box 77, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Including your name is optional, but we'd like to think that the genius that comes up with the winning phrase would like to be recognized.

VT Preservationist Learns Globally, Works Locally

Working on adobe buildings in West Texas and religious structures in Cuba helps local businessman Eliot Lothrop do a better job of preserving and restoring old buildings in New England. In the past seven months, Lothrop has traveled with the University of Vermont's Historic Preservation Program to national landmarks in Texas, California and Cuba to help document and repair historically significant buildings there.



Eliot Lothrop of Building Heritage restores a barn at the Jubilee Farm

"By working on projects in other parts of the country, I get a chance to work with different materials and climate conditions, and to learn the most up-to-date practices and technologies," Lothrop says.

Most of the time, however, he's in Vermont, running Building Heritage, LLC. Founded in 2004 and based in Huntington, the firm combines traditional craftsmanship with historic preservation for all types of structures, including

houses, barns, churches, mills and schoolhouses.

Unlike some restoration contractors, Building Heritage has the capability to address structural problems such as lifting large buildings off their foundations. Some of the company's recent projects have included the Calkins Farmstead at the Intervale in Burlington, the Jubilee Farm in Huntington and the East Monitor Barn in Richmond.

The Intervale received a matching barn grant from the State Division for Historic Preservation to save a small corn crib. Lothrop's company jacked the crib nearly three feet in one corner, reinstated the sills and will be installing a new foundation and roof in the spring.

At the Jubilee Farm—a working organic farm that once housed a large dairy operation—Building Heritage jacked up a small barn, repaired several timbers, reinstated a floor system and created a heated, finished space in half of the building.

At the East Monitor barn, the job involved an emergency stabilization, as movement from the hill behind the barn has threatened to buckle the building.

Armed with a master's degree from the University of Vermont's Historic Preservation Program, Lothrop says the chance to work on structures outside of the region "gives me the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in various aspects of preservation, and to combine those experiences back in the Northeast."

For more information about Building Heritage, visit the website at www.buildingheritage.com or call (802) 434-4526.

Socially Responsible Business Conference on April 11 in Burlington

What: "Local Strategies in a Global Economy"

When: Monday evening, April 10, and Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Time: April 10, 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.; April 11, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Wyndham Hotel, Burlington

Hal Hamilton of the Sustainability Institute will kick off a day-long conference with his keynote address on the Sustainable Food Lab's work to bring competitors together from around the world in search of concrete solutions to complex food systems issues.

Theresa Marquez of Organic Valley Family of Farms will deliver the lunchtime keynote address on the cooperative's involvement with the Sustainable Food Lab, and how the co-op is nurturing a new generation of organic farmers.

Vermont's largest gathering of socially responsible business people will feature an awards banquet on the evening of April 10 to honor the winners of the 2006 Terry Ehrich Awards for Socially Responsible Business. On April 11 the conference, entitled "Local Strategies in a Global Economy," will feature twenty-two workshops highlighting the latest trends in socially responsible business including:

Growing Your Business with Local Assets: How to identify the local assets available to help you build long-term economic security for your company, your employees, and your community.

- Global Trends in CSR: Discussion of how social responsibility concepts, tools and practices are evolving worldwide.
- Why Can't We All Just Get Along: Strategies for managing challenges of communication, group dynamics and conflict in small organizations.
- Sustainable Business Development: A case study of Mad River Glen ski area—remaining sustainable in the ultra-competitive and development-intensive ski industry.
- CEOs-Only Roundtable: Confidential setting for CEOs to discuss the unique challenges of being at the helm of a business.

Other workshops will focus on various business issues including creating high performance work groups, helping employees live better, and taking a regenerative approach to corporate responsibility. Top managers and CEOs of nationally recognized businesses will share "best practices" in integrating financial and social bottom lines.

"Local Strategies in a Global Economy" is made possible by sustaining members Ben & Jerry's, Chittenden Bank, Chroma Technology, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Main Street Landing Company, NRG Systems, Inc., Small Dog Electronics, and Seventh Generation; underwriters Cabot Creamery, Gardener's Supply Company, and Marlboro College Graduate Center; sponsors 2much Media, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Vermont, Brattleboro Food Co-op, Business Culture Consultants, Concept2, Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, PC, Global Resource Options, LLP, Goddard College,

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NativeEnergy provided the CO2 offsets to make this a climate neutral event.

Champlain Valley Compost Co. Celebrates 10-year Anniversary

Steven Wisbaum founded Champlain Valley Compost Co. (CVCC) in 1996. Based in Charlotte, CVCC is comprised of three distinct operations:

Farm-crafted Compost™ and Topsoil Plus™

Using surplus farm manure obtained from local dairy and horse farms, CVCC produces and sells about 1,500 cubic yards a year of its signature Farm-crafted Compost and Topsoil Plus. While Wisbaum has personally delivered these products to thousands of gardeners and landscapers in and around Chittenden County over the past ten years, Farm-crafted Compost is also distributed through three well known garden centers including Horsford's Gardens in Charlotte, Gardenside Nurseries in Shelburne, and Evergreen Gardens of Vermont in Waterbury Center.

Experienced gardeners have long known that compost provides a natural supply of essential plant nutrients, beneficial microbes, and organic matter needed for healthy soils and plants, and thereby reduces the need for toxic pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. But by converting surplus farm into compost that is then used in residential gardens and lawns, nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus contained in this surplus manure can also be prevented from becoming potentially harmful water pollutants through farm-runoff. In fact, Wisbaum estimates that during these past ten years, the production and use of Farm-crafted Compost and Topsoil Plus by area gardeners and landscapers has helped keep as much as 100 tons of these two agricultural nutrients out of Lake Champlain and its tributaries.

There are also direct economic benefits to farms from CVCC's composting services. For example, a number of local horse and dairy farms have reduced operating costs by allowing CVCC to use their surplus manure, thereby avoiding or minimizing hauling or disposal expenses. CVCC has also developed partnerships with a few larger farms that provide both manure and the land needed for composting, and in-turn receive compost and/or payments for the compost sold by CVCC.

Custom Composting

Another aspect of CVCC's business is providing "custom" composting services to farms throughout central and northern Vermont. Over the past ten years CVCC has provided these services to over 50 dairy, sheep, horse, and vegetable farms. On an "as-needed" basis, the types of services CVCC provides include technical assistance with setting up compost operations, hauling raw materials, building windrows, and "turning" compost piles using CVCC's diesel-powered compost turner. The benefits of compost production to these farms include reduced hauling costs due to the 50 to 60% reduction in the manure volume as well as the elimination of weed seeds, plant and animal pathogens, and unpleasant odors. And in cases where more compost is produced than the farm can use, some of these farms have sold the surplus within their local community to pay for CVCC's services, or to generate a profit. A list of some of the farms CVCC is currently working with can be found on its website at www.cvcompost.com.

With composting long considered an important tool of sustainable and organic agriculture, it's hardly surprising then that a number of CVCC's custom composting clients have received special recognition as Vermont Sustainable Agriculture Farms of the Year—including the Butterworks Farm (Westfield), Blue Spruce Farm (Bridport), Shelburne Orchards (Shelburne), and Golden Russet Farm (Shoreham). And still another farm for which CVCC recently developed a compost program, the Sprague Ranch in East Brookfield just received the distinction of 2005 Vermont Dairy Farm of the Year award.

Worldwide Distributor Compostex Compost Covers

Champlain Valley Compost Co. has become the leading distributor of Compostex compost covers (manufactured by Texel, Inc. of Quebec, Canada) to municipal, agricultural, and commercial composting operations throughout North America and abroad. Originally developed in Europe, this breathable, reusable, water shedding fabric improves operating efficiencies, reduces operating costs, improves product quality, and minimizes environmental impacts by protecting compost piles from excess rainfall and snowmelt. While relatively unknown outside Europe ten years ago, due in large part to the marketing efforts of CVCC, the Compostex technology is now being used successfully on over three hundred compost sites worldwide.

Special Projects

During the past ten years, Wisbaum has also been involved in a variety of compost-related educational endeavors in Vermont such as conducting workshops and writing articles and position papers. He has also developed and/or coordinated a variety of compost-related demonstration projects. The first of these was the "On-farm Compost Demonstration Project" funded through the Lake Champlain Basin Program in which Wisbaum helped develop compost operations on three dairy farms in Franklin County, Grand Isle County, and New York's Clinton County in 1996. For the past six years, Wisbaum has worked cooperatively with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Water Quality Department to compost thousands of tons of water chestnut plants harvested through the DEC's invasive aquatic plant eradication program in the southern reaches of Lake Champlain. In a classic win-win situation, participating vegetable and dairy farms provide land to DEC to stockpile and compost the harvested water chestnut plants, with the farms in-turn receiving the benefit of the finished compost for use in their own agricultural operations. Wisbaum also conceived and

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coordinated the "Horse Manure Composting Demonstration Project" funded through an EPA Section 319, Water Pollution Prevention grant administered through Vermont DEC, Water Quality Program. As part of this project, Wisbaum wrote the "Horse Owners' Guide to Composting" (available free from CVCC's website and VT DEC) which is now being used by commercial composters, horse owners, and resource conservation professionals throughout North America.

Community/Civic Involvement

Each year CVCC proudly donates hundreds of dollars worth of compost and topsoil to silent auctions and raffles as fund-raisers for a variety of local social service and educational organizations. These include the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Vermont Youth Orchestra, Shelburne Art Center, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Charlotte Children's Center, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, Friends of the UVM Horticulture Farm, and the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. CVCC has also provided compost at a reduced cost to a number of local community garden projects.

Our Deep Commitment to Agriculture Will Continue

By Secretary of Agriculture Steve Kerr

Agriculture in Vermont has an almost magical hold on most of us—and deservedly so. Our farmers not only feed us (a fact that most Americans take for granted), but they do so at a

remarkably low cost to consumers, while managing the most beautiful and productive human adaptation of the natural landscape.

The fact is that Vermont is as supportive of its farmers as any state and has a passion for continuing to find smart, usually market-orientated ways to foster agricultural economic opportunity.

In his short time as governor, Jim Douglas has brought not only a deep personal commitment to agriculture, but also a focus on creative, sound ideas that have yielded substantial progress for farmers. That focus is grounded in the Governor's belief that agriculture not only satisfies our souls, but also means business for Vermont.

Some in the State House recently criticized our budget recommendations for agriculture, and nudged what is generally a collegial debate over Vermont's fiscal capacity to invest in agriculture into a more contentious zone. Since the gauntlet has been thrown down, let's review what the Governor has made for investments in agriculture.

The Governor's four budgets (from his first full budget in fiscal year 2004 to his recommended budget for FY 2007) have increased the Agency of Agriculture's own budget by 23 percent, or \$2.5 million; fully \$1.6 million of that amount has been state funds.

Much of that was to fund society's fair share of the obligation that Vermonters have asked farmers to assume with regard to water quality. As a state whose agricultural incomes are overwhelmingly tied to livestock production, this focus is what farmers needed in order to maintain their profitability and accelerate the rate at which we are improving our waterways.

In addition to these increases, over \$2 million was added to capital spending bill in FY 2006 for water quality. In FY 2007, the Governor is recommending \$1.8 million in the capital bill. (The reason this recommendation is reduced from the previous year is that the Agency has funds left over from prior years that can be applied to these efforts.)

Lest we forget, the Governor proposed—with swift, tripartisan approval—a long overdue reduction of property taxes for farmers in 2003. This measure saves farmers about \$4 million annually, a savings that accrues each and every year.

In that same year, as many of our family dairy farms—the backbone of Vermont agriculture—were threatened by the worst price recession in memory, the Governor proposed an innovative, emergency loan program that the General Assembly approved. Together, the Governor and the Legislature enabled about 100 farms to ride out the storm.

Under Governor Douglas' leadership we've opened new markets for Vermont companies through strategic planning and wise allocation of resources to insure our marketing dollars go as far as they can go.

He also understands that the future of Vermont agriculture depends upon wise investment in those who will be our future farmers. He strongly supports continued funding of the successful 2+2 agricultural scholarship program by the state, as

well as by the University of Vermont, and hopes to expand such opportunities for agricultural study through his new Vermont Scholarship Program.

These are but a few of the diverse efforts that the Agency's \$14 million budget and other state expenditures fund on behalf of farmers. They do not reflect, of course, the substantial federal support we receive for such diverse needs as animal disease prevention and value-added processing.

And, let's not forget that the Governor changed the Department of Agriculture to the Agency of Agriculture, thereby giving farmers a seat at the cabinet table.

There is much more that could be cited, but there is also much exciting work yet to be done. Governor Douglas is preparing to capture future opportunities and confront future challenges.

The Governor's Dairy Task Force recently laid out recommendations to promote milk production and dairy product manufacturing in Vermont. The key actions will improve farm profitability by helping farmers reduce their production costs; boost milk production by increasing the number of farms and cows; develop more value-added, farm based dairy processing businesses, as well as new, larger-scale processors; and continue to promote the enviable image of Vermont's dairy industry and products.

These strategies will put our dairy industry on an even sounder footing, as we have the unpleasant reality of a dairy recession in the future, a recession that is expected to push milk prices below the cost of production. Thankfully, Governor Douglas and the General Assembly have developed programs, like the emergency loan program and Farm Viability Program, to buffer some of the hardships ahead.

The Governor also worked hard with our Congressional delegation to help secure the re-authorization of the Milk Income Loss Contract program, a federal program that is expressly designed to provide a safety net for our farmers during difficult times.

Successful action such as this cannot be measured in dollars and cents alone

I am working closely with Vermont's House and Senate Agriculture Committees in initiatives to make farms even more profitable, including new and better ways to bring Vermont farm products to the marketplace and make them more available to consumers.

Through continued collaborative innovations—such as the successful "Buy Local" program and the Farm to Schools initiative; an accelerated program to encourage farms to explore organic production practices and on farm, value-added processing; and a plan to speed the adoption of alternative energy sources like biofuels—we will, to paraphrase Professor Frank Bryan, help ensure that Vermont remains Vermont.

The bottom line is this: agriculture does mean business for Vermont, and is therefore of the utmost importance to all of those who care about our future. Together, we've done much; together, we can do much more.

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Bradford, Barbara Taylor, *Just Rewards*

Dunant, Sarah, *In the Company of the Courtesan*

Johansen, Iris, *On the Run*

King, Stephen, *Cell*

Murakami, Haruki, *Kafka on the Shore*

O'Shaughnessey, Perri, *Case of Lies*

Parker, Robert, *Sea Change*

Patterson, James and Maxine Paetro, *The Fifth Horseman*

Picoult, Jodi, *The Tenth Circle*

Robb, J.D., *Memory in Death*

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Bohjalian, Cris, *Idyll Banter: weekly excursions to a very small town*

Douglas, Geoffrey, *The Game of their Lives: the untold story of the World Cup's biggest upset*

Fisk, Robert, *The Great War for Civilisation: the conquest of the Middle East*

Hooks, Bell, *Feminism is for Everybody*

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Palmer, Edna, *Edna Palmer's Recipe Book: In loving memory 1911 - 1993*

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Adult Programs

Healthy Children – Healthy Planet: An eight-session Vermont Earth Institute discussion course co-sponsored by the library **starts Tuesday, April 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The format is a small group of eight to ten people, with discussions based on readings found in an Institute course manual (cost: \$8). Sessions are spread out over several months. For more information contact Rob Farley 482-3460 or Caroline Jalbert 482-2966. Call the library at 482-2878 to reserve your spot today.

Organic Gardening with Ron Krupp: Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. Vermont organic gardener Ron Krupp will inspire us to dream about gardening again. Ron is the author of *The Woodchuck's Guide to Gardening*, and is working on his second book *The Woodchuck's Guide to Sustainability Farming, Food and Politics*. He has also been the gardening commentator on Vermont Public Radio for the past eight years. Please mark your calendars and join us for a lively discussion. *Note that the date of this program has changed.

Turning a Page

Janet Soutiere has decided to give up her Youth Services Librarian position at CCL to gain more free time to enjoy all that Vermont has to offer. Thank you, Janet for all the smiles and stories and crafts you have shared with the "little ones" and the encouragement and help offered to parents and other caregivers. The Library's juvenile and YA collections are stronger now, after your thoughtful acquisitions. You gave much time and energy to creating fun, informative programs for children of all ages. Thank you for the effort you put into getting and keeping the bookmobile on the road. We greatly appreciate your dedication to the young adult book buying group. You used technology very effectively to enhance library service. The CCL staff will miss your strong work ethic, positive attitude, wisdom and good humor.

One consolation is that Janet will be available to substitute for absent CCL librarians. We look forward to those occasions. Though the Library is turning a page in its delivery of youth services, patrons need not worry about permanent cutbacks. The library Staff and Trustees are strongly committed to maintaining quality service to children, from babies to teens. A temporary lapse in story times is likely to occur in April or longer, during the search for a librarian. However, full services will resume as soon as possible. We have much to look forward to! Spring is a busy, exciting time when we are gearing up for bookmobile trips and Summer Reading Program. Judy Curtis is brimming with great ideas for Summer Reading Club and will work with the new librarian to assure a super-duper summer!

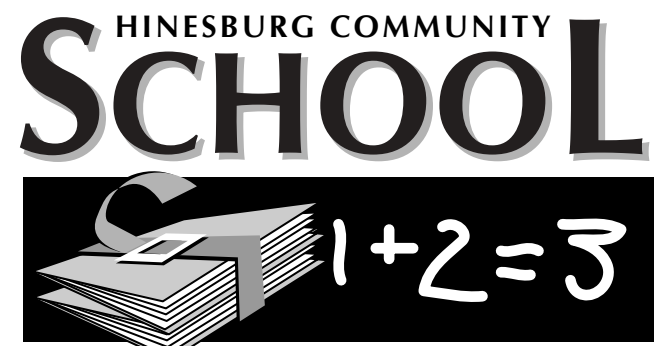
What will Janet do next? Perpetually in motion, she will no doubt find many rewarding projects to tackle. We know that she will take the time to "smell the roses" at the country home she and her husband own in Richmond. She also plans to be trekking "up north" to their generous acreage which is ripe for a building project. Best wishes, Janet.

You may send kind words to Janet by email: janetsoutiere@yahoo.com

Quotation of the Month

"The Irish have an abiding sense of tragedy which sustains them through temporary periods of joy."

-Oscar Wilde



Compiled by Denise Giroux

HCS Calendar

April

1: PTO Pancake Breakfast and Basket Raffle, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., HCS cafeteria

5: Community Café, 8:00 to 8:45 a.m., HCS cafeteria

7, 8: Drama Production, Honk; 7:00 p.m., HCS gym

12: CSSU School Board Meetings, CVU: General session 6:00 p.m., Individual Town Board sessions 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at CVU

18: PTO Meeting, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center

20: Parent Conferences; half-day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal

21: Parent Conferences; half-day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal

24-28: Spring Vacation, No School

May

1: School Resumes

3: Community Café, 8:00 to 8:45 a.m., HCS cafeteria

26: Teacher In-Service; half-day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal

29: Memorial Day; no school

General School News

2006-2007 HCS Budget Approved

By Denise Giroux, parent volunteer

On Monday evening, March 13, approximately 70 community members turned out for the Annual School Budget Meeting held at HCS. Changing the meeting time to a weeknight seemed to help more than double the number of people who attended, compared to the last number of years when the meeting was held on a Saturday.

CSSU Superintendent Brian O'Regan was recognized for his six years of service to CSSU and wished well for his upcoming retirement. Also, Angela Stebbins, Assistant Principal, was thanked for her years of incredible service to HCS. It was announced at the meeting that she will become the new principal at St. Albans Town Elementary School in the fall.

Principals Debi Price and Angela Stebbins reported on the school's many programs, awards and accolades.

Board Member Colleen MacKinnon gave an update on the school facilities. Aside from regular maintenance and repairs to the facility, there are two projects that are priorities at this time. One is the renovation of the 1969 Primary Wing of the school and the other is the upgrade of the Playground. Currently there are some monies for the renovation project in the Capital Reserve Fund, and a draft plan for the project was completed last summer.

However, because of the uncertainty many community members felt about the currently ongoing town reappraisal, the School Board opted to wait to bring a vote forward on this topic.

For the playground, base (ground) materials would need to be changed first and funds would need to be raised to replace the current equipment. There appears to be no specific date for the beginning of this project.

Hinesburg Town Representative Bill Lippert spoke to several topics, one being the State Lottery, which advertises that it provides funds for Vermont Education. Despite the large amount that might seem to be generated from this, the State Education Fund realized only \$18 million from the lottery last year. He also referred to a booklet put out by the Vermont Children's Forum entitled "A Citizen's Guide to School Funding" which explains the basics of Vermont's Act 68, the new education funding law which was passed in 2003, replacing Act 60.

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In addition, Mr. Lippert encouraged community members to take advantage of tax prebate and rebate programs, and he stated that the Legislature is trying to simplify the application forms for these programs.

Board Member James Gelber spent time summarizing the proposed budget increases and decreases. There were many discussions that ensued regarding decreasing enrollment, increases and decreases in various teaching positions, transfer of certain budget items from the HCS budget to the CVU budget and the CSSU budget to the HCS budget, etc., as well as why the Food Service Program needs to be funded by other sources.

In the end, it turns out that the proposed budget for the 2006-2007 school year was increased 3.9% for a total of \$6,953,968. There was an amendment put forth to decrease the overall budget by \$50,000. However, Moderator Deena Monahan stated that it was illegal for the audience to stipulate where that \$50,000 cut could be taken in the budget. The amendment was put down and the budget was passed in its entirety as proposed.

It was explained that in order to have the dollar amount of certain line items decreased or increased, community members would need to attend the School Board meetings on the Budget, which occur bi-weekly or monthly, beginning in the late fall. Discussion was also put forth that the agenda for meetings should be more visibly posted to attract larger numbers of participants to those meetings and thus have more input as to what happens with the school budget. A suggestion was also made to have both the School and the Town Boards meet to know what each is asking of the town's people.

In the end, all articles were passed and the meeting adjourned just after 10:00 p.m. Next year's Hinesburg Town School District Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at HCS.

HCS Kindergarten Registration for 2006-2007 to be Held May 4, 5

Hinesburg Community School will be holding registration for students entering Kindergarten for the fall of 2006 on May 4 and May 5. To register, kindergarten students must be five years old before September 1, 2006. Parents are requested to bring their child, a copy of their birth certificate, as well as their child's immunization record. Call Brenda DiPasquale at Hinesburg Community School at 482-6214 to make an appointment.

PTO's Annual HCS Pancake Breakfast Today!

By Sheri Hanlon, PTO Co-Chair

Come to breakfast this Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Celebrate sugaring season by enjoying a great breakfast and supporting HCS at the same time. Students will entertain you with fantastic music; you can participate in the themed basket auction and socialize with other Hinesburg community friends!

Tickets are on sale at the HCS office or at the door—\$6 per adult and \$3.50 per child (3-14).

Plan to participate also in the basket silent auction. Each HCS class has donated and created "theme" baskets for auction. Some of the themes include: Reading, Beach, Red Sox, Youth, Thai Cooking, Chocolate and many, many more.

Come enjoy a great breakfast, bid on a theme basket and enjoy HCS students' music. This is a fun community event you won't want to miss!

Visit the Community Café on April 5

By Denise Giroux, parent volunteer

The Community Café takes place on the first Wednesday of each month from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. in the HCS cafeteria. This social activity is designed to get community members into the school to find out what's happening both at school and in the town.

Recent visitors have included James Gelber (HCS School Board member), Debi Price and Angela Stebbins (HCS Principals), Barb Brisson (Hinesburg Police officer), Andrea Morgante (member of the Planning Commission, Recreation Path Committee, and Selectboard), a representative of the Chittenden Solid Waste District, and an assortment of faculty, staff and parents.

Come and join us for conversation, coffee and breakfast treats!

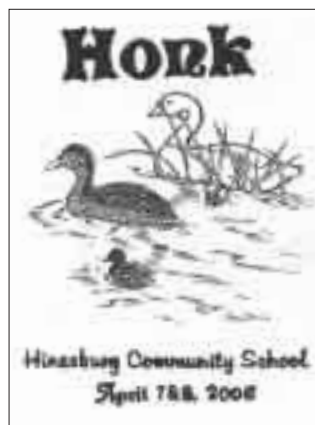
"Girls On The Run" Program Wants YOU!

By Kristi Johnson, parent volunteer

Attention 3rd through 5th grade girls! Girls on the Run is a program designed for girls who want to have fun, learn about being a part of a team, increase their positive self-image, and support one another to gently push themselves physically. It doesn't matter if you are a fast or slow runner.

The program will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. at HCS. It will begin on April 3 and go through June 7. Cost is \$60. There are scholarships available. If you are interested, please call Kristi Johnson at 483-3366 to sign up.

HCS to Present "HONK"



The Hinesburg Community School Drama Program will present the play "HONK" on April 7 and 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the school gym.

This is a delightful musical tale of the ugly duckling put on by 5th through 8th graders at HCS. Tickets are \$3 for students and seniors, and \$5 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at Jeannie Wilson's office at the Town Hall.

HCS to Celebrate Mr. Yoon with Thai Festival

Volunteers are needed to help with the HCS Thai Festival on Friday May 19. HCS is proud to have Mr. Yoon teaching us the culture and happenings of his homeland, Thailand. This spring we are culminating his time with us in a day-long, school-wide festival. The celebration will include dances, music, games, food, language and many more exciting activities.

HCS invites any community members, young and old, to come and give us a helping hand. We are looking for many different volunteers from team teaching activities to serving our Thai lunch. If you would like more information, please contact either Katie O'Brien at obrienk@hcsvt.org or Cindy Fay at fay@hcsvt.org.

Hinesburg Community School students and staff thank you for your support and assistance in making this a very special day for the Town of Hinesburg.

Middle School Students Give Gifts to Seniors

Hinesburg Community School middle school students contributed to the décor of the Seniors Valentine's luncheon at the United Church on Friday, February 10. Seventh and eighth grade students in the Gift-Making Exploratory class made placemats and vases filled with colorful paper flowers for each of the seniors to enjoy at the lunch and then take home with them.

Art teachers Katie O'Brien and Alice Trageser organized the art making and Guidance Counselor Steve Hyde, accompanied seven of the students to deliver their work and meet the seniors over cookies and punch.

Thanks to the following students for sharing their gifts:

Katie Parker	Megan Henson
Amanda Armell	Kenzie Mahoney
Salena Stone	Dallas Dodd
Kady Kilbride	Erin Fagga
Ashley Martell	Taylor Gingras
Ben Francis	Sam Parent
Natasha Irish	Amanda Lacaillade
Erin Palmer	Hannah Covington-Walker
Brynn Seaton	Sarah Eddy-Stewart
Bonnie Kelley	Ellen Reinhart
Cathrine Allen	

Kudos to Kids!

What is kudos? According to the dictionary, kudos is an expression of approval and commendation. What is commendation? It is a message expressing a favorable opinion. Thus, "Kudos to Kids" is a message expressing approval and a favorable opinion of the kids and activities listed here!

Select Students Participate in Music Festival

By Cindy Fay, Music Educator

The All-District Music Festival for grade 7 and 8 students was held at Burlington High School on February 3 and 4. The three ensembles, Orchestra, Chorus and Band, performed a fabulous concert for parents and friends on the evening of February 4.

The participating students auditioned for their ensembles last fall and were selected to attend, representing their own school. Participating schools included Browns River Middle School, Camel's Hump Middle School, Frederick Tuttle Middle School, Hunt Middle School, Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School, Essex Middle School, Williston Central School, Charlotte Central School, Hinesburg Community School, Winooski Middle School, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Mater Christi School and Colchester Middle School.

We are very proud of the following students who were selected to attend this festival.

Chorus

Lexie Adams Marina Calvo Liana Pederzani

Band

Kameron Clayton Hannah Covington-Walker
Jennifer Dunn Ben Martin
Katie Parker Anna Watts

HCS Student Selected to Play in New England Regional Band

By Denise Giroux, parent volunteer

Eighth grade student Ben Martin, has been selected to play in the first John Philip Sousa National Junior Honors Band for the New England Region in April. Music Educators Cindy Fay and Pam Miller nominated Ben because of his dedication and skill.

Ben was selected to participate on the basis of the pieces he plays, his range, and the other arenas in which he plays the trumpet. He began playing at HCS in the fifth grade and takes private lessons as well. He played first chair in the local Junior High District Festival and is a member of the Vermont Youth Symphonia. The New England Regional Concert will take place on April 22 in Harvard, Massachusetts.

Congratulations, Ben!

HCS MathCounts Team Makes Strong Showing in Competition

By Denise Giroux, parent volunteer

On Saturday, February 18, the HCS MathCounts Team headed to the University of Vermont Chapter competition. There the team members competed against students from 11 other schools. They took part in Sprint, Target and Team Rounds, which involve varying numbers of problems and pre-determined time allotments to complete the problems.

Overall they fared very well with the team placing fifth, with a score only one point behind the tied third and fourth place teams.

Congratulations go to Coach Maria Duryea and students Grady Farnum Rendino, Andrew Giroux, Ben Martin, Morgan Pell and Seamus Mawe. Great job!

Middle School Murals Brighten School

More than a dozen students from Hinesburg Community School spent the first quarter of the school year creating murals with their Art teachers Mrs. O'Brien and Miss Trageser. The murals are bright and colorful.

The themes include a scene from the rain forest, a flower garden, a collage of our core concepts, an interpretation of Van Gogh's Starry Night, a sport theme mural as well as a view of Camel's Hump.

The murals can be found in the Library, the main office, the stairwells and Middle school hallways. Students also came up with a decorative sign that hangs over the Computer lab, as well as a new sign for above the Library door.

We hope that anyone who gets the chance to visit HCS will come see the beautiful works of art created by our students.



Ms. Trageser and Mrs. O'Brien helped their middle school students to see the school as their canvas in a mural creating exploratory this year.



- Kudos to the following students for their efforts:
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| Kady Kilbride | Amanda LaCaillade |
| Amanda Armell | Erin Palmer |
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| Emily Leffler | Lianna Pedrezani |
| Cassidy Maglaris | Hannah Turnbaugh |
| Kenzie Mahoney | Lily Gevalt |
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A Little Inspiration, If You Please

By Kameron Clayton, HCS 7th Grader

As Vermont was enjoying a unseasonably warm winter, one local man was trekking across the Yukon Territory, braving below zero temperatures to win third place in the 2006

Yukon Arctic Ultra.

The Yukon Arctic Ultra is regarded as one of the most challenging adventure races on planet Earth. Competitors race 100, 300, or 450 miles over rough terrain following a sled dog trail, and Shelburne resident Bruce Thompson was up to the challenge.

Now head back to Vermont. The 7/8 Infinity Team of Hinesburg closely followed Bruce with his every move on the race course. The following was finally united with the hero on March 10, when Bruce came in to answer questions the class had about the race, training, and the mental aspects of a huge task like this one.

Bruce told of how he battled shin splints, dehydration, and sleep deprivation in the race. He was very happy with his result. A race like this is no walk in the park, he says. Months of training are necessary to complete the race. To train he had to sacrifice family time. He spent weeks in the Lincoln wilderness and on the St. Albans recreation path fine tuning his race technique and logging miles on his sled and feet. During training he used a weighted sled to build strength. He trained like a soldier!



Adventure racer Bruce Thompson meets with Infinity team 7th and 8th graders in March. The students followed Bruce's progress in a grueling Yukon trek this winter. PHOTOS BY KAMERON CLAYTON

Finally, he was ready to race. Months of preparation had all lead to this, six days to give it his all. As soon as the gun went off he was out of the start, being one of the first to make it to the 26 mile checkpoint. After that, he battled many oppressions and made it to the finish tired and hungry in third position—great for a guy who hadn't done the 300 mile race before (he had previously done the 100 miler).

The Infinity team avidly followed the exciting adventures of the super-human. Class time was even devoted to the updates on Bruce's status. On the final day of the race, kids were checking to see if Bruce had come in to the finish during every hour. Wall space was devoted to the exact location of Bruce.

Bruce was even incorporated into class. Mrs. Gruending designed a math class which graphed the rate of travel that Bruce took. In Social Science with Ms. Spaulding and Miss Rigas, students learned about the location of the race in Yukon. Everyone was captivated by this man battling his environment and seeing how far his body could go.

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Infinity finally met the man himself on March 10 at our "Breakfast with Bruce." At this event, Bruce answered the class's questions and more during his hour-long block. He showed Infinity all his gear, and how he calculated just what to bring for all possible situations. The breakfast, provided by Infinity families, was delicious. Thanks to all who provided goodies.

All in all, Bruce was inspirational and the class loved him. Great job, Bruce!

Looking for The Viking Voice?

We'll be back next issue, when our coordinator has a voice of her own and manages to stay well enough to attend school regularly. See you then!

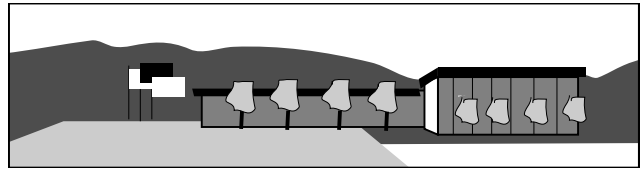
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Calendar

April:

- 3: CVU College Fair, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 6: Friends of CVU Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10: Grad Challenge paperwork due
- 11: VMEA State Band Festival
- 12: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 104
- 12-13: 2-day inservice, students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
- 17-28: Italy Trip
- 20-2: Greece Trip
- 24: School board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 104

CVU's Quarter 2 Honor Roll for Hinesburg Students

High Honors

Seniors

Michael Mainer
Caitlin Van Sleet

Juniors

Nicholas Bohlen
Thomas Dinitz
Kelsey Francis
Malcolm Piper

Sophomores

Kristin Blumen
Robin Hart
John Kimball
Aaron Miller
Chad Place
Samuel Ross

Freshmen

Jared Boudreau
Colleen Fairchild
Melissa Henson
Theresa Keller
Owen Smith

A/B Honors

Seniors

Keegan Allen
Ciara Armell
Ayse Bayar
Christiana Bedard
Maghan Charland
Zelie Dunn-Morrison
Lily Kielman
Meredith Mason
Meaghan McKenna
Kara Nye

Jefferson Parker
Margaret Patrick
Courtney Peet
Chelsea Place
Gregory Soll
Ariana Thibault
Celeste Veilleux
Benjamin Weis

Juniors

Tiffany Blair
Charles Carpenter
Samantha Castonguay
Taryn Couture
Glen Haskins, Jr.
Anna Keller
Charles Marks
Evan Masseur
Cameron Powden
Rachel Rohde
Lucas Smith
Hannah Whitney

Sophomores

Myles Beaudoin
Cyrus Bedard
Kathryn Bennett
Halle Broido
Chelsea Degree
Rachael Dodd
Eric Dotolo
Brian Dunkling
Daniel Evarts
Luke Hausermann
Evan Karge
Daniel Mercia
Samantha Nielsen
Joshua Parker
Ellen Ross
Kristopher Rushford

Freshmen

Christopher Boutin
Cameron Breck
Katelin Emerson
Jacob Gevalt
Katie Iadanza
Joseph Letourneau
Ethan Linck
Tegan Mahoney
John McGlenn
Robert Pelletier
Christine Piper
Natasha Sprano
Hilary Whitney

Access to CVU Wins Award, National Recognition for Successful CVU Outreach to Community

By Rosalyn Graham

Thousands of people, young and old, know that Champlain Valley Union High School is the place to go whether they want to learn about hip hop dance, flower arranging or Mandarin Chinese. And now people all over the country know that CVU's Access program is an outstanding model for making a school a year-round community resource.

At the annual meeting of the American Association of School Administrators held in February in San Diego, the Access to CVU program was awarded a 2006 Civic Star Award, recognizing its success in promoting a partnership between the school and the community. The award program is co-sponsored by Sodexo School Services, a national company that provides student nutrition programs and facilities management.

Last week, as the spring semester of Access to CVU began, Eddie Krasnow of Charlotte (who has directed the program since it was founded eight years ago) stood at the main intersection of the high school's hallways, welcoming people to classes and helping newcomers find their way to everything from digital photography to wreath making and ballroom dance. This year there are close to 900 participants in the spring semester classes, held during the evening, Monday through Thursday, at the high school. During the whole year, Eddie says, there are 3,000 spots in 300 classes including a summer camp to help eighth graders make the transition to high school smoothly.

Eddie was a member of a Community Connections committee at the time that CVU Principal Val Gardner was leading a strategic planning study. One of the proposals that came out of the study was to increase community use of, and engagement with, the high school, a key to increased support for budgets and rehabilitation and expansion plans. Access to CVU grew out of that strategy. Krasnow, with his background as a former teacher and community activist, became its director and a 21st Century Learning Grant got it off the ground in 1998.

The program has grown steadily since then. In presenting the award, the AASA commented on the success of Access, saying that course enrollment increased from 200 in 1999 to more than 2,000 in 2004, courses increased from 16 to more than 200 and the summer camp, which has grown every year, provided more than \$10,000 in scholarship money through fundraising projects and community support.

There are Access programs for all ages and all skill levels. There are introductory rug hooking classes and sewing for middle school students, baby sign language, computer and digital photography skills. The Great Meals series explores Dim Sum, Latino and Greek cuisine and there are classes in Italian Easter Desserts and tea tasting. There are chances to learn Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Quebec French and Slavic languages as well as American Sign Languages. In the afternoons there are movement classes for two- to four-year-olds, Spanish for four- and five-year-olds, knitting for third, fourth and fifth graders, and youth wrestling.

While the word about the Access classes is still rippling out to the population of Chittenden South and the surrounding area, through a direct mailing of 25,000 flyers, and some advertising, the best recruitment tool is the enthusiastic comments of those who have taken classes.

Jeanne Wilson of Hinesburg describes herself as "an Access junkie." Standing with the spring wreath she was making at a class with Kris Engstrom of In Full Bloom last week, she said she has also taken Introduction to Mandarin and Tea Tasting. Her daughter has taken Chinese cooking and Yoga. Susan Yandow of Monkton is taking a digital photography course this semester from Access Co-director Duncan Wardwell. "I want to learn about taking digital photographs before I purchase a digital camera," she said. "I don't want to be a dummy when I talk to a camera salesperson." She was so impressed with the diversity of class offerings that she signed her husband Arthur up for guitar lessons.

While the main focus of the marketing of Access has been to the towns that send students (and tax support) to CVU, the program is reaching farther afield. Krasnow says that 25 to 30% of the participants came from outside the Chittenden South District—and one person came from Port Henry, New York for classes.

Krasnow credits the supportive community businesses for helping with the success of the program. The three-times-a-year flyer listing the many courses is underwritten by advertising from businesses throughout the area. Krasnow's next goal is to attract support from bigger companies who will build a scholarship fund that will make it possible for people to participate who could not otherwise afford it.



Access Co-Director Duncan Wardwell discusses the fine points of a digital camera with Access student Susan Yandow of Monkton



Jeanne Wilson of Hinesburg works with Kris Engstrom of In Full Bloom in Shelburne designing a colorful wreath filled with spring flowers during an Access to CVU class. Jeanne has taken several classes through Access, including Introduction to Mandarin and tea tasting. Kris has taught classes for Access for three or four years.



The CVU parking lot is full and the school is buzzing as people pour into the building in the evening for the many Access to CVU classes being offered during the spring semester. PHOTOS BY ROSALYN GRAHAM



The Satisfaction Quotient: Skip Annual Meeting, Vote for Budget

By Rosalyn Graham

Champlain Valley Union High School's \$18,732,389 budget passed by a comfortable margin, prompting board members to speculate that the people of the four towns that send students to the school are generally pleased with the newly renovated and expanded school, and with measures the board instituted to keep costs under control.

The budget was approved by 2,673 to 1,874, with an even more generous margin, 3,425 to 1,099, in favor of authorizing the board to use \$150,000 of surplus funds from the construction project to defray the new budget. The purchases of two buses, one large and one small, was approved 2,816 to 1,705.

Board Chair Jeanne Jensen of Williston expressed her gratitude to the voters for their support of programs and students. She pointed to the public enthusiasm for the cost savings that have resulted from the new chip burning furnace in the renovated school as an indicator of a widespread positive attitude to the high school, an attitude reflected at the polls. "It was a vote of support," she said.

Perhaps that same general feeling of satisfaction resulted in a record-setting low attendance at the high school's annual meeting held on Monday evening at the school.

Five voters from the towns of Chittenden South, coincidentally one from each town, attended the meeting which typically features a presentation on the budget, votes on some fairly non-contentious house-keeping articles, and leaves the vote on the budget for Australian ballot in the towns on Tuesday. The turnout at the annual meeting has traditionally been small, but this year's was the smallest in anyone's memory.

Discussion was lively, however, as three administrators and ten members of the school board fielded questions about teachers' salaries that make up the largest segment of the budget, about bonding for buses that seem to be carrying fewer and fewer students, and even asking why the high school had published a school directory with only names of dads in families where moms and dads have different names. John Howe of Charlotte raised the question, pointing out that although his wife Mary Lou Kete uses her own name, she was listed as Mary Lou Howe. He said, "This is not a small issue. It is not consistent with the professed values of CVU."

Principal Sean McMannon explained that the problem arose when the Friends of CVU used the school's database to produce the directory and apologized for the error. The board agreed that they would discuss the question at a board meeting and take any action they deem appropriate.

Jeanne Jensen Re-Elected Chair of CVU School Board

By Rosalyn Graham

Jeanne Jensen of Williston was re-elected as chair of the Champlain Valley Union High School Board of Directors as the board reorganized for the new year following the district's town meetings on Tuesday, March 7. District Superintendent Brian O'Regan officiated at the election of chair, a process that took only a minute with no other nominations to the office Jensen has held for the past year.

The board then unanimously elected Jeff Parker of Shelburne as vice-chair, Joan Lenos of Shelburne as clerk and Dick Lednicki of Shelburne as assistant clerk.

Jeff Parker who had been one of the CVU board representatives to the Chittenden South Supervisory Union board, said that while he would like to continue on the board during a time of change in the administrative leadership of the district, he had chosen to retire because of meeting time



Members of the Boards of Civil Authority in all four towns that send students (and tax money) to CVU were present on March 7 to count the vote as the ballot boxes from the towns were brought to the high school and the ballots co-mingled before counting. PHOTO BY ROSALYN GRAHAM

conflicts. Lorna Jimmerson of Charlotte was elected to what she described as "a very interesting board" where she will serve with Joan Lenos who was re-elected and Jeanne Jensen who, as chair, serves automatically.

New board member Jonathan Milne introduced himself. Milne was elected in Williston in a write-in campaign to fill a seat vacated by Lesley Boucher who retired after nine years on the board. Milne said he was asked to run the day before the deadline for filing a petition to be a candidate and he needed more time to consider the pros and cons. "My inclination was to run," Milne explained to his new fellow board members. "When there is something to be done and no one steps forward, I often do." Milne has a daughter who is a freshman at CVU and a daughter who is a student at Allenbrook.

Caitlin LaBarge, the Student Council representative to the board, reported that the seniors beat the faculty in the annual Trike Race, a long-time traditional challenge event that is held during Spirit Week just before School Break. She also said that the Winter Carnival returned to the school calendar this year in February, with a timely blizzard providing a last-minute foot of snow that helped with some events such as the snowball toss. Many of the carnival events, including thumb wrestling and arm wrestling were held indoors.

The board approved Principal Sean McMannon's plan to rectify a mistake in this year's Student Directory where families in which husbands and wives have different last names, were only listed under the husband's name. John Howe of Charlotte brought his concern about the listings to the annual meeting of the board and McMannon said the plan is to issue an apology in the March issue of the school newsletter and to ensure that next year both parents will be listed with their own names.

Principal McMannon reported that a Career Fair had brought 100 speakers to CVU in the middle of February to introduce career and educational paths the students might consider. The speakers included representatives from the Center for Technology in Essex and representatives of the United States military. "It always fosters rich learning experiences for everyone involved when schools and communities partner up for these endeavors," McMannon said.

Hinesburg Nursery School



HNS to Hold Open House April 4

By Jen Bradford

I am going to forgo this ideal opportunity to play an April Fool's joke on those I love, in favor of being completely and passionately serious about the Nursery School. We are holding our annual Open House this Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.—and if you have a child who will attend preschool in the foreseeable future, I urge you to come and meet us.

I know that our hours can make scheduling complicated for working parents—but please come talk with those of us who work but have found ways to make H.N.S. work for us. I also know that some of us balk at the prospect of the "parent cooperative", what with all the cleaning and fundraising and all. But truly—what is preschool all about if not cleaning up after yourself, meeting others, and working together? The fact that we are a parent cooperative helps us to be as involved in our children's school as they are, even when perhaps we'd feel safer in the corner with our blankies and all alone.

I can tell you honestly that the best friends I have right now all came from nursery school. Coincidentally, my kids can say the same.

The four people pictured in the photo accompanying this article pretty well symbolize the H.N.S. family. The grown-ups—Sara Bostwick and Andrew Dennison—are the children of two of the school's founders, Lisa Alther and Alison Dennison. And these two former nursery schoolers are here with their own representatives of the next generation—one oh-so ready for kindergarten and the other eagerly awaiting his very first day at nursery school.

H.N.S. is more than a preschool—we are a family. If you've been looking for a way to feel at home in your very own community, please come see us on Tuesday (there will be yummys). Or call me (482-5528) or Sara (482-6764) to chat.

Children are, of course, welcome to come to the Open House and check out the toys, the teachers, and the other kids.

Note: the time of the Open House has been changed from previous years. It is no longer a lunchtime event. Please join us Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 7:00.

A Springtime Poem by Jen

May is on her way, way, way
And outdoors we will play, play, play.
We'll have a concert with Buddy Dubay, Dubay,
And revel in Big Truck Day, Day, Day—
All in the month of May, May, May.
About these things more will I say, say, say
In the next issue of the Record—olé!

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Part One: The Story of Hinesburg

After several months of investigation, the University of Vermont students from the Landscape Inventory and Assessment class will share their findings. Join us Monday, April 17, at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. for this free presentation on the natural and cultural history of Hinesburg. The "Town Trivia Questions" will challenge your knowledge and you must be present to win one of the highly "Desirable Door Prizes." Refreshments will be provided.

Part Two will be presented on the evening of May 10 and details will follow in the next issue of The Record. Both events are sponsored by the PLACE Institute, a project of Shelburne Farms, the University of Vermont and community volunteers. For more information contact Suzanne Richard at 482-3045.

Lions Offer \$1,000 Scholarship to Hinesburg's Graduates

By Margery Sharp

High school seniors who plan to continue their studies after graduation are eligible to apply for the annual Hinesburg Lions' Scholarship, which this year will be in the amount of \$1,000.

Information and application forms are available through the guidance department at Champlain Valley Union High School. Parents and seniors are advised to make out their applications as soon as possible to ensure they are considered for the award.

Also, students and parents should be aware that this scholarship can be applied for by any graduating senior whether he or she attends CVU or another high school, as long as he or she is a Hinesburg resident.

Girl Scouts Host Volunteer Fair

The week of April 3 to 8 has been designated Vermont Volunteering Awareness Week by the Vermont House of Representatives through H.C.R. (House Concurrent Resolution) 240. The purpose of the week is to recognize volunteering efforts by Vermont citizens and to encourage all Vermonters to offer their time to improve their communities.

In conjunction with the Vermont Volunteering Awareness Week, a Shelburne Senior Girl Scout Troop is hosting a Volunteer Fair at the Shelburne Town Gym on April 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Over 20 diverse local non-profit organizations will have representatives at the fair to talk to visitors and recruit volunteers. This is a worthwhile event for people of all ages looking for ways to help out in their communities and is open to the public. For more information contact Eliza Goldberg at 985-9329 or GirlScouts660@yahoo.com.

Golf Tournament to Raise Money for Fireworks

The Greater Hinesburg Open, a.k.a. The Fourth of July Fireworks Golf Tournament, will be held June 3 at Cedar Knoll Country Club with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Prizes will be awarded to the first and second places, the longest drive and the closest to pin. Our usual chip off contest will also be included.

The price will cover golf, cart, prizes and lunch! Good times, good friends, and good food!!! Sign up now. Call Doug at 482-2400, Dave 482-2980 or Scott at 482-7227.

Hinesburg Community Potluck

Concerned about the state of the world, the nation and our community? Please join friends and neighbors in an informal setting to enjoy food, talk and the documentary film 'Birdsong and Coffee: A Wake Up Call.' Celebrate spring, Earth Day, and the return of song-birds with guest speaker Jeanne Fossani, who served as subject-matter expert and field coordinator for the film. She works as a consultant at the intersection of ecology, economics and human community, with a special expertise in extending song-bird habitat in the coffee-producing regions of Latin America. Please bring a dish and beverage to

share! Time: Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Location: Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg. For further information contact info@globaljusticeecology.org or call 482-2689

Hinesburg Friends of Families Support Group for New Moms

Becoming a mom for the first time can be challenging. A support group offers an opportunity to share joys, frustrations, questions, and make friends with women going through a similar life change. The group will be facilitated by Ginny Roberts, an experienced group leader and mom, who remembers how her moms' group saved her when her first child was an infant. Meetings will be held weekly over eight weeks. Time and place will be determined at a mutually convenient time for the majority of registrants. To sign-up for this free group call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625.

Saturday Playgroup for Parents and Toddlers

Friends of Family is sponsoring an additional time for their weekly playgroup on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The hope is to give working parents the opportunity to enjoy playgroup time at the Town Hall. The Wednesday playgroup is a big success with usually 20 parents and young children socializing and enjoying the large space for play and conversation. The Saturday playgroup will begin on April 15 and run four weeks. For more information, call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625. Playgroup is free and runs as a drop-in program with no registration required.

League of Women Voters Meet

Terry Bouricius will speak at the April 19 meeting of the Champlain Valley League of Women Voters. The talk is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., in Burlington. It is free and open to the public.

Terry Bouricius works as an elections consultant, most recently designing Burlington's IRV voter education effort. He is a Senior Policy Analyst for the nonprofit organization FairVote: the Center for Voting and Democracy, focusing on instant runoff voting (IRV). He was a Representative in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1991 to 2001 and was one of the prime drafters of Vermont's campaign finance reform law. Elected on the Progressive Party ticket, he was one of only a handful of third-party state representatives in the U.S. He previously had served ten years on the Burlington City Council, where he was elected Council President for one term. He has also served on the state board of the League of Women Voters of Vermont. He holds a degree in political science from Middlebury College.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization. It encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Priority issues of the League include ongoing voter education and registration. For further information, call 657-0242.

SCHIP Awards \$6450 in Grants

Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Projects (SCHIP) is pleased to announce its third round of grants. \$6,450 in grants has been approved in support of eight organizations: Hinesburg Food Shelf, Hinesburg Community School Mentoring Program, Homeshare Vermont, Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP) reading program, Shelburne Art Center for children's scholarships, Shelburne United Methodist Church for its shawl project, St. Jude the Apostle Church discretionary fund (Hinesburg), and the Vermont Zen Center for the Abbott's discretionary fund.

To date, grants totaling \$17,250 have been awarded through the net profits of SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop located on Route 7 in the center of Shelburne. An estimated \$5,000 worth of goods and clothing have also been donated to various organizations and individuals. The next 2006 grant application deadlines are: May 15 and September 15. Grant application forms are available at the three town clerk offices and at SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop on Route 7 in Shelburne.

Generous contributions of clothing and goods to the shop along with the volunteers' gifts of time and the work of a dedicated staff make this growing community service possible. Many thanks to all.

Health

All About Allowances

By Dr. Lewis First, MD

With Tax Day right around the corner, everyone's thoughts seem to be turning to money—and that includes children, too. Sure, they won't be paying taxes, but many are curious to know if they'll be getting a weekly allowance in the upcoming fiscal year. Of course, if they already get an allowance, they are, no doubt, wondering whether they are going to be getting a raise. Therefore, let me try to raise everyone's knowledge base on the topic of allowances.



First and foremost, an allowance is a great way to teach children how to handle money. The majority of children in this country do get a weekly allowance, and studies show that most of them spend more wisely, save more wisely, and learn to budget their income more wisely as they grow up. Many children who get an allowance even open a savings account to help them keep track of how their allowance is or is not spent. If you do decide to provide your children with an allowance, there is no exact science as to how much it should be. You should obviously take your family budget into account, but beyond that, money management experts suggest anywhere from fifty cents to one dollar per every year of age. It is not recommended, though, to give more than ten dollars a week, until your children reach the teenage years.

The biggest controversy regarding an allowance seems to be whether it should be given to your children as a reward for completing chores. Some child-rearing experts recommend using allowances for this purpose, but others disagree, maintaining that the goal of an allowance is to teach money management, not to reward good behavior for tasks normally expected of a member of the household. Detractors also believe that using an allowance that way tends to put a monetary value on your child's character and achievements, and that completed chores can be reinforced just as well through "rewards" such as a family outing or a compliment, both of which will mean far more in the long run than simply paying money for a routine household chore.

Whether you tie allowances to chores or not, here are a few other tips:

- Before you start giving an allowance, clearly establish the ground rules before its dispersal—what day you'll give it, how much it will be, and any spending limits.
- Let your children decide how they are to spend their money.
- Be patient. They will make mistakes, but that is part of

the learning process. The bottom line is for your children to understand that getting an allowance is a privilege, not a right. Hopefully tips like this will make dollars and sense when it comes to discussing allowances with your children.

Lewis First, M.D., is chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. You can also catch "First with Kids" weekly on WOKO 98.9FM and on WCAX-TV Channel 3. Visit the First with Kids archives at www.vermontchildrens.org.

Hospice of the Champlain Valley Offers Training

A comprehensive training program that introduces people to the hospice concept of care, and gives them the skills to support individuals and their families during the last months of life, will begin on May 2.

This six-week course is sponsored by the Hospice of the Champlain Valley, a program of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA). Sessions will be held at the VNA in Colchester, on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., beginning May 4 and ending June 8.

The training sessions introduce participants to the world of hospice care in Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties. Hospice combines loving, compassionate care in a setting of one's choosing, with skilled pain and symptom management, allowing life's final journey to be as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

Taught by hospice and community professionals, as well as hospice volunteers, the course covers topics that include communication skills, family dynamics, pain management, spirituality, the dying process, grief, funeral customs and basic care instruction. Participants value the personal growth they experience during this process along with the training they receive to prepare them to become volunteers.

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VT Department of Health Raising Awareness of Syphilis following Report of Three Unrelated Cases

The Vermont Department of Health is raising awareness of syphilis for all sexually active Vermonters and encouraging routine testing for this disease among high risk individuals including sexually active gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM). This follows recent reports of three unrelated cases among MSM in Vermont, as well as increasing numbers of cases among MSM nationally.

"Because the signs and symptoms of syphilis may go unnoticed or may be attributed to other diseases, it is recommended that all pregnant women and persons at increased risk of infection be tested, even in the absence of symptoms," said Dr. Cort Lohff, State Epidemiologist for the Vermont Department of Health. "Testing can lead to early and effective treatment, which will prevent later, more serious complications and prevent transmission to others."

Periodic testing is especially important among sexually active MSM. Testing should be done at least annually, even in the absence of symptoms. More frequent testing may be indicated for MSM at highest risk, and testing is advised for those with signs or symptoms of syphilis. MSM can get tested for syphilis at their healthcare provider. The Vermont Department of Health can also refer MSM to one of several clinics throughout Vermont offering testing and treatment at no, or reduced, costs.

Syphilis is a sexually-transmitted disease that first appears as a syphilis sore (called a chancre). These sores, which are painless, can be found on the male or female genitals, anus, in the rectum, on the lips or in the mouth. Persons with this sore can pass it to another during unprotected vaginal, anal, or oral sex. Pregnant women with the disease can pass it to their unborn baby.

Persons who become infected may then develop a sore of their own. If not diagnosed and treated, the sore will heal, but the infection can progress to a rash and other symptoms. If these are not diagnosed and treated, the rash will resolve, but the infection can lead to much more serious complications later in life, including damage to the brain, nerves, eyes, heart, blood vessels, liver, bones and joints.

Syphilis also increases the risk of HIV infection. In Vermont, zero to one case of syphilis is routinely reported annually.

The individuals identified with syphilis have been contacted by the Vermont Department of Health to ensure that they are treated appropriately and that their partners are notified and tested.

For more information on syphilis and other STD's please call the Vermont Department of Health at (802)863-7245 or 1(800)244-7639, or visit our website at www.healthvermont.gov.

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Concert by Harpist Grace Cloutier—*Think of Jessica Rabbit Having a Daughter with Leonard Bernstein*

A Review by John Hagman

Those who attended the Hinesburg Artist Concert on February 12 had the good fortune to hear world-renowned harpist Grace Cloutier in concert. She is an impossibly young and gifted, improbably modest woman, whose beauty and genius is carried with an airy happy quality that might be called Diva Light.

She was educated at Julliard, Yale, and in France and has performed all over the world. Her concert at St Jude Church was organized by Hinesburg's unofficial Minister of Musical Culture Rufus Patrick. His work in conjunction with the Hinesburg Artists Series Inc. is so often the way such world class musical talent comes to southern Chittenden County.

In this case Grace Cloutier (<http://gracecloutier.com>) was visiting friends in Hinesburg last fall and went to St. Jude Church with them. The church is a performance venue for the South County Chorus for which I have sung tenor for 14 years. It has an appealing openness and decent acoustics.

Ms. Cloutier told her friends that she would like to play a concert at the Church. Now in most places this might take years of planning, but Rufus was contacted and he invited Grace to perform in Hinesburg.

In his signature New England played-down style he asked the chorus to sing a few selections with Miss Cloutier, but did not mention she was debuting at Carnegie Hall this spring. It was as if we were planning a picnic, and everybody was to make a dish, but in this case we prepared a few songs for the concert. So I had little idea what to expect when we all showed up that Sunday afternoon for rehearsal.

After hearing a bit of her resume I was kind of picturing a stately middle aged woman in a white satin dress. Instead, on first seeing her I thought of Jessica Rabbit having a daughter with Leonard Bernstein. A few minutes into rehearsal I began to understand what people mean by her "warm and passionately rich sound." Her fingers have a gentle authority, a compelling and persuasive quality I don't associate with the harp.

Later as she emerged resplendent in a red velvet dress and introduced herself, I realized her playing is a reflection of her character. She has received awards for her work with AIDS and hospice patients, and workshops for young people about music.

Yet she approaches all these grave and highbrow subjects with an unselfconscious, unpretentious, and yet incredibly passionate style rarely if ever encountered in someone so young. The concert began with her transcriptions to harp of a couple of Prokofiev and Scarlatti pieces. Then the South County Chorus joined her for some Mozart, Rutter, and Ellingboe songs during which Ms. Cloutier used her only sheet music of the afternoon.

In the second half of the program during a Debussy piece we saw the full spectrum of caressing the strings like wings

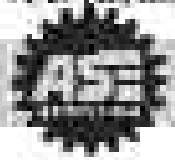
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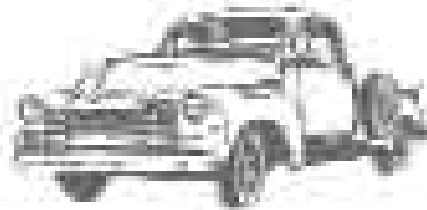
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brushing the water to a hawk-like plunging attack. In one of these sections she actually broke a string. She didn't want to make us wait for the ten minutes to change it and proceeded with an amazing rendition of "Variations on a Theme" by Paganini, arranged by Mchedelov. Grace Cloutier has a distinguished resume you can find on her website listed above. Her Carnegie Hall debut is May 13 at 5:30 p.m., see <http://www.carnegiehall.org> for details.

She is currently looking to set up music workshops in Vermont schools. Please contact Rufus Patrick rufpat@yahoo.com for more details.

I want to thank Ms. Cloutier for sharing her wonderful energy and talent with us in the North Country and hope she returns often.

This concert was a good example of the benefit the Hinesburg Artist Series (<http://www.hinesburgartistseries.org>, a nonprofit corp.) brings to all of us in northern Vermont. The wealth of music they make possible is dependant on the efforts and generosity of local donors and program advertisers as well as people like Rufus Patrick and all the board members and singers of the HAS. I feel privileged to have been a part of Chorus all these years, and proud to make my home in Hinesburg, artist's colony on the West Coast of New England.

"Hinesburg Hookers" Are Key to the Success of Annual Hooked Rug Exhibit

Monday evenings, a group of rug hookers, known fondly in the fiber world as the "Hinesburg Hookers," meet at the Carpenter-Carse Library to practice their craft. This routine is interrupted for a week in spring when the Hinesburg Hookers focus their activities on the annual exhibit of The Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild. The Hinesburg Hookers are key participants in the success of this exhibit which this year celebrates the Guild's 25th Anniversary with an exhibit titled, "Hooked in the Mountains: Strong Women."

According to Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild President Anne-Marie Littenberg, the Hinesburg Hookers are the foundation of the annual exhibit. The show's co-chair is Hinesburg resident Rae Harrell. Other Hinesburg residents whose hard work ensures the success of this annual event include Fiona Cooper Fenwick, Davey DeGraff, Diane Burgess, and Cyndi Labelle.

The exhibit is a complicated undertaking. The logistics of tracking, installing, and labeling over 600 newly created works, hosting an opening party for hundreds of attendees, and welcoming 2000 guests to the exhibit, keep the volunteers busy for months before the show's opening.

Other Hinesburg Hookers who work hard on behalf of the Guild include Jenny Behr, Sara Burghoff, Betty Edwards, Kathy Gage, Priscilla Heininger, Mary Hulette, Gail LaPierre, Karen Quigley, and Maureen Yates.

More than 250 of the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild's members live in Vermont, and the other 500 members come from throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and



"The Tambourine Player" by Hinesburg artist Rae Harrell will be featured at the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild's 2006 exhibit titled, "Strong Women."

even Japan.

The Guild's exhibition is at Shelburne Museum for the sixth consecutive year, and is installed throughout the museum's three-level 1901 Round Barn. Shelburne Museum allows the Guild to use their grounds and facilities through special arrangements; however, the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild is an independent, volunteer run non-profit dedicated to education about the art and craft of rug hooking.

The Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild was founded in 1981. Rug hooking originated in the days of early America, before standard carpeting was either practical or remotely affordable. The process of hooking is based on creating loops from cloth strips or yarn, and fashioning them into designs or patterns. The earliest rug hookers used scraps of worn clothing, a bent nail, and burlap feed bags to make their creations. Over time, rug hooking developed into a highly specialized, expressive form of art inherent to New England.

"Hooked in the Mountains: Strong Women," will run April 1 through 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, at the Round Barn, Shelburne Museum. Admission for is \$8 for the general public (\$4 for Green Mt. Rug Hooking Guild and Shelburne Museum members); children 16 and under are free. Class trips for grades K-12 are also free. Half price off general admission for seniors on Wednesday, April 5.

Lin Thurstone Morris Creates One-of-a-Kind Pieces, Now on Display at Shelburne Art Center

Shelburne Art Center announces a new collection of finely-crafted, visually exciting, yet affordable earrings by Lin Thurstone Morris, of Charlotte.

Designer Lin Thurstone Morris, whose particular interest lies in ancient civilizations and their metalwork, has been collecting unusual and visually exciting stones, beads and pearls for the past four years. Hong Kong, Murano, Ghana, Arizona, Brazil and Paris are just a few of the sources of freshwater pearls, semi-precious gemstones and handmade beads that make up this new collection of beautiful, affordable earrings.

After earning a degree in Fine Art at St. Lawrence University, Lin became involved in both interior and graphic design. In 2003, seeking a new creative path, Lin and a friend began designing and making jewelry for their company Thurstone-Smith Collections.

A fascination for ancient metalwork began to emerge that compelled Lin to begin her metalsmith training at the Shelburne Craft School in 2005. She now works under her own name in her studio creating jewelry and sculptural objects with an "ancient signature".

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Vermont Youth Orchestra Association Presents...

Saturday, April 1—Vermont Youth Chamber Winds Spring Concert, 3:00 p.m. at the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College. Free Admission.

Thursday, April 6—The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association presents The Springfield (MA) Young People's Symphony (Patrick Smith, conductor), featuring a dynamic program of works by Stravinsky, Elgar, Nelhybel and Verdi. A side-by-side performance with the VYO, and the Vermont premiere of the newly commissioned "Four Corners of the World" by Massachusetts composer, Dr. Frederick Tillis. 8:00 p.m. at the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College. Tickets: \$5 adults and \$2 seniors and students. Tickets available at the door only.

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VYO Association Announces Music Day Camp 2006

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The VYOA's Music Day Camp offers young musicians an opportunity to develop musical skills while making music in both large and small ensembles. Daily activities include classes in symphonic band, orchestra, chamber music, small ensemble participation, master classes, and individual instruction. New to camp programming this year are expanded levels of Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, designed to accommodate more students in wider ranges of playing ability. Electives in jazz band, improvisation, chorus, music theory, and composition, as well as recreation and arts & crafts will also be offered.

The Director of Music Day Camp is Timothy Buckingham, known locally for the outstanding band program he directs at Edmunds Elementary School in Burlington. He is joined by a staff of faculty comprised from the best music educators in the area.

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Ensemble Placement is offered to students in both Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble.

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Tuition for Music Day Camp is \$215. Financial aid is available. Registration and Financial aid forms are available online at www.vyo.org or by calling the VYOA office at (802)655-5030.

The deadline for registration is May 31, 2006. Hurry! Space is limited—camp fills up fast!

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Guevara Sisters Make UVM Dean's List

Maria and Suzzy Guevara made the Dean's List during their fall semester at the University of Vermont.

Maria has just completed her final semester and will be graduating with a Bachelors of Science with a Concentration in mathematics and a minor in special education in May.

Suzzy has just completed her second year of college. She is a second year Star student. Star students are in the top five percent of their class.

Undergraduate students with grade-point averages of 3.0 or better and who are in the top 20 percent of their classes, are named to deans' lists at the schools and colleges of the University of Vermont

Nichols Appears in Burlington for College Choir Presentation

Allison Nichols, the daughter of Carole McCay of Hinesburg and Claude Nichols of Williston, and a senior at Hamilton College, returned to the area to perform in the 2006 Hamilton College Northeast Choir Tour. The choir performed in Burlington in mid-March at the College Street Congregational Church.

Under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb, professor of music and director of choral music at Hamilton since 1981, the choir and College Hill Singers presented a selection of sacred and secular works ranging from the Renaissance to the present day, including works by Barber, Victoria, Haydn, Lauridsen and a selection of spirituals.

Allison, a biology major at Hamilton, is a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School.

Minor Selected for Dean's List

Morgan J. Miner '07 of Hinesburg, has been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2005 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. To be eligible for the Dean's List at St. Lawrence University, a student must have completed at least four semester units and have an academic average of 3.6 (based on a perfect 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Miner graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg. She is majoring in Economics-Mathematics Combination.

CVU Graduate is Student Editor at Saint Michael's

Mary Kohut, a 2003 graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, is working this semester as copy editor of *The Echo*, on-line student magazine of Saint Michael's College. Daughter of Eileen Crawford of Hinesburg and Bill Kohut of Morgantown, West Virginia, she is a junior journalism major at the liberal arts residential Catholic college in Colchester.

As copy editor, Kohut reads staff stories with special attention to grammar, style, content, coherence and flow. She also is a writing coach for students in introductory journalism classes. *The Echo*, launched in 2001, is an award-winning enterprise of the Saint Michael's Journalism Department.

Gilbert Named to Dean's List

Ryan Gilbert, a junior majoring in film at Columbia College, Chicago was named to the Dean's List for his outstanding academic and creative achievements in

screenwriting, lighting, visual/audio and cinematography.

Gilbert made the Dean's list with a 4.0 average. Ryan, the son of Jeanette Gilbert of Hinesburg, is a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School.

Senior News

Free Memory Screening

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Parsonage: 482-2284
E-mail: billandfaithneil@gmavt.net
Communications: Pastor Bill Neil can be contacted at 482-2284.
Website: www.TroyConference.org/unitedchurchofhinesburg
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice: 9:15 a.m. Sunday mornings
Bible Zone Live! Sunday experience for children following the children's sermon.
Food Shelf: Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (use back entrance).
WIC Clinic: First Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.
Senior Meal Site: Every Friday (except first week of each month) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.
Holy Week Schedule:
April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday
April 13: 6:00 p.m., Holy Thursday Meal and Service
April 14: 7:00 p.m., Ecumenical Good Friday Worship at Williston Federated Church
April 16: 6:00 a.m., Sunrise Service at the Bell's home on Gilman Rd. Breakfast to follow!
April 16: 10:00 a.m., Easter Worship

Community Alliance Church

Shepherding Pastor: Scott Mansfield
Elders: Michael Breer, Rolly Delfausse and David Russell
Communication Coordinator: Danielle Bluteau
Phone: 482-2132
Email: staff@hinesburgcma.org
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU High School)
Sunday Services:
9:00 a.m., Gathering Place (classes for all ages); September - May
10:15 a.m., Worship (Nursery and Junior Church provided)
Weekday Ministries:
Men's Ministry: Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Women's Group: Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.
Cell Groups: Meet at various times and locations throughout the week.
For locations and more information on any of the ministries, please call the church.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us at the Community Alliance Church in Hinesburg for our First Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16. The hunt will be immediately following the service which starts at 10:15 a.m.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
Church Phone: 482-2588
Home Phone: 482-2588
E-mail: lighthousevt@netscape.net
Web Site: www.LBCvt.homestead.com
Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road
Address: P. O. Box 288
Regular Services:
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE
Residence: 425-2253, email dcse@aol.com
Mailing Address: 2894 Spear Street/P. O. Box 158, Charlotte, VT 05445
Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, web page: www.vermontparishes.org/StJude P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, 10759 Route 116
Parish Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, 482- 7254/cell 373-8037
Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290, mariecookson@yahoo.com
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Coordinator for Religious Education: Marie Cookson, 434-4782
Religious Education Classes: Mondays: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for grades K-8;
Confirmation Class: 1st year Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - noon, in the Rectory(See Bulletin)
Confirmation Class: 2nd year: Sunday, rotates with 1st year class, same time(See Bulletin)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church, Hinesburg
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Charlotte
Weekday Masses:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance
Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290
AA Meetings: Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Food Shelf: Parishioners are asked to be generous in bringing canned and dried food for the needy.
April 23: Breakfast after 9:30 Mass.
May 13: Town-Wide Yard Sale participation.

Model Passover Seder

On Sunday, April 9 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Temple Sinai is sponsoring a Model Passover Seder for Jewish families with young children between the ages of one and six years who are not yet enrolled in a Hebrew School program. There is no charge for this event but you must RSVP by April 6 by calling 862-5125.
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Vegetarian lunch and refreshments are included in the \$55 fee. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call (802) 985-9746 or register on line at www.vermontzen.org.

From Page to Stage

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time is 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The matinee performance on Sunday, April 9, will be audio-described for the blind/visually impaired. Students get a \$5 discount on the ticket price at some performances. Take a tip from the Cat—get your tickets early!

Lyric Theatre Company is a non-profit, volunteer, community theatre organization, celebrating its 32nd season. Lyric gratefully acknowledges North Country Federal Credit Union, season sponsor; KidsVT, media sponsor; and Barnes & Noble, special literacy sponsor, for their support. Additional funding is provided by the Vermont Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2:

Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring clocks ahead.

MONDAY, APRIL 3:

Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM Waterman Building, Room 413.

Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting, 4:30 p.m., Williston Town Hall. Public invited.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4:

Development Review Board, 7:30 p. m., Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:

Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6:

Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 a.m., CVU Student Center, All welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7:

Drop off of donations for Children's Clothing Giveaway (4/8) 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Town Hall or call Elly at 482-3460.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8:

Children's Clothing Giveaway, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Town Hall. For information, call Elly at 482-3460.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9:

Palm Sunday.

MONDAY, APRIL 10:

Advertising and News Deadline for April 29 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11:

HCS School Board meeting, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., HCS. Wainer Conference Room.

Lion's Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.

Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., third floor meeting room, Town Hall. Contact: George Dameron, chair. 482-3269 or gdameron@smcvt.edu.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:

Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall. Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lower level or second floor of Town Hall (listen for the chatter). Meetings are open to all.

Iroquois SnoBeavers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fire Station.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13:

Passover.

Hinesburg Fire Department Heavy Rescue training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14:

Good Friday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16:

Easter.

MONDAY, APRIL 17:

Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18:

Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Matthews at 496-8537 for information or to make reservations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19:

Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20:

Hinesburg Fire Department Business meeting, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Hinesburg Historical Society, 2:00-4.00 p.m., Mildred Aube's home on Pond Road. Call 482-2699 for information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22:

Earth Day.

MONDAY, APRIL 24:

CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25:

HCS School Board meeting, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., HCS Wainer Conference Room.

Lion's Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26:

Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CCL Library.

HINESBURG CALENDAR

Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar

CCL = Carpenter Carse Library
 CSSU = Chittenden South Supervisory Union
 CVU = Champlain Valley Union High School
 HCRC = Hinesburg Community Resource Center
 HCS = Hinesburg Community School
 HFD = Hinesburg Fire Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 27:

Hinesburg Fire Department Fire Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28:

Arbor Day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29:

April 29 issue of The Hinesburg Record Published.

MONDAY, MAY 1:

Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

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Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM Waterman Building, Room 413.

Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting, 4:30 p.m., Williston Town Hall. Public invited.

TUESDAY, MAY 2:

Development Review Board, 7:30 p. m., Town Hall. Call 482-502 for information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3:

Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 4:

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center, All welcome.

Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

MONDAY, MAY 8:

V E Day.

Advertising and News Deadline for May 27 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS

Playgroup at Town Hall. Weekly group for parents and children birth to age five, Wednesdays, 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. Playtime for young children and a place for parents to connect. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families. For more information contact Brandy at 482-6401.

Village Steering Committee. The Village Steering Committee, created with the passage of the new Town Plan adopted last June, is now meeting on the second Monday of every month in Town Hall (instead of the second Tuesday). Following the charge and goals set forth in the Town Plan, the VSC is focusing on the development of a master plan for the village. In particular, it is examining ways to enhance walk-ability and connectivity within the village. It will pass on its ideas and recommendations to the principal town commissions, boards, and officials. All residents of Hinesburg are welcome at the meetings. For information, contact George Dameron, Chair (482-3269).

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. E-mail: hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net. Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer.

Town Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment; Town Hall, 482-2096. E-mail: hinesburgtown@gmavt.net. Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Administrator.

Town Planner Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619. E-mail: hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Alex Weinhagen Planner. Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evenings as needed. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail, hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net. Peter Erb, Administrator.

Lister's Office Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 1;30 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619.

Hinesburg Recreation Director's Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Leave a message anytime. Jennifer McQuin, Director. 482-4691., Town Hall, P. 0. Box 13.

Hinesburg Trail Committee: Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Frank Twarog, Chair.

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association: For information about the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and Hinesburg businesses, check out the HBPA

website at www.hinesburgbusiness.com. HBPA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Mathews (tmathews@gmavt.net at 802-496-8537 for information or to make a reservation.

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Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Office Hours: Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You may leave a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Ginny Roberts, 482-5625, is the contact for Friends of Families.

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Open Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Mondays through Fridays, 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Mail is dispatched from Hinesburg at 6:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, Saturdays 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Seniors Dinner: Fridays, 12:00 noon, Osborne Parish House, United Church. For reservations or transportation, call 482-2998 or leave a message at CVAA office, 865-0360.

The Compassionate Friends: The Compassionate Friends is a support group for family members who have experienced the death of a child, sibling, or grandchild, from any cause, at any age. Meetings are held at Christ Church Presbyterian on the Redstone Campus of UVM on the third Tuesday of every month. Call 482-5319 for information.

Web Pages:

HCS: www.hcsvt.org. Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

CVU: www.cvuhs.org. Learn about CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, renovation project, and more.

CCL: www.carpentercarse.org. Learn about library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Town: www.hinesburg.org. Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

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