

The Hinesburg Record

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MIT Concert Band To Perform In Hinesburg

By Michelle Keller

The Concert Band of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is heading north for its 2004 Winter Concert Tour, and will perform in Hinesburg on Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. at St Jude Church. In keeping with the tradition of the MIT Concert Band, admission to this performance will be free.

This season's tour program will feature the band's signature mix of music written for winds, and will include music by Percy Aldrich Grainger and John Williams, Rimsky-Korsakov's *Procession of the Nobles*, and several contemporary pieces commissioned by the MIT Concert Band.

Each winter, this group of musicians goes on tour to share its music with regions outside of the Boston area. The MIT concert Band was founded in 1949 under the direction of the late John Corley, who directed the band until 1999. Throughout the years of Mr. Corley's tenure, the band became known for its

performance and commissioning of original compositions for winds, and gave the Boston area premiers of many major band compositions, including Hindemith's *Symphony in Bb*, Holst's *Hammersmith*, and Schoenberg's *Theme and Variations*.

The ensemble is currently directed and conducted by Thomas Reynolds, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and Ithaca College, and Robert Rucinski, who graduated from MIT in 1999 and received his Master's Degree from MIT in 2000. The musicians in the MIT Concert Band are students, alumni, and staff of MIT and Wellesley College, most of whom are science or engineering majors.

We hope that you can save this date for a special performance by a talented group of musicians. If you would like more information about the performance or the MIT Concert Band, please call Michelle Keller at 482-6490.



Hinesburg Winter Carnival

**Saturday, February 7
Hinesburg Community
School**

Once again, it's time for the Hinesburg Winter Carnival. Here's a schedule of events, you don't want to miss.

9:00 – noon	3 on 3 B-ball tournament (show up and play!)
9:00 – 10:30	Ice Hockey
10:30 – 12:00	Open Skate
10:00 – 12:00	Dog Sled Rides
10:00 – 11:30	Dog Show: obedience and tricks (in the cafeteria)
10:00 - 11:00	Snowman building contest (bring your own accessories)
10:00- 11:00	Snow shoes available for free use
11:00 – 1:00	Snowboard Park (bring your board and helmet)
12:00 – 2:00	Story telling (in the library and music rooms)
12:00 – 1:00	Snow golf
12:00 – 3:00	X-Country skiing and snowshoeing (come and try our trail)
12:00 – 3:00	Broomball
1:00 – 2:00	“Bikes on Snow” Demo and Race (bring your bike and helmet)
5:30 p.m.	International Pot-Luck Dinner at St. Jude Parish. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share, eat for free!
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Cabaret Theater - tickets on sale at the Hinesburg Recreation Office

All proceeds to benefit Hinesburg Food Shelf. Also look for these events during the day:

- Iroquois Snow Beavers offering snowmobile rides, refreshments available
- Knitting / rug hooking / quilting demonstrations in the cafeteria
- 4-H Club bake sale and refreshments at the warming hut by the ice rink
- Eighth grade serving drinks throughout the day.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this terrific event, please contact Beth Sengle at the Hinesburg Recreation Department, 482-4691, or stop by the Town Hall.

Hinesburg's First Ever Dinner Theater!!

**Feb. 7th at Hinesburg Community School
Seating at 6:30 PM**

Join the Backyard Players, Hinesburg Community Band and Chorus for an evening of fine dining and entertainment to conclude a fun day at the Winter Carnival. Both the stage and tables will be set to bring you an evening you will not forget. From beautiful dinner music, to foot tapping dance numbers, Reduced Shakespeare and special guest appearances; this unique show and fine cuisine will have something for everyone, warming your heart and soul and filling your belly.

**Proceeds to benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf
and the Performing Arts in Hinesburg.**

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the Hinesburg Town Hall Recreation Department before the night of the show. For more information call the Recreation Department at 482-4691. Seating is limited.



Greetings from North Carolina

To all of our friends in the Hinesburg Community:
Thank you all so much for the wonderful send-off you gave to David and me! We truly enjoyed the party, and would like to say thanks to all who attended. Your outpouring of best wishes, affection, cards and gifts was very much appreciated. We will miss you all!

Special thanks go to the planners and organizers of, and contributors to the festivities. I am not certain at this point who started it all off, but when I first heard about it, it was Roni Estey who called me, so many thanks, dear friend! Another of my good buddies, Jeanne Wilson, was a huge part of the organization process, as usual. (I hope you all know what a gem you have in the Town Administrator's office!) Other good friends, Judy Fritz, Irv and Karen Rose, and of course Dave Estey were right in there helping put it together, and then take it apart at the end. Thanks, everyone, for all you did! Many thanks also go to the band "Permanent Record" and Dave's son Paul Douse for providing the live music for the party. And much appreciation goes to the folks who helped with the wonderful food that I heard was really good, but never got a chance to eat, I was so busy gabbing!! Thanks to all of the following:

Brian Busier at Lantman's donated the veggie platter and fruit platter; Koval's donated two baskets of cookies; Voula at Papa Nick's donated the large tray of spinach pie; Betsy Taff donated the cheese platter; Merchants Bank donated \$250 towards the caterers. (Leon and Dixie did a great job, as usual.) And the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association donated \$100 to help cover other costs.

If we have left anyone out, please forgive us!
Although our home is lovely and it is wonderful living only two miles from our grandchildren, we miss the familiarity of a "hometown." There is a lot to be said for the sense of belonging you get when you know all the people at the post office, the hardware store, and the grocery store. I think that I just might be a little homesick for Hinesburg! I feel privileged to have lived there.

Thanks again! All the best to everyone!
— Glad and Dave Douse

Hinesburg Community Resource Center – Food Shelf

Thank you, thank you, and thank you very much for your continued generosity. We had a very busy, record setting, fall quarter at the Food Shelf. We are very grateful and appreciate all the help from our residents and friends for support of the Hinesburg Food Shelf. We received a special gift of 77 turkeys from the Shelburne-Charlotte-Hinesburg Rotary for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There were six more from individuals in town and many cash gifts that have helped us to provide for our neighbors at a difficult time.

We are serving an average of 52 families per month for October–December. This is an increase of 85% more families served over last year. We had a total of 1640 adults and children this year.

Each family gets a box with cereal, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, cake mix and orange juice, plus a milk coupon for a gallon of milk at Lantman's IGA for each child. Cheese, eggs, and beef are added when available. A bag of miscellaneous items can be picked from the table.

It all adds up. Do you know that we are giving out over 1,000 canned goods per month? Plus many cases of box mixes and dry goods every month that adds up to a grocery bill over \$9,000 for the year in addition to the goods donated by

individuals and the churches. Together we provided an estimated 20,600 pounds this year, over ten tons.

We were very pleased in December to get a large donation (44 boxes) of canned goods from the Hinesburg Community School. Thanks guys and gals. We appreciate your caring for our neighbor.

Special thanks to the Rock Hill Club, the Girl Scouts, Champlain Valley Telecom, Hinesburg Record, Hinesburg Business and Professional Association, Hinesburg Nursery School for cash donations and some individuals send in a monthly cash/check gift. This enables us to purchase the larger sizes, 28 or 32 ounces, of peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, baked beans and purchases at the Vermont Food Bank. This makes up the difference beyond the drop boxes and food drives.

We appreciate the many food donations in the drop boxes at Lantman's IGA and the Churches. The Girl Scout Troop #483 (October drive) and Girl Scout Troop #374 (December drive) can make a difference, Patriot Lodge #33 FAAM and many neighbors dropped off bags and boxes of foods for us. Thanks to all.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving service held at the United Church on Sunday evening November 12, 2003 raised \$322.01 for the Food Shelf. Praise the Lord and thanks to God for His provision.

Thanks for the support of the Lion's Club to support the Milk Program. We gave out an average of 58 gallons of milk per month this fall and 640 gallons for the year, 53% over last year.

The Hinesburg Food Shelf is a non-profit charitable organization. All contributions are tax deductible. We have a Post Office box for your convenience. You can even contribute by specific donation through the United Way of Chittenden County.

Please consider what you can do to help our neighbors at a crucial time. We are running 85% more families over last year and need many more supporters to help.

To donate you may reach us at: Phyllis Russell, 482-2434, or Doug Gunnerson, 482-3069. Mail donations to: Hinesburg Community Food Shelf, P.O. Box 590, Hinesburg, VT 05461-0590. Thank you!

Lastly, if we can assist you please stop in, or call during the week. We are open every Friday morning 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, at the rear entrance of the United Church. Have A Happy New Year.

— Douglass R Gunnerson, Treasurer

Regional Technical Academy

Recently, you may have seen a letter from State Representative George Cross, with questions about the upcoming regional vote on Town Meeting Day regarding technical education. I am writing to respond to the specific questions that Representative Cross has raised, as well as to clarify the issue being voted on at this time. It is very important that voters in our community clearly understand what this vote is about so they can make an informed decision on March 2.

For the last three years, the planning committee, a volunteer group, has worked to design the regional technical academy to meet the growing demand for technical education in our region. Students are being turned away or deferred admission every year due to lack of adequate space and programs at the current technical centers in Burlington and Essex. This is a huge disappointment for these students because technical education offers them an opportunity for the type of hands-on education that many of them need in order to be successful. A larger facility is needed if we are to expand access and give our students the opportunities they deserve. At the same time that we have an unacceptable number of students dropping out of high school without the skills necessary to be productive citizens, Vermont has a serious shortage of skilled employees. In addition to meeting the needs of our students, we believe that the proposed regional technical academy will be a major asset for regional economic development, attracting and retaining employers to the area.

On Town Meeting Day, voters in 25 towns will be asked to approve the establishment of a regional technical school district and governance board to complete the planning of a regional technical academy in Chittenden County. A Yes vote on March 2nd is not a vote to approve the new school. A Yes vote will create a governance structure so that the planning committee can disband and a fully authorized regional technical school board can complete the final proposal for a second vote in the fall. This regional technical school board will make the final decisions which will determine how the proposed school will run — what it will cost, who will staff it, what programs will be offered, what hours it will be open, etc. Only a school board has the authority to make these decisions

and warn the vote in November 2004 to construct the regional technical academy. A planning committee cannot take these actions, which is why we are having the vote to create the regional technical school board on March 2.

Along with designing the school, the planning committee has developed good faith financial estimates of both the operating and capital costs. This analysis has incorporated the most recent changes to Vermont's Education Funding Law, Act 68 and is now available on our web site, www.techedworks.org. The planning committee is conducting a broad based communications campaign to get information to all voters so that they can make informed decisions.

Here are some quick facts which address the specific concerns raised by Representative Cross:

- The estimated capital cost of this project is approximately \$58M. This project budget includes all anticipated expenses including an inflation factor, equipment and fixtures, all permit expenses, architecture and engineering expenses, and land acquisition. After a positive vote in March, the new regional technical school board will carefully scrutinize this budget and identify any possible reductions. Under current law, the state is obligated to fund 100% of the approved cost of construction of technical programs, now estimated at \$45M. The planning committee has begun a capital campaign to attempt to raise the balance of capital costs from Federal grants, private donations, foundation grants, and in-kind contributions from businesses. Our goal is raise \$13M and cover the balance of the capital costs of the project.
- The estimated cost per pupil at the RTA will be comparable to the current cost of sending students to the two existing technical centers. This comparable cost per pupil includes both operating and capital expenses.
- Any additional cost to towns will be incurred only if more of their students enroll. Current financial models, based on current law and estimated enrollment projections, show an average 3 cent increase in the tax rate across the 25 communities in the service region.
- The current design of the RTA includes an allowance of space for Vermont State Colleges and other post-secondary institutions. Several colleges have indicated strong interest in locating programs on the site and have participated in the planning and building design. Finalizing these plans and negotiating the specific financial arrangements will be one of the responsibilities of the new regional technical school board.

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- New facility
- Almost double the number of students served each year (assuming projected enrollment figures based on survey results and current trends)
- Easy access to post-secondary education
- Enhanced adult education and work force training center

For additional information, I urge you to look at our web site, www.techedworks.org, or to contact us directly with any questions, comments or concerns. Our volunteers are local citizens interested in improving educational opportunity for students in our community.

After a positive vote in March, we will be closer to putting this vision into reality. We need your help in communicating this issue to the community and appreciate any support that you can provide in helping to get a positive vote on Town Meeting Day.

— James A. Hester, Chair
RTA Planning Committee

Tallest Tree

As quoted from the *Burlington Free Press* of January 14, 1918, under the heading: *50 years ago*. One of the largest trees ever grown in Vermont, an elm, was cut down on the property of Seymour Wright Pierce in Hinesburg. It measured five feet at the butt and was 52 feet high before a branch was reached. At the top, it measured 3 feet 9 inches inside the bark. It was used for cheese box rims. Coburn Pierce remembered it well and said when the logs were loaded on a new sled built on purpose to carry them, it was so completely demolished that only the pole was worth saving. The tree stood west of the house now owned by Peter Reagan.

— Yours truly, John C Pierce

(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.)



Notice of Vacancy

By Jeanne Wilson, Town Administrator

There are currently the following vacancies on boards or commissions: one vacancy on the Hinesburg Recreation Commission, an alternate member to the Hinesburg Development Review Board, Hinesburg's alternate representative to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and Hinesburg's representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

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.

The Hinesburg Record

Advertising Deadline
Feb. 9 for the Feb. 28, 2004 issue.
Call 482-3404 for information.

News/Calendar Deadline
Feb. 12 for the Feb. 28, 2004 issue.
Call 482-2350 for information.

Copies of the 2004 Deadlines can be picked up at 327 Charlotte Road

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



By Missy Ross

Voting on March 2

At the time of writing this article, the slate of candidates for the election in March has not yet been finalized. We will have that list for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* to be published at the end of February. Don't forget that the Presidential Primary will take place on March 2, 2004, along with the election of local officials and the vote on the Champlain Valley Union High School budget for the next fiscal year. If you will be unable to come to the polls on Election Day, you may request an absentee ballot by calling 482-2281. You may also stop by the Clerk's Office to request one in person and actually vote while you are here!

Registration Deadline

The last day for new Hinesburg voters to register for the March 2, 2004 election is Monday, February 23, 2004. Please register in the clerk's office at your earliest convenience. If you are already registered to vote in Hinesburg, you do not need to register again.

Regional Technical Academy Vote

Additionally, there will be an article on the ballot relating to the proposed Regional Technical Academy. The vote is to decide whether or not to form a regional technical school district that will encompass all of the 25 towns currently part of the Burlington and Essex technical centers. If the article to form a Regional Technical Academy passes, a committee will then put forth a bond during the November 2004 election for the construction of a new Regional Technical Center. The governance Planning Committee Report is available in the Hinesburg Town Clerk's office.

Dog Licenses Due By April 1

It's that time of year again when all dogs residing within the Town Of Hinesburg must get their new licenses. Please have your owner bring in a copy of your current rabies certificate so that we may issue you a 2004 license. Many primary classes from the Hinesburg Community School came to the Town Hall this Fall while completing their unit on civics. One of the activities we conducted while the kids were here was allowing them to vote on the shape of the new dog licenses. They had a ballot with six shapes and were able to vote for their choice. The "heart" came in first, with the "star" shape placing second. This was a true hands-on voting experience!

Homestead Declarations Due By April 15

For those of you who missed it in the last issue of *The Record*, or who did not receive your form from the State, everyone who owns property must file a Declaration of Homestead for HS-131 with the State of Vermont. This is part of the Act 60 reform bill known as Act 68. This form will establish which tax rate will be applied to your property, the residential rate of \$1.10 or the non-residential rate of \$1.59. You are required to file this form and there are substantial penalties for non-compliance. We have them here at the Clerk's Office, so please come in to get one if you haven't filed already.

Just a reminder: We are open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in order to be available for those of you who have a hard time getting here earlier in the day.

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Advertisement	News	Publication Date
February 9	February 12	February 28
March 15	March 18	April 3
April 12	April 15	May 1
May 10	May 13	May 29
June 7	June 10	June 26
August 9	August 12	August 28
September 13	September 16	October 2
October 11	October 14	October 30
November 15	November 18	December 4

Advertising Deadlines

The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, February 9, 2004.

For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-3404 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 Thursday, February 12, 2004.

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 & Calendar Info

Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 if you have questions. You may call or fax 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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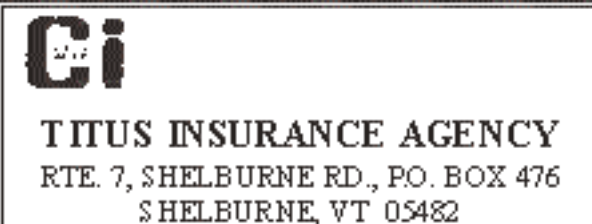


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HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

December 1 – January 12

By Stewart Pierson

Texas Hill Road Survey

Hinesburg resident Debra Howard presented the results of a recent survey of Texas Hill Road residents regarding future road improvements on Texas Hill Road. Ten Texas Hill Road residents joined her for this presentation. The survey was initiated by potential plans to surface a portion of Texas Hill Road. Sixty-eight land owners (of a potential 90) responded to the survey. Of the sixty-eight responders, 49% preferred that Texas Hill Road remain entirely a gravel road; 29% were in favor of surfacing the steeper sections; and 18% would rather see the entire road paved. Safety, maintenance costs and expected new development were three issues raised during the presentation. The recommendation to form a "working group" consisting of neighbors, Town staff and members of the Selectboard was welcomed by the Board.

Public Hearing on Road Cut Standards

Existing Hinesburg standards for road cuts require between 100 feet and 400 feet of sight distance, depending on the type of road. Vermont State standards define sight distance by the posted speed limit. Following a public hearing, the Selectboard voted to adopt standards for road cuts which reflect the State standards.



Submitted by Hinesburg Community Police

Hinesburg Woman Cited for Driving While Suspended

On November 7, Hinesburg Community Police Officer Barbara Brisson spotted Diane LeClaire, 38, of Hinesburg driving on Vermont Route 116. Brisson knew LeClaire to be criminally under suspension.

Following an interview with her, Brisson cited LeClaire into District Court on the criminal charge.

Free and No Paperwork

There are few things in life that are truly free, but Hinesburg Community Police report they have an exception. They still have available free gunlocks for local residents. The gunlocks are provided by Project Childsafe.

Gunlocks can be picked up at the Hinesburg Community Police station just north of the fire station on Vermont Route 116.

Chief Chris Morrell points out the goal of this program is to provide a free gunlock for every weapon kept in a home in Hinesburg. The gunlocks are designed to render the gun inoperative to anyone except the key holder. It is a common sense way to protect children living in, or visiting a home.

Not only are the gunlocks free, there is absolutely no paperwork. Neither the recipient of the gunlocks or the police department have to fill out any forms.

The gunlocks may be picked up at the Community police Station anytime an officer is there, or by calling 482-3397.

Delinquent Taxes Fall Below Last Year

Perhaps due to the refinancing splurge of the past year, the total tax delinquency following the November 15 property tax due date was lower than the previous year. Total delinquent taxes amounted to approximately \$222,000, compared to \$237,000 in 2002. It appears that the reduced penalty for late payments enacted in 2002 has not adversely affected the submittal of property tax payments.

Munson Rezoning Request

George and Karla Munson have expressed an interest in building condominiums on the back acreage of their farm at the corner of Route 116 and Buck Hill Road West. In order for such a project to proceed, the zoning would need to be changed from residential to village district. The Munsons requested a wastewater allocation for the project. The Selectboard felt that the project area was within the wastewater service area, and an allocation would be able to be granted once the necessary zoning changes and project approvals were completed, if wastewater capacity was available at such time. The Munsons would need to request a zoning change from the Planning Commission and receive project approval from the Development Review Board before submitting a request to the Selectboard for a wastewater allocation. In addition, the Munsons expressed an interest in donating twenty acres of land adjacent to the Hinesburg Community School parcel to the Town.

Partridge Hill Road

Work was started last fall on the realignment of the Partridge Hill Road / Richmond Road intersection. Partridge Hill Road resident Frank Twarog attended a recent meeting to express concern regarding the roadside drop-off at the large culvert near the intersection. Mr. Twarog suggested a guardrail be installed to prevent vehicles from going off the road at this steep area. The Selectboard also received a correspondence from Michele Fischer, representing concerned residents, detailing work that still needed to be completed at the intersection. The Selectboard advised that they would speak with Highway Foreman Michael Anthony to ensure that work

Fourteen-Year-Old St. George Girl Charged in Bomb Threat

A fourteen-year-old girl from St. George is facing court action as a result of an email bomb threat she sent to the Hinesburg Community School. Officer Barbara Brisson reported the girl used the subterfuge of writing the threat in another girl's name.

Working with internet service providers, Brisson was able to track the origin of the bomb threat to the girl's home in St. George and obtain a search warrant for the computer.

A forensics examination of the computer was conducted by Detective Tisdell of the Burlington Police Department.

In addition to the criminal charges in court, the girl is facing administrative action at the school.

Hinesburg Man Injured in Crash

A thirty-three-year old Hinesburg man suffered injuries to his head when his vehicle went off Texas Hill Road and struck several trees on December 2. Brian Ashley of Hinesburg was charged by Officer Steve Gutierrez with operating while suspended criminally, uninsured operation and failing to wear a seatbelt.

He will answer the criminal charge at a later date in District Court.

Huntington Man Arrested on Warrant

On December 5 Officer Barbara Brisson arrested John Palin, 23, of Huntington. Brisson received information from Richmond Police that Palin had headed into Hinesburg and there was an active warrant for him. She located him at a residence on Vermont Route 116 and took him into custody.

Palin was transported to the Chittenden Community Correctional Center and posted bail there for the charge of criminally operating while suspended for the second time.

was completed in the spring and that a means of installing a guardrail would be explored.

Town Garage Site Plan

Public Works Director Rocky Martin updated the Selectboard on future plans for the construction of a new highway garage and sand storage shed. Due to revised rules by the Environmental Protection Agency, all municipalities will be required to store salted sand piles under cover. Vermont is the last State to conform to this EPA requirement. The proposed sand storage shed would be 175' x 75' and cost roughly \$150,000. The proposed new highway garage (six bays) would be 60' x 120' and is estimated at \$600,000. It is anticipated that the Town would fund this project through a bond, which would spread the payments out over thirty years. The plan also includes relocating the CSWD Drop Off Center to a more accessible location closer to Beecher Hill Road.

Wastewater Service Area

The Selectboard held a special meeting with the members of the Planning Commission to discuss the delineation of the Wastewater Service Area. Since this service area will impact the future growth and development of the village area the Selectboard and Planning Commission will work together to appropriately address this issue.

Budget Planning

Many meetings between November and January have been devoted to the development of the municipal budget to be presented to voters at Town Meeting. A projected 16% increase in the cost of employee health care coverage remains a serious budget concern for 2004. In response to these rising costs, the Selectboard is proposing an increase in employee contributions for health care and a plan change which would require a larger deductible. To offset the increase in employee out-of-pocket expense for health care, the Selectboard is proposing a "cafeteria plan" which will allow employees to have money deducted from their salary for these expenses on a pre-tax basis.

Road Projects: Anticipated road projects for the coming fiscal year include further repaving of Silver Street, reconstruction of a section of Charlotte Road, drainage and ditching work on Hayden Hill Road West, and ditching on

Lincoln Hill Road. Also included in the highway budget is \$20,000 for the purchase of a trailer to haul culverts and other large items.

Water Department: The Water Department plans to replace the water lines along Shelburne Falls Road. The Wastewater Department anticipates work on the main which connects the pumping station with the wastewater treatment facility.

Planning: The Planning Commission received approval to include funds for a Digital Orthophotography mapping process in its budget to assist in making strategic plans. This cost will be less than \$8,000.

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk's Office is requesting \$7,000 as an initial appropriation necessary for the purchase of additional shelving for the vault. With the ever increasing volume of land records and deeds the additional shelving will be needed.

The relocation of the Town Hall driveway to Stella Road and handicapped access improvements for the ground level completed Phase I of a three-phase landscaping improvement plan for the Town Hall. An appropriation of \$33,000 is included in the proposed budget for Phase II, which will include stairs/sidewalk on the south side of the Town Hall, a retaining wall and landscaping. The Selectboard is also investigating the feasibility of paving the parking lot.

Police: The Community Police budget includes an \$8,000 appropriation for the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSH). There was considerable discussion regarding CUSH funding at last year's Town Meeting, and the Selectboard has been working with the CUSH Board over the past year to resolve some of the funding issues.

Recreation: The Recreation budget includes funds to complete the ice rink warming hut, a \$5,000 appropriation towards development of new playing field space and an increase in funding for youth programs. The increased cost for youth programs should be offset by increased revenue. The recreation program has seen a 113% increase in program revenue over the past five years and a steady decline in the amount of tax dollars needed to support the department.

HCRC: The Community Resource Center seeks a \$2,000 increase in their budgets to reflect increased activity.

Lake Iroquois: The Lake Iroquois Beach Commission is requesting an addition \$1,000 to help fund new playground equipment for the beach. The commission has experienced

falling beach revenues and anticipates that new playground equipment may reverse the trend. It is expected that a grant will fund the majority of the playground project.

Conservation: The Conservation Commission is requesting an increase in the appropriation for the Land Preservation Fund, from \$5,000 to \$7,500. The fund has been integral to the preservation of many acres of farm and forest land in Hinesburg, thus maintaining Hinesburg rural character for future generations.

Tax Impact: In conclusion, the Selectboard does not expect a significant change in the municipal tax burden for FY 04 -05. The increase should be less than one cent from the current rate of \$0.62. This accomplishment has been achieved by carefully scheduling larger purchases and projects to spread them across multiple years. The Selectboard will allocate \$175,000 of the fund balance toward the budget. It is projected that the Grand List will grow by 2.1% due to new construction.

Routine Business

- Approval of warrants, minutes and trial balances
- Approval to purchase nine acres of land from Paul Eddy (adjoining the wastewater treatment facility) for \$40,000. This will allow for the future expansion of the facility.
- Approval of alcohol consumption at the Fire Station on December 19th
- Acceptance of Wayne Burgess's resignation from the Development Review Board
- Acceptance of Carolyn Fenn's resignation as Alternate Representative to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
- Approval of Howard Dean campaign meeting at Town Hall on February 4th
- Approval of Planning Commission reappointments: John Buckingham, Joe Iadanza, and Nancy Norri
- Approval of Development Review Board reappointments: Robert Gauthier, George Munson and Carolyn Fenn
- Approval of Recreation Commission reappointments: David Eddy and Lori Hennessey

Police Get Extra Protection

The Dodge Durango operated on patrol by Hinesburg Community Police received some extra protection. The Wainer family purchased a new Dodge, but found that the heavy duty brush guard from their old one would not fit the new one.

Brad Wainer knew that Hinesburg Community Police operate a Durango like his old one. With the assistance of Officer Steve Gutierrez and Jon Wainer the brush guard was transferred over.



Brush guards not only provide good protection to the vehicle when responding off road to calls, but also minimize damage in the event of a wild animal/cruiser accident.

Happy Holidays

It appears Santa Claus was not the only one entering buildings on Christmas Eve.

At 6:15 a.m. an employee arriving for work at the Saputo cheese plant found a money changing machine in the break room pried open and the cash removed. A flashlight lay on the floor, and he believed the burglars might still be in the building. He summoned Hinesburg police.

Police Service Dog Doc searched the building but the burglar had fled. It was found that in addition to the change machine, the burglar had ransacked several offices and pried open various cash boxes.

Entry to the building was through a window on the south side of the building.

If you noticed anything unusual at the cheese plant

between 6:00 p.m. December 24 and 6:15 a.m. December 25, please contact us.

Beecher Hill Stop Nets Wanted Man

On the evening of December 30, 2003 Hinesburg Community Police Officer Steve Gutierrez noticed a vehicle traveling with only one headlight on Beecher Hill Road. He stopped the vehicle and during a routine computer inquiry learned that the operator, Adam Rahelich, 20, of Hinesburg was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a marijuana charge.

Rahelich was arrested and transported to the Chittenden Community Correctional Center and lodged there.

Interagency Teamwork Bags Three

On January 6 Hinesburg and Middlebury State Police took three people into custody following a burglary on Davis Road in Monkton just south of the Hinesburg town line.

Police report that a fifteen year old female forced entry into the home, but was apprehended by the homeowner. Her two accomplices, Jarred Mullin, 21 and Brandy LaRose, 21, both of Vergennes were located by Chief Chris Morrell in a turnoff on Davis Road.

The fifteen-year-old was lodged at the Woodside Juvenile Detention Center for the burglary. The two twenty-one- year-olds were cited for a later appearance in District Court.

Police Professional Sought

If you are looking for a profession helping people and desire to work locally, the Hinesburg Community Police might have a position for you.

Vermont's leading community police department is seeking to fill a full time position. Unlike traditional police agencies that see their goal as policing the public and making sure they obey the law, Hinesburg officers work with the public in a joint effort to provide public safety and enhance the quality of life in Hinesburg.

Applications may be picked up at the Hinesburg Community

Police station; requested by mail at P.O. Box 1; requested by email at hinesburgpd@gmavt.net; or by calling 482-3397.

The hiring process includes doing well on the Vermont Police Academy written entrance test; passing the physical fitness test; passing the psychological personality test; an oral board interview, an interview with the Selectboard; an extensive background investigation, a polygraph examination; and a medical examination.

Police work at times requires extreme physical activity and the officer holding this position must maintain an adequate level of fitness while employed.

Hinesburg Youth Charged With Burglary

Hinesburg Community Police Officer Barbara Brisson has charged a sixteen-year-old Hinesburg youth with burglary and violations of conditions.

The arrest follows a spree of burglaries in Hinesburg. The youth was apprehended on Friday January 9. He is charged with burglary and also with violating conditions of release from previous burglary, obstructing justice and petit larceny charges.

Following directions of the court, the suspect was again released on conditions of release for a later appearance in District Court.



Hinesburg firefighters battle a stubborn fire in a barn in Starksboro on Tuesday, January 6. The fire required aggressive action because it was in a multitude of concealed spaces between the metal interior walls and the exterior of the barn.



By Beth Sengle

I am writing this article during the week of 15 degrees below zero weather. My hope is that by the time you read this that this frigid stretch of temperatures is a distant memory!

Outside recreation can be great in the winter months, but double digits *above* zero are all we ask!

Before You Skate

Rocky Martin our one-man zamboni, has requested skaters stay off the ice when the "safety light" down at the rink is off. You can tell in the day time if the ice looks too soft, but at night if he is flooding or decides it is best for skaters to stay off the ice, he will turn out the small light. Thanks for your cooperation. Isn't that warming hut looking great!

Winter Carnival

We have our Annual Winter Carnival coming up on Saturday, February 7. Lori Hennessey and her committee (Tom Giroux, Eileen Crawford, Mary Pellegrino, and Sandy White) have organized a fabulous day. Chuck Reiss and Company have planned a dinner cabaret theater as a new option for the night of February 7. Mary Pellegrino is repeating the International pot luck dinner at St Jude's. *So much* fun to chose from. Look for the schedule of events in this issue of *The Hinesburg Record*. A quick recap:

Winter Programs

There are several programs in the Winter Program Guide for kids and adults that begin in February and March:

Jazzercise

Jazzercise is a fun aerobic workout that blends dance with exercise. Each 60-minute workout is set to music with easy to follow choreography. The class includes a warm-up, 30 minutes of aerobics and toning, and a final stretch. This is a great opportunity to get in shape with the help of a certified jazzercise instructor.

When: Monday and Wednesday for 6-week session (12 classes). Starting March 15-April 26 (Skips weeks of April 19)

Where: Town Hall

Time: 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$55.00. Payments made payable to HRD.

Yoga

Theora Ward of Ear of the Heart Yoga invites you to stretch your body and your mind. We will explore yoga postures (asana) that increase strength and flexibility starting where your body is at the moment. Each session will also include breath work, meditation and deep relaxation. Through these techniques, you can increase mental stamina by training the mind to focus. In combination these practices culminate in a feeling of peace and a deeper understanding of who you are.

Where: Hinesburg Town Hall

When: Wednesdays

Time: 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Fee: \$60.00 for 7 classes

Tai Chi

This ongoing class offers a special form of exercise that strengthens your body while calming your mind. Tai Chi helps improve balance, coordination and muscle tone. Mike Prehoda is a wonderful instructor who is able to guide students from beginner to advanced. You can join in anytime, but classes run for six-week sessions.

When: Thursday Mornings

Where: Town Hall

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

Fee: \$36.00. Please make payment to HRD.

Gymnastics Workshop

This week long class will be a fun taste of activities from tumbling, cheerleading, to circus tricks and spring boarding! The class will culminate with a demonstration for parents on the last day, Friday.

Certified gymnastics' instructor Ila Sewall will offer this unique opportunity right at our HCS gym!

Who: 3rd-6th graders

When: Monday thru Friday, Week of February 16th

Time: 2:35 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

Where: HCS gym

Fee: For 5 classes, \$35.00 maximum

Taking Time To Paint With Ms. Trageser and Assistant Becca Schulman

Students will be able to experiment and learn more about using color, shape, texture, and pattern in their work. Various kinds of paint and surfaces will be used to create both realistic and abstract paintings.

Who: 5th & 6th graders

Where: HCS art room

When: Wednesdays: February 11, 18, March 3, 10

Time: 2:35 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00 including materials

Knitting! With Martha Sacco

Beginner or experienced.... come make a "funky fun" hat! Martha makes this both fun and easy. Take this opportunity to learn a lifelong craft. Boys and girls find knitting both rewarding and RELAXING! All Materials (needles & wool) are included in class cost.

Who: 6th - 8th grade boys and girls

Where: Library reading alcove

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays: February 3, 5, 10, 12

Time: 2:45 p.m. -4:00 p.m. A new hat in 4 lessons!

Fee: \$50.00

Family Swim Days at The Edge

Special opportunity to check out a great pool and pretend it's not winter! The Sports and Fitness Edge, located on Wellness Drive, off Marshall Avenue, has kindly opened their pool to Hinesburg residents the last Sunday of January, February, and March between the hours of 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. The fee is only \$5.00 per family of four.

Please remember to pre register at the Town Recreation Office by noon on Friday. The Edge requires names prior to the weekend. You will be expected at the Front desk and can pay your \$5.00 at check in at The Edge. Call the Recreation Office to register...the machine is always on! Leave a message at 482-4691.

Saturday February 7, 2004

Winter Carnival's Newest Feature:

Community



Dinner



Theater!

Featuring The Hinesburg Community Band and Chorus!!



Seating 6:30 pm

@ HCS Gym

Tickets for Dinner Theater must be purchased ahead of time at the Hinesburg Recreation Office in Town Hall

\$15.00 per person. Proceeds benefit Performing Arts of Hinesburg & Community Food Shelf

Hinesburg Winter Carnival

Saturday February 7 – 9:00 am until 3:00 p.m.

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Winter Carnival's Newest Feature:

Community Cabaret Dinner Theater

Saturday Night Performance – Seating 6:30 pm at HCS Gym

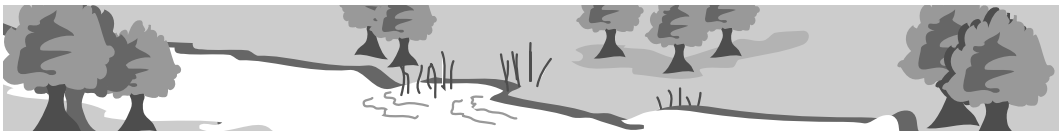
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CONSERVATION



Hinesburg Conservation Commission News

By Ted White

As of this moment, January 14, 2004 it seems the only thing needed to be conserved is our body's warmth. For several years now, we have been writing about the need to clean the LaPlatte River and its headwaters located in Hinesburg. The ultimate goal being a cleaner Lake Champlain, because in addition to being one of the most beautiful lakes in the United States, it is a major economic producer for Vermont. Governor James Douglas and the *Free Press* have now added their support to the need to preserve our lake. It is imperative that all Hinesburgers get behind the clean-up of the LaPlatte.

What is stormwater runoff? "Stormwater runoff is water that runs off surfaces such as rooftops, paved streets and highways, playing fields, lawns and gardens, gravel roads and parking lots and flows into waterways and Lake Champlain." It is important to understand that we all contribute to the problem. The more we can minimize the runoff, the less we contaminate the watershed. As an example, washing your car on a paved surface contributes more to the problem than washing your car on the lawn. More information can be had from a report developed by the Regional Stormwater Education Program and the Lake Champlain Committee. Contact: Michelle Zimmerman (864-6710) or Mike Winslow (658-1461).

The HCC has just completed and printed a new information guide, entitled *Conservation Checklist for Proposed Development*, which can be found in the article below. This will be distributed to all town governmental bodies and to persons seeking to develop property. A limited number of copies have been produced and are available at Town Hall in the Planning Office. The HCC appreciates the work of member Melissa Levy for editing and producing the guide.

vitality of the community. Consideration for natural resources is essential for basic human health and safety. Natural resources, perhaps more than any other resource, are irreplaceable and damage to them irreversible."

Taking its cue from the Town Plan and its own mission, the Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) is dedicated to protecting and improving Hinesburg's natural environment. The HCC seeks to work cooperatively with other town agencies and the citizens of Hinesburg to achieve this goal. The HCC believes three types of environmental impacts need to be carefully considered when development is considered or planned.

In light of the Town Plan and other town regulations, the HCC encourages residents to consider the following when land development is proposed:

Impact on water quality

- effective management of stormwater
 - buffer zones
 - erosion control
- recharging of the aquifer (A formation that contains sufficient saturated, permeable material to yield significant quantities of water to wells and springs.)
- prevention of chemical contamination of water bodies

Have you considered alternative types of surfaces for walkways, roads, and parking lots?

Have you considered if the required minimum 75-foot buffer for streams or bodies of water is actually sufficient?

Have you considered limiting or eliminating the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers?

2. Impact on Plant and Animal Systems

- preservation of wildlife corridors
- management of forestland to minimize forest fragmentation
- preservation of biodiversity and natural habitats, especially of uncommon native species
- prevention of chemical contamination of soils

Does the location of proposed structures, roads, septic systems, and walkways fragment contiguous natural habitat, forestland, or agricultural land?

3. Impact on Natural Aesthetics

- maintenance of undeveloped ridgelines
- maintenance of undeveloped shoreline
- preservation of undeveloped agricultural land

Will the location of proposed structures, roads, septic systems, and walkways impact a scenic view, shoreline, or farm?

Copies of the HCC's *Conservation Checklist for Proposed Development* can be obtained at Town Hall.

Considering Building? New Conservation Checklist for Proposed Development Can Help

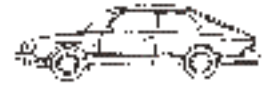
By Melissa Levy

Are you considering building a house or adding on to an existing one? The Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) has a brand new checklist that can help in planning for new development.

According to the Town Plan, "Natural resources are critical to the Town's rural character, to townspeople's enjoyment of their natural surroundings and to the economic

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Feb. 12 for the Feb. 28, 2004 issue.
Call 482-2350 for information.

Copies of the 2004 Deadlines can be
picked up at 327 Charlotte Road

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

Recycling at CSWD MRF Up 19%

Since July 2003, the amount of recyclable material handled at the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Williston has increased by 19% over the same six-month period in 2002. December 2003 proved to be a record month for recycling (1,842 tons) and December 23, 2003 was a record setting day (180 tons). Why all these records?? Officials at the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) attribute the increase to All-In-One Recycling, a new program that started in July allowing people to mix bottles, cans, and mixed paper together in the same bin.

"We did a significant amount of advertising in late summer to promote the new program," says Tom Moreau, General Manager for CSWD. "That promotion, combined with the fact that All-In-One makes recycling super easy seems to be encouraging more people to recycle more stuff." But not all of the 19% is new recycling. Some of the recyclables that were handled at other facilities are now coming to the CSWD MRF because of the All-In-One option. "It's just easier for everyone," says Moreau.

To accommodate All-In-One Recycling, CSWD invested nearly 2 million dollars in new sorting equipment and facility renovations at their MRF. The equipment includes a series of conveyor belts with rotating star-shaped discs that mechanically separate bottles and cans from mixed paper. This state-of-the-art equipment, manufactured by Machinex and operated by Casella Waste Management, can process more than 17 tons per hour. "We're hoping to get the system up to 20 tons per hour soon," says Moreau. "The faster we can sort the material, the more efficient we can make the recycling system. The more efficient it becomes, the more economically sustainable recycling will be."

In fact, economics was one of the driving forces behind the District's decision to convert to All-In-One Recycling last year. Haulers and drop-off centers collecting recyclables now spend less time worrying about keeping paper separate from containers and just put all the materials in the same truck. Many haulers have started using packer-style garbage trucks to collect recycling, thereby increasing the amount of material they can fit in each load. "The less time we spend sorting at the curb and driving to the MRF to unload, the more quickly and efficiently we can collect recycling," says Pierre Lechaussie of All Cycle Waste.

In addition to making recycling more economical, All-In-One makes recycling easier and more convenient for everyone, especially businesses. Many local businesses are converting "cardboard only" dumpsters to All-In-One Recycling dumpsters. Mixed paper bins next to many office desks are being converted to All-In-One Recycling bins. Allowing employees to recycle a wider range of materials at work - without adding new containers or taking up additional space -

is key to making recycling work at businesses.

And making recycling work is a benefit to us all. "It's all about efficiency and resource conservation," says Moreau. "Recycling reduces pollution and saves energy. We're just trying to make recycling a choice that is easy and economically viable."

Tours of the CSWD MRF are available to groups of at least 6 people. Please contact CSWD at 872-8111 to schedule a tour. An 8-minute video tour of the MRF is available online at www.cswd.net. Look in the "What's New" column.

6th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot A Success

By Colin McNaul

The Hinesburg Land Trust's 6th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot held on Sunday, November 30th was a success and enjoyed by all participants. A record field of 35 runners raced on a cold and cloudy day with intermittent snow. The 4.25 mile course passes some of the land conserved by the Hinesburg Land Trust. 6 courageous walkers also braved the elements. The event raised \$397.00 for the Hinesburg Land Trust.

Eli Howard, age 15, of Richmond, Vermont was the first person across the finish line with a time of 24:56. Eli also runs for Mount Mansfield High School. Marielle Aunave of South Burlington won the woman's division with a time of 31:31.

Other winners in their age divisions were:

- Paul Houchens, 30-39, South Burlington
- Jessica Bolduc, under 29, South Burlington
- Matt Dugan, 40-49, Burlington
- Phyllis Arsenault-Berry, 40-49, Duxbury
- Yvon LaMarche, 50+, Vergennes
- Nancy Walsh, 50+, Charlotte

Bell's Maple Syrup, Hinesburg and Koval's Coffee of Vermont, Hinesburg, provided prizes.

Race Results

Complete Race Results shown below:
6th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot
Held: Sunday, November 30, 2003
Distance: 4.25 miles

Place	Name	Sex	Age	Hometown	Time
1	Eli Howard	M	15	Richmond	24:56:00
2	Brendan Barden	M	26	Barre	27:15:00
3	Matt Dugan	M	40	Burlington	28:33:00
4	Jim Roy	M	47	Hyde Park	29:02:00
5	Scott Magnan	M	27	Burlington	29:38:00
6	Paul Houchens	M	35	South Burlington	29:42:00
7	Forrest LeMoine	M	49	Shelburne	29:42:00
8	Dave Fields	M	49	Underhill	30:14:00
9	Neil Bean	M	40	St. Albans	30:55:00
10	Marielle Aunave	F	34	South Burlington	31:31:00
11	Tom Howard	M	47	Richmond	32:25:00
12	Phyllis Arsenault-Berry	F	47	Duxbury	33:15:00
13	Karen Alence	F	37	South Burlington	33:42:00
14	Jessica Bolduc	F	27	South Burlington	33:57:00
15	Yvon LaMarche	M	54	Vergennes	34:01:00
16	Phil Pouech	M	46	Hinesburg	34:01:00
17	Dave Delibac	M	51	Grand Isle	34:46:00
18	Heidi Hales	F	32	Burlington	35:05:00
19	Katherine Kjelleren	F	43	Hinesburg	35:17:00
20	Andy Seaton	M	44	Hinesburg	35:40:00
21	Len Toshman	M	61	Charlotte	36:13:00
22	Nancy Walsh	F	52	Charlotte	36:55:00
23	Hannah Wilson	F	25	Barre	37:31:00
24	Richard Shrake	M	31	Middlebury	37:41:00
25	Robin Harris	F	44	Williston	37:57:00
26	Kathy Hudson	F	42	Williston	37:58:00
27	Logan Bean	M	8	St. Albans	38:39:00
28	Jen McCuin	F	34	Hinesburg	38:39:00
29	Tom Anderson	M	55	Monkton	38:44:00
30	Gail Center	F	46	Richmond	42:09:00
31	Sylvie Vidrine	F	39	Hinesburg	42:09:00
32	Kyle Bean	M	13	St. Albans	42:09:00
33	Emily Kallock	F	27	Hinesburg	43:16:00
34	Sylvie Mitchell	F	29	South Burlington	43:29:00
35	Amy Kaminski	F	21	Castleton	45:18:00

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By Jean Isham, Hinesburg Business and Professional Association

Artist Miriam Adams

Meet Hinesburg artist *Miriam Adams*. Miriam was born in the Bronx and grew up in the greater New York/New Jersey area. She originally wanted to be a dancer, having started dance lessons at a very young age. By the time she was 16, she



realized that she was not meant to be a ballerina and switched to her other interest, art. She received an Art History degree from Barnard College and also took courses in painting and drawing at Columbia University. She has worked as an artist and sold her work both during her college years and since graduating from college.

Miriam works on paper with graphite and watercolor. It is a very direct technique, inherently simple, that allows a subtle play of line and color. Her drawings are realistic in style, but the composition is more conceptual. In describing her work, Miriam commented that she "draws from the vastness of nature, focusing on forms and rhythms in order to create a heightened awareness, a meditative vision. There is an emphasis on line which speaks of a love of drawing. The work involves images from the natural world such as flowers, rocks, wood and feathers, sometimes in juxtaposition with 'man-made' items such as ribbons or statues. The drawings of gloves retain the memories of human activity and feelings which they express in an abstract manner. These are intimate drawings meant to be lived with."

Miriam generally works alone but has done some collaboration with other artists. She collaborated with a friend, Suzanne Noguere, a poet. They produced a series of thirty-one pieces called Leaf Lines. These pieces take as their subject the leaves of the trees that grow in the northeastern United States. They have exhibited this work in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and intend to exhibit it again. Eventually, they hope to have the project published. In collaboration with artist Jeannette Chupack, Miriam worked on subjects that were unusual for her. They did one series on the Huntington Gorge and another on covered bridges. Since Miriam really doesn't do landscapes, her drawings showed a different perspective. With the covered bridges, she drew the insides of the bridges and the patterns that the structures form rather than scenic covered bridges. Miriam has always been interested in the natural world, its beauty, and its importance to the quality of our lives. However, in her work she prefers to use nature as a means to express ideas and relationships.

Miriam said she "feels that art should be accessible. It should make you think, make you see something different or new, even if it is just a small expansion of your knowledge, and it should always be expanding your consciousness." She also believes in keeping her art simple. The art that she produces does not create storage and pollution problems. Basically, she

uses pencils and watercolor. Her goal is to make people think but not to burden the world with more "stuff" that has to be taken care of.

Miriam has always worked in the same place where she lives. On the second floor of her home, she has created an open and airy studio with a pleasant view and natural light. What she likes about this arrangement is that any time she has the energy to work, she does not have to go somewhere. The downside is there are a lot of interruptions. It requires a lot of self-discipline and motivation, especially living in the country where she does not interact with other artists as she would if she lived in a larger metropolitan area. Another advantage of working from her home is that she could have a child, be at home with the child and not have to give up her career to do so.

Miriam and her husband, Roger Kohn, moved to Vermont and to Hinesburg in 1971. Her first introduction to the Chittenden County area was in the middle of a snow storm. In spite of this, it did not take them very long to decide that they wanted to stay in Vermont. Roger and Miriam have one daughter, Nina. Nina attended Hinesburg schools from kindergarten through high school, and graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School. She currently is creating and running an elder care project in Geneva, New York, providing legal advocacy for elders.

Miriam's art has been exhibited in Philadelphia, New York City, Boston and Vermont. In Vermont her art can be found at the Furchgott Sourdiffe Gallery in Shelburne, Frog Hollow in Middlebury and Burlington, and the Elaine Beckwith Gallery in Jamaica. Miriam's art appears in both private and public collections including Readers Digest, Fidelity Investments and Champion Paper. Most of her art is sold through galleries. She also accepts commissions and sells her art privately. Recently she had an unusual commission drawing fly fishing lures for a business in Minnesota. Miriam is also available to talk about her work. She can be reached at 482-2066 or by e-mail at madamskohn@aol.com.

Shear Art

(An article featuring Shear Art was published in the December 2003 issue of the Hinesburg Record. The photograph below was inadvertently omitted. The Record apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.)



Linda Gregory, Kristie Bataille, and Dawn Safford of Shear Art, Firehouse Plaza, Hinesburg. Shear Art is a new, full service salon in Hinesburg. The salon is open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment (482-3900); walk-ins accommodated.

PHOTO BY: JEANNE WILSON

Champlain Valley Telecom Directory With Addison County Addition

By Alan Jones

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is pleased to announce the arrival of the 2004-2005 Champlain Valley Directory. The telephone directory is scheduled to arrive in mailboxes this month.

Enhancements have been made to the directory including the addition of 7,000 telephone numbers from Addison County to include the Brandon and Rochester exchanges. This year's directory will feature artwork from students in Hinesburg Community School. Residents and businesses in Addison County will receive a special edition of the directory with updated Addison County information and a special cover.

Questions regarding the new Champlain Valley Telecom Directory can be directed to Alan Jones at 802-496-8328 or via email at ajones@wcvt.com.

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is a family owned and operated, independent telephone company that has been serving the Mad River Valley since 1904. This year the Company will celebrate its 100th anniversary. For more information, including a list of centennial events, visit www.wcvt.com.

Hypnotherapy Practice Opens in Bristol

Clinical hypnotherapist Kerry Skiffington is now offering private and group sessions through her new business, *Hypnosis Works*, located in Bristol. *Hypnosis Works* offers a variety of services in hypnotherapy and hypno-analysis. Among these are HypnoBirthing, smoking cessation, weight management and fear release.

Skiffington received her training from the International Association of Hypno-Analysts in Cambridge, England, with specific Hypno-Birthing certification from the Hypno-Birthing Institute in New Hampshire. Originally trained in medical anthropology, Skiffington also has written about health care issues, including a book on adoptive nursing, and sells alternative medical technologies from her office.

For more information about *Hypnosis Works* programs or to register for upcoming HypnoBirthing classes, call 453-5411.

Internet Provider Begins Burlington Service

LocalNet Corp., an "INC 500 Fastest Growing Company" is now offering its \$9.95 per month dial-up Internet service in Burlington, it was announced today by Marc P. Silvestri, LocalNet President.

"Our \$9.95 per month dial-up Internet access has been a great success everywhere we've opened up," Burlington Internet users can save as much as \$14.00 per month over other providers while maintaining a reliable connection to the 'net. "We've been able to sustain our \$ 9.95 monthly price by being selective about how and where we offer service. Opportunities in the telecommunications marketplace have made it possible for us to add Burlington to our network," Silvestri said.

Founded in 1994, LocalNet was one of the original flat-rate Internet access providers. Headquartered in Williamsville, NY the company has more than 100,000 subscribers in the Northeast and Midwest.

For more information, contact LocalNet at 802-862-1358 or 1-888-488-7265 or on the web at www.localnet.com.

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The Carpenter-Carse Library's Board of Trustees meet at the library at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month; exceptions to this schedule are posted in advance at the Hinesburg Post Office and the Town Clerk's Office. Meetings are open to the public.

Book Discussion Groups

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group which meets monthly. Please call Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on the location of the meeting.

Storytime News

A Preschool Story Hour (for ages 3-5) is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 14. There will be stories, songs, fingerplays and a thematic craft. Pre-registration requested. Toddler Storytimes (up to 3 years of age) are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, February 3 and February 17. Walk-ins are welcome.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:

Ashley, Trisha, *Every Woman for Herself*

Bayard, Louis, *Mr. Timothy*

Brookner, Anita, *Rules of Engagement*

Hart, Carolyn, *Letter from Home*

Hegi, Ursula, *Sacred Time*

Koontz, Dean, *Odd Thomas*

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McCullough, Colleen, *Touch*

McGuire, Gregory, *Mirror, Mirror*

Morrison, Toni, *Love*

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Dean, Howard, *Winning Back America*

Ketchum, Katherine, *Teens Under the Influence*

Miller, Zell, *A National Party No More*

Shevtsova, Lili, *Putin's Russia*

Tudor, Bethany, *Drawn from New England*

****Visit the library to pick up our new Youth Services brochure, designed by Janet Soutiere. The brochure contains a sample of recent acquisitions of juvenile and young adult books, as well as helpful information for kids and their families. The brochure will be updated monthly.**

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. "Celebration," a multimedia lecture on cultural tolerance and environmental sustainability. This special author event features *Jan Reynolds*, award winning writer, photographer, world class skier, climber and explorer. For ages 12 to adult. Free program, donations accepted, refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Vermont Council on the Humanities.

Jan's respect for other cultures is exemplary. Her perspective on varied cultures and points of view is especially valuable in today's climate of global interaction. Jan's travels and experiences have been rich, as you can see by a sample of her career highlights: Everest Grand Circle Expedition (world record climb, first circumnavigation of Everest); solo crossing of the Himalaya; camel crossing of the Sahara; world high altitude skiing record for women; member of U.S. World Cup Biathlon Team; Mountain Man Triathlon Champion.....and more. She has written articles published in major magazines and in the *New York Times*. Her photo exhibits have included shows at the U.N. and New York City's Asia Society. She has given lectures in several countries, for many large corporations, educational, environmental and sporting groups. Be sure to mark the date of this presentation on your calendar!

Wednesday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. Pajama Storytime for ages 4-7. Warm up at the Library in your pajamas while enjoying comforting bedtime stories. Bring along a favorite blanket and stuffed animal. Juice and cookies are provided. Pre-registration requested.

Thursday, February 19, 5:00-6:30 p.m.. YA (Young Adult) Book Buying Group Review, discuss and select "teen" books for the Library. Contact Janet at 482-2978 or email, janetsoutiere@yahoo.com

Thursday, February 26, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Make-it and Take-it Felt Bookmarks. Ages 7+. Pre-registration requested.

Friends of the Library

By Earla Sue McNaull

Money raised through the book and book bag sales is used for the "extras" not included in the annual budget. Recently the Friends purchased some additional plants for the reading garden and paid half the amount for the rocking chair in the children's area. This chair honors *Natacha Pouech's* dedication to partnering children and books, and we hope it will be enjoyed by many. Rock on!

Uncovered: Film about Iraq War Planning

On Wednesday, February 11, there will be a showing of Robert Greenwald's film *Uncovered: The Whole Truth about the Iraq War*. The showing will take place at the Carpenter-Carse Library at 7:00 p.m.

Uncovered examines the progression of the Bush administration's case for the Iraq war through the public words of top administration officials and interviews with two dozen experts. The experts include several former CIA operatives and analysts, a former director of the CIA, two former assistant secretaries of defense, a former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and even the man who served as President Bush's Secretary of the Army until just a few months ago.

Taken collectively, the interviewees reveal how the pre war intelligence record showed virtually the opposite of the picture on Iraq that the administration painted to Congress, to US voters and to the world. As Mel Goodman, a veteran CIA analyst who now teaches at the National War College, said, "There was never a clear and present danger. There was never an imminent threat. Iraq — and we have very good intelligence on this — was never part of the picture of terrorism." The case for accusing Saddam Hussein of concealing weapons of mass destruction was, in the words of the veteran CIA operative Robert Baer, largely achieved through "data mining" going back over old information and trying to wrest new conclusions from it.

Through the interviews, the film also reconstructs the way senior White House officials — notably Vice President Dick Cheney — leaned on the CIA to find evidence that would fit a preordained set of conclusions. This agenda, according to George Bush Senior's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Chas Freeman, was both highly political and profoundly misguided.

The idea for showing the film in Hinesburg grew out of a national "house party" sponsored by MoveOn.org, through which Uncovered was shown at more than 2600 sites throughout the United States on December 7. Many people

who saw the film locally and were moved and concerned wanted to share it with a larger audience.

Our showing in Hinesburg will be timely, since it follows the publication of *The Price of Loyalty*, by Ron Suskind, who interviewed former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, fired by President Bush in December 2002. In the book, O'Neill contends, that the planning for the Iraq War began well before the infamous events of September 11, 2001.

Light refreshments will be served in the library's Community Room before viewing the film, which runs 56 minutes. A discussion will follow the film.

For more information, please call Julie Becker at 482-2978.

Hinesburg Community Quilt Provides a Special Warmth

By Suzanne Richards

It was one of those days when the temperature never rose above the single digits despite the efforts of a brilliant sun. In those conditions, it wasn't surprising that people were looking for quilts. However, these particular quilts were not stored away in chests or closets. These quilts were hanging on the walls of the Carpenter-Carse Library for the Hinesburg Community Quilt Project reception on Saturday, January 10th. The four quilted panels are the final results of a collaborative art project funded by



Sue Barden, Librarian, stands between Phyllis Russell on her left and Daisy Bisonnette on her right. Phyllis and Daisy both signed a quilt square. PHOTO BY: JOAN RICHARD

Vermont Recreation and Parks Association and the Hinesburg Resource Center/Vermont Council on the Humanities.

As coordinator of the project, my observation was that the quilts did indeed fulfill the expectation of providing comfort and warmth even if it was of a different nature. An estimated count of eighty people came to view the quilts within the two hours. Many of the quilt square makers and their family members attended. Others, having heard about the project, came out of curiosity.

In another demonstration of community support, refreshments for the reception were generously donated. The complementary cake provided by Brian Busier, owner of Lantman's IGA, drew considerable attention. Joleen Raymond, of Lantman's Bakery, did an amazing job of reproducing in the frosting the 1900's photograph of the Hinesburg Inn where Lantmans is now located. Other treats were generously provided by Juletta and Gary Koval of Koval Coffee, Shirley Basiliere, Marilyn Dunn, Trinkia Parker and Joan Richard. Penny Reed, of The Wild Thyme, generously donated an arrangement of fresh flowers for the table.

I would encourage people to see the Hinesburg Community Quilt on display in the library through the month of January. For visitors who want to test their observation skills, pick up the "I Spy Quilt Squares" which I created. It will lead you on a merry search for particular images found in the quilt squares. Finding the fifteen horses may be more challenging



Jessie Francis, a quilt square contributor, discusses details with Suzanne Richards. PHOTO BY: BARB FORAUER



Mildred Aube, now 93, is the oldest participant. Between her hands rests a photo of the Creamery which she signed. PHOTO BY: SUZANNE RICHARD



Katrina Wilson points to her drawing of the Town Hall. PHOTO BY BARB FORAUER



Sylvie Vidrine holds her daughter Shea Dunlop, age 4, as she points to the quilt square she made. PHOTO BY: BARB FORAUER

extend a sincere thank you to everyone who made the project possible.

than you think. Although the quilt may move to other locations to be temporarily exhibited, Sue Barden and Jane Racer have kindly offered the quilt a permanent home at the library.

The process of gathering the quilt squares and fabricating the quilts is an experience I will never forget. The Hinesburg Record kindly ran the story in the December issue allowing me to recount my experience from the last eight months. I am pleased with the results. The quilts never fail to draw people in for a closer look and the stories generated by the photographs of Hinesburg in the 1900s are still being told. There is magic in seeing people of all ages smile and point at the images they may have created or added a signature to. You will most likely recognize a name or place from the past or the present. The newer works of art portrayed in fabric, paint, ink, markers and photography are truly worth seeing.

Two lists are included in the display. One is the list of all eighty of the participants and the other is a list of the people who helped with the project and reception. Please take a moment to acknowledge the names. I wish to

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The 2004 Yearbook

Halle Broido

This year's yearbook is sure to be great! The staff of seventh and eighth graders working on the yearbook are Halle Broido, Ellen Ross, Robin Hart, Meghan Lynn, Tess Keller, Christine Piper, Amber Tahair, Kate Bennett and Mairead Delaney and the advisors are Mr. Heney and Mr. Hyde. The yearbook staff meets every other Friday after school until 4:30.

I spoke to some seventh and eighth graders about what they thought about the yearbook. Tasha Kramer-Mehnick, a 7th grader at HCS thinks, "The yearbook is awesome because you can look back and show other people who aren't at our school the people who go to our school." Gabby Johansen, an 8th grader thinks, "The yearbook is a great way to remember the year." Tess Keller, a 7th grader on the yearbook thinks, "The yearbook brings out the creativeness of everybody and it gives everybody a chance to remember the year." Sammy Nielsen, an 8th grader at HCS thinks, "The yearbook is really cool, awesome."

The people on the yearbook staff are very busy working on the cover contest and the early orders for yearbooks since the extra yearbooks sold at the end of the year run out very quickly. We are also working on what we want to be featured in the yearbook. We are going to be having a picture drive soon, to collect pictures to put in the yearbook. If anybody has pictures of the seventh and eighth graders from this year and would be willing to donate them to the yearbook call Mr. Heney at HCS.

Science Fair

Nicole Tabert
Samantha Nielsen

Science Fair is a project that all middle school students have to do to graduate. The purpose for science fair is for students to study a topic/question in science and do a project about it. Another thing that is required for the Science Fair is an experiment. When you do your experiment you have to record the information and observations.

During school, the students get a lot of help from their teachers. Teachers inform the students about the upcoming events, and the dates that things are due. Teachers can also provide materials if the students need them. Students are required to write up a report on their subject. The students must have an abstract, an introduction, a method, the results, the lab write up, and a display to complete the project. The first due date was on Friday, November 14th 2003, and will end Monday, February 2nd 2004. The actual science fair will be held on February 4th 2004.

School Daze

The science fair is a great place for students to learn about things that they didn't know, but want to learn about. The experience for the students is great. Between the amount of fun that they have learning about things of their choice, and the amount of work that is put into it, this would have to be by far one of the best projects out of the year. So we would love to see faces from around town at our annual Science Fair on Wednesday, February 4th 2004.

The Lord Of The Rings

Joshua Parker

If you have not yet seen Peter Jackson's amazing films, you need to see them. They include the Lord of the Rings trilogy (The Fellowship Of The Ring, The Two Towers, and The Return Of The King). He makes these books come to life, and makes it seem like you're really in the movie. These books/movies tell the story of a powerful ring that Frodo is trying to destroy, but if he loses the ring to evil, all of Middle-Earth could be in evil terror forever. Yet, something that I noticed the most in these movies was the relationship between Frodo and Sam changing all the time. How did the relationship between Frodo and Sam change over the course of the trilogy?

I noticed that in the first movie of the trilogy, Frodo and Sam were best of friends and seemed like they would never ever leave each other. At the end of the first movie, Frodo and Sam tell each other how they will stick together and do anything it takes to destroy the ring. But, things change, and in the second movie when they meet a "golem", their guide to destroy the ring, things get a little scary between Frodo and Sam.

The only thing the golem wants is the ring; so, he is tries to make Sam and Frodo fight and kill each other. It was working. Sam and Frodo were always fighting and bickering throughout the course of the second movie. So there was a big change from the relationship in the first movie and the second. Things got even worse in the final chapter of the trilogy. Sam finally figures out what the golem is trying to do, kill him, after Frodo saves him twice. Finally when the golem plays an evil trick on Sam, Frodo says, "GO HOME SAM, I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE!" As Sam sits there weeping the golem and Frodo continue on, but when Sam figures out the trick the golem has played, he goes back and finds them. When everything is settled, Frodo and Sam become best friends again. This obviously shows how the relationship between Frodo and Sam had many ups and downs throughout the course of the trilogy.

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HCS Geo Bee Champion is Crowned

Josh Parker and Steve Hyde

During the week of January 5th the annual National Geographic Geo Bee competition was held, and over twenty-five, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students competed for the title of HCS Geo Bee Champion. This competition is a geography bee and is usually a very tight one and this year was no exception.

The bee consists of three rounds: the preliminary round, the final round and the championship round. In the preliminary round each competitor is asked seven questions and the top ten scorers advance to the final round. In the finals each student is again asked a variety of geography questions like, "The Cape of Good Hope is located on the southwestern coast of which continent?" and "The Danube River, the second longest river in Europe, flows into which body of water?" But, when a student misses two questions he or she is eliminated from the competition. This continues until there are only two competitors left who advance to the championship round. This year those two students were fifth grader, Morgan Pell, and seventh grader and defending champion, Ethan Linck. In the championship round each student is asked the same three questions and the one who gets the most correct is the winner. Morgan got one of the three questions correct and Ethan got two correct earning him the title of HCS Geo Bee Champion.

As the HCS champion Ethan will go on to compete in the Vermont, National Geographic Geo Bee competition in March. If he wins there he will go to the national competition in Washington D.C.

Mr. Hyde who runs the competition said, "This year's competition was the best one so far because the more students got correct answers than ever before. The students knowledge of geography is definitely improving."



Ethan Linck, HCS 2004 National Geographic Geo Bee Champion



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Boys Basketball

Chad Place

The HCS Boys basketball A-team has gotten off to a rough start this season. They lost their first four games of the season. Just when they were beginning to think they weren't going to win a game, they won one. They won a game against Vergennes; the win gave the team some hope that the season might turn around.

The next two games that the basketball team would play would be in the CSSU tournament. The first game was against Shelburne, which they lost; the second game that Hinesburg would play was against Charlotte.



Tyler Gagnon dribbles the ball up court

Throughout the entire Charlotte game the score was very close. In the first half of the game there were many fouls and both teams were in the bonus. At half time Hinesburg was up 12

to 11. The turning point of the game seemed to be when Chad Place was intentionally fouled and went to the foul line to take two shots. He made one of the two shots to put Hinesburg ahead by four points. Charlotte in-bounded the ball and took it up the court but missed their shot. The ball was rebounded by Hinesburg and was brought up the court, and with about a minute left in the game Josh Parker made a lay up to extend the lead to six points. In the final seconds of the game Charlotte had possession of the ball and made a three point jump shot right at the buzzer, but it was not enough. The final score of the game was Hinesburg - 36 Charlotte - 33. Overall in the tournament Hinesburg placed third in the tournament.

Since the tournament, the team has lost two games. These games were against Mt. Abe and Charlotte. The remainder of the games that the team will play will be against challenging teams, but we are hopeful that we will win another game. Even though we haven't won a lot of games, I have enjoyed playing on the HCS basketball team with all of my friends and teammates.



Ryan Danforth shoots over defenders

HCS Food Drive is a Success

Robin Hart and Ellen Ross

From December 3rd to December 17th, Peer Leadership sponsored a food drive for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Students from all grades, Triple E through 8th grade, were asked to bring in non-perishable food items. To motivate the students they were told that there would be a drawing and the winner would go on a field trip to the food shelf. The more food they brought in, the better their chances of winning would be.



Charlie Fotin's truck filling up

The winner of the drawing was Ms. Hinesdale's 3rd and 4th grade class. They brought in a grand total of 134 food items. We did an interview with some of her students

to see what motivated them to contribute to the food drive. Keith Kelly said, "I wanted to help give to kids, so that they could have food." Allison Giroux, who had gone to the Hinesburg Food Shelf before with Girl Scouts said, "I wanted to help the less fortunate." All of Ms. Hinesdale's class did a great job. We would also like to recognize Mrs. Wallis' class for bringing in 171 food items, and Mrs. Feussner's, Ms. Galyean's, and Mr. Rocheleau's classes



8th Grader, Meg Seaton unloading the truck at the Hinesburg Food Shelf

for bringing in over 100 food items each.

HCS collects over 1500 non-perishable food items that help feed the forty-five families that go to the Hinesburg Food Shelf every month. This number of families is double what it was a few years ago. All of the food brought in is very important and is greatly appreciated. Peer Leadership would like to thank everybody that contributed to the food drive.

"Lord of the Rings" Continued

The question about what it means to be a best friend was answered in great detail. It is easy to see, as a reader, how their relationship had better times and worse times than others. There is more evidence if you watch the movies, but I don't want to give away the ending.

These movies follow the books quite well, are a thrill to watch and have a good message about friendship.

Summer Activities Fair at HCS

Tuesday, February 17th, 6 PM

Improv Night for middle school

parents & students, 7 PM

For more information call the HCS office

Patrolling The Potties

Ben Soll and Ellen Ross

For the past couple of weeks HCS middle-school students have been enrolled in the position to patrol the 7th and 8th grade bathrooms; also known as Potty Patrol!! This is because of persistent vandalism of the walls and stalls of the boy's and girl's bathrooms.

A different boy and girl are selected each day by Mrs. Stebbins, HCS's assistant principal, to stand outside the bathrooms and make record of everyone who goes into the bathroom. The student on patrol checks the bathroom after every person is finished using it to make sure it has not been vandalized. At the end of the day, the record is taken to the office.

Students have different opinions about potty patrol. Evan Karge, one of the students that has been chosen for potty patrol, says, "Potty patrol has helped eliminate the vandalism that has been occurring in the bathrooms." Tasha Kramer-Melick, who has been chosen to patrol the girl's bathroom, says, "I think that it does nothing because kids can still go and vandalize the bathrooms while potty patrolers are not on duty. Also, a student on potty patrol could vandalize the bathroom and they wouldn't get the blame." As you can see students have very different opinions on this new policy. The fact of the matter is that vandalism in the bathrooms has stopped.

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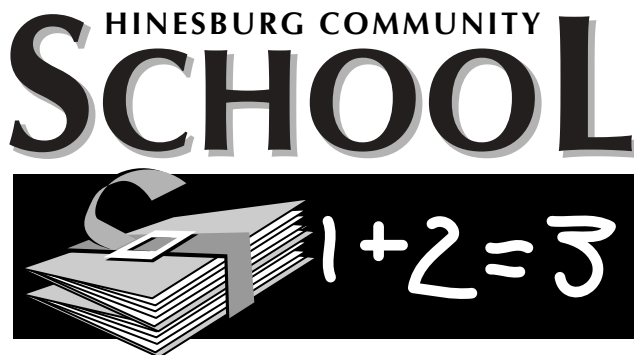
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HCS Calendar

February

3: School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center, Finalize and adopt the budget; approve the Warning.

7: Winter Carnival, HCS grounds and cafeteria

23-27: Winter Vacation, No school

March

1: School Resumes

17: Half-day of school, 11:30 dismissal, In-service

20: Annual School Meeting for Voting on Budget, HCS Gym, 9:00 a.m.

General School News

By Donna Hale, Principal

Linda Darrow, Special Education Coordinator resigned effective December, 2003 for personal reasons. We're pleased to announce that *Cheryl Eichen* will fill her position for the remainder of the school year. She will facilitate communication and instructional support to our Special Education faculty and para-educators. Cheryl is a certified special educator and a highly qualified teacher.

Circus Smirkus at HCS

The circus came to town in January! Circus Smirkus did a five day residency at HCS with students in Kindergarten to fourth grade. Students learned tumbling and juggling acts normally seen in the circus. The week ended with a wonderful circus performance for our students.

Ethan Linck Wins National Geo-Bee

Congratulations to *Ethan Linck* for winning the school's National Geo-Bee competition. Ethan will compete at the state level in Middlebury next month. Good luck!

Thank You!

Steven Smith and *Marty Sienkiewicz* from Smith Alvarez and Sienkiewicz Architects donated \$5000 to the school. The funds are being used to purchase an exterior sign that will post school events. We appreciate their generosity!

Winter Weather is Here!

We want to encourage parents to check television or radio stations or call the school to hear the message about school openings on any day with extremely cold or unusual weather. We make announcements, beginning about 5:30 a.m., if there is a delay in the opening of school or if school is cancelled. Please note, it is *not safe* to drop your child off at 7:30 a.m. when there is a delayed opening as staff members typically do not arrive until 9:00 a.m. Also, Morning Kindergarten and Early Education programs are cancelled when the school has a delayed opening. Please remember to call the office if your child will be out for the day.

Budget Development

The School Board Directors are continuing to work on the budget for the 2004-2005 school year. The Board meets on Tuesday, February 3 to finalize the budget; they meet in the Wainer Learning Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Annual School Meeting to vote on the budget will be on Saturday, March 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium at the school.

Openings at YMCA After-School Program

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For more information about this program and other after-school programs, contact Marsha Faryniarz, School-Age Program Director, the Greater Burlington YMCA, 266 College Street, Burlington, at (802)862-9622, or send email to mfaryniarz@gbymca.org.

Storytelling Benefits the Teller, the Listener and Society

By Dan Wolfe*

An Ancient Art is Recille Hamrell's Passion

On February 7, *Recille Hamrell* and some of the best of her students will be in the limelight during the Hinesburg Winter Carnival. The students will be chosen from a special group of 80 youngsters in grades one through six at Hinesburg Community School. And how did Hamrell and her students get into the limelight? By storytelling. Storytelling, you ask, perhaps in astonishment. The answer is storytelling.

Why has Hamrell chosen to take the ancient art of telling tales back into the lives of children in school? "Because," she says, her eyes shining brighter than ever as she talks about the

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Recille Hamrell believes in the power and pleasure of stories, storytelling and story telling. PHOTO BY: SUZANNE KNELLER

subject, "I believe in the power and the pleasure of stories, storytelling and story telling." Why? "Because they benefit the teller, the listener and society itself."

According to Hamrell, "The teller, telling a beloved story, builds self-confidence, improves academic success and stimulates creativity. The listener also benefits by hearing the story itself, and, if the listener is a parent, by hearing his/her child do something new and convincing the parent hadn't seen coming. In the case of Hinesburg residents, they also have a role to play in storytelling, since some of them have volunteered to work with the students enrolled in the class, and all of them provide an eager audience for the storytelling."

Hamrell can hold even an interviewer spellbound by the enthusiasm that wells from her like water from the fountain of the Nymphs in ancient Greece.

And, indeed, it is inspirational to listen to her talk, a bit like being led astray by a Pied Piper, who bewitches everyone who comes within the sound of her voice ... and that is obviously the key to her success in Hinesburg and elsewhere.

Hamrell has been a visible and audible part of schools in Chittenden South since 1970, working as a speech/language pathologist at CVU, Hinesburg and elsewhere in Chittenden South. When she retired from the district in 1997, Hinesburg Community School asked her to stay to continue the storytelling she had made a part of her work since 1991. She had found that through storytelling she was able to help students overcome fears and begin to have self-confidence.

How does storytelling work? Not by accident, according to Hamrell. There are steps that students go through before they speak their first words in public performance. They choose a story from a list of some 125 stories from collections of stories, both picture books and text books. The choices of subject matter range from folk tales to stories about tricksters, scary tales and tales of wisdom. Hamrell has created this list of 125 tellable picture-story books, and the librarian at the Hinesburg Elementary School has put the ones that the school already owned into a special section of the library dedicated to story telling. *Roberta Soll* and the Friends of Hinesburg recently made a gift of 20 more titles from the master list.

Hamrell also gives her students a two-page document that urges them to pick well and prepare thoroughly. She includes tips on how to get the most from the experience by organizing the story, determining the meaning of the story, analyzing the characters and staging the story – and presenting the story boldly, emphasizing the acting portion of the experience.

The second step is to make a storyboard about the scenes of the story, followed by a thorough character study of the principal character of the chosen story.

Leaving nothing to chance, Hamrell also provides teachers and co-operating adults with coaching tips. Since the ultimate goal is storytelling without a script, these coaching tips check to see if the student knows the story well, ask how believable the characters in the story have become, how to start and end the storytelling, and a final section that Hamrell simply calls "everything else." Hamrell also brings actresses such as Tracey Girdich and Katina Idol to help the budding storytellers make the most of their opportunity to tell tales.

The 'how to' directives are as important to the adults who are now part of the storytelling project as to the youthful storytellers. Parents and grandparents now volunteer as coaches and everyone in the family benefits. In Hinesburg storytelling has become an intergenerational town-wide activity and Hamrell is ready to reach out to other towns, schools and senior centers. She has produced fact sheets that provide a basis for including storytelling as a part of a general arts program in a school or in a community. She is also an accredited artist with the Vermont Council on the Arts, a valuable boost for any group wishing to bring Hamrell to their school or community, since it can help to qualify for funds from sources such as foundations to bring Hamrell to help turn everyone into a storyteller.

And beyond all of this welter of materials and helping hands, there is Hamrell herself: white-haired, flashing-eyed, smile at the ready as equally as the momentary furrows of disagreement or additional counsel that from time to time scud across her brows. But then the sunlight returns with the flash of

a smile, and the storytelling continues.

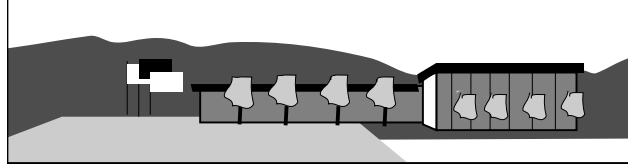
And what could be a prouder achievement than having this warm smile flashed your way when you have finished your tale? I, for one, can't think of a single thing.

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** To contact Recille Hamrell, call 802-863-1754.

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Calendar

February

- 4: Eighth Grade Parents Night.
- 5: Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Learning Center
- 5-7: District Choral Festival, Essex High School
- 6: Quarter 2 Academic Recognition
- 7: ACT test date
- 9: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130.
- 11: ? day in-service
- 16-20: Spirit Week
- 20: Trike Race, 2:15 p.m.
- 20: Registration deadline for March SAT (SAT I only)
- 22-27: No School
- 23: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130.
- 26-29: Harvard Model Congress
- 27: Registration deadline for April ACT

March

- 1: Annual CVU Meeting, 5:00 p.m., CVU
- 2: CVU Budget vote in respective towns.
- 3: First draft of Graduation Challenge Tri-Search paper due.
- 4: Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Learning Center
- 8: Access to CVU spring session begins
- 8: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130
- 9: Jazz Festival
- 12: Career Day
- 12-13: CY Youth Leadership Retreat, CVU
- 13: UNH Jazz Festival
- 16: Blood Drive
- 17-19: Arena scheduling
- 18: Concert (Band I, II, III), 7:30 p.m.
- 22: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 114.
- 22: Graduation Challenge final copy of Tri-Search Paper due
- 23-25: NSRE & PASS Testing
- 23: ? day - classes for all students in afternoon
- 24-25: Graduation Challenge Papers Read
- 25: Registration deadline for May SAT
- 27: SAT I Only Test Date
- 28-April 3: Close-Up

April

- 1: Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center, All welcome
- 2: End of Quarter 3
- 3: ACT test date
- 12: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130

Students Thank Community Through Volunteer Activities

The CVU Student Council wanted to find a meaningful way to thank the community for approving the bond to expand the school. How better to do that than get out into the community and give back.

From February 7th through February 15th students from CVU will be out in their local towns helping shovel driveways, shelve books, clean-up art studios, bake cookies, and more. Activities will take place after-school, in the evenings, and on the weekends. Students will sign-up for activities at CVU

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CVU Madrigal Singers Perform at Charlotte Senior Center

By Peter J. Coleman

The twelve members of the CVU Madrigal Singers sang a repertoire of lovely songs, including Christmas carols, at an early afternoon concert at the Charlotte Senior Center on Ferry



CVU Madrigal Singers (left to right): Johanna Galt, Christine Paquin, Jackie Heltz, Rheanna Abbott, Anna Gevalt, Alyssa Blittersdorf, Karen Ressue, Sarah Baker, Abby Robitaille, Molly Bull, Cat Kearns and Reina Guarnaccia.

Road in December. "It's a lot of work but when performance time rolls around, it is well worth it," said Sarah Barker, one of the singers. The group estimated that they work together some four to five hours a week and sing on their own as well. That practice yielded a lovely string of beautiful songs.

The young ladies have a strenuous schedule: from just after Thanksgiving to Christmas they had some 25 performances - an average of nearly one a day! They appeared on the WCAX TV Across the Fence program on Christmas eve.

"This group is a fine reminder that when focused on the same goal, very different people are truly united through our music," said Jackie Holtz another member of the group. This group's goal is music and beautiful music it is."

School Board Meetings December – January

By Rosalyn Graham

There was good news and bad news as the Board of Directors of Champlain Valley Union High School began to study the numbers that will add up to the budget for the high school for next year. The good news was that the tax rates in the towns will go down. The bad news was that the cost of

running the school will go up.

Bob Mason of Shelburne, former chair of the board and now the Chief Operations Officer for Chittenden South Supervisory Union, gave the board and the "budget buddies" who sit in on the school's budget planning meetings to add their expertise and help to get the word out to the communities about the process, the district-wide budget numbers.

Some Costs Shift to CSSU

The cost of the CSSU office, with its superintendent, human resources, fiscal services and technology staff, is shared among the five local school districts and the high school union district towns. The proposed CSSU budget is up this year, with much of the increase coming from a change in the way special education costs are recorded, and due to a shift of the network administration function from the individual schools to the central office. Mason said that Technology Chief Greg Martin recommended the centralizing of the network administration because it is a service that can be managed more efficiently from a central location, and this will also facilitate advancing the technology to the next level. The final impact on school budgets will be minor, because the technology expense will be moved from the local schools to the district and then the cost will be paid by the schools as part of their assessment to support CSSU.

There was also a rise in the cost of the administrative branch of the central office with changes in the level to which the operations, human resources and technology functions were staffed with two part-time positions made full-time. CVU board member Tom Clavelle, who is also chair of the CSSU board, explained that this year the board focused on getting key players in place to reach a level of operational efficiency that had been their goal. "This is what the CSSU organization should look like," he said.

Act 68 Impact

Looking at the tax implications of the cost of education for the towns of Chittenden South, Mason gave the board what he described as "an Act 68 primer" to show the impact of the new tax structure on each town. He predicted that Charlotte, Williston and Shelburne would all see significant reductions in their tax rates primarily as a result of the increase in the block grant from \$5,810 to \$6,800. "The implications will be similar in all sending towns," he said, "all other things being equal."

"The key influence on the funding formula is spending per student, a number we reach by dividing the budget by the number of students," Mason said.

Regional Technical Academy

The members of the Board of Directors of Champlain Valley Union High School reacted with apparent skepticism to plans for a Regional Technical Academy that would centralize technical education for Chittenden County, when RTA board member Chris Smith reported on the progress of the plan at the CVU board meeting on December 8.

Smith reviewed the history of the Technical Academy project, initiated in 1998 by Burlington School Board, Essex Union School District and the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce in an effort to reduce overcrowding at the two existing technical programs in Burlington and Essex, to meet an unsatisfied demand for technical education in the area, and to combine technical and academic programs in a degree-granting institution that would meet the needs of many students for a more applied, integrated style of learning. The Academy is also expected to have a positive impact on the Vermont economy, providing a pool of skilled workers to attract new high-tech companies to the region.

The 15-member Regional Technical Academy planning committee, recently expanded by the addition of representatives from six Chittenden County high schools including CVU, as well as BFA-Fairfax, has been refining the vision for the school, developing a financial plan and making plans for a building, program, staffing and scheduling.

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The next step in the process will be a vote in all 25 towns in the affected region at Town Meeting in March to establish a Lake Champlain Regional Technical School District and set up a board of directors.

Smith's presentation to the CVU board was the last in a series of visits by the RTA planning group to the schools that will be asked to support the regional plan, and his main objective was to explain the timeline for the March vote and encourage CVU's support for what he said he "passionately believes is a better educational opportunity for kids."

Jeanne Jensen, a CVU director from Williston, voiced a major concern of the board when she questioned the financial numbers Smith presented, especially his estimate of the per pupil cost of the Academy as \$10,866, a number that is similar to the current per pupil cost for a student at CVU. She pointed out that vocational and technical education programs are traditionally more expensive and that some estimates of the cost per pupil for the Academy had been as high as \$15,000 per pupil.

The board also questioned how the Academy would pay for the conversion of the Tensolite/JogBra building on Susie Wilson Road, a project estimated to cost \$55 million to \$58 million. Smith said that the State had made a commitment to fund \$45 million and that the committee expected to raise the balance with federal grants and donations by business. The timing of the state support was not specific and Smith said it could range from \$45 million right away to "\$1 million a year for 45 years."

The schedule for the project that would have the governance vote in March 2004, a budget ready to go to the voters at the November 2004 election, construction completed and students in the school by September 2005, drew expressions of disbelief from members of the CVU board who have experienced the slow pace of approvals, designing, financing and construction in years past as they have made renovations to the high school.

CSSU Superintendent Brian O'Regan said the board will have to make a decision, but not before gathering more information and having the opportunity to discuss the proposal with the public. "We need to consider the implications for CVU," he said. Principal Val Gardner agreed, saying, "A lot more information needs to be garnered, especially the cost per pupil. My experience on technical education would be that the cost would be closer to \$15,000."

Football Club

The youth football enthusiasts who brought football to Champlain Valley Union High School as a club sport this fall came to the CVU Board meeting on Monday, December 8 to report on their highly successful first season and to ask for approval to do it again next year.

The board gave unanimous approval to the request, impressed with the enthusiasm of the supporters, the strong response the club had found among student players in their first year, their successes on the field, and by the report that the football club was attracting students who had not been involved in sports before.

Mary Gover of Hinesburg, leader of the Football Boosters Club, likened the final game of the season, when CVU defeated Burlington in a home game, to "the Super Bowl." She described a season of great participation with 42 high school age players trying out for the team, generous community financial support that far exceeded the original projections, success on the playing field, a closing banquet that attracted 15 people and "the best memories." Gover said, "I'm here to ask if we can have this much fun again next year."

Gover said that the club began with an estimated budget of \$25,000, collected \$36,089.57 in donations, and ended the season with \$6,400 in the bank after paying all expenses and purchasing practice and game uniforms and equipment for 50 players.

Coach Jay Michaud of Williston said he had been astounded by the efforts of all the communities and the response of the student players. The program, which is following a traditional track of operating as a club sport in the hope of being made a varsity sport in the future, has been recognized by the Vermont Interscholastic Football League

and has found that many schools are eager to play CVU.

In their first season, the CVU Club played five scrimmage/practice games and five games against Middlebury, Mount Mansfield, St. Johnsbury Academy, Colchester and BHS.

Michaud said that only five of the 42 players who tried out had played football before, and that the football players were not students who had played other high school sports. He said that other students have now seen what football can be and he expects to have 70 players signing up for next fall.

The Football Boosters are also planning to organize feeder programs in the towns of Chittenden South to create a strong base for the school team.

CVU Proposed Budget for 2004-2005

Champlain Valley Union High School will ask voters at Town Meeting in March to approve a \$14,614,540 budget for the coming school year that is up by 9.64% over last year. During a month and a half of discussion and debate, administrators, the Board of Directors and invited members of the public from the four towns of the union district, cut the budget proposal from the 16.44% increase predicted in the first draft of the budget by cutting operational costs, purchasing library furniture and computer equipment with a bond, delaying the addition and expansion of some programs, postponing adding faculty, increasing class sizes and phasing in some staff additions.

At their Monday, January 12 meeting, the members of the board expressed satisfaction that Principal Val Gardner had met their objectives for the budget by paring it to under a 10% increase, with a per pupil cost of \$10,668, an increase of 5.59%. Gardner said that her final week of budget planning had been made much easier when she received news that the health insurance cost, previously estimated at 12 1/2% would be 9.75%.

CVU Annual Meeting March 1

The budget will be presented to the voters of the towns of Williston, Shelburne, Hinesburg and Charlotte at their Town Meetings. The CVUHS annual district meeting will be held on Monday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m. at the high school to consider

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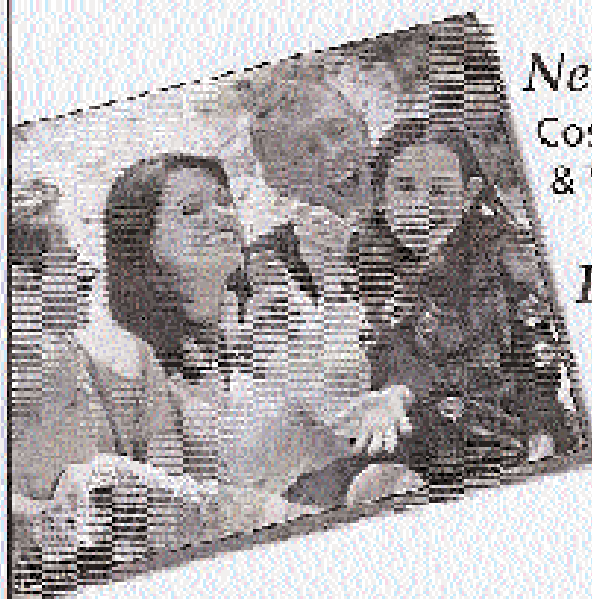
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The March 1 meeting will also be an opportunity for the voters to discuss the proposed budget and may also be a public hearing on the Regional Technical Academy whose governance will be a ballot item at Town Meeting.

Holding the high school district annual meeting the day before Town Meeting is a departure from the tradition of holding the high school meeting on the second Tuesday of February, a change made to comply with the requirement that the public hearing on the Regional Technical Academy be held within 10 days of the vote, and the potential for conflicting with February vacation that would have reduced the already-slim attendance for the annual meeting. The budget will be included in the Australian ballot in each town on Tuesday, March 2.

Students Hold CVU Town Meeting

In December the entire student body, divided into two sessions, gathered in the CVU gym to share their concerns, observations and recommendations on everything from the conditions of the washrooms and the wish to have chicken fingers on the cafeteria menu, to the appropriateness of the crusader as a school mascot. Kristen Hammond, the School Board representative to the board, reported that students were very pleased with the opportunity to share their opinions, and the Student Council hopes to have a town meeting at least once a year, or perhaps once per semester.

Principal Val Gardner and Superintendent Brian O'Regan both praised the Student Council for the excellent organization of the Town Meetings, and complimented the student body for the articulate, respectful and thoughtful discussion of the issues. Hammond said that committees have been set up to address the specific concerns that were brought before the Town Meeting.

School Choice

Principal Gardner told the Board that students are taking advantage of the new opportunity to make choices among regional schools for next year. Four students who live in South Burlington will attend CVU next year, eight current CVU students will attend South Burlington High School and one will attend Burlington High School.

Next Step in Building Plan

Director Elizabeth Bassett reported that the blueprints for the construction project are completed and the bid packets to potential contractors have been sent out. The bids will be opened at a meeting on January 27.

The Design Review Board of Hinesburg that had spent several months considering parking plans for the reorganized school grounds, had issued the required permits and the Facilities Committee was continuing to study a good solution to the contentious question of parking lot design. Committee member Jeff Parker said if the bids are acceptable, work will be able to begin in February, a schedule that will have some of the new space ready for the students in September.

International Travel for CVU Students

Three teachers came to the Board with requests for approval for international student trips and all received enthusiastic support. Dave Ely, proposing an April 2005 trip for 25 to 40 biology students to Costa Rica, described past experiences of students learning while enjoying a new culture and each other. He said, "It's very important for American kids to travel to other countries where they can be seen as individuals."

Spanish teacher Carolina Rodriguez asked for approval for

a trip to Costa Rica or Ecuador for 21 students who have been studying Spanish, in February 2005. The students would stay with families and go to school with their hosts.

French teacher Michael Martin proposed re-establishing a relationship with a school in Perigueux near Bordeaux. The French students would visit CVU students in September 2004 and the 25 CVU students would spend four days in Paris and 10 days with host families in Perigueux in April 2005. This long-standing exchange was cancelled in September 2001 when the French government cancelled any international travel by French students.

The only reservation expressed related to the security of travel to Ecuador and the Board voted to approve the Spanish trip to Costa Rica, asking Ms. Rodriguez to come back for further discussion if Ecuador was still being considered.

Principal Gardner said, "Trips add a tremendous amount to the student's experience. They only work because teachers do a huge amount of work to plan them and take a huge amount of responsibility in escorting the students."

CVU Chooses RTA Representative

CVU Board Chair Michael Bissonette was chosen to represent the high school on the board of the Regional Technical Academy. He has been the CVU representative on the regional committee planning the new technical school and indicated that he wanted to continue to be involved as the Technical Academy moves to the next stage of its evolution with a board comprised of representatives appointed by their local boards, or elected by the voters of their communities. CVU had agreed that appointing Bissonette had the advantage of having a representative who is already knowledgeable about the project. Bissonette said he very much wanted to continue on the RTA Board. "This project is going somewhere but there is a lot of work to do," he said.

A Chance to Save Money

With the repayment of \$12 million that will be bonded from the \$18.3 million that was approved last spring by the voters of Chittenden South to fund the construction and rehabilitation at CVU (the state funds part of the total) on the horizon, Chief Operations Officer Bob Mason has been investigating possible alternatives to the traditional strategy of financing the bond through the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.

In discussions with Mark Shibli of Finergy Capital Services of Charlotte, a company that provides interest rate management services to public institutions and individuals, Mason has been looking at ways to mitigate costs that could be close to half a million dollars in the 2004-2005 budget. Shibli spoke to the board of possible alternatives that would give a fixed interest rate instead of the fluctuating rate that currently lends uncertainty to the size of the payback in coming years. "The service I'm offering is used in other places as a hedge against risk," he said.

Superintendent O'Regan said he didn't think any school in the State had used such a strategy and the possibility raised many questions, but he would pursue the subject with other superintendents and the Vermont School Board Association. Mason said it is a question for consideration by legal advisors and for continued discussion by the Board.

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Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction February 15

By Jen Bradford

When I'm thinking of life's great combos, the first thing I think of isn't chocolate and coffee. It isn't even Johnny and Emma Mead. As wonderful as those teams are (and they are, especially around Valentine's Day), the year's best pairing is coming up soon, in the form of the Hinesburg Nursery School's 4th Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction.

Join us on Sunday, February 15 in the Community School cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a scrumptious breakfast of Belgian waffles, yummy fruit toppings, Vermont maple syrup, bacon, bagels, and so much more. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children, and \$17 for a family of four. They are available at the door.

And while you're there, take a peek at the many incredible deals available through our Silent Auction. In addition to the chance to bid on some "free money" (Merchants Bank has generously donated a \$50 gift certificate), you will also have the chance to pick up a little something for yourself—or for that special someone who felt a little underappreciated on Valentine's Day. The offerings include gift certificates to such places as Mad River Glen and Bolton Valley, the Good Times Café, Dragon House, Estey Hardware, Pampered Chef, Mountain's Edge Farm, and many other fine places. The auction will also feature handcrafted scarves and dollhouses, delectables from "Amazing Cakes", puppet theatres, two one-hour private fencing lessons, and household items, in addition to many other cool finds.

Over 100 items were auctioned off at the 2003 Waffle Breakfast and the parents of the Nursery School are working hard to make this year's event equally successful. The Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction is an excellent opportunity for the parents and children of the Nursery School to offer a valuable service to the community at the same time that it allows all of you to support the children.

The Hinesburg Nursery School is a parent-cooperative preschool program for children 3-5 years old. Our teachers emphasize a nurturing, child centered, play-oriented approach to learning. This is our 31st year of operation.

If you would like information about enrolling your child, please call the Patti Drew at 482-5354. Do call soon to register for the 2004-2005 school year, as spaces are filling up more quickly than anticipated.



Hinesburg Friends of Families Playgroup Update

By Stephanie Murray

Community Playgroups at the Hinesburg Town Hall take place on *Wednesdays* and *Fridays* from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These playgroups are *free* and open to all children ages birth to five (5) accompanied by an adult. We have a large open space filled with lots of toys, a craft table, circle and snack.

Come join us during these chilly winter days. It is a great opportunity for the children to be active and adults to meet up with new and old folks!!

Questions, please contact Stephanie Murray at 453-3038.

Organizations Scouts In Engineering!

By Dawn Densmore

Big eyes and big smiles were on the faces of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at The University of Vermont College of Engineering and Mathematics first offering of "Scouts in Engineering" program held Saturday, December 6th in the UVM Patrick Gym.

Classes filled quickly with boys and girls — scouts and non-scouts — who experienced space exploration, computers,



Kurt Oughstun, UVM Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, demonstrates how optics and photography work by measuring beams of light on a blackboard during the Optics/Photography Scouting presentation at UVM.

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engineering, optics, and aviation technologies for the first time. Aaron Ellison, Spencer Fitzgerald, and Michael Pierantini are Hinesburg students who participated in this program.

Three hours was not long enough for these students who learned from both UVM presenters and General Dynamics engineers how to create working models through hands on activities.

Despite the weather, the Aviation and Engineering sections were nearly sold out, full of scouts who were really engaged. It's always a pleasure to teach when the interaction and interest is so high. We all had a terrific morning," reported James Losse, General Dynamics, Director of Technology and Design. Tracy True, Director of the Vermont Girl Scout Council notes, "Gender equity continues to be a challenge in the demanding field of engineering.

Students who participated also visited the "UVM Design TASC* (*Technology And Science Connection) Competition - The Energy Challenge-All Aboard" and observed high school students as they exhibited their working devices that transported 120 batteries (AA, AAA and C) to three different destination stations.

Plans are underway for 2004 outreach engineering events. Students ages 12-17 can find out more by visiting: <http://www.emba.uvm.edu/outreach/>.

Kids Vermont 7th Annual Camp and School Fair

Kids VT, Vermont's Family Newspaper, is pleased to present the 7th Annual Camp and School Fair. Parents have the chance to meet with camp and school directors to learn about their programs, collect brochures, ask questions and register for programs.

The Camp and School Fair will take place on Saturday, February 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel (formerly the Radisson) on Battery Street in Burlington - just down the hall from the Burlington Parks and Rec Winter Festival and across the street from the Vermont Special Olympics Penguin Plunge.

Parents throughout Vermont trust Kids VT as a resource for current and accurate information on all sorts of topics including education and camps. They rely on the Annual Kids VT School and Camp Fair for guidance in planning their children's summer, school and after school programs. Kids VT newspaper supplements the event with a comprehensive Education Guide in its February issue, due out February 4 and a Camp and Summer Programs guide in its March issue, due out March 3.

Current information is also maintained on the Web site, www.KidsVT.com.

The 7th Annual Kids VT Camp and School Fair is sponsored by Shaw's Supermarkets, Star 92.9 and Fox 44.

Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends are a non-denominational, self-help group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild, brother or sister. The group meets the third Tuesday each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Christ Church, Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus, UVM, Burlington. Meetings in 2004 are: February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21. Call 482-5319 for information, or drop in to a meeting.

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Compiled by June Giroux

Emma Bast Named to Honor Roll

Emma Bast, a fifth form student at Kent School in Kent, Connecticut, was named to the Honor Roll for the Fall 2003 semester. Emma is the daughter of Rob Bast and Laura Carlsmith of Hinesburg. Kent School is an independent boarding school located in the northwestern corner of Connecticut. It enrolls boys and girls from the United States and around the world in grades nine through twelve and the post-graduate level.

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 11: 7:00 p.m. Adult Growth Group: "Well-ness" at the Parsonage.
 15: Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon.
 17: 7:00/7:30 p.m. Church Committees and Council Meetings.
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 25: Ash Wednesday
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Other News

Amateur Musicians Orchestra Tunes Up For Winter/Spring Season

Community Group Seeks New Members

The Amateur Musicians Orchestra (AMO) began its Winter/Spring Season with its first rehearsal on Tuesday, January 13. The community orchestra welcomes new members in all sections including winds, strings, brass, and percussion. Players of all abilities and experience are welcomed.

Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening in the Music Room at South Burlington High School and new members are welcome at any time throughout the season. Rehearsals begin

at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. A cost of \$6.00 per week or \$60.00 for 12 weeks is requested to offset the cost of the conductor, music, and meeting space.

AMO means "I love" and AMO members love music. Members are diverse in background including students, social workers, writers, businesspeople, teachers, and more. Additionally, members come from as far as East Calais and Middlebury. David Gusakov, violinist with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, returns as conductor of the group. Music selection varies each season. Past composers have included Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Copland, Gershwin, and others.

A free concert will be performed in late April.

For more information, please contact: Allyson Brown, 203 Richmond Drive, Shelburne, Vermont 05482. Email: chocal@aol.com or call 802-985-9750

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Interested Vermont artists are asked to submit as application:

- A biography. Applicable press clips or features are welcome as well.
- Six or more slides of their work with a separate sheet describing size, medium used, year completed and price.
- A self-addressed, stamped mailer to return materials after jurying.

The deadline for submission is March 1, 2004. Those artists chosen will be notified by April 1. The program includes a two-night stay with meals for the artist and guest, providing time and tableau for inspiration. Previous Reflections Artists need not send materials, just a letter of intent.

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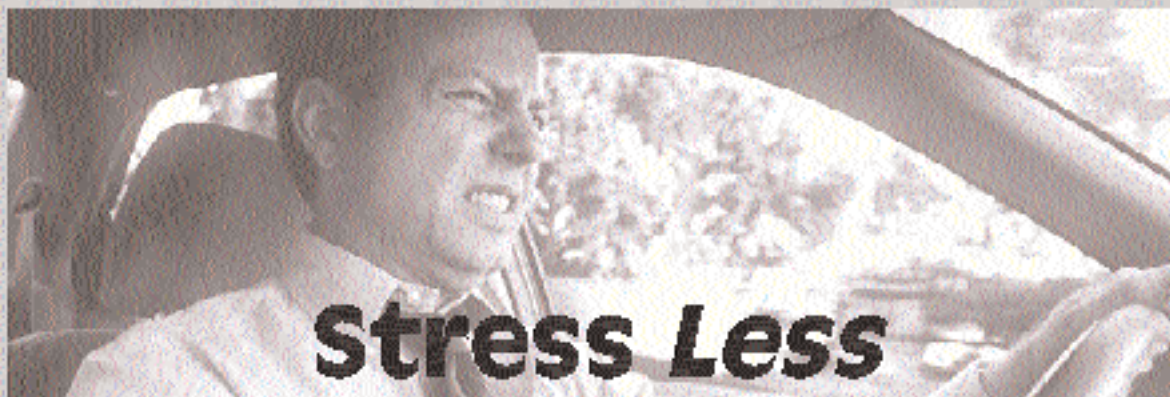
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The Community Mapping Program supports students, educators, and community groups in a process of local inquiry. Students work with spatial tools, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS), to explore their communities and address local needs. Past projects include researching local land in agricultural production, investigating vernal pools, and designing neighborhood walking routes to promote good health. Project outcomes may consist of maps, interpretive guides, databases, displays, and web pages.

We are particularly interested in projects that address community needs, build partnerships between students and community organizations, support learning about sustainable social, economic and ecological systems, use maps and/or spatial technologies (GIS/GPS) in an inquiry process, incorporate field investigations, and assess learning.

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If you've ever wanted to learn more about leadership and about your community, consider applying for Leadership Champlain, a program of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce. Through a series of eight, day-long seminars and a two-day overnight retreat you will learn skills like project management and leadership ethics. You will also hear from the leaders of our community on vital issues like criminal justice, government and politics, communications, media, health care, tax and fiscal policy, and human services. Instead of learning from an instructor about the executive branch of government you will hear directly from the Governor; you'll learn about the correctional system from the Commissioner of Corrections; and about health care from leaders in that important field.

This interactive, dynamic program is in its eighteenth year and has graduated roughly 650 individuals. In addition to the monthly seminars, the class also works in teams on research projects on behalf of local non-profit and business organizations. Limited to 40 participants each year, the application process is competitive. If you are interested in participating in the program or finding out more about it, call for a brochure and application today. You won't regret it!

For more information on Leadership Champlain, please contact Betsy Cabrera, Executive Director at 863-3489 ext. 221 or betsy@vermont.org. Visit the program's web site at www.vermont.org/overview/leadership.html.

The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that provides socially responsible leadership to enhance the economic environment of the Lake Champlain Region and Vermont. Visit us online at www.vermont.org.

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LOOKING FOR ENERGETIC/CREATIVE PERSON to care for my 2 1/2 and 4 year old girls in Hinesburg. Approx. 25 hours per week. Possibility for full time. Experience and car a must. Please call 482-5354.

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THE SECOND VERMONT REPUBLIC: 802-425-4133 or www.vermontrepublic.org.

PENGUIN PLUNGE!

If you've been wanting to sponsor someone for the Penguin Plunge but just haven't found the right person to sponsor, please look no further.

I will be taking the dip into the 'cool' waters of Lake Champlain on Saturday, February 14. I will do it not only to support the Vermont Special Olympics, but also in remembrance of my 10-year old niece, Sarah Jean Eigenbrod, who tragically lost her life while sledding on January 4 of this year.

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Saturday, January 31:

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Monday, February 2:

Groundhog Day

Selectboard 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 February 3:

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

Wednesday, February 4:

Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., HCS Wainer

Conference Room.

Thursday, February 5:

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

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 130, CVU.

Saturday, February 7:

Hinesburg Winter Carnival at HCS. See Front Page
article for details.

Yoga Classes Cancelled: People planning to attend the
free yoga classes offered by Sylvia Kabusk to run
February 7 and March 6 should note that these two
sessions have been cancelled.

Monday, February 9:

*Advertising Deadline for February 28 issue of The
Hinesburg Record.*

CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 130,
CVUHS.

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

Thursday, February 12:

*News Deadline for February 28 issue of The Hinesburg
Record.*

Lincoln's Birthday

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

Saturday, February 14:

Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 15:

Waffle Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Hinesburg
Nursery School. See article for details.

Monday, February 16:

Presidents Day

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

Tuesday, February 17:

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

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association
meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant.

Wednesday, February 18:

Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., HCS Wainer
Conference Room.

Thursday, February 19:

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, February 21:

Washington's Birthday celebrated.

Monday, February 23:

CVU School Board and budget meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room
130, CVU.

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

Tuesday, February 24:

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.

Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall.

Wednesday, February 25:

Ash Wednesday

CCL Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Carpenter Carse 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, February 26:

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

Saturday, February 28:

February 28 issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

Monday, March 1:

CVU Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m., CVU.

Hinesburg Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., CVU
Auditorium.

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, March 2:

Voting by Australian ballot, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Town
Hall.

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

Wednesday, March 3:

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

Thursday, March 4:

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

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 130, CVU.

Saturday, March 6

Vacation Bible School Curriculum Fair

Come browse curriculums from 9am to 12noon
@Jericho Congregational Church Sunday School
Building. Any questions call Tammy @872-8333

Yoga Classes Cancelled: People planning to attend the
free yoga classes offered by Sylvia Kabusk to run
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sessions have been cancelled.

Monday, March 8:

CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 130, CVU.
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 9:

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.

Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall.
Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Thursday, March 11:

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

Monday, March 15:

Ad deadline for April 3 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Thursday, March 18:

*News deadline for April 3 issue of The Hinesburg
Record.*

Saturday, March 20:

Hinesburg Community School, Annual Meeting, 9:00
a.m., HCS gymnasium.

Regularly Scheduled Calendar Items

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: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619. E-mail:
hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Alex Weinhausen
Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30
a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday evenings by
appointment. 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. 482-4691. Beth Sengle, Director,
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 6:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's
Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Eric Larson, 482-
6373 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, Fridays and Saturdays,
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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. Stephanie Murray
(453-3038) is in 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 p.m.

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.

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.

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