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Season's Greetings

Holiday Happenings

Community Christmas Concert—December 10, 4:30 p.m.

The annual Community Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church. The concert will feature the South County Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick.

A group of over 80 talented musicians from throughout Chittenden County and beyond will present a selection of your favorite Christmas carols and classics. The chorus and orchestra will perform "Christmas Gloria" by Allan Pote, selections from Handel's "Messiah", and a major work by Joseph Martin entitled

"Morning Star." It contains familiar melodies by Nicolai, Bach, and Handel, with arrangements of Huron, French, and Scottish Carols, as well as compositions by Joseph Martin.

This concert is presented by the Hinesburg Artist Series. Please note this festive Christmas Concert will be at 4:30 p.m. this year. The concert is free with donations greatly appreciated. Also, please bring an item to donate to the food shelf. For information, call 482-3010 or check Hinesburgartistseries.org.

Major Development Planned for Western Hinesburg

By Lee McIsaac

The Development Review Board (DRB) is currently reviewing a proposal for a major development on a 116-acre parcel of land on the French family farm on the western side of Hinesburg. The first public meeting for the subdivision is scheduled for December 19.

Located just west of the corner of Baldwin and Drinkwater Roads, the development proposal under review concerns a major portion of the former French Farm, which was farmed as a dairy operation for many years. Perched on a southeast-facing knoll overlooking Monkton Ridge and the Green Mountains, the land contains open productive agriculture fields, a rolling to steep forested landscape and interspersed wetlands and streams.

The developer, Rad Romeyn of Shelburne, plans to build twenty-five houses on the site. According to the sketch plan submitted to the DRB, he envisions that these will comprise an "equestrian community" known as High Point that will provide "certain amenities" to homeowners. He sees this as a community that will be attractive to "families with dual income professionals and at least one child (daughter) who adores horseback riding" and "aging boomers who are seeking out the sport attractions of carriage riding, but who do not want the responsibility of maintenance and board."

In Mr. Romeyn's view, his plan to build only twenty-five houses on the site is a modest one, representing "less than half of the allowable housing density for this site." He asserts that it allows for the maintenance of existing open space/agricultural lands and clustering of housing that will minimize impact on the land.

Some who have studied the sketch plan are skeptical of these claims. Criticism of the project generally falls into three categories: aesthetics, environment and traffic impact.

From an aesthetic perspective the property is truly exceptional. The high elevation points afford sweeping vistas of the Green Mountains while the complex of meadows, forests, and wetlands comprise one of the most beautiful natural landscapes in the area. Add to this picture deer, flocks of wild turkeys, porcupines, fisher cats, bobcat and various other fauna and it is easy to understand why this is a special place. The proposed construction of twenty-five homes, driveways, stable, indoor riding arena and roads would significantly degrade these natural features. In addition, because High Point will be built upon a knoll that is visible from surrounding roads, it will destroy the exceptional rural vistas along Baldwin and Drinkwater Roads.

Various environmental concerns have been expressed about the project, perhaps the chief among them its potential impact on the forest resources of western Hinesburg. Romeyn plans to build the majority of houses in the relatively small



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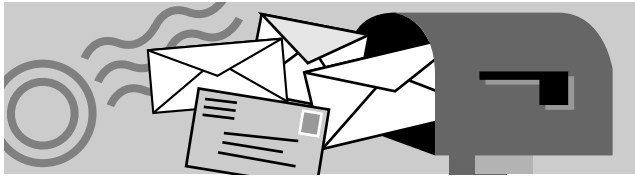
forested portion of the land. Yet this is no ordinary patch of forest. Hinesburg as a whole is rich in forest land, but most of it is located in the eastern part of town bordering the Green Mountains. Western Hinesburg is located in the Champlain Valley, an area in which the need to protect remaining forests has been identified. The French forest represents a narrow and critical corridor between two of the last relatively undeveloped blocks of forest in the Champlain Valley. As such, it provides exceptionally rich habitat for wildlife and serves as an active corridor for wide ranging species such as bobcat. Destruction of any part of the French forest thus has significant implications for wildlife throughout the region.

Assuming an average of two cars per household, the net impact of adding twenty-five houses to this area will be an increase of fifty cars per day on dirt roads that may not be designed to withstand this impact. One person who looked at the proposed development site in relation to the local road network noted that the project is located about as far from any paved roads as possible. In addition to the wear on local dirt roads, residents of the neighborhood are worried about the dust and noise generated by the development project in a heretofore quiet corner of the town.

A sketch map, narrative and other supporting materials provided by the developer are available at Town Hall for anyone who is interested in learning more about the proposed development. A public meeting will be held at Town Hall on December 19.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR



Thank You for Community's Kindness

We would like to thank the Hinesburg Police, especially Officer Mike Wharton, who responded so diplomatically and tenderly to our distress when learning that our dear old Springer Spaniel had been hit by a car and killed on November 9. He stood with her by the side of Route 116 until we arrived to gather her up and carry her home.

We would also like to thank the person who called in the accident.

Finally, we feel so lucky to have neighbors like Nancy and Greg LeRoy, who spent much of that evening searching in the woods with flashlights for Daphne, and neighbors like Gary Frisch and Susan Mead who held our hands throughout the sad event. Thank you, Hinesburg!

— Julie Burger Pierson and Stewart Pierson

A Big Hawaiian Thank You!

I want to give a special thank you to my family; Gill, Elly, Rob, Beryl, Sage, and Graham for the wonderful Hawaiian theme 50th birthday party.

Also, special thanks to all my friends and relatives who helped me celebrate at the Town Hall on October 7. Your kindness helped us raise \$600 and 50 pounds of nonperishable food for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

Thank you all!

— Kim Coates

Dear Hinesburg Friends and Neighbors...

Thank you to the many Hinesburg voters who came out to vote on Election Day! Thank you too to Missy Ross, our terrific Town Clerk, who managed the election process throughout a very busy and very long day.

Overall, 2015 Hinesburg registered voters came out to vote, out of 3220 on the voter checklist. That's about a 66% voter participation from the entire town.

The two corners of town that were re-apportioned in 2002 into the legislative district now comprised of Charlotte and those corners of Hinesburg had an even higher turnout of 70%. The much larger Hinesburg district had a 65%+ turnout.

I am deeply appreciative of your support in electing me again to represent Hinesburg at the Statehouse in Montpelier. I consider this both an honor and a real responsibility. I recognize that not everyone chose me on Election Day, but wish to be responsive to all Hinesburg citizens, and welcome every one of you to contact me with your concerns and questions. I want to also express my appreciation to Johanna Shal for her gracious messages following the election outcomes.

We all live together in a terrific community here in Hinesburg, and a wonderful state of Vermont. I look forward to staying in touch with many of you throughout the next two years as I serve you and Hinesburg in the Vermont House of Representatives.

— Bill Lippert

Thank You from Johanna Shal

Now that the lawn signs are down, and the political mail and TV ads have stopped, it is time to seek common ground together.

Thank you to everyone who voted for me on November 7. I appreciate your words of wisdom and financial contributions throughout my campaign for a seat in the Vermont House of Representatives.

I believe in leading an engaged life and plan to seek common ground as an active participant in Hinesburg's future. See you there!

— Johanna Shal



By Missy Ross

The town clerk and treasurer's office is breathing an official sigh of relief as we have put the election and tax collection behind us. We have had an incredibly busy few months, beginning with the Board of Civil Authority Appeals in August, the primary election in September and continuing non-stop through November 15 with the annual collection of taxes. We are moving on to creating our budget for fiscal year 07-08, which sounds like something far off in the future but will in fact be here before we know it.

Every year around this time I feel the urge to say thank you to all of the taxpayers who came in with a smile and a joke for us while handing us their tax payments. It is such a difficult thing for so many people, and Cheryl and I are grateful for your grace and humor. We actually end up enjoying the day as it affords us the opportunity to see so many people whom we might not otherwise see.

General Election

The election went off without a hitch. We mailed out approximately 475 absentee ballots and received 423 of them back in time to be part of the official tally. We also had 1,684 voters who came in to vote on Election Day. Our total voter percentage was 66 percent of registered voters in Chittenden 1-1 and 70 percent in Chittenden 1-2. This is a relatively high percentage for a mid-term election.

We also registered many new voters and removed those who had registered in another community. Several classes from Hinesburg Community School came over during Election Day to witness democracy in action. There were also mock elections held at HCS and CVU, with the results generally following those of the older generation! Thanks to everyone for taking the time to participate in the democratic process.

Election totals are for both Hinesburg voting districts. The Hinesburg Record would like to thank Morgante Pell for his help in compiling and entering the vote counts for all the community to see.

Dog Licenses Due in 2007

Dog licenses are due again anytime after January 1! The fees for registering your dog are \$7 for spayed or neutered animals and \$11 for all others. You need not bring in a copy of your pet's current rabies certificate if we already have one on file. Otherwise, please bring in a copy to verify that your dog has been vaccinated.

Last year we licensed approximately 675 dogs. We will look forward to seeing all of you and you are welcome to bring your doggies in for a visit and a biscuit!!

Town Meeting

Though this may seem premature, it is important to start thinking about town meeting and some of the deadlines for petitioning for articles to be included on the warning as well as nominating petitions for elective offices.

Letter Policy

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.

There are two ways to get articles included in the warning for town meeting. The first, and simplest, is to ask the Selectboard to include an article relating to whatever you are interested in. The second is to write a petition clearly stating the nature of the article and gather signatures from five percent of the voters (which in Hinesburg's case is about 170) supporting its inclusion in the warning. Certain things require the latter course of action. For example, switching to Australian ballot for voting on items previously voted on at the town or school meeting requires a petition.

Also, if the Selectboard refuses a request from a citizen to include something in the warning, a petition would force the issue to be included despite the refusal of the Board. These petitions are due by January 25, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Nominating petitions for local elected offices are due by January 29, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. These petitions require only one percent of the registered voters or 30 signatures, whichever is less. In our case, 30 signatures are required. Several offices are typically up for election including one or more Selectboard seats, library trustees, cemetery commissioners, and school board members for both HCS and CVU. If you are interested in running for local office, please stop by the town clerk's office to pick up petitions.



NOTICE

Vacancies on Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, Village Steering Committee, and Development Review Board Alternate

There are currently vacancies on the Hinesburg Recreation Commission, the Hinesburg Conservation Commission, the Village Steering Committee and as an alternate member of the Development Review Board.

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 to hinesburgtown@gmavt.net, or write to: Hinesburg Selectboard, Attn: Jeanne Wilson, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

Interested in Helping with the Annual Hinesburg Town Report?

In preparation for Town Meeting in March, the Town prepares and distributes an easy to understand picture of the Town's finances to the citizens annually in the form of the Town Report. Working closely with the Town Administrator, the task of compiling the Town Report is completed by the Hinesburg Board of Auditors.

Don't let the title frighten you away – the Board of Auditors are not responsible for auditing the Town's finances. The Town hires a professional audit firm each year to complete this task. Instead, it is the responsibility of the Board of Auditors to ensure that the Town Report is informative and easy to understand.

The majority of the tasks completed by the Board of Auditors occur between November and February each year, culminating with the mailing of the Town Report prior to the annual Town Meeting in March. Members of the Board of Auditors receive an hourly stipend.

To express an interest in an appointment to the Board of Auditors or for more information regarding the position, contact Hinesburg Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at 482-2096 or hinesburgtown@gmavt.net.

HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

Public Meeting on Clearing Boutin Road South

On August 21 the Selectboard received a letter with forty-four signatures asking that the Selectboard consider clearing the south end of Boutin Road to allow access to non-motorized users such as bikes, pedestrians and horse traffic. The section of Boutin Road in question is an un-maintained Class 4 Town road.

The proposal was supported by both the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee. A public meeting was held on October 16 to receive comments on the proposal from community members and adjoining land owners. For the most part comments were positive about the proposal, with some concerns being expressed about parking, drainage, preserving rural character and limiting the access to non-motorized vehicles (adjoining property owners wish to ensure that vehicles will be able to access their property via Boutin Road in the future).

At the November 6 meeting, after the roadway had been walked by community members and a member of the Selectboard, it was determined that a three- to four-foot wide trail could be easily cleared, and the Board decided to have Director of Buildings & Facilities Rocky Martin be in charge of organizing a volunteer effort to clear the trail.

Village Steering Committee Presentation of Recommendations

George Dameron, Chairman of the Village Steering Committee, gave a presentation at the October 16 meeting on the committee's recommendations at the completion of their first year of work. Much of the focus has been on connectivity of sidewalks. A village master plan is nearing completion and will focus on far more than traffic calming.

Discussion of Green Street Project of Charlotte Road

Mac Rood, representing Green Street LLC, met with the Selectboard to review plans for the 25-unit housing development off Charlotte Road in the village area. This innovative project will have homes tied together by an elevated walkway. The Selectboard reviewed several issues requiring their input, such as ownership of the development infrastructure and cost sharing for sidewalk improvements, and relayed the input to the Development Review Board for the permitting process.

Discussion of the Delinquent Tax Collector Salary

In preparation for the upcoming budget planning sessions, the Selectboard discussed reducing the salary for the Delinquent Tax Collector position effective Town Meeting in March. A salary equivalent to an hourly wage of \$16 to \$20 per hour was discussed, but this issue was slated to be revisited after the level of delinquencies was determined following tax day on November 15.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion Project

At the November 6 meeting the Selectboard held a second public meeting to review the progress on the preliminary engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion Project. Much of this second meeting was focused on rate structures and funding options for the project. Community members in attendance provided valuable feedback on the funding options.

Budget Kick-Off Meeting

November 6 signaled the beginning of the annual process of preparing the budget to be presented to voters at Town Meeting in March 2007. At the kick-off meeting, department heads and board/commission chairs met with the Selectboard to give a brief overview of anticipated budget impacts for the coming fiscal year.

Routine Business

- Warrants for bills payable approved
- Minutes of October 2, 9 and 16 approved
- Employment offer made to Jeremy Steele for a position with the Highway Department
- Road Cut Permit for Red Wagon Plants on Shelburne Falls Road approved
- Letter to the Vermont Agency of Transportation signed, asking that consideration be given to reducing the speed limit on Route 116 in the village area
- Complaint regarding canine "Sky" belonging to Tom Hackett reviewed, and a request forwarded to the Animal Control Officer asking that the ordinance be duly enforced
- Reviewed the need for repairs to the canal dam to occur this fall, and made the decision to proceed with repairs
- Resignation of Nathan Makay as alternate member of the Development Review Board accepted
- Changes to the Lodged Grand List approved
- Grant application for funding to research and map ancient roads signed
- Agreement with the Agency of Transportation for funding to construct a park and ride facility behind Town Hall signed
- Schuyler Jackson appointed as Hinesburg's delegate to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Substantial Regional Impact Task Force
- Buried Utility Permit and Road Cut Permit for Eric and Suzanne Martin on Richmond Road approved
- Contract for appraisal services with Bailey Appraisal Associates signed
- Request to remove a tree in the Town's right-of-way on Leavensworth Road approved
- Purchase of a 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department to replace the 2000 Jeep Cherokee approved
- A request to waive the Road Standards in regards to grade for Shadow Lane denied.

Planning

By Alex Weinhagen,
Director of Planning & Zoning

DRB Alternate Search

Many thanks to Nathan Makay for his service to the Town as a DRB alternate over the last year and a half. Because of Nathan's resignation, we are now looking for an intrepid townsperson to serve as an alternate on the Development Review Board (DRB).

The DRB has seven regular members and two alternates (see www.hinesburg.org for a list of who's who). Alternates attend meetings infrequently, and only when one or more regular DRB members know in advance that they'll be missing a meeting. It's a great way to dabble in town planning and zoning without making a full-time commitment to a regular meeting schedule. It's also a great stepping stone and a way to learn if you think you might be interested in serving as a regular member of the DRB or as a Planning Commissioner.

To be considered, please send a letter or e-mail of interest to Jeanne Wilson (Town Administrator) at hinesburgtown@gmavt.net or Town of Hinesburg, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461. For more information, please contact the Planning and Zoning Office at 482-3619.

What Do All Those Boards/Committees Do?

As mentioned in the October 28 issue of the *Hinesburg Record*, there are actually openings on a number of town boards and committees. In fact, in the last year alone, we've added two new committees to help provide expertise and do the heavy lifting on emerging community issues (i.e., Village Steering Committee and Affordable Housing Committee). Here in a nutshell is what some of our Town Boards/Commissions/Committees do (Selectboard is elected, all others are appointed by the Selectboard):

Selectboard (5) – Hinesburg's governing or legislative body; responsible for budgeting, fiscal oversight, and overall municipal operations and decision making.

Planning Commission (9) – Responsible for short and long-term planning on a variety of fronts, especially land use planning that helps determine the how and where of future development. A policy-driven group responsible for drafting (for Selectboard review/action) the Hinesburg Town Plan as well as the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations to help implement it. Conducts planning studies and helps facilitate public involvement to define and work toward community goals.

Development Review Board (7) – Reviews all development proposals that require more than a simple zoning/building permit – i.e., subdivisions, business site plans, planned residential developments, conditional uses, signs, camp conversions, etc. A technical and project/application driven group with a specific "rule book" (Zoning & Subdivision Regulations) on which to approve or deny new development.

Conservation Commission (9) – An advisory group responsible for providing input and action to help conserve Hinesburg's natural and cultural resources – e.g., surface water, ground water, soils, streams, lakes, wetlands, scenic resources, flora, fauna, wildlife, historical and archaeological resources. Conducts inventories and sponsors research on natural resources, and provides input to other Town boards (e.g., Selectboard, DRB, Planning Commission). Helps organize community events like Green Up Day, and is responsible for the management of Geprag Park.

Recreation Commission (7) – Creates and innovates town-organized recreational opportunities for all ages – from Japanese ink drawing to fencing to all the traditional sports-enrichment for Hinesburg's youth (soccer, t-ball, basketball, etc.). Works with the Town Recreation Coordinator to manage all these offerings and make them successful.

Village Steering Committee (7) – An advisory group working to gather, generate and prioritize ideas and plans which will help to enhance the quality of life in the village. Provides input and ideas to other boards, commissions, and town staff. Formed in October 2005, this committee has been very active on transportation and walkability issues, and is currently working on a village area master plan.

Affordable Housing Committee (9) – A brand new advisory group (formed in September 2006) working to increase the availability of affordable housing in the town, as well as to assess the quality and quantity of current affordable housing in the town, and to bring these ideas and information forward in an advisory manner to the Selectboard, the Planning Commission, the Development Review Board and town staff.

For more information on all these boards and committees, as well as a few others not mentioned here, please see the town website at www.hinesburg.org.

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Advertising Deadline
Jan. 8 for the Jan. 27, 2007 issue.
Call 482-2540 for information.

News/Calendar Deadline
Jan. 8 for the Jan. 27, 2007 issue.
Call 482-2350 for information.

Copies of the 2007 Deadlines can be picked up at 327 Charlotte Road

Material not received by deadline will be considered for the next issue.

When: Tuesdays and/or Fridays
 Time: 8:30 a.m. 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 Huselbos.

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 calming the mind and increasing mental focus. You will also achieve a sense of wholeness and inner peace. This wonderful class is offered by Mike Prehoda, who is able to guide students from beginner to advanced. You may join any time, but classes run for six week sessions.

When: Thursdays
 Where: Town Hall
 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 Fee: \$40

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

Skating Lessons

Kim Johansen, former president of the Vermont Skating Club and her daughter Gabrielle will offer their skating expertise at the Town Rink behind the Hinesburg Community School. There will be two groups to accommodate a range of skills and age. Lessons are contingent on the condition of the ice.

What: Introduction to Skating Techniques (Level I) and Intermediate Skating (Level II)

Who: Four years and up
 When: Sunday, 10:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4

Where: Rink behind HCS

Fee: \$30

Make-up lesson will be available if the ice is not suitable for skating.

Pre-School Dance

Come spend your Tuesday morning with Elise Doner for a fun-filled dance and creative movement class that will leave your child singing, dancing, and grooving all the way home! Class includes dance and movement skills, drama, props, fun music, and lots of imagination.

Who: Two and a half to four years of age

When: Tuesdays

Session I - January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, and 20

Session II - March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Where: Town Hall

Cost: \$45

Robotics with Ed McGuire

Working in teams, students will build their own robots! These sessions will stress practical problem-solving, teamwork, and basic principles involved in developing a functional robot with regard to structure, motion, a control system, sensors, logic, and power. The activities will stress a direct connection to the math and science curriculum for seventh and eighth grade. Participants will be asked to study about 30 minutes of material per week for each meeting.

Who: Seventh and Eighth graders

When: Tuesdays

Session I – September. 19, 26, October 3 and 10

Session II - October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 28, December 5, 12 and 19

Where: Planning Room

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5

Register through the Rec Dept.

Highland Dance

This class is designed to provide an introduction to Scottish Highland Dancing. Danielle Pezzimenti has been dancing for 20 years and instructing for the past nine years. She spent the last year in Scotland. Come learn to dance the Highland Fling!

Who: Ages five through 12 years

When: Tuesdays - December 5, 12, 19 and 26

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Town Hall

Cost: \$40 - Please register with Rec Dept. but make checks payable to Danielle Pezzimenti.

Election Results

Hinesburg Votes

U.S. Senator

Peter Diamondstone	2
Cris Ericson	5
Craig Hill	10
Peter Moss	11
Bernard Sanders	1436
Rich Tarrant	633

Representative to Congress

Chris Karr	2
Bruce R. Marshall	3
Dennis Morrisseau	7
Jane Newton	0
Martha Rainville	870
Keith Stern	0
Jerry Trudell	2
Peter Welch	1215

Governor

Benjamin Clarke	7
Jim Douglas	1082
Cris Ericson	18
Jim Hogue	7
Sudder Parker	983
Bob Skold	0

Lieutenant Governor

Brian E. Dubie	989
Matt Dunne	1036
Mary Alice "Mal" Herbert	9
Marvin Malek	38

State Treasurer

V. Murray Ngoima	92
Jeb Spaulding	1818

Secretary of State

Deb Markowitz	1536
Cheryl Moomey	440
Boots Wardinski	28

Auditor of Accounts

Martha Abbot	309
Randy Brock	1102
Jerry Levy	15
Thomas M. Salmon	840

Attorney General

Dennis Carver	399
Rosemarie Jackowski	32
William H. Sorrell	1557

State Senator

Agnes R. Clify	452
Jim Condos	1169
J. Dennis Delaney	753
Edward Flanagan	1239
Chuck Furtado	377
Virginia "Ginny" Lyons	1195
Dennis McMahon	780
Hinda Miller	1012
Doug Racine	1395
Robert Sims	406
Diane Snelling	1084
John C. Stewart	542

State Representative (Chittenden 1-1)

Bill Lippert, Jr.	1333
Johanna Shal	640

State Representative (Chittenden 1-2)

Ed Finkbeiner	16
Scott A. Orr	53
Ed Stone	19

Probate Judge

Susan L. Fowler	1642
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Assistant Judge

Thomas Crowley	1311
Elizabeth Mcsweeney Gretkowski	1138

State's Attorney

Thomas "T.J" Donovan	1183
Paul Charles Duprat	113
John St. Francis	615

Sheriff

Kevin M. Mclaughlin	1620
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High Baliff

Daniel Gamelin	1559
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Justice of the Peace

Maureen S. Barnard	1267
Ken Brown	1208
Gill B. Coates	1329
David Deforge	1011
Diane Deforge	1018
Lynn E. Gardner	1167
Trina Hikel	1201
Mary M. Hurlie	1161
Vicki Matthews	1091
Johanna Shal	1026
Margery Sharp	1057
Claire K. Weis	1201



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work and went on to develop a career in the field. In addition to her work as a groomer, she has worked at veterinary clinics, including six years at Brown Animal Hospital in South Burlington.

With the goal of lessening her commute and opening her own salon, Randi started looking for an appropriate location in Hinesburg. She found that location at 10694 Route 116 in the Village (the former site of the Wild Thyme florist shop) and diagonally across the street from Lantman's Best Yet Market. She is pleased with her decision and the opportunity to be part of a vibrant community.

Randi has three animals of her own including Atila, a Rottweiler/St. Bernard that she rescued a year ago. At that time he was anything but healthy, and every day he lets her know how grateful he is that he is with her. In addition, there is Chester, a golden retriever, and Yac, the cat. In her spare time, Randi enjoys music, going to concerts and shows and camping.

To schedule an appointment or inquire about the specials Randi offers, call 482-2977.

NRG Systems Named One of VT'S Best Places to Work

NRG Systems of Hinesburg was named one of Vermont's best places to work at an awards ceremony held at South Burlington's Doubletree Inn last week. This program was created to recognize and honor the best places of employment in Vermont.

"We are truly honored to receive this recognition as there are many great employers in this state," said Jan Blittersdorf, CEO/president of NRG Systems. "Our goal has been to create a workplace that employees feel proud to be a part of. Awards like this let us know we're on the right track."

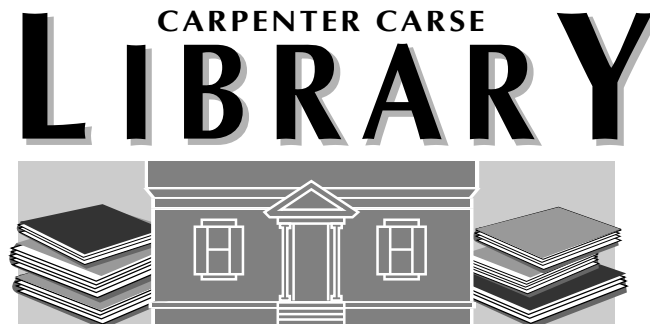
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The "Best Places To Work" program was created by Vermont Business Magazine, the Vermont State Chamber, the Vermont Department of Labor, the Society for Human Resource Management-Vermont State Council, the Vermont Department of Economic Development and Best Companies Group.

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Young Adult Movie Nights

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Regular Happenings at the Library

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Preschool Storytimes

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Join Tom each Saturday for stories, crafts, games and special events. Fun Club runs from 10:30 a.m. until noon for ages six to ten. Registration required. Call or visit the library to learn more about upcoming themes and activities. *Please note that there will be no Fun Club on December 23 or January 20.*

Recent Acquisitions

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Blizzard, Richard E., *Blizzard's Action Toys (mechanical wooden toys)*

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We've just celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday, and many of our classes worked hard to collect canned goods as part of a Food Drive for area residents in need.

The presentations of the long-awaited, "Jungle Book" production by our Grades K-4 students took place on November 15 and 16, and we were all able to see how the students' and coaches' contributions of time and talent made for great performances.

The Scholastic Book Fair also took place at that time, giving students and parents lots of reading treasures to hunt for as the holiday season approaches and cold winter nights come upon us.

Other academic things we're celebrating are the impressive performances by our Grades 5-6 and 7-8 Spelling Teams at the recent regional competition; the successful completion of NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) testing in Reading and Math for students in Grades 3 through 8 and Writing in Grades 5 and 8; and a smoothly-run Mock Election to continue our efforts (after the school-wide Constitution Day events two months ago) to give proper focus to civics and the social sciences in general.

Through the practice of various types of evacuation and crisis response drills, the school is continuing to refine its Emergency Management System and will soon be reconvening a Public Safety Committee to help with the work of making the school as safe as it can be for all who enter its doors. We're also taking a look at our behavior management practices, as we strive to make the school as respectful a place as it can be.

There are many residents of Hinesburg who do not have children at HCS and yet make up a valuable part of our school community. To all members of our school community who have questions about the school or would like to visit it to learn more about the great things that are happening at it, we invite them to call our administrators: Debora Price, Principal; and Thomas Fleury, Associate Principal, at 482-2106 or to email them at dprice@hcsvt.org or tfleury@hcsvt.org.

Family and Consumer Science 101

Many middle school students have FCS on their schedule. Do you know what FCS stands for? Or what they do in FCS? Mrs. Marsh, our HCS Family and Consumer Science teacher gives you a glimpse at her program!

First Quarter in FCS

By Eleanor Marsh

Students spent the first part of the first quarter in FCS researching and reporting about food borne illnesses, a very timely

topic as the nationwide warnings about spinach and E. Coli were in the news at that point. Students created web pages to inform others about the dangers of many different food borne illnesses.

For the past few weeks, students have spent a lot of time in the kitchens creating foods with an international feeling. Some of the foods we made were: Scones, Jamaican Banana Muffins, French Crepes filled with cheese or fruit, Italian Margherita Pizza and Mexican Churritos.

The last assignment concerning International Foods was for each group to select something they would like to make. Students enjoyed looking through international cookbooks and selecting what they would like to make. The students pictured made Profiteroles (French) which are cream puffs filled with ice cream then drizzled with chocolate sauce.

As you can see, students enjoyed the unit and had a great time eating their creations, whether they turned out perfectly or not!

The Russell Farm: A Classroom for Learning

On a bright fall morning, Mrs. O'Brien's class walked over to the Russell Farm as part of the ELF Program. ELF stands for Environmental Learning for the Future and is taught by trained parent volunteers. Prior to leaving for the farm, Ruth Lamberson, our ELF parent, led the children in activities that focused on the life cycle of a tree. At the Russell Farm, the



Students in Family and Consumer Science (FCS) made Profiteroles. Students from left to right: Bernie Terron, Douglas Knox, Christopher Utton.

children were greeted by James Donegan who has been working with the Place program in Hinesburg, helping to create partnerships with the school and town. Mrs. O'Brien had contacted James previously to ask him to help the class learn more about tree identification.

Trudging along the paths through the woods, students were able to observe first hand different life stages of trees. James helped the children identify different types of trees by looking at the trees' bark, leaves, and how the branches grow. The children worked in small groups, each choosing a tree, and recording their observations.

Hands on Nature!

By Kristi Johnson

Interested in the Outdoors and Nature?

Enthusiastic individuals who have an innate love for nature and are interested in sharing their enthusiasm with young children (Kindergarten to Fourth grade) are encouraged to apply to be a leader for a class.

Hands on Nature has a prepared curriculum with organized activities (including guided text) to guide leaders to lead a monthly, one hour nature class.

This year's theme is "Life Cycles." Our September session focused on the cycles of insects. October was dedicated to trees and November was about seed dispersal.

Interested individuals will be assigned to a classroom at Hinesburg Community School.

Sessions are monthly, about eight for the entire school year. Orientation and training is available. No experience is necessary, just the right people who love kids and nature.

Community members from High School to Retired are welcome to apply. Please contact Kristi Johnson at 482-3366 or kristijohnson@gmavt.net.

Every Child at HCS Has Reading Homework

By Betsy Knox

Reading at home is expected and critical. How much time should students be reading each night?

As Literacy Coordinator at HCS, one of my jobs is to build consistency across the grade levels.

Here are the HCS minimum recommendations:

Grades PreK-K: 10-20 minutes. Of course at this age, this reading is in the form of a read aloud. Parents are reading aloud wonderful texts to their children. Once you have shared a good book together, it is helpful to talk about the book. What surprised you? What part of the story did you like best and why?

Grades 1-2: 20 minutes. At this grade level, students are beginning to read on their own. That reading should be encouraged and celebrated. However, it is equally important to share a read aloud time too.

Grades 3-4: 20 minutes. Students probably have a reading assignment for their literature group book. You may see this book come home from school. Students may also be doing research for reports. Internet resources may become part of your child's reading material at this age. It is important to remember that students at this age still benefit from listening to a great read aloud story.

Grade 5-6: 25 minutes. These older students have required reading for their in-school literature groups. Reading aloud to students at this grade level is still an enriching experience for all.

Grade 7-8: 30 minutes. Students at this level may be reading adult novels with adult themes. The trick is to find books that are interesting, yet still appropriate! Isn't that always a challenge? Parents and their children may enjoy reading the same book. Discussing the text together is a way to connect with your child. Reading aloud may still be a shared experience.

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The Viking Voice

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In this edition of *The Viking Voice*, we share with you work from across the school.

Mrs. McGuire's 2nd grade boys show their stuff, one of Mrs. Feussner's 3rd graders makes clear that even writing can get down and dirty, Mrs. Wallis and Mr. Rocheleau's Synergy team shares their most recent acts of kindness, and Ms. Spaulding and Mrs. Gruending's Infinity Team is back again--this time focusing on the Mock Election they hosted on the first Tuesday in November.

Enjoy!

Community Learning

By Mrs. Joan McGuire

The Garden Team (Mrs. McGuire's class and Mrs. O'Brien's class) walked to the Hinesburg Animal Hospital on Election Day as part of a current study of the community. Before leaving school, each child was encouraged to be thinking about things that vets do in their offices.

Dr. Rich Armstrong did a phenomenal job showing the children the warm and expert services he offers to the animals of our town. Some of our students performed pretend surgery on Scruffy, who despite her status as a stuffed dog, had swallowed stones and was feeling quite ill.

Upon returning to school, each child wrote a response to the question: "Do you want to be a vet when you grow up?" Their writings suggest that we do not have many future vets. We do, however, have great, curious learners who are becoming great writers and citizens!

The Trip to the Vet

By Devin Lavallette

I want to be a veterinarian. It must be very fun to be a veterinarian. It must be very, very hard to operate on animals. I feel badly for the animals. Those poor dogs and cats must be in pain sometimes. When I grow up, I want to be a veterinarian so I can help the animals in pain.

The Vet

By Johannes Alvarez

Yes, I would like to work at the vet's office. Why? Because I love animals. And I love school. I have really wanted to help animals all of my life. I love the smell of office work. Animals mean more than just animals to me. I

mean really, without doctors the animals would die. I will be their doctor. That's why I want to work in a vet's office.

The Trip to the Vet

By Tyler Marshall

I don't want to be a vet because I do not like going inside animals' bodies. It is kind of disgusting. I do not know what medicine goes for what sickness. I don't know what button makes each machine go. The guy's name that was directing us around the vet's office was Rich Armstrong. It was pretty fun and he is a pretty good vet. He played jokes on us too! That is why I do not want to be a vet.



Our results showed that Bernie Sanders won for the U.S. Senator with 121 votes. Peter Welch won for Representative to Congress with 158 votes. Scudder Parker won for Governor with 157 votes, and Matt Dunne won for Lieutenant Governor with 121 votes.

Mock Elections at HCS

By Georgina Gelineau-Boyle



For years now Hinesburg Community School has been having a Mock Election. The Infinity team has put together an election specifically for those at HCS to encourage students to have a voice in the elections. Grades first through eighth got excited and prepared for voting on Election Day.

On November 7th a voting area was set up in the school's library, including voting booths and all. Each person throughout the day got a chance to have their name checked off the list to make sure they didn't vote twice. Then they received a ballot (ballots including photographs of candidates were used for younger grades), marked it off according to their choices, and put their vote into the ballot box. Each child was rewarded with a sticker saying "I Voted, Kids Vote too!"

After all classes voted, ballots were counted. The results were then broadcast on the school intercom by Kameron Clayton.



Two of these results, Bernie Sanders and Peter Welch, matched the results of the Vermont election.

The Mock Election stimulated interest among Hinesburg youth in our political system and was a clear success.



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Election Day at HCS

Students on the Infinity Team organized and ran a mock election! Students in all grade levels were asked to come to the library to vote for the candidates.

The message was loud and clear: vote and your voice will be heard. Thank you to Barb Spaulding for organizing this representation of civic duty.

See student coverage of the election in the Viking Voice section of this Hinesburg Record.



HCS Principal Debi Price casts her vote.



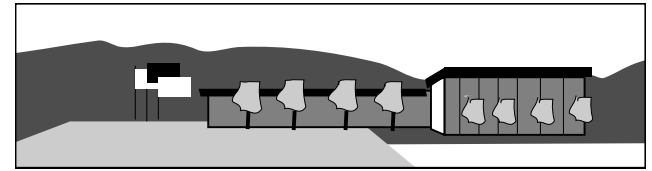
Dan Theifels and Alexandra Nostrand tally the votes.



Garrett Brown and Cameron Clayton having fun before a soccer game!

HINESBURG SCHOOLS

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL



CVU Calendar

December

- 13:** Grad Challenge – Interim Report Due
CSSU Board Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Rm 105
CVU & Local School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 14:** ? Day Inservice. School Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
- 16-17:** Madrigal Singers at The Polar Express
- 18:** CVU Board Meeting, Rm 104
- 19:** Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 20:** SAT Registration Deadline
- 22-January 1:** No School

As Board Begins Budget Study, Administrators Give a Special Ed Primer

By Rosalyn Graham

At their November 27 meeting, the members of the Champlain Valley Union High School Board began their annual study of the budget for the coming year – and it seems likely that this year, like every year in the past, the cost of Special Education Services will raise questions and concerns.

This year, before the budget review process began, Principal Sean McMannon and Director of Special Education Services David Blanchard, made an attempt to provide the board with a “Special Education 101” session, as a basis for choices they will make before approving a budget to go to the voters at Town Meeting.

At the November 8 meeting of the CVU Board, they explained both the organizational structure of special education services at the high school and the philosophical and educational basis for the way the services are provided.

Blanchard explained that the special educators, paraeducators and an office manager provide service to 190 students who have been identified as needing some kind of special help, and who have what are called Individualized Educational Plans. This help may happen within the regular teaching teams where the special educators help students master material of the regular curriculum, or it may be given in the Lewis Creek program or Phoenix program, one focused on students with learning disabilities and the other on students with emotional problems.

The goal of the special programs is to help the students achieve their potential, and that outcome depends on the specific disability they are facing. “We want to build self esteem, and help them become contributing members of society,” Blanchard said.

He explained that the CVU practice has been to put students in settings that are the least restrictive in the hope of keeping them in school for as long as possible. He compared the CVU practice to others where special needs students are in separate classes or separate schools. Keeping them in the mainstream, to the extent they are able, has the benefit of allowing them to be involved in other activities such as sports and theatre.

Cost containment efforts include having support staff within each of the CVU houses, to do evaluations in-house, and to give service more promptly. They also use the more cost-effective district physical and occupational therapy resources instead of going to outside consultants. They are also using voice recognition and text to speech software to give more independence to the students, reducing the need for individual aides.

One significant expense for special education is transportation, and Blanchard said that they have reduced that cost by leasing two vehicles and having them driven by paraeducators.

Principal McMannon addressed the impact on the budget, saying that the special education programs, mandated by federal regulations and compliance expectations, account for almost 17% of the current annual budget. “However,” he said, “special education raises the question of what the role of a public high school is when working with limited resources.” Blanchard likened the dilemma to the health care question

Knowledge is power!



We would like to invite and encourage the Hinesburg community to attend the School Board meeting on **December 12th at 6:30.**

The agenda will be the budget (income for the 2007-08 school year. Classroom materials, supply items, activities, programs and other items will be discussed. Your input is valued!

We at the Hinesburg School Board are committed to providing excellent educational services. Through our efforts, we hope to provide a quality education for all students in our district. We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

Hinesburg School Board Meeting
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benefits of service in the community, Dick and Nancy continue to share their generosity and enthusiasm with grateful students and neighbors.

Carole Whittaker: Carole Whittaker has been on the board of the Williston Soccer Club for the last four years, serving as treasurer, club coordinator, practice scheduler, uniform distributor, relentless cheerleader and ambassador for the nearly 200 players, coaches and manager that make up the Club each year. After moving to Williston from Princeton, NJ, in June 2002, Carole and husband David immediately became involved with the soccer program when recruited during the fall Recreational Soccer program to coach and manage the Williston Soccer Club's U10 Girls team for daughter Lily, now an 8th grader. The Club was growing quickly, and with indoor soccer offering year-round options, the management needs of the Club grew as well. Carole stepped in to help with the administration and logistics of participating in the winter leagues and the outdoor spring season, from managing the funds flow to scheduling the practices and games to ordering trophies to organizing clinics for the youngest players. She helps recruit new players and coaches, answers thousands of questions from parents, delivers equipment and uniforms, ferries players and arranges carpools—in short she is committed to doing what it takes to keep the Club running as smoothly as possible. Recently elected to the board of the Vermont Soccer League, she is a passionate advocate for Williston and for youth soccer.

Dedication to Gretchen Pritsky:

Gretchen Pritsky was a woman who touched many lives—both young and old. She became a member of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center through her role as Town Librarian. After finishing as town librarian, she continued in her role as an advocate, mentor, grant writer and role model. She initiated many wonderful programs that served the Hinesburg community; such as the Nurturing Parents program and the Mother Goose Program. With the assistance of other

Community Resource Center members, she wrote grants that benefited children and their families. Through various grants, book bags were brought to day care centers and a book mobile delivered books and breakfast for children.

Gretchen started a free summer day camp that brought interesting learning opportunities and lunch for many children in several Hinesburg neighborhoods. She then developed a partnership with the Hinesburg Community School to expand this summer program. Children went to the school once a week to utilize the computer lab, the library, art rooms etc...to expand their learning opportunities. This program also expanded to more than one day a week and to include the St. George children.

Gretchen dedicated her life to helping children and families. Her generosity was an inspiration to us all.

**CVU Board:
“We need more facts about the auditorium plan”**

By Rosalyn Graham

The advocates of a better auditorium for Champlain Valley Union High School got the go ahead for further work on the planning stages of the project at the November 8 meeting of the CVU School Board. The board asked the committee of faculty, administrators and parents who have been studying the possible improvements, working with Architect Jules Chatot of Banwell Architects, to continue their work, spend some more money on the consultant, and come back to the December 11 board meeting with a proposal for the board.

The dozen committee members and students who came to speak in support of the project heard general support with some questions to be addressed. As Board Chair Jeanne Jensen said, “I didn’t hear anybody say ‘bad project’ although there was some hesitancy about going for a bond at town meeting.” She summed up the board position as needing the committee to come back with more information about possible funding sources, since a public fundraising campaign is probably part of the plan, and also possible variations in the work to be done that could affect the total cost.

Bob Mason, moving from six months as Acting Superintendent of Chittenden South Supervisory District to his previous role as Chief Operating Officer explained that the current estimate for the cost of the auditorium work would be \$1.7 million. Bob was also a long-time member of the Facilities Committee at CVU during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 campaigns for capital projects at the high school. State aid would reduce that, as would the fund raising campaign and some money that has been held in a capital account since the completion of the \$18.4 million renovation and expansion program. The amount that would probably need to be raised with a bond, presented for approval at Town Meeting, would be about \$500,000.

Questions raised by the board included the need for final numbers for costs from the architect, guidance from the board on the possibility of a big donor wanting to have their name on the new auditorium, and the shortness of time to tackle the project, if the bond was approved, to be ready for Fall 2007.

Charlotte Board Representative Lorna Jimmerson said, “It’s an incredible idea that would enrich what we offer in the school. It’s desperately needed.”

Student Alex Johnson said “It would enhance the drama experience that already exists with Robin Fawcett and Sebastian Ryder. By improving the facility, we can’t imagine what would happen. We would be tapping the vast potential of students in the program.”

Student Ethan Tischler, who had been a member of the cast of *Leader of the Pack* the previous weekend, pointed out some of the shortcomings of the current facility including the inaccessibility of the current lighting system, making it impossible for students to learn about theatre technology, as well as the safety concerns about access to the orchestra loft, and the poor sight lines for the audience.

Parent Elizabeth Skarie of Williston, referring to *Leader of the Pack*, commented, “The quality of the performance was incredible, but the facility is letting them down.”

CVU Board Seeks to Up Community Involvement through Budget Buddies

When the Champlain Valley Union High School Board begins to examine the budget for the 2007-2008 school year, they like to have some extra community eyes and ears to listen to the proposals, consider the impact on the taxpayers and the students, and help to get the word about the process out to the public. These extra eyes and ears belong to community volunteers known on the board as “Budget Buddies.”

Each fall each board member recruits a “buddy” to attend the six or seven meetings that will review the budget proposals, beginning with the meeting on Monday, November 27 at which the administration’s wish list was presented, and the subsequent meetings (one a week except for Christmas and New Year’s) at which those proposals will be critiqued, pared down and approved.

Some of the members of the board have already recruited interested neighbors to be “buddies” but some are still looking. Michael Bissonette and Gianetta Bertin would like to hear from Hinesburg residents to talk about the buddy process. If you are interested, send an email to Michael at rugbycows@gmavt.net and tell him why you want to participate, whether you can attend the series of budget meetings, and how to contact you by mail, email and telephone.

And if you live in one of the other South County towns, contact your board member, just to see if they need your help: Charlotte: Lorna Jimmerson and Dorothy Waller

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degree for Vermonters who are first-generation college students. The Vermont First Scholarships will help those students who are the first in their family to attend college.

Targeted at college-bound high school seniors, applicants must qualify for admission to Champlain College, plan to enroll as a full-time, undergraduate student, and be eligible for the Pell Grant Program. This scholarship, in combination with expected family contribution, federal and state programs to include work-study, student loans, grants and other gift aid, will provide funding for up to the full cost of attendance at Champlain College. The Vermont First Scholarship is renewable for a student's four years at Champlain.

"We're pleased to extend this scholarship opportunity to a special population of Vermont students," said Champlain College President David F. Finney. He added, "We're confident that this new scholarship program—along with programs such as the New American Student Scholarship and Single Parents Program—provides access to higher education for deserving students who will become highly skilled members of Vermont's workforce and communities."

In its inaugural semester, the New American Student Scholarship currently helps 11 students with refugee or asylum status study at Champlain College. Initiated in 1987, Champlain's Single Parents Program has served more than 500 students through the years and currently enrolls 40 single parents.

Students interested in the Vermont First Scholarships are encouraged to make an appointment with a representative in Champlain's admissions office at 163 South Willard Street in Burlington. The office can be reached at (800) 570-5858 and admission@champlain.edu.

High school counselors and VSAC counselors are encouraged to forward nominations for the Vermont First Scholarship to the admissions office as well.

Eye on the Night Sky Kiosk to Open in Burlington

Eye on the Night Sky, an innovative program partnered by the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium and Vermont Public Radio (VPR), guides stargazers to planets, stars, constellations and other night sky phenomena. This multi-faceted program glows with engaging opportunities to learn about astronomy in communities throughout Vermont.

The core of the program is a newly designed Eye on the Night Sky kiosk, a freestanding interactive exhibit designed to bring people up close and personal with objects visible only in the night sky. The portable kiosk is traveling to 20 libraries across the state, and opened in Chittenden County at the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington on November 29 where it will be available for public exploration through January 22.

The kiosk will be available for night sky exploration during library hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday; noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

For additional information about the exhibit in Burlington, please call the Fletcher Free Library at (802) 863-3403. Following the Burlington visit, the kiosk is expected to travel to St. Albans in February and to Stowe in March, and to continue touring the state throughout 2007.

The kiosk, and a twin kiosk based at the Fairbanks Museum, introduces hobbyists of all age groups to dynamic computer-generated activities. The identical kiosks serve up entertaining self-guided tours of the sky—basic constellations, patterns and seasons in the sky, timing and motion of objects through the night sky, with special emphasis on the planets and vagabonds of the solar system—comets, meteors, asteroids and more.

For additional information about Eye on the Night Sky kiosk and lecture, please visit www.fairbanksmuseum.org or call the Fairbanks Museum at (802) 748-2372.

Organizations

Hinesburg Friends of Families Programs

Playgroup expanded to Fridays

The weekly playgroup held on Wednesdays at the Town Hall has been so busy with young children and their parents, Friends of Family has expanded playgroup to Fridays as well.

Both Wednesday and Friday Playgroup starts at 10:00 and runs to 11:30 a.m.

Babies, toddlers and parents use this time to socialize and play with their neighbors. This program is free and no registration is necessary, just drop in. Playgroup follows the Hinesburg school calendar and there is no playgroup if the school has a half day or is closed. For more information, call Brandy Thorpe at 482-6401.

New Mom's Group

New moms and their babies are welcome to join us at BABYTIME, a group that meets weekly at the Carpenter Carse library on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. This group offers support and friendship to new moms as we adjust to the many changes motherhood brings. The program is free but you need to register with Ginny Roberts at 482-5625.

Hinesburg Friends of Families is a program of the Hinesburg Community Resource Bureau. Its purpose is to help families with young children in Hinesburg by providing educational, supportive and play-based opportunities for families. For more information call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center – FOODSHELF

Thank you for the outpouring of financial aid and food supplies to the Hinesburg Foodshelf. We called for help to meet our monthly budget last June and the response has been generous. Please don't stop now. Each month we need to "do it over again".

We are serving an average of 60 families per month. That means a grocery bill over \$1,000 per month. We give out over 2,200 pounds per month. We need your help to continue each month.

Each family gets a box with Cereal, Tuna, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese mix, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, and Soups. Plus a Milk coupon for a gallon of milk at Lantman's Best Yet for each family with children. Cheese, eggs, and frozen meats (beef, pork, and/or chicken) are added when available. A couple of bags of miscellaneous items can be picked from the tables of snacks, specialty items and household items.

Special thanks to Schips Treasure Resale Shop, in Shelburne, for assisting in the milk program, to the Shelburne/Charlotte/Hinesburg Rotary for Turkeys, and to the Lion's Club, Alliance Church, United Church, and St. Jude's Church for cash and food donations. Several individuals also send in a monthly cash/check gift to enable us to make our purchases at the Vermont Foodbank and stores.

A special thanks to the Coates Family, by raising money for the Foodshelf in Honor of Kim's big "five-oh" birthday. Thanks to Doctors Palmer and Jennifer Peet as they sponsored a day for the Foodshelf and donated 476 pounds of goods. The "Hats for Hinesburg", as mentioned in the Record last month, is donating \$10 per hat when designated to the Foodshelf.

The Williston Observer supported and followed each week a "Plant a row for the foodshelf" program. They coordinated collecting and delivering over 600 pounds of fresh produce to us each week during the summer. Some folks gave of their own garden, or purchased items at the Farmers market, and some sent funds directly as a result of reading about the program.


Thanks to all who participated. As you can see there are many ways to support the Foodshelf. How can you help? As we all get creative and pitch in, the funds and supplies add up.

The Hinesburg FOODSHELF is a non-profit charitable organization. All contributions are Tax Deductible. Remember what is raised here stays here to help our neighbors.

Please consider what you can do to help our neighbors at a crucial time. We need many more supporters to help. You may reach us at: Doug Gunnerson, 482-3069, or Laurie Sweeney, 482-5519. Or mail donations to: HCRC-FOODSHELF, PO Box 590, Hinesburg, VT 05461-0590

Lastly, if we can assist you please stop in. We are open every Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the rear entrance of the United Church.

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even medical schools, make accommodations for students with dyslexia, so your child should not feel limited in career choices.

Hopefully tips like this will be ones that spell out information that can help ease your concerns about dyslexia.

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.

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There will be a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington.

Watch for signs on Shelburne Road, north of the I-189 interchange in South Burlington. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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classes are held at the Union Elementary School located at 1 Park Avenue in Montpelier.

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Please call ahead for information and in case of cancellation: (802)879-7618.

Wintertime at ECHO

Enjoy Winter Reflections at the ECHO Center from December 22 to January 1, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Creative activities focusing on the progress and future challenges of Basin stewardship.

Celebrate at Rokeby's Christmas Open House

Rokeby Museum will host its annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. It's a wonderful time to visit, with the house decked out for the holidays and the old harvest table in the kitchen spread with seasonal treats. Guides will be posted throughout the house to relate stories of the Robinson family and answer questions. So join us for a glass of punch, a cookie, and conversation.

In keeping with the Robinson family legacy of giving and concern for others, we ask guests to bring a nonperishable food item for the local food shelf.

Rokeby Museum is a 90-acre historic site and National Historic Landmark designated for its exceptional Underground Railroad history. It was home to four generations of Robinsons from 1793 to 1961; today, it offers an intimate glimpse into nearly 200 years of family life. The Museum is located in Route 7 in Ferrisburgh.

For more information, call or e-mail Jane Williamson 802-877-3406 or rokeby@adelphia.net.

Vermont Stage Celebrates Holiday and Winter Season

The Vermont Stage Company is now selling tickets for their holiday production. They call the Flynn Space their home.

Winter Tales 2006 is the return of a 2005 favorite. William Lange will again be the host with Mark Nash as director.

The production runs from December 6-20 at the Flynn Space in Burlington. There will be stories, poems, and songs to celebrate the holiday and the winter season. Tickets are available at the Flynn Box Office, phone 862-1497, or www.vtstage.org.

Woody Guthrie's American Song, playing from January 24-February 4, 2007, tells of his life as a songwriter, musician, storyteller, and activist through his own words and music.

UVM Upcoming Free Music Performance

Saturday, December 9, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Top Cats Winter Concert. Come enjoy an intimate evening with UVM's only all-male a cappella group. Ira Allen Chapel. For more

information try <http://www.uvm.edu/~topcats>. Contact: 802-989-1749. Free and open to the public.

First Night Burlington 2007

Plan to attend First Night Burlington 2007 (December 31). Get tickets to FlynnMain Stage and Memorial Auditorium First Night. Some of the performances are Circus Smirkus; Gemini Trapeze; Mr. SSS, Goodhead's Cabaret; El Gleno Grande w/Big Nazo, Burlington Taiko; Vermont Youth Orchestra with Elisabeth Von Trapp; Kamikaze Comedy; and Kilimanjaro. There is a savings if you purchase your First Night buttons before New Year's Eve.

Master Gardening Course

Registration for 2007 Vermont Master Gardener Basic Course is underway. The UVM Extension non-credit course is offered at locations throughout Vermont only once each year and fills quickly.

Courses are offered Tuesday nights, February 6 to May 8, 2007, from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Vermont Interactive Television sites in Burlington, Middlebury, Williston, and other locations. Tuition is \$265 plus \$60 for the training handbook (required) and all class materials. For registration or information visit www.uvm.edu/mastergardener or e-mail master.gardener@uvm.edu, or call 656-0562.



Valuable Equipment Stolen from Hinesburg Observatory

By Gary T. Nowak,

President of the Vermont Astronomical Society

I regret to inform you that our observatory was broken into recently. The theft was noticed on October 27. Thieves forced open the observatory door, destroying the door lock, and stole much of our club's valuable optical equipment.

We basically lost all of our laser collimators, eyepieces, filters, optical finders and the Celestron C5 telescope. The remaining telescopes in the observatory were not touched. An inventory of the observatory shows that we suffered a \$4,100 loss. The club has insurance for theft but at this time it is not known what the settlement will be.

The observatory is now off line and closed. The observatory is now padlocked shut. The old door key to the observatory is useless now due to lock destruction. Although the observatory building is closed, the grounds to the observatory site are still open. VAS members are encouraged

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about 1.25 miles to go to the finish line when for some reason she continued past the turn, to the dismay of runners, including Treadwell, who tried to call her back. Once she discovered her mistake and doubled back to the course, she was able to finish a respectable 37th with a time of 37:39.

Other winners in their age divisions were:

Men:

30 to 39 Todd Archambault, Essex Junction—4th overall
40 to 49 Bob Ayers, Colchester — 6th overall

50 and up Dave Fields, Burlington— father of Nathan Fields and 7th overall.

Women:

?? to 29 Emily Olsen, Charlotte
40 to 49 Christine Bush, LaSalle, Quebec
50 and up Caryn Etherington, Middlebury

Bell's Maple Syrup, Hinesburg, Koval's Coffee, Hinesburg, and Road ID, Mitchell, Kentucky provided prizes.

NAMES In The NEWS

Barrocas Named to Honor Roll

Sam Barrocas of Hinesburg has been named to the 1st quarter Honor Roll at Vermont Commons School. Sam is an 11th grader at the South Burlington school.

Child Lures Prevention Team Wins Emmy Awards!

Ken Wooden, *Rosemary Webb* and Jennifer Mitchell of Child Lures Prevention were each honored with an Emmy Award last night for their contributions to Smart Choices, Safe Kids: A Child Lures Prevention Town Hall Meeting.

The Child Lures Prevention Town Hall Meeting, a collaboration with Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, First Lady Patty Blagojevich, and NBC5 Chicago, won in the category of Outstanding Achievement for Informational Programs – Public Affairs/Current Affairs.

Child Lures Prevention creator Ken Wooden was in Chicago to accept his Emmy Award as co-Executive Producer of the Town Hall Meeting. "This award validates what we have believed all along: keeping kids safe from sexual predators is the #1 concern of viewers, particularly parents. Kudos to Governor and First Lady Blagojevich and NBC5 for making child personal safety a priority in Illinois!"

The Town Hall Meeting kicked off Illinois' statewide Child Lures Prevention campaign last September, which also partnered with the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois State Police, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, and the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority. These entities collaborated to put a Child Lures Prevention School Program kit in all 3220 public elementary and middle schools throughout Illinois.

Wooden's daughters and colleagues of over twenty years co-produced the broadcast. Rosemary Wooden Webb, exclaimed, "It was a powerful feeling to work on such an important project with so many dedicated individuals, many of them behind-the-scenes. Everyone truly put their hearts and souls into this project – for the kids. To me, this Emmy Award embodies the importance of the prevention work we do."

Upon hearing of the Emmy Award win, co-producer Jennifer Wooden Mitchell declared, "What an honor! This was an exciting project where we were able to harness the power of the media to help heighten awareness and provide vital prevention education to children and families on a statewide level. I hope other local and state leaders will feel compelled to duplicate the proactive leadership of Governor Rod Blagojevich."

In June, Smart Choices, Safe Kids: A Child Lures Prevention Town Hall Meeting was also awarded the prestigious Gracie Award by AWRT, American Women in Radio and Television.

Over the years, Child Lures Prevention's Think First & Stay Safe! Television News Series has won First Place for Public Affairs Broadcasting from the New York State Broadcaster's Association, an Advancement of Learning through Broadcasting Award from the NEA, and Religion in Media's Angel Award.

HINESBURG RELIGION



United Church of Hinesburg

Pastor: Pastor Bill Neil
Church Phone: 482-3352
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.

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield
Elders: Mike Breer, Rolly Delfausse, Jeff Glover and David Russell

Communications Coordinator: Danielle Bluteau
Phone: 482-2132

Email: dbluteau@hinesburgcma.org

Website: www.hinesburgcma.org

Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU)

Sunday Services:

9:00 a.m., Gathering Place (classes for K - Adult) September - May

10:15 a.m., Worship (Nursery and Children's Church provided)

6:00 p.m., Middle School & High School Youth Group

Weekday Ministries:

Men's Ministries: Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Ministries: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

AWANA (Pre-K- 6th grade): Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.

Small Groups: Various Times and Days throughout the week.

For more information on any of these ministries please contact the church.

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Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
Church Phone: 482-2588
Home Phone: 482-2588

E-mail: lighthousevt@netscape.net

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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 dcasse@aol.com

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

Web page: www.vermontparishes.org/StJude

Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, P.O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, 10759 Route 116

HINESBURG CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9:

December 9 issue of the Hinesburg Record published.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11:

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

Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Contact: George Dameron, chair. 482-3269.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12:

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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13:

HCS School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU. Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall. Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lower level or 3rd floor of Town Hall, Frank Twarog, Chair. Iroquois SnoBeavers Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. Fire Station.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14:

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16:

Hannukkah.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18:

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19:

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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21:

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25:

Christmas Day.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26:

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27:

Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC Library.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28:

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2:

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4:

Hinesburg Record 20th anniversary committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at June's on Charlotte Road. All are welcomed to attend..

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 8:

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

CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU. Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Contact: George Dameron, chair. 482-3269.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9:

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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10:

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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

Station.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11:

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

MONDAY JANUARY 15:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed. Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16:

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18:

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MONDAY, JANUARY 22:

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

TUESDAY JANUARY 23:

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24:

Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC Library.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25:

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27:

January 27 issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center, All welcome. Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

Groundhog Day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5:

Advertising and News Deadline for February 24 issue of The Hinesburg Record 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

February 24 issue of the Hinesburg Record published

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS

Town Clerk Office Hours: Monday, 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, 482-2096. 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, 482-2090. E-mail: hinesburgtown@gmavt.net. . Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Administrator. Town Planner Office Hours: Monday-Friday. 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail:

Hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Alex Weinlagen, Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and evening 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: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Leave a message anytime. Jennifer

McCkuin, Director, 482-4691 Town Hall, P. O. Box 13. 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 5:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Matthews (tmathews@gmavt.knet) or 802-496-8537 for information or to make a reservation.

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Hinesburg: Beecher Hill Road at the Town Garage; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 482-4840. Williston: At the end of Redmond Road; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 872-8111.. South Burlington: Landfill Road (off Patchen Road), Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 872-8111.. CSWD website: www.cswd.net.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 863-0480.

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 (482-5025) 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, 6:30 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 Friday; Saturdays, 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Senior Dinners: Fridays, 12:00 noon Osborne Parish House, United Church. For reservations or transportation, call 482-2998 or leave a message at CVAA office, 863-0360.

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.

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

Village Steering Committee: Meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. George Dameron, Chair.

Playgroup at Town Hall: Weekly Group of parents and children, birth to age five. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Playtimes for young children and a place for parents to connect. All welcome, Free. Sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families. For more information, contact Brandy at 472-6401.

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 website.

Hinesburg Record: www.hinesburg-record.org Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town and church calendar.