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Hinesburg Artist Series Celebrates 11th Year

The 11th Annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert will be held Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg. The concert will feature the South County Chorus, with guest soloist Amy Frostman and the Artist Series Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick.

The concert will include a premier performance of the *Te Deum* written by Mark Hayes, *Ose Shalom* by John Leavitt and selections from Messiah, including *Worthy is the Lamb* and the *Amen Chorus*.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors /students and are available at the Hinesburg Recreation Office. For reservations, please call 482-4691 or e-mail to hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Hinesburg's One Day History Museum:

Items of Old Meet Technology of Today

By Suzanne Richard and Ann Thomas

It took three people to heft the one hundred year old Patrick plow from the back of the pick-up truck through the front doors of the Hinesburg Community School and into the cafeteria. Other Hinesburg residents arrived with items that were certainly easier to maneuver, but no less intriguing to display at the One Day History Museum held January 13.

Among the treasures presented were fabulous dresses worn by family members, hefty tools from local



Egg grading scale. PHOTOS
SUBMITTED BY ANN THOMAS
AND SUZANNE RICHARD



Front row (L-R) Lindsay Gardner, Kristin Place, McKenzie Tobrocke, Wesley McEntee, Miles Lamberson. Back row (L-R) Thomas Keller, Laurel Hulbert-Severance, Nathalie Nostrand, Alice Reed, Keith Gallagher

Municipal Budget Review Addresses Increasing Costs, Needs

By Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Town Administrator

The preparation of the municipal budget for Town Meeting was a challenging process this year, as the Selectboard assessed increasing needs and costs for town government, as well as requests by residents for special articles to be added to the warning.

The budget for town government presented by the Selectboard represents a 9% increase in tax funding, or approximately a 3.5 ¢ increase in the tax rate. In general, the increases across various department budgets are due to inflationary increases – increases in the costs of materials, employee benefits and cost-of-living adjustments. Some budgetary changes of note:

- Board of Civil Authority (BCA) – The budget for the BCA was increased in FY 06 – 07 in preparation for hearings associated with the town-wide reappraisal. The process is complete and the budget for FY 07 – 08 is reduced accordingly.
- Buildings & Facilities – The Buildings & Facilities budget appears to have a rather substantial increase. The majority of the increase is due to anticipated expense for the construction of the recreation path. This amount of \$328,637 is offset by an equal revenue amount in the form of grant funds, and therefore does not represent any new tax dollars. The Park & Ride project is also offset by grant funds, with the taxpayer expense being \$10,680. Taxpayer funded projects in the Buildings & Facility budget include painting portions of the Town Hall exterior, paving the remaining section of the Town Hall parking lot (the rest will be paved through the Park & Ride grant project), and the town-funded portion of the Streetscape grant project, which will provide sidewalk, curbing and landscaping along the west side of Route 116 between Town Hall and Saputo Foods.

- Computer / Copier / Fax – The budget includes funds to replace the much needed server at Town Hall which was purchased in 2001.
- Delinquent Tax Collector – The Selectboard made the decision to cut the funding for the Delinquent Tax Collector salary in half (from \$16,032 to \$8,032), and to make the position an hourly instead of salary position.
- Highway – The Highway budget represents an increase in the cost of paving material and culverts, as well as the first half of an appropriation to replace the Ford F-350 pick-up truck during FY 08 – 09.
- Planning / Zoning – The Planning and Zoning budget includes funding for a green-space plan and natural resources mapping, as well as examining rural area density issues. A planning grant in the amount of \$14,400 will offset a portion of this expense.
- Police Department – The largest increase in the budget for town government appears in the Police Department. This increase includes additional funding for the police department to address staffing issues, as well as to offer competitive salaries in order to retain trained officers. The Selectboard has included funding for one additional full-time equivalent officer in the FY 07-08 budget to address the immediate staffing shortage, as well as funding to complete a strategic plan in order to assess future growth and direction for the police department.
- Property, Liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance – This line item under the Fixed Costs budget rose substantially over the past year due to recent Workmen's Compensation claims.
- Town Clerk & Treasurer – FY 06 – 07 contained the

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Exercise Your Rights and Vote!

Please plan to attend all school and town meetings. Be an informed voter and exercise your right to vote.

CVU Annual Meeting

Champlain Valley Union High School Annual Meeting, Monday, March 5, 5:00 p.m. at CVU.
Australian ballot vote for CVU School Budget on March 6 at Hinesburg Town Hall, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hinesburg Town Meeting

Hinesburg Town Annual Meeting, Monday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. at CVU Auditorium.
Hinesburg Australian Ballot Vote, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, Hinesburg Town Hall.

HCS Annual Meeting and Vote

Vote for School Budget at the Annual Hinesburg Community School Meeting,
March 12 at 7:00 p.m., at Hinesburg Community School.



Farewell, Felice

On behalf of all of us at Town Hall who were fond of Felice, the Town Feline, thank you to everyone for your kind thoughts and memories following her death on January 16. The outpouring of emails, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, front page coverage in the Vermont section of the Burlington Free Press and coverage of her passing on the TV news confirms the fact that Felice was indeed a significant presence in our community. She contributed to that “small-town” feel of Hinesburg and she will be greatly missed.

– Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Hinesburg Town Administrator

Thank You

On behalf of the Busier family, we would like to express our appreciation for your support, sympathy, encouragement, thoughts, prayers, and donations during the untimely death of Tim.

– Beulah and family

Support Our Working Landscape – Vote at Town Meeting on March 5

I have lived in Hinesburg for over 35 years and spent 12 of those years helping to run my family’s farm, Taproot. I have also had the chance to serve our town as a member of the Planning Commission, Regional Planning Commission and as our State Representative to the Vermont Legislature. During these years I have seen our town change and grow. During all these years we have still been able to retain our character and sense of place. Part of the reason is because we have been able to retain our working landscape of agriculture and forestry while still providing people with a wonderful community in which to live. Nevertheless, Hinesburg has changed and we have seen a steady loss of working farms and farmland and the subdivision of our forest land.

This year we have an amazing opportunity to conserve over 600 acres of those precious resources which have been a part of the Bissonette Farm. What is most rewarding to me as a former farmer, is that by supporting the Hinesburg Land Trust (HLT) we have a chance to keep over 200 acres of quality farmland and close to 300 acres of forest land in production. The HLT project will help make land affordable for future generations of farmers which in turn will help retain our town’s character and sense of place into the future. Supporting active farming and forestry is one of the most cost effective ways of using and conserving land in our town. It can generate income, jobs and a tax base and it demands little to no additional town services.

The HLT project with the Bissonette Farm is wonderful way to support our working landscape, economy and the future character of our town. I hope you will join me in supporting the HLT as it works to conserve a portion of the working asset we know as the Bissonette Farm.

– Chuck Ross

Support the Bissonette Project

This letter is to ask all of you to join me in supporting the Bissonette Project (also called the “LaPlatte Headwaters Initiative”), which will provide many benefits to our community. My husband, Schuyler, and I have lived on Lincoln Hill for just over 23 years, during which we have witnessed ever-growing, “urbanizing” pressures on our most special village.

Preservation of over 600 acres of fields, wetlands and forest (approximately 300 of which will be owned by Hinesburg as public forest land) will help restore aquatic resources, enhance (and preserve for generations) recreational

opportunities, and conserve working farmland. (Sadly, in only fifteen years the number of farms in Hinesburg has dwindled from 62 to 33.)

Rather than list the many merits of the project here, I urge you to attend Town Meeting on Monday, March 5, to learn more about this exciting project. The Trust for Public Land website (www.tpl.org; enter “LaPlatte” in the search box) is another excellent resource.

– Penrose Jackson

Support Thoughtful Planning, Not Piecemeal

I want to strongly encourage all Hinesburg residents to come to town meeting this year and support the Hinesburg Land Trust’s request for funds to support the Bissonette Farm conservation project. This project will entail forest and wetland conservation and restoration, permanent preservation of rich farmland (Kaliuga and Hines farm area), public access for hunting and trail use, and limited housing.

The best thing about this project is that they are taking this 627 acre piece of property and coming up with a thoughtful plan for the entire area rather than making decisions in a more piecemeal manner. The richest farm land is being permanently conserved for farming. The forested areas that are contiguous with the Fish and Wildlife land to the south will remain a forested corridor for wildlife. Areas with soils that allow will feature limited development. Any development will be kept away from the LaPlatte and its tributaries so as to protect this vital water source.

This is one of those opportunities to make a gift to Hinesburg’s children and grandchildren. As important as this project may feel to all of us who get to enjoy the LaPlatte River and Gilman Road corridors, this pales in comparison to its importance 25, 50 or 100 years from now. Contiguous open space is a vital resource that we must make decisions to conserve before it is lost permanently.

The members of the Hinesburg Land Trust have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this project through grants and extensive fundraising efforts. To date they have approximately \$2.6 million committed toward a total cost of \$3.75 million. This \$100,000 from the town of Hinesburg is vital in helping them push toward the finish and conserve this beautiful and vital piece of Hinesburg.

I hope you all will join me in supporting this amazing investment in Hinesburg’s future.

– Howard Russell

Bissonette Project Definitely a Win-Win

I write in support of the proposal to be considered at Town Meeting for a one time contribution of \$100,000 in support of the Bissonette Project known as the LaPlatte Headwaters Initiative. Thanks to the generosity of Wayne and Barbara Bissonette the community has a unique opportunity.

Hinesburg residents have approved small contributions for land conservation purposes for the past several years. Now the town can benefit from a large project involving 628 acres of farm fields, forests and wetlands. Master planning for a large project allows for the best use of all of the land rather than an incremental approach which may prohibit other uses in the future. As part of this project the town will own approximately 300 acres of public forest land, available for forest management and recreation, including hunting and wildlife habitat. That parcel includes 225 acres of state-identified deer yards. A 1.6 acre cemetery located on Gilman Road will also be owned by the town.

This initiative includes about 5 miles of the LaPlatte River as well as its headwaters. Approximately 120 acres of wetland along the LaPlatte will be restored. This will substantially improve the water quality of the LaPlatte and add to the health of Lake Champlain.

One hundred fifty acres of highly productive soils will be made available for farming. Easements on the land will reduce its costs and include a perpetual “farm affordability” mechanism to continue its affordability to farmers in the future.

The total cost of this project is \$3,675,000. The majority of the funds will come from the sale of the conserved land to private buyers and a portion will come from limited development. \$600,000 is being raised from individual donations and private foundations.

When I look at the Town budget, the largest item is our highway maintenance. The soils that are good for farming are also good for development and could support fairly intensive development in this area. Intense development on our rural roads can be very costly to the Town over the years.

I see this proposal as a win-win situation for the community and strongly urge your support.

– Jean Isham

Conservation Project Funding in Proportion to Need

The Warning for the March 5 Town Meeting includes an article submitted by the Hinesburg Land Trust requesting \$100,000 in funding for the 628-acre Bissonette/LaPlatte River Watershed conservation project. I am writing to express my support for the project and to encourage others to vote in support of the funding request. Recent Town budgets have supported annual conservation spending of \$7,500. While \$100,000 seems out of proportion, it in fact represents 2.7% of the total project cost of \$3,650,000. The scale of the project is significantly greater than previous conservation projects, so the dollar amount of this request is proportionate to the Town’s level of support for past conservation projects. Local support for such projects shows the community’s commitment to conservation and is an important component to qualify for funding from conservation organizations and individuals.

The project has many facets. They include: protection of the LaPlatte River riparian corridor and forest with almost 300 acres in town ownership for recreation and hunting, new residential development, agricultural land made affordable for two new farmers, and conservation easements to preserve a diversity of open space in perpetuity.

Hinesburg has a strong agricultural heritage and projects such as this help to assure that the Town will have a strong agricultural future. Traditional dairy farming is no longer sustainable. Conservation projects serve as a bridge between traditional agricultural land uses and future agricultural land uses. While it is not possible to retain all existing agricultural lands through conservation efforts, such efforts assure that some of the Town’s agricultural soils are protected from development and will be available for future farmers.

– Jon Trefry

Farmer Supports Conservation

As someone who has farmed in Hinesburg for 50 years, I was happy to hear about the Bissonette Project. The project land includes some 200 acres of productive agricultural soils and it would be wonderful to have those fields used by a farmer actively working on the land. I think in terms of long range planning it is imperative to keep productive soils available for future needs.

Having had the privilege of farming 40 acres of some of the most productive land on the Bissonette Farm for 30 years, I can say that it would be a grave error to do anything to make this prime land unavailable to future generations. With climate changes and the increasing shortage of water in the west and the energy costs of trucking food three thousand miles, it is not unthinkable that New England might be called upon to help feed the Eastern United States.

I am pleased, too, that the wetlands will be restored over time and perhaps will see migratory birds stopping off in Hinesburg. Hinesburg is a special place. This project offers a great opportunity for our town, and I strongly support it.

– Marian Welch

Write in Mary Crane for School Board

I want to apologize for not getting my school board petition in on time. I do want to let everyone know that I would still like to be a member of your school board for the two year term position starting in March. I have served on the school board now for four years and feel that I bring experience to the position. I also try very hard to be fiscally responsible while supporting our education and our school. Please remember to write in my name (Mary Crane) in the blank next to school director 2-year term.

Thank you.

– Mary Crane

Vote Andrea Morgante for Selectboard

Serving on the selectboard continues to be an engaging experience and I welcome the opportunity to run for another term. My time on the selectboard is also the length of time I have been a mother. These past 15 years of motherhood and as

a selectboard member have been incredibly rewarding and challenging. Just as the challenges of parenting a teenager are constant so are the demands of the changing Hinesburg community.

Growth/change is often awkward and sometimes scary, it is an unknown realm. Questions asked out loud and those under the surface are constant. We see examples of planned and incremental growth surrounding us and wonder what will we become? How do we retain and express our uniqueness and not be swallowed up by our neighbors or intimidated by those who tell us we need to conform to business as usual. How do we make decisions?

Discipline is required to promote responsibility and respect for differences and to assure that our decisions today look to a rapidly changing future. There are a diversity of opinions on how to nurture the growth of a teenager and our community. We know that physical growth itself is not infinite and that the ultimate goal is a mature adult or community able to provide for the well being of the individual and others for the long term.

I believe our growth or change needs to be directed by our vision. A vision developed with active community participation through open dialogue utilizing scientific, historic and practical information. The strength of our community is and will continue to be in our shared values that reflect a belief in the importance of our relationships. We consistently express our gratitude for what we have; our connection to the land and to each other. We recognize that productive agricultural soils, healthy forests, clean waterways, and engaged citizens are the fundamental resources needed to provide for a secure future. These are the assets that provide for both individual and community well being. Attention and protection of these dynamic and naturally functioning systems are the basic infrastructure upon which we will thrive and can plan for change.

Decisions need to be made with a broad range of perspectives, there is not one answer and our community has been consistent in its dedication to an open process that is inclusive and deliberative. I ask for your vote to continue serving our community.

– Andrea Morgante

Planning Commission Seeks Balance

As the Hinesburg Planning Commission endeavors to expand and redefine the Hinesburg Village Zoning District, we are well aware of the concerns nurtured by this prospect. Maybe some insight into our process will provide some portion of comfort.

Growth and development are inevitable. This is the assumption at the Vermont Legislature that is at the root of its statutes that mandate town planning commissions and their charge: to effectively manage development.

Fundamental in the Hinesburg and Chittenden County Regional Plan are the identification of ‘growth centers’ and the promotion of development within those centers. The idea is to grow where there are services. Services like managed local water and sewer utilities. Managed growth in centers like Hinesburg mixes residential uses with retail and commercial. The theory is that these communities will provide homes, employment opportunities and will be walkable. Folks can walk to work, stores, town offices, the library, recreation resources, church, to school and so on. As our center grows, so grows the capability to provide self-sustaining regional transportation. The idea is to reduce the dependence on automobiles, to promote a tightly knit community and the benefits of walking to accomplish one’s requirements.

More specifically, it is our goal in Hinesburg to provide opportunities and incentives for affordable housing through compact village development—housing that would be affordable for our children as first time buyers and seniors seeking more manageable dwellings in their own community. Expansion of commercial development that increases the prospect of convenient local services and stores...a pharmacy, for example. This also translates to employment and a vibrant local economy. We would also like to provide for elderly housing, a walkable and bike friendly environment and a plan for community and recreational open spaces.

The notion that ‘development is inevitable’ is contrary to the desires of a portion of the population. It has given rise to a familiar acronym: NIMBY (not in my backyard). Boiled down to its essence it is a debate about freedom...the keystone of our young republic. The amount of control and regulation that a municipality imposes on its people is directly related to the amount of freedom that you have deprived its citizens. In the case at hand, the planning commission through zoning regulations reduces the freedom of landowners to do as they wish with the property that they own.

This consideration is at the heart of much of the debate that goes on at planning commission meetings. At the extremes, pure libertarianism does battle with the idea that government may take private land for the good of the community. Thankfully, we generally agree to a path that is reasonable and embodies noble, sensible stewardship of land resources.

There is a reason why our results are not radical and tend to be reasonable and generally acceptable. First, the Selectboard seeks to appoint a diversified collection of volunteer citizens on the Planning Commission. Second, when large issues are being tackled, public forums are conducted. Public opinion is gathered and guides the issue from the outset.

Third, the Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. Fourth, all Planning Commission proposals are scrutinized by the public at formal meetings before the town’s elected Selectboard votes to approve or return the proposal for changes.

As such, the process is slow and can be frustrating. In the end, it provides for the inclusion of a diversity of ideas and time for the thoughtful consideration of many elements with the security of checks and balances.

Never is everybody happy...the intention is that the community and the standards of freedom and practical stewardship are well served.

– Fred Haulenbeek, Hinesburg Planning Commission

Update on Police Staffing

Shortly Hinesburg residents will be asked to make decisions regarding the future of policing in Hinesburg. I feel compelled to share with you the state of your police department, so you can make a decision that is right for Hinesburg.

Your police department can no longer cope with the volume of work with the present staffing. This is not a message I would choose to present in a year when people are putting their foot down on higher taxes, enrollment is shrinking in the schools, but budgets are not matching the decrease in students, and the state is talking an austerity budget.

The facts of the situation are that for the past several years I have noticed a gradual decline in the level of service we can provide. One example is a subtle change in the amount of time officers dedicate to traffic enforcement. Traffic enforcement is something we do when we are not answering calls or stoking the computer with criminal cases. Unless I can arrange a special detail with other agencies, as well as Hinesburg officers, and funded by the Governor’s Highway Safety Program, there is little discretionary traffic enforcement. That is just one example of deterioration of service.

In 2003 when some of these symptoms first surfaced, I asked former Vermont Commissioner of Public Safety Jim Walton to survey the department. He did and made a number of recommendations. One was a mid year adjustment in the budget to allow hiring another part time person immediately for 24 hours. He followed that up with a recommendation to hire a full time, experienced police officer to act as a second in command in addition to the existing staff. And his third staffing recommendation was to add 32 hours a week of additional policing to the department in fiscal year 2005. None of these recommendations were adopted.

Recently there was a Vermont Rural Development meeting in Hinesburg to hear concerns of residents. One topic was the police. During that discussion two things happened. Captain Al Buck of the Vermont State Police told the police discussion group, “You do not have enough police.” The second was Hinesburg resident Doug Olufsen volunteered to examine staffing in Hinesburg.

Olufsen approached this from an entirely different angle than Jim Walton. He used his engineering background to compile information on the Hinesburg Department and compare it with other departments based on calls for service, miles covered, percentage of budget, etc. Using this analytical method he arrived at a conclusion that was almost identical to Walton’s. The Hinesburg department was understaffed by three to four people.

Many of you are aware the last several weeks have been busier that at any time since the department was formed. This level is abnormal, at least I certainly hope it is, and we have not computed any of it in determining the department needs.

We are now at a point where we have to make some decisions. Do we reduce services or do we increase staffing at least by a minimal amount? There is no way to increase staffing without increasing taxes.

Alternatives to increasing staffing have been discussed. One example is not doing lockouts. This is a service we offer when we are not doing other things, so the saving would be minimal. In addition it is pretty tough to explain to a hysterical mother whose infant is locked in a running car that she should call a locksmith. That is hardly the response one expects from a community police department.



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Advertisement and News	Publication Date
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April 9	April 28
May 7	May 26
June 4	June 23
August 6	August 25
September 10	September 29
October 8	October 27
November 12	December 8

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The deadline for submitting advertisements for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Mar. 12, 2007.
For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-2540 or email: hrsales@gmavt.net.

News and Calendar Deadlines

We encourage you to submit news and calendar items as soon as possible. The news and calendar deadline for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, March 12, 2007.
Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 (junegiroux@aol.com) if you have questions. You may call her at 482-2350.

To Submit News & Calendar Info

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. Please do NOT format text in articles (boxes, columns, all capital letters, etc.). We work with Apples and PCs and use our own formatting styles. Feel free to send a hard copy of your design and we will try to adapt.
You may also use the drop box at the Giroux home at 327 Charlotte Road to drop off hard copy articles and photographs.
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.

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Another has been to turn more work over to the State Police. I have discussed this with Colonel Baker, Head of the Vermont State Police. His response is that he wants more suburban towns to start their own municipal police forces. He and his command staff at the Williston Barracks feel Hinesburg should move to 24 hour, seven days a week coverage, not reduce services.

The bottom line, after much discussion with the Selectboard, citizens and department members is we have to add one full time person to the department to maintain the current level of service, or we must reduce service. If you are interested in the Olufsen study or the relevant parts of the Walton study, email us at hinesburgpd@gmavt.net or call 482-3397.

– Chief Chris Morrell, Hinesburg Community Police

Affordable Housing

As the parent of three adult children I am struck by the increase in housing costs since I purchased my home. The term affordable housing is now used in reference to homes that are out of the reach of most young adults who are striving to live and work in Vermont. Will the great American Dream of homeownership be available to our children? Will our children have to continue to move out of State so that they can afford to live? I have been working both professionally and in our community of Hinesburg to develop affordable housing options for low to moderate income Vermonters. There is not just one solution to this problem, but I am encouraged by the spirit in our community to look for solutions to the problem. I am grateful to live in a community where people recognize the moral implications of this issue and realize that the people who need housing aren’t some abstract they are our children, our neighbors, the elderly – these people are us.

– Donna Constantineau

Support LaPlatte Headwaters Initiative

We would like strongly to urge our fellow Hinesburg citizens to support the \$100,000 budget item in the town budget for the LaPlatte Headwaters Initiative on Bissonette Farm. By supporting the inclusion of this priority in the budget, the residents of the town of Hinesburg will demonstrate their collective commitment to one of the most unique conservation projects in New England. Not only will the conservation of these several hundred acres of breathtaking landscape help us protect the LaPlatte watershed, its forests, and its associated wildlife, but it will also guarantee our access to the land for recreation and other purposes for generations to come. What a tremendous opportunity we have here. Please support the Hinesburg Land Trust by voting for this budget item during Town Meeting.

– George Dameron

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.

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Municipal Budget

third and final capital appropriation for new shelving for the vault. The elimination of this expense results in a reduction in the Town Clerk & Treasurer budget for FY 07 – 08.

In addition, this year the Selectboard received requests to include two special articles in the warning. The first is a request by the Hinesburg Land Trust for \$100,000 to support the LaPlatte Headwaters Initiative on Bissonette Farm. The second is a request by residents to include \$103,260 for the paving of the gravel section of Pond Brook Road. These two articles, when combined with the Selectboard budget, would make the increase to the tax rate an estimated 7.9 ¢, or a 20% increase in tax funding over the FY 06-07 budget.

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE SUMMARY		
Municipal Tax Rate for Current Year		Tax Rate '06-07
To Be Raised:	\$1,910,964	\$0.4027
Surplus Utilized:	\$250,000	(0.0527)
Town Tax Rate		\$0.3500
Municipal Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 07 - 08 (Budget to be discussed at Town Meeting on March 5, 2007)		
		Tax Rate '07-08
To Be Raised:	\$2,289,736	\$0.4747
Surplus Utilized:	\$221,983	(0.0460)
Estimated Town Tax Rate		\$0.4287 *
*Actual tax rate will be based on Grand List value for 2007, which is determined in April, 2007.		

MUNICIPAL REVENUE SUMMARY		
	BUDGET 06 - 07	PROPOSED BUDGET 07 - 08
Property Tax, Interest	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,000
State Land Payment	3,200	6,000
Liquor Licenses	650	600
Dog Licenses & Fees	3,000	3,000
Zoning Permits & Fees	35,000	70,000
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses	300	300
Motor Vehicle Renewal Fees	1,300	1,000
Sale of Zoning Regulations	75	-
Planning Grant	7,800	14,400
Recreation Path Grant	250,000	328,637
Park & Ride Grant	-	39,320
Streetscape Grant	-	-
Recording Fees	35,000	32,000
Record Restoration Fees	5,750	5,300
Sale of History Books	-	-
Photocopy Income	5,500	5,500
Miscellaneous Clerk Fees	1,200	1,200
St. George Contract	16,673	15,687
Recreation Fees & Registrations	45,000	45,000
Town Hall Rental Fees	100	200
Wild Fire Reimbursements	100	100
Investment Interest	30,000	45,000
Cemetery Income	2,000	2,000
Fire Department Grants	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-
Development Reimbursement	-	-
Current Use Payment	30,000	30,000
Act 60 Reappraisal Payment	14,440	14,440
Act 60 Listing Payment	1,805	1,805
Conservation Commission Income	-	-
Total General Revenue	503,893	677,489
Highway State Aid	133,677	133,677
Highway Miscellaneous Income	150	150
Total Highway Revenue	133,827	133,827
Police Judicial Fines	20,000	25,000
Police Grants	-	-
Police Reimbursements	-	-
Total Police Revenue	20,000	25,000
Total Non-Tax Revenue	657,720	836,316
Property Tax, Town Share	1,910,964	2,289,736
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,568,684	\$3,126,052
* The Town will utilize \$221,983 from unreserved fund balance to reduce the total tax dollars to be raised for town government equal to \$2,067,753.		

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
	BUDGET 06 - 07	PROPOSED BUDGET 07 - 08
Selectboard	\$ 16,652	\$ 17,043
Town Agent	5,000	5,000
Town Administrator	66,182	70,935
Auditors	19,177	19,677
Delinquent Tax Collector	19,358	10,746
BCA	5,500	550
Town Clerk / Treasurer	124,864	121,491
Elections	5,150	2,250
Computers / Copiers / Fax	19,375	28,800
Planning / Zoning	177,483	197,568
Listers	56,793	61,296
Recreation Commission	76,685	81,695
Buildings & Facilities	406,002	548,270
Cemeteries	26,000	26,000
Public Health	800	800
Animal Control	4,733	4,295
Fixed Costs	165,675	175,918
Conservation Commission	5,300	5,300
E-9-1-1	1,107	1,699
Volunteer Fire Department	98,707	107,057
Fire Warden	1,550	1,550
Total General Expense	1,302,093	1,487,940
Highway Department	701,786	747,738
Pond Brook Road Paving	-	103,260
Police Department	379,025	497,349
Library	146,334	158,724
Land Preservation Fund	7,500	100,000
Hinesburg Land Trust	5,000	5,000
Lake Iroquois Beach Commission	600	600
Agencies	26,346	25,441
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,568,684	\$ 3,126,052

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One Day History Museum

farms, the only known copy of the Hinesburg town charter, and a bible from the Free Will Baptist Church which no longer exists. Other items included coins from the late 1700s found under the floorboards, an extensive postcard collection of Hinesburg landmarks of the 1900s, once familiar kitchen implements such as the triangle treat-making Brown Bobby, several school group photographs showing the White Building of HCS when it served as the town high school, and a daily ledger showing entries as far back as 1848 from the Reed and Patrick Store.

A mystery item made of oak and metal salvaged from the Carpenter Library appeared and participants speculated what it might have been used for. The youngest exhibitor, age 8, proudly displayed the assorted artifacts he has unearthed from the dump found on his family property. While the exhibitors arranged what they brought to display, students from the HCS fifth and sixth grades hovered expectantly with digital cameras.

Chris Varney, HCS librarian, initiated the inspiration for the One Day History Museum after describing a market event she experienced in Lucolena, Italy while visiting her sister. Suzanne Richard and Ann Thomas, co-coordinators for the project, presented their plan to Debi Price, the HCS principal. Price welcomed the chance to invite town residents into the school to interact with students and to utilize the available technology.

The One Day Museum was Hinesburg’s most recent PLACE Program—Place-based Landscape Analysis and Community Education—sponsored by the University of Vermont and Shelburne Farms. An extension beyond the two year commitment to a featured town was offered due to the enthusiastic support for previous programs offered in the community and at HCS. Ann Thomas started the archive by scanning the historical information kept at the Carpenter Carse



Butter churn.



Brown Bobby machine



By Missy Ross

Town Meeting Approaches

Town meeting time is upon us once again. The annual Town Meeting will convene at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on March 5, 2007. Voting by Australian ballot will follow on March 6. The polls are located at the Hinesburg Town Hall and will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote in order to participate in town meeting and balloting is Monday, February 26.

There are no contested races for election of town officers this year. Two incumbent Hinesburg Community School directors forgot to submit their ballots by the filing deadline and will be asking voters to write in their names on the ballot. *Mary Crane* is seeking re-election to a 2-year term on the board. *Ann*

Hill is running a write-in campaign to retain her 3-year seat on the same board. They will each need to garner 30 votes in order to be elected to those positions. Neither of these seats is being contested by any other candidate. Voting at the polls will also include the budget for CVU.

Dog Licenses Due by April 1

The deadline for registering your dog is April 1. The fees for obtaining a license are \$7 for a spayed or neutered animal, and \$11 for all others. After the deadline, the fees increase to \$9 and \$15 respectively. You will need a copy of your current rabies certificate in order to license your dog. If your pet was registered with us last year and the certificate has not reached its expiration date, we will have it on file and you need not bring a copy with you.

If you have any questions, you can call us at 482-2281. Registering your dog is required by Vermont law, and failure to do so may result in fines and impoundment of your pet. The purpose of the law is to ensure public safety and protect people and animals from the threat of rabies. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

April 1 Homestead Declarations

All Vermont residents are required to file a homestead declaration with their Vermont income tax return. The new form for the 2006 filing year combines several old forms into one, which is the HS-122 or the Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Adjustment Claim. *This form must be completed*

Realizing that individuals own interesting and educational items from Hinesburg’s past, the digital archive is being continued on the computer system at HCS to record, protect and share these treasures now and in the future. This in-school archive will serve to provide easy access to existing resources as well as a repository for new material. HCS teachers have been encouraged to add information to the archive from their Hinesburg-based classroom projects.

Ten student volunteers received training from Tim Bourne, HCS Technology Educator and Matt Kihm, HCS Computer Technician, prior to the event. Once exhibitors for the One Day Museum were settled, the students carefully brought the items to the photography booth where they experimented with the background selection and lighting. Across the hall in the school’s computer lab, students were scanning photographs, postcards and documents into the computer to add to the digital photographs that were continually downloaded into the archive. The plan is to eventually utilize the information to create an accessible website.

Richard and Thomas would like to thank the following exhibitors, along with the numerous student and adult volunteers, who made it possible to present the first of what is hoped to become an annual event: Beulah Busier, Rufus Patrick, Jean Miner, Dale Dawson, Pam Mathews, Laurel Hubbert-Severence, Emma and Johnny Mead, Henry Carse, Lyle and Joyce Bissonette, Anne Donegan, Howdy Russell, Catherine Goldsmith, Willem Leenstra, Harrison Mead, Dianne Stirewalt, Stephanie Longshore, Alison Dennison, and Susan Roberts.

Hinesburg Trail Committee Appointed

By Stewart Pierson

At a recent Selectboard meeting, The Hinesburg Trail Committee became an official committee of the Selectboard. Appointed were: Ken Brown, Martha Kennan, Launa Lagasse, Greg LeRoy, Colin McNaul, Stewart Pierson and Frank Twarog, as Chairperson. Its mission will be to support the development and maintenance of interlocking set of trails and dirt roads for recreational non-motorized transportation uses. The Committee will work to assure that Hinesburg is a community where sidewalks, trails and unpaved roads provide a safe way for residents to travel, to connect with each other, and to enjoy a safe way for residents to travel, to connect with each other, and to enjoy both the Village and surrounding rural area by foot, bicycle and horse.

by all Vermont residents who own AND occupy a Vermont homestead on April 1, 2007.

As many of you may be aware, the prebate will no longer be mailed directly to the taxpayer, but will instead be sent to the town and directly applied to your tax bill. You may also apply any income tax refund you may receive to your property tax bill, which is a new option this year. It is very important that you remember to file this form, so please be sure to do so. If you have an income tax preparer, be sure to check with them to insure this form has been completed.

Planning

By Alex Weinhausen,
Director of Planning & Zoning

Village Growth Re-Zoning Update

After many months of work sessions, zoning district mapping, build out analyses, and a lot of debate and discussion, the Planning Commission is now putting the finishing touches on the Village growth re-zoning plan. After the public discussion sessions concluded in March 2006, the Planning Commission spent the spring and summer discussing possible build out scenarios, based on your feedback, among and between the various focus areas (e.g. village core, north along 116 to Ballards Corner, Mechanicsville Road, southern gateway at Buck Hill Road). We did more sketch plans on map overlays and experimented with a variety of lot sizes, road layouts, and building and parking footprint areas. Last fall and into this January we took quite a lot of time to discuss some central themes and emerging issues of this growth planning effort—i.e., affordable housing incentives and requirements, energy efficiency standards and green building concepts, general and architectural design standards.

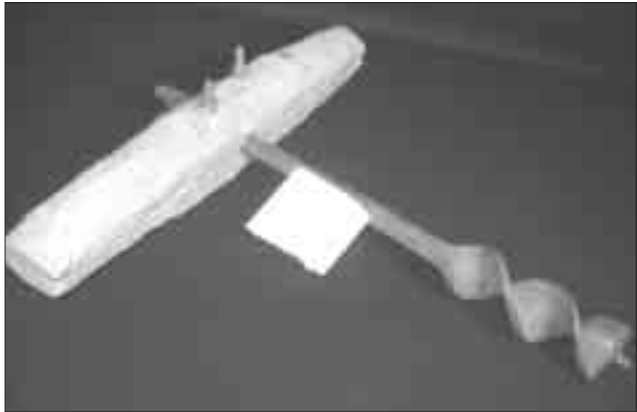
Work on many of these central themes was bolstered significantly by the leadership and efforts of our Town’s recently formed committees and task forces. The Affordable Housing Committee (formed in September 2006) provided invaluable assistance right out of the chute with policy recommendations and technical assistance on ways we could structure the “rules of the game” (i.e. our regulatory system) to provide much needed affordable and reasonably priced housing. They brought in a wide variety of speakers, and introduced us to a potentially valuable non-profit partner (Champlain Housing Trust - www.champlainhousingtrust.org) that could help the Town steward the creation of perpetually affordable homes, without the need for additional town staff and resources.

The Sustainability and Energy Planning task force (formed via the Community Visit program in November and December of 2006) helped propel the Planning Commission into a serious consideration of how our community could provide leadership through more effective energy efficiency standards and incentives to encourage green building. The Planning Commission heard presentations and got tips from the Vermont Green Building Network (www.vgbn.org) as well as the Building for Social Responsibility group (www.bsr-vt.org)—including information about established and emerging certification programs like LEED for commercial buildings (NRG is an example) and LEED-Homes for residential construction.

Finally, the Village Steering Committee (formed in October 2005) researched and prepared a series of design standard recommendations (both regulatory and non-regulatory) to help ensure that future development in our village area respects and complements Hinesburg’s past and present while allowing for creative design and encouraging a pedestrian-focus.

All of these facets are now coming together, and I’m optimistic that we will have a polished proposal (with supporting analyses and visualization tools/products) to bring to the public this spring! Keep watching *The Record* and the Town website for updates and an announcement of our first public forum to share the fruits of Hinesburg’s ever-impressive community participation and the Planning Commission’s work over the last year and a half.

Library. This early version of the resource proved helpful when the UVM students asked for photographs to complement their research on Hinesburg presented in two public presentations last year.



Beam drill; for post and beam construction



1904 bread machine



Cattle de-horner



Submitted by the Hinesburg Community Police

The included events represent only a sample of the services provided by the Hinesburg Community Police.

Five Injured In Richmond Road Crash

On Wednesday, January 10, five people were injured in a crash on Richmond Road caused by a sudden snow that struck Hinesburg unexpectedly. Chief Chris Morrell reported a three-car collision a half mile north of the Pond Road intersection.

The crash occurred when David Goodlund, 30, of Hinesburg, was headed south and slowed for a vehicle ahead of him that was skidding. His car was struck in the rear by a car operated by Stephen Moore, 29, also of Hinesburg, who was unable to slow in time to avoid Goodlund’s car.

Moore exited his car to survey the damage and was standing between the two vehicles, when spectators shouted a warning to him. He leapt aside as a third car, operated by Regina Garvey struck the rear of his car and pushed it forward, striking the Goodlund car a second time. Garvey reported she was unable to stop or slow down as she came down the snow covered highway.

Two passengers in Goodlund’s car, Shannon Hunt, 32, and Finn Murray, three, as well as Goodlund reported injury. Moore and a passenger in his car, Tiffany Blair, 17, also reported injury. All five of the injured were transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care for treatment by Charlotte and Shelburne Ambulance Corps.

This was one of seven accidents reported in approximately one hour on this morning as highway crews worked feverishly to clear the roads. For a period of time Vermont Route 116 north of the CVU four corners had to be closed. The unexpected snow caused problems in several areas of the town and forced firefighters to reroute traffic during the morning rush hour.

Abandoned Car Causes Early Morning Crash

On January 17 a man was injured in an early morning crash with a car left abandoned on Silver Street. Officer Kim Conant reported that Benjamin Kaufman, 31, of Winooski was southbound on Silver Street at about 6:40 a.m. As he crested a hill, his vehicle began to slide and he was unable to correct it before he struck a snow covered car parked on the southbound travel lane. The operator of the other car, Claire Decoster, 63, of Bristol, who had left it during the snowstorm the previous evening, was ticketed for parking on the highway.

Kaufman was extricated from his crashed vehicle by Hinesburg firefighters and then transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michaels Ambulance.

Crash At CVU Corners

On January 18 a Hinesburg woman was injured in a crash at the CVU four corners. The crash occurred when Jess Harrington, 18, of Hinesburg was traveling southbound on Vermont Route 116. He attempted to make a left turn across oncoming traffic and collided with a northbound vehicle operated by Mildred Burr, 40, of Hinesburg.

Burr was extricated from her vehicle and treated at the scene by members of the Hinesburg Fire Department. She was then transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael’s Ambulance. Deputy Chief Fred Silber ticketed Harrington for failure to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn.

Hinesburg Man Dies; Friend Charged

Hinesburg Community Police are continuing their investigation into an apparent drug overdose that occurred on Mechanicsville Road in Hinesburg Saturday morning, January

20. Fire Department EMT’s and police responded to the report of a man having difficulty breathing at 11:35 a.m.

The first emergency personnel arrived on the scene within two minutes. They found Daniel Bendz, 30, a resident of the apartment lying on his bedroom floor not breathing. The Hinesburg Fire Department made an immediate effort to revive him, including administering CPR. They continued this all the way to the ambulance, where St. Michael’s EMT’s took over.

Bendz was admitted at Fletcher Allen Health Care in critical condition, but died early the following morning. Hinesburg Police determined that a friend of Bendz, Phat M. Nguyen, 33, of St. Paul, Minnesota, had given him a quantity of oxycontin pills earlier in the morning.

Hinesburg Community Police were joined by Vermont State Police and Shelburne Police in an intensive investigation. The investigation led to the arrest of Nguyen on a charge of illegal dispensing of narcotics. He was lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility in lieu of \$25,000 bail and arraigned in court on Monday, January 22. Because of the potential for manslaughter charges being placed against him, and his out of state residence, his bail was increased to \$50,000.

Hinesburg General Store Robbed

Community Police report that at about 8:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22, the Hinesburg General Store in Hinesburg was held up by a robber holding a handgun. The robber fled on foot south on Vermont Route 116.



A surveillance camera captured this image of the robber at the Hinesburg General Store.

The robber was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, turned inside out, with eyeholes cut in the back of the hood, which was pulled over his face. He wore white gloves and held a plastic bag in one hand and a semi-automatic black handgun in the other.

During the following week and a half it appears he struck again in Richmond, Colchester and Jericho. As a result of the robberies in various municipalities, a multi-agency task force has been formed, consisting of State Police, Hinesburg Police, Richmond Police and Colchester Police.

Stolen Computers Recovered

Thirty thousand dollars worth of stolen CVU High School computers were recovered and two young men charged following execution of a search warrant early Tuesday morning, January 24 on Cleary Road in Fairfax. Charged with possession of the stolen property were Randy Gonzalez, 20, and a 17-year old man, both of Fairfax.

Hinesburg Community Police and State Police from the St. Albans barracks executed the warrant which was based on a month long intensive investigation by Hinesburg Officer Barbara



Officer Brisson and Nancy Colbourn display the computers recovered after their investigation.

Brisson. She was assisted in the investigation by Nancy Colbourn, the network administrator for the school. The investigation reached to the states of Georgia, California, Kentucky and Massachusetts, where police recovered stolen computers.

It is alleged that during the early morning hours of December 5, Gonzalez smashed in a glass on a door and entered CVU High School. Inside he stole two computer carts loaded with lap top computers. The previous month he had also stolen a lap top computer while at the school during the evening. That lap top was recovered as well.

Hinesburg Police praised the skilled work done by Colbourn assisting them in locating the stolen computers through internet transactions.

Honor System Pilfered

A man who repeatedly stole money from a farm stand has been charged with petit larceny. Deputy Chief Fred Silber reported that Thomas Bouley, 37, of Rutland, repeatedly stopped at a roadside farm stand in Hinesburg and took money from a money bag that was there. The thefts occurred during the fall. Bouley fled the area, but was finally tracked down to Rutland and was cited in to court once he was located.

Handgun Theft Results in Charge

Following an intensive investigation, Officer Kim Conant has charged Joshua Emmons, 21, of Starksboro with the theft of a .44 magnum revolver. It is alleged that he took the weapon from a home on Hollow Road during December.



Officer Conant holds the revolver allegedly stolen from a home on Hollow Road.

Colchester Man Arrested for Papering the Town

Officer Kim Conant has charged Jason Peet, 23, of Colchester with 14 counts of bad checks. Peet cashed the checks, totaling over \$750 at businesses in Hinesburg and Williston.

Colchester Woman Facing Bad Check Charges

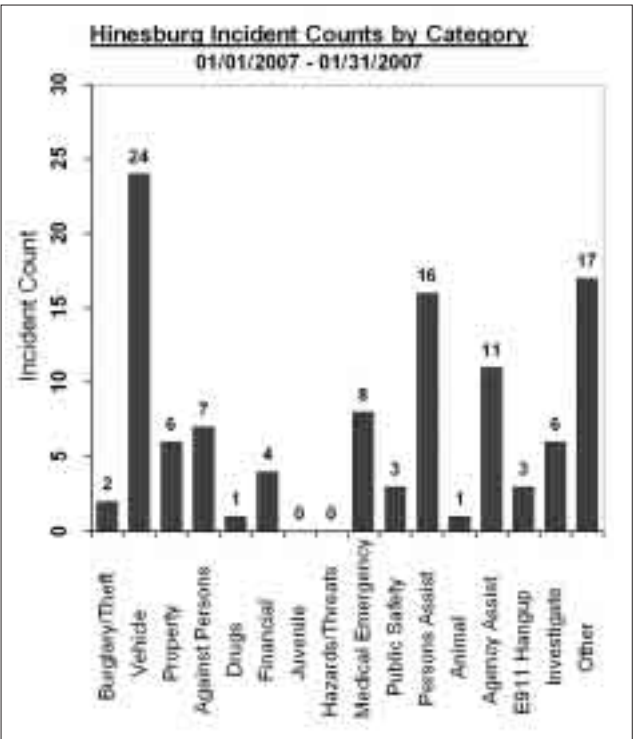
Chief Chris Morrell reported that Tina Miller, 32, of Colchester is facing bad check charges for cashing several fraudulent checks at a Hinesburg store. The Hinesburg charges will be added to other similar charges she is facing throughout Chittenden County. Miller will answer the charges in District Court.

Woman Injured in Rollover Crash

A one-vehicle rollover crash on snow covered Vermont Route 116 sent a local woman to the hospital. Chief Chris

Morrell reported that Crystal Little, 30, of Hinesburg was traveling northbound on Vermont Route 116 near Rocky Mountain Road, when she lost control of her car and went off the east side of the road and rolled over.

She was extricated and treated at the scene by Hinesburg firefighters and then transported to the hospital by St. Michaels Ambulance. Morrell ticketed Little for operating an uninsured vehicle.



Incident Graph January 2007. GRAPH PREPARED BY: DOUG



By Chris Putnam

Call Volume Is Up

The Fire Department has had an active start of 2007 in emergency call volume and training/administrative items. Over the last few days of December and the month of January, we responded to a total of 50 calls. This compares to an average monthly call volume of 30 in the past couple of years. The breakdown by types of calls:

- EMS First Response (excluding motor vehicle crashes): 29
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 12
- Structure Fires*: 4
- Fires outside of a structure: 1
- Fire or Carbon Monoxide Alarm Activations: 4

* “Structure Fires” category includes any real or potential fires within a building, such as chimney fires and odor of smoke inside a building, but excludes alarm system activations.

HFD Provides Vehicle Extrication at Two Motor Vehicle Crashes

Two of the motor vehicle crashes required the use of extrication equipment to remove the patients from the vehicles. This is commonly thought of as using the “jaws of life” hydraulic spreader and cutter tools. We did use those in these two cases; however it may be of interest to note that we carry a large assortment of tools on our heavy rescue unit that can be used in conjunction with those tools to handle extricating vehicle occupants.

HFD Assists at Large Barn Fire in Shelburne

One of the structure fire responses was a mutual aid call to Shelburne to assist with a large barn fire, which received coverage in the newspaper and on television. Hinesburg Fire Department responded with Engine 2, Tanker 1, and

manpower. Since our department was significantly committed to this incident, as were Shelburne FD and Charlotte FD, the Starksboro FD was requested to move up with an engine and manpower to cover at the Hinesburg station.

Operations at the emergency scene ran smoothly, partially due to the joint planning and training that has been done between Shelburne, Charlotte, and Hinesburg. All three of the departments utilize Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS) in our front-line engines. The effectiveness of CAFS was evident at this scene—the use of CAFS enabled members to stop the spread of the fire and save some of the building and its contents.

CAFS is a relatively new concept that is gaining popularity. HFD was the first of the three departments to have CAFS when we put our new small attack truck, Engine 3, in service several years ago. After seeing the effectiveness of CAFS in that unit, which has limited pumping capabilities and is designed for rapid deployment and quick attack (rather than fighting a large structure fire for an extended duration), we decided to upgrade our front-line full-sized engine, Engine 2, to use CAFS. Giroux’s Body Shop made the modification to the pump. It was expensive, but we are convinced of its value. At the time, Charlotte was in the process of replacing their front-line engine, and also specified the unit to include CAFS. Shelburne followed suit and decided to outfit their front-line engine similar to our Engine 2.

Annual Meeting & Officers

The January business meeting also serves as the annual meeting for the Firefighter’s Association. One of the main activities at the annual meeting is to elect officers for the next year. The Fire Chief’s position is appointed by the Selectboard, but each year department members hold a vote of confidence for the current Chief. Once again, Al Barber received a positive vote from the membership.

The elected officers for 2007 are:

First Assistant Chief: Brad Wainer
Second Assistant Chief: Rich Armstrong
Assistant Chief in charge of EMS: Chris Putnam
Captain: Kathy Gutierrez
Lieutenants: Jon Wainer, Jim Silvia, Ed Waite
Association President: Jon Wainer
Association Vice President: Chris Putnam
Association Secretary: John Lyman
Association Treasurer: Brad Wainer

Strategic Plan Update

A little less than a year ago, the fire department brought a strategic plan addressing its needs over the next five years to the Selectboard. It states: “Our plan and goal is to assure the citizens of Hinesburg that fire, rescue, and medical services provided by the Hinesburg Fire Department will continue to be of the highest quality in order to meet our community’s expectations of the greatest level of protection and care at a reasonable expense.”

The entire plan is available on the town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/fire.html>.

The strategic plan will be reopened each year to address any adjustments that need to be made to the existing plan, and to encompass looking forward another year into the future. The time for reevaluating the plan is upon us. There are some fairly significant items outlined in the plan, including an expansion of the current fire station to meet current and future needs. The fire department is working with the town on investigating the use of impact fees on new construction to cover some of these expenses.

Firefighter 1 Training Program

The fire department members are working on completing the Firefighter 1 training curriculum. Firefighter 1 is a nationally recognized training level which some of our members have already achieved. The course is organized to use our currently scheduled twice-monthly fire training sessions, and in addition to enabling members to achieve the training certification, it provides a good structure for our continuing training activities.

Medical Training

To keep abreast of the latest standards of care, the members of the EMS first response portion of the fire department train on a monthly basis. January’s training meeting was a lecture given at Colchester Rescue by one of Fletcher Allen hospital’s cardiology fellows. It was a very useful session reviewing heart disease, heart attacks, and what can be read off of a 12 lead EKG.

Also, in January we had four members complete the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic training course. Two of these individuals have been members of the fire department for a couple of years and have been advancing their EMS knowledge and skills, and the two others serve with Hinesburg Community Police.

HFD Receives New Personal Protective Equipment from Federal Grant

During January, the department took delivery of 19 sets of new firefighting bunker gear. The money to pay for this equipment was provided by a federal grant applied for by the department. The new gear is being assigned to the more senior members of the department, and the gear previously assigned to those members will be redistributed to ensure that each firefighter has the best available equipment. Bunker gear is an essential item for providing protection to every firefighter working in and around burning buildings and other emergency scenes such as motor vehicle crashes. It is extremely costly –so the reception of the grant enables us to have high quality equipment for our members without a large impact to our budget.

Help Us Help You

Can we find you in an emergency? Homeowners can (usually!) find their own house even on a dark and stormy night. But is your house identified well enough to enable an emergency responder to locate it in the same situation?

The fire department continues to respond to situations where houses are not clearly numbered. Keep in mind that most of our calls are not for fully involved structure fires where the location of the call is obvious.

As reported above, many of our calls are medical; if you need immediate medical help, you do not want the first response personnel to lose valuable time while searching for your home.

Appropriate house numbering should be reflective and clearly visible from the road when approaching from either direction since the closest responder may not be coming from the fire station. Keep in mind forks in driveways or private roads should be marked to clearly designate separate houses. Signs may be purchased from and installed by the fire department for a nominal fee. Please contact Jeremy Steele at med18@hinesburgfd.org.

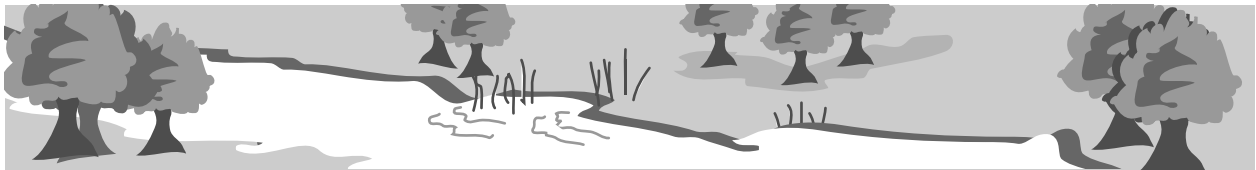
Also, with winter in full force, please keep in mind that driveway and walkway maintenance is important to assist us with accessing your house and getting the appropriate apparatus in place in any type of emergency.

Reminder

This is just a quick reminder from Fire Chief Al Barber. You should check your vent from your furnace or place heater where it vents to the outside.

This is particularly important if you have a “through the wall” vent, because these often get covered with snow and this causes carbon monoxide to back up in your home or business.

CONSERVATION



Supporting Open Space at Town Meeting Means Open Space Forever

By Craig Chevrier, Hinesburg Land Trust

As we have begun to review the priorities for the project in monthly installments in *The Record*, interest has poured in regarding the project, and many people have questions about one of our priorities, namely public access to conserved lands. Interest in the project also comes in the form of questions of how individuals and the town can help make the project a success.

At this year’s town meeting, Hinesburg townspeople will have the opportunity to show support for the LaPlatte Headwaters at Bissonette Farms Conservation Project, and, indeed, support for projects like this one by the Hinesburg Land Trust which will protect and conserve hundreds of acres of open land for public recreation access, as well as for farming, wildlife conservation, and water quality improvement.

A major component of the project is to ensure continued public access to trail and logging road networks on the Bissonette lands, with a focus on improving access, and ensuring connectivity to lands already conserved in the southern part of Hinesburg. Doing so will provide miles of trails for hiking, Nordic skiing and snowshoeing, equestrians, mountain biking, and hunting. At the same time, limited development along Gilman Road will protect that popular thoroughfare, used by many local residents who enjoy spectacular views while walking, jogging, and bicycling.

The project plan now calls for approximately 300 acres of the 620-acre total project area to be donated to the town, nearly all of which is forested land that provides not only these many recreational opportunities, but will also help protect the rural, small-town character called for in the new Hinesburg Town Plan, as well as help protect habitat for abundant wildlife species.

To protect this land, valued at approximately \$1 million, the Land Trust is asking for only \$100,000 (a tenth of its potential market value) to ensure this public resource for town residents. This is, of course, a significant amount more than the \$5,000 the Land Trust typically asks for at Town Meeting, but

the belief is that residents will see the wisdom of investing what would be a one-time cost of approximately \$60 for a home valued at \$300,000 in ensuring the conservation of this large area of open space and natural beauty.

This month’s *Record* features an insert which provides a map of the area, and gives more detail on the way the vote to allocate \$100,000 in next year’s town budget will impact taxpayers and the benefits that investment will return for the entire town. Keeping Hinesburg a rural, close-knit community means investing in the land for uses that support that effort, and the Hinesburg Land Trust is working hard to achieve that goal.

Join the Lewis Creek Association for a Full Moon Walk

Saturday, March 3, 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a winter-evening walk in Hinesburg. We’ll travel maintained trails at a leisurely pace on conserved land while enjoying the tranquility of the full moon.

Weather permitting. Dress appropriately. Please call Lewis Creek Association at 434-7672 for more details.

Annual Sugar Maker’s Huntington Tour Sponsored by Conservation Commission

For a quick cure to those “Mud Season Blues”, join your neighbors and friends for sweet treats during Huntington’s Annual Sugar Makers’ Tour. On Saturday, March 24 from

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., many Huntington sugar making operations will be open to the public.

Sugar makers from one end of town to the other will be boiling that day (weather permitting) and invite people to check out their facilities, sample this year’s crop, enjoy sweet treats and purchase a variety of delicious maple products. Maps with directions to participating sugar makers will be available after March 7 at local stores. Contact Tim Taft at 434-3269 for more information.

The tour is sponsored by the Huntington Conservation Commission. It is intended to raise awareness and appreciation for local agricultural enterprises in our town. The approximate 30,000 taps in Huntington are found in a mix of retail and private operations ranging in size from 120 taps to 12,000 taps.



CSWD Wins Third Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award

By Clare Innes, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, CSWD

CSWD has earned its third Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence and Pollution Prevention. CSWD Facilities Manager Tony Barbagallo accepted the award on behalf of CSWD for his work on designing the Materials Recovery Facility (or MRF, rhymes with “smurf”) on Avenue C in Williston.

The award recognizes innovative approaches to reducing or eliminating the generation of pollutants and wastes at the source. Since 1993, the MRF has kept more than a quarter of a million tons of recyclables out of the landfill. More than half of the curbside recyclables in the State of Vermont are processed at the MRF.

The MRF is where large loads of recyclables are sorted and prepared for market. The MRF is owned by Chittenden Solid Waste District and operated by Casella Waste Management. Although primarily for use by licensed commercial haulers, the MRF also accepts large loads (one cubic yard minimum per trip) from residents and businesses who want to haul recyclables themselves.

In 2003, CSWD renovated the MRF and purchased new, state-of-the-art equipment to accommodate All-In-One Recycling (also known as single-stream recycling). The equipment mechanically separates bottles and cans from mixed paper. After the initial sort, workers manually separate the recyclables (except glass) into different material types that are then compacted into bales and shipped to market where they are made into recycled products. Glass is crushed to create aggregate for use locally in a variety of civil engineering applications.

In 1998, then-Governor Howard Dean recognized CSWD for its Construction Waste Reduction Demonstration Project, which coordinated the diversion of building wastes and scraps from the landfill. During the project, more than 35 tons of building materials never made it to the landfill. Instead, 9.5 tons of mostly clean wood, plywood, metal, insulation, and finished wood trim were diverted; another 9.5 tons of reusable materials were contributed to workers for reuse. Approximately 14 tons of bricks and concrete and 2.5 tons of corrugated cardboard were recycled.

In 2001, CSWD earned the award by partnering with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to work with Vermont high schools and middle schools to rid science laboratories of mercury and other dangerous and hazardous chemicals that had accumulated and been stockpiled for years. Over 600 pounds of elemental mercury and other mercury-containing products were removed, as were 16,000 pounds of other hazardous chemicals. To prevent future problems, the District and the Department provided training in chemical inventory management and worked with teachers and school administrators to develop lab chemical management plans.

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By Jennifer McCuin

It is eight degrees outside as I write this article. The sun is shining brightly through my window, hitting my registration box, reminding me where Felice used to cozy up and snooze. I still haven't gotten used to her not sleeping in that box! With it being so cold and blustery it may be difficult to think about Spring Sports, but it's definitely not too early. Registration has begun. Don't miss the Early Bird Special where you'll save \$10 if you register before March 23! You might want to think about signing up when you come to the Town Hall to vote on March 6. Please consider coaching or helping out this spring. Remember that it's YOU that makes our programs great! Please contact the Recreation Office at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

The Kindergarten, first and second grade basketball players ended another terrific season. I would like to thank the coaches for making the season so much fun and meaningful for these kids. These people are so dedicated and do such a wonderful job with our youngsters. Thank you for your energy Stephanie Bissonette, Tim Bortnick, Lisa Daggett, Casey Grant, and Joe Hoepfner!

The third/fourths and fifth/sixths will finish up their season on February 17 – more on that to follow in the next Record publication.

2007 Recreation Spring Sports Tentative Schedule

Spring sports start the week of April 30 to May 4. Register by March 23 and get the Early Bird Special!

Please note that all dates and times for Spring Sports are dependant on the availability of coaches and participant enrollment. Final schedules will be available by mid-April. If you are interested in registering or have questions, please contact the Rec. Office at 482-4691, stop by to pick up a registration form or for a form via email at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. Also, remember that you can register and/or ask questions on Election Day, March 6. And finally, please consider coaching...we need YOU to make our programs great!

Lacrosse at Lyman Park

Boys Grade three/four and five/six on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Boys Grade seven and eight on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Girls Grade five through eight on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$30 before March 23, \$40 after

Tee Ball

Kindergarden and first grade on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CVU Upper Field

\$15 before March 23, \$25 after

Farm League

Grades two and three on Monday and Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lyman Park

\$15 before March 23 \$25 after

Charlotte/Hinesburg Little League (Practice dates and times TBD)

For ages nine and up. Registration forms will be available at the Recreation Office and on the website www.eteamz.com/charlottevt. The Annual meeting will be held on February 22 to determine fees for Minors and Majors.

Deadline to register is March 23. Tentatively, try-outs and assessments will be the last week of March. More definite information will be forthcoming. Outdoor practices will begin

mid-April (weather dependant) at the fields at the Charlotte Berry Farm. For more information regarding the Charlotte Little League organization, you may visit their website. You may also contact the President of CLL, Patrice Machavern at 425-3901.

Adult Basketball

Continues at Hinesburg Community School Gym. This is a pick-up style game for adults 18 years and older. Please fill out a registration form/waiver form before you attend.

Where: HCS Gym

Who: Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings for under 30 years old and Thursday evenings for the over 30 year old gang

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

Cost: FREE

Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

Bring your family to swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge, located at 10 Wellness Drive in Williston. Come swim and play with your family in a heated indoor pool.

Who: Hinesburg residents are welcome.

When: Sunday, February 25 and Sunday, March 25

Time: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for a family of four.

Please sign up at the Rec. Dept. by Friday at noon so that a roster may be e-mailed to SFE.

Waivers must be signed at the club before you may swim. Thanks for your cooperation.

Driver Education

Spring Session

Kevin Browne will offer this essential class for students pursuing their driver's license. This class is for those who already possess a driver's permit. Driving time will be scheduled outside of classroom time. It is necessary to attend every class. Be sure to bring your driver's permit to class on the first day. Kevin provides the option to test for the driving exam. He can be contacted when the student turns 16 to arrange for the exam.

Where: First floor conference room in Town Hall

When: March 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30, April 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, and 13

Time: 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Cost: \$625

Please call the Rec. Dept. at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net to enroll.

Driver Education Taught by Dave Brautigam

Students must possess a Vermont Learners Permit to be eligible for the class. Students will schedule their driving time with the instructor in addition to classroom time. Classroom time consists of 30 hours. Driving time consists of six hours. Instructor is able to administer driving test when student turns 16.

Where: CVU classroom TBD

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Dates: June 18 to July 20 (skipping July 4 for holiday)

Cost: \$675 payable to Dave Brautigam

Full payment and registration forms are due by May 11 to secure a spot in class. They can be mailed to Hinesburg Rec. Dept., P.O. Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461. For additional information or questions about the course please contact Dave Brautigam at davebrautigam@gmavt.net and to enroll, please contact Jennifer McCuin at the Rec. Dept. at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Driver Education Taught by Kevin Browne

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

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

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

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Dates: June 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, July 2, 3, 5 and 6

Cost: \$625 payable to Kevin Browne

Full payment and registration forms are due by May 11 to secure a spot in class. They can be mailed to Hinesburg Rec. Dept., P.O. Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461. For additional information or questions about the course please contact Kevin Browne or at kmb1159@verizon.net. To enroll in the course, please contact Jennifer McCuin at the Rec. Dept. at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Curves After School

Are you interested in trying a cardiovascular and strength training workout while socializing in a relaxed atmosphere at a women's fitness club? Join new owner of Curves, Barbara Hicken for this cool opportunity right after school. Take Bus B after school to Curves at 90 Mechanicsville Rd.

Who: Fifth through eighth graders

Where: Curves, 90 Mechanicsville Rd.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays – March 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29

Time: 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost: \$65

Please bring workout clothing, a snack, and a water bottle. Please register through HRD.

Introduction to Dance

Elise Doner of Busy Feet School of Dance brings an introduction sampling of ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance to youngsters after school. This class is aimed at giving students "a little bit of each". Not sure what variation of dance you want to try...this is the class for you, right after school at HCS! (Continued on the next page.)

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Who: First through fourth graders
When: Wednesdays
Session II - March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11 and 18
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Music Room
Cost: \$50
Minimum six, Maximum 12
Please be sure to wear loose clothing to move around in, bring a water bottle, and a snack.

Young Rembrandt’s Cartoon Drawing Classes

Learning to draw can be lots of fun especially if you’re creating silly characters, funny expressions, and drawing sequences that tell a joke! This program combines Young Rembrandt’s innovative step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matters that engage children, their sense of humor and their vivid imaginations. Come join the fun. Giggles are guaranteed.
Who: Ages seven to 12 years
Where: Living Arts Room
When: Thursdays
Session IV - February 22, March 8, 15 and 22 (class will be 11:30-12:30 for half day)
Session VI - May 10, 17, 24 and 31
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$35

Young Rembrandt’s Drawing Classes

Young Rembrandts is a national fine arts enrichment program that teaches students to draw, creating new projects each week. They will provide all materials and subject matter ranging from animals, landscapes, still-lives, and art history. Students will learn shading, color pencil, and marker techniques. There is an art history lesson each session. Young Rembrandt’s philosophy is to give children a positive, nurturing environment, as they teach fundamental drawing techniques.
Who: Ages seven to 12 years
Where: Living Arts Room
When: Thursdays
Session V - April 15, 12, 19 (class will be 11:30-12:30 for

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half day) and May 3
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Cost: \$35

Highland Dance

This class is designed to provide an introduction to Scottish Highland Dancing. Danielle Pezzimenti has been dancing for 20 years and instructing for the past nine. She spent the last year in Scotland. Come learn to dance the Highland Fling!
Who: Ages five to 12 years
When: Tuesdays evenings – four class sessions (this is an ongoing program)
Where: Town Hall
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40
Please register with Rec. Dept. but make checks payable to Danielle Pezzimenti.

Techno Kids with Matt Kihm

After a successful class in the fall, Matt will continue, expanding more on digital photography, editing, and helping students produce their own picture CD.
Who: Second to fourth graders
Where: HCS Computer Lab
When: Tuesdays - March 6, 13, 20 and 27
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

T4C (Technology for Children) with Matt Kihm

Students will have the opportunity to make a digital movie, creating their own characters and plots. They will utilize digital video and photography and learn to digitally edit. Each student would have a DVD of their film at the end of the course. A terrific opportunity for students to explore their creative side, combined with technology.
Who: Fifth through eighth graders
Where: Computer Lab at HCS
When: Tuesdays - April 3, 10, 17 and May 1 (four classes)
Time: 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Cost: \$30
Maximum: 8 students

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Farmer’s Market Preps for Second Season

By James Donegan

It’s the middle of winter and it’s been five months since the last Hinesburg Farmer’s Market. This was my first season growing vegetables, and my first season as a vendor here in Hinesburg. Both experiences were very positive. In between all the planting and harvesting and learning this past summer, I was turning the soil, and adding organic matter, and growing cover crop on more space, as I looked forward to 2007.

This fall I put up two unheated greenhouses which will help extend the length of my season. With the additional bed

space and the greenhouses, I’ll be able to have larger quantities and more consistency at the market. Popular crops like the Cosmonaut Volkov tomatoes, Hakurei salad turnips, Music garlic, and the prepared salads will be back, and I’ll be trying some new things, like sweet potatoes, in a greenhouse. In addition, I’ll have a couple CSA shares available this season. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is an arrangement where the customer pays the farmer ahead of time for a weekly share of the harvest. I also have a name for my little operation: Trillium Hill Vegetables.

The garden is always open for people to come by and take a look, and can be found by following the Howard Russell Memorial Trail which begins at Lyman Park.

I’m delighted to have the opportunity to live and work here in Hinesburg, to be outdoors, and to grow food that I feel good about. For the space to grow on, I’m grateful to my family. Thank you. I feel very lucky to have a venue for selling my crops about 1/2-mile from where they are grown, and that many of you will buy them from me.

The Hinesburg Farmer’s Market has given me the opportunity to start a small business, and this season has left me with the feeling that I’ll be able to make it work. For this opportunity, I’d like to say thank you; thank you to the Hinesburg Lions Club (particularly the market managers: Marge Sharpe, Barb Lyman, and Jo White) for creating such a valuable piece of the community, thanks to all who shopped at the market, thanks to the other vendors who come rain, shine,

and wind, to make the market an event. It’s the middle of winter, and the next market is only three months away!

Hinesburg Resident Going to Tanzania to Help Support the Ilula Orphan Project

By Jean Isham, HBPA

St. Michael’s College has selected Lynn Monty of Hinesburg to participate in a service trip, a project in Tanzania, Africa. Monty, a senior journalism student at St. Michael’s College, will work with a team of journalism and political science professionals to document and publicize the Ilula Orphan Project.

The Ilula Orphan Project is a non-governmental organization that was created in 1990 to deal with the impact of HIV/AIDS in rural Tanzania. They do much more than house



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children who have lost their parents to AIDS. For example, they provide families education and resources that enable them to open their homes for foster care. They are home to a pre-school, educate girls and women, promote HIV/AIDS awareness and work towards building a strong medical infrastructure for the Ilula Ward. Home to 80 orphans, the Ilula Orphan Project depends on volunteers to work towards and reach out to the rural community in an effort to build a better future for thousands of people.

How can the community help? Monty needs to raise \$3,000 by March 23. Monty said, “Any amount you can offer will get me one step closer to fulfilling my dream of making the world a better place before my time is up. Your money will help educate the world about AIDS in Africa and how a little bit can go a very long way.”

Checks should be made payable to Lynn Monty and mailed to her at 2638 Lincoln Hill Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461. There are twelve students participating. One hundred percent of all contributions go directly to the cost of getting the students to the Ilula Ward for their three week stay at the orphanage. Monty will be happy to send you a copy of her receipt from St. Michael’s. If you have any questions, please call her at (802)434-5352.

Eighth Grader Starts Web Design Business

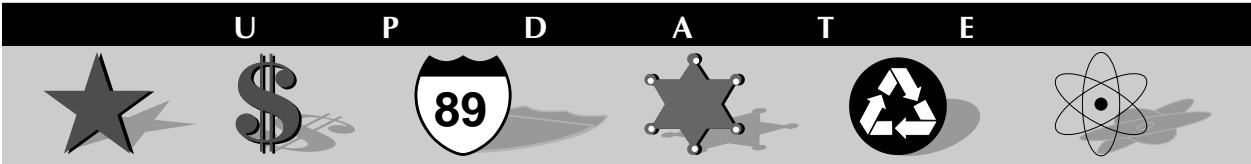
By Jean Isham, HBPA

Hinesburg Community School eighth grader Morgan Pell has established a web design business, MasterMade. Two years ago Morgan started his business providing technical support for computer users. However, he found a niche with web designing and that is now his focus. Morgan describes himself as a web craftsman. He does the entire process of designing and developing the website for his clients.

He stressed that he makes sure everything runs very well. As Morgan pointed out, you can have a good design but you also need to make sure the code is easy to understand. When he

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LEGISLATIVE



Calling All Men:

It is our turn to end the violence!

By Rep. Bill Lippert, D- Hinesburg; Chair, House Judiciary Committee

Earlier this week, Chittenden County legislators met with folks from the Chittenden County Domestic Violence Task Force and Kids Collaborative. We listened to concerns about the continuing wave of domestic violence toward women, and the damaging toll that witnessing these acts of violence has upon children.

Listening to these presentations, I could not help but think of the current legislative initiative of the House Judiciary, and Institutions & Corrections Committees – addressing the increasing numbers of incarcerated Vermonters, and the escalating costs of maintaining Vermont’s Department of Corrections. Over the past 10 years, the cost of Corrections has grown from about 4% of the Vermont state budget to over 10% of the budget, even at a time of decreasing crime rates. (The annual cost of Corrections now exceeds what the state of Vermont spends on higher education.)

While we often refer to the “people” under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, or to “Vermonters” who are incarcerated, it is more accurate to understand that the vast majority of these “Vermonters” are male Vermonters – men.

In order to understand how to prevent violence in society, and prevent violent crimes, I believe that we must confront this reality – that for whatever reasons – men are the perpetrators of most violent crimes in Vermont. And, with some exceptions, the victims of most men’s violent crimes are women.

Until we acknowledge this basic dynamic, we will also remain oblivious to some innovative opportunities to change this crime dynamic.

During the meeting with the Chittenden County Domestic Violence Task Force several unique and emerging opportunities for men to step forward and take charge of men’s violence were highlighted.

The Burlington White Ribbon Campaign was initiated following the recent heinous kidnapping and murder of UVM student Michelle Gardner-Quinn. A group of Burlington area men came together – as men – to struggle and search for ways to address the rising wave of violence by men toward women in Vermont.

The Burlington area White Ribbon Campaign operates from the basic premise that men can and must hold each other

accountable for violence by men against women.

Men who donate \$10 receive a white ribbon to wear. The white ribbon is an acknowledgement that he has: (1) made a pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and (2) had a one-on-one conversation with at least one other man, young man or boy about the commitment to oppose violence against women.

For more information about the Burlington White Ribbon Campaign and to join the group, go to whiteribbonvt.org or call 865-7254. Currently well over 300 area men have joined this effort.

Reaching out to younger boys and young men at risk of violence is the focus of another area initiative – Project Safe Choices offered by Spectrum Youth & Family Services.

Project Safe Choices grew out of work with adult men and the recognition that dating and other violence is a significant problem among adolescents. Basic Safe Choices is for young men aged 13-17 who are at risk of choosing to use violence. This 12-week group focuses on motivating young men to avoid making choices to use violence through discussions, sharing experiences and creating alternatives to violence. An intensive Safe Choices is for young men 13-17 who have already been violent or abusive to another person.

Project Safe Choices aims to reach boys and young men before adult male patterns of violence are firmly established. For more information, contact Safer Choices at Spectrum: 864-7423.

“Men holding men accountable for violence toward women” is an important next step in reducing the generations of domestic and sexual violence throughout Vermont. Men taking new levels of responsibility, and men helping young men to avoid the destructive patterns of older male generations offers hope – in a violent world where the hope too often appears dim.

Legislative solutions to address violence must direct support to efforts at prevention and early intervention for men and boys – in addition to our responsibilities to write appropriately tough sentences and fund Vermont’s Department of Corrections.

For more information, contact Rep. Bill Lippert at 482-3528 or BillLippert@gmavt.net.

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is finished, the site is such that clients can make modifications as their needs require.

Morgan emphasized that he doesn’t want to compromise ethical standards in designing a website. He stresses quality over quantity. Morgan makes sure the site is easy to use so that the client does not need to come back to him for additional services.

Currently Morgan is working on the Hinesburg Land Trust site. He is in the process of designing the site to be really open and reflect the character of Hinesburg. In addition, Morgan has developed open source designs which are available to the public without cost. These are generic designs that he puts on his website so that the public can access them. Morgan noted that a lot of the software he uses is open source and since he doesn’t pay for it, this is a way to give back to the community from which he benefits.

Morgan said his biggest challenge is getting the word out that he is available and open for business.

At Hinesburg Community School, Morgan plays soccer and participates on the Math Counts team. He is looking forward to CVU next year, with an eye to improving its website.

I am impressed with this young entrepreneur. He is definitely a model of what we look for in our future business leaders.

Morgan can be contacted at 482-5120, by e-mail at arthus.erea@gmail.com or via his website, mastermade.biz.

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Central Boiler announced recently it has developed the new e-Classic, next-generation outdoor wood furnace. This furnace was tested by an EPA-accredited laboratory using the new test guidelines under Phase I of the EPA Outdoor Wood-fired Hydronic Heater Program just announced by the EPA.

Earlier this month, Central Boiler signed a partnership agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to promote the manufacture and sale of cleaner outdoor wood furnaces. Central Boiler worked closely with ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) and EPA on establishing testing standards for outdoor wood furnaces.

“The e-Classic’s Fusion combustor makes it possible to pass these tests and still have more than a 24-hour burn time on a single load of wood, an important advantage of outdoor wood furnaces,” says Dennis Brazier, CEO of Central Boiler. “This is a significant accomplishment. This next-generation furnace is the result of years of development and we are very proud of this progress.”

Outdoor wood furnaces offer a safe, economical, environmentally responsible heating alternative, and they reduce dependence on foreign oil and help preserve fossil fuels. Wood is a totally renewable resource which, when burned, results in no net increase in greenhouse gas emissions (carbon dioxide). The new EPA guidelines provide an opportunity to manufacture and promote cleaner technology that is even more environmentally friendly.

Central Boiler is a leading manufacturer of quality outdoor wood, wood pellet and corn furnaces. They have been manufacturing outdoor furnaces for 23 years. They also manufacture a line of highly efficient direct vent gas fireplaces under their Central Fireplace division. Central Boiler has a sales and dealer network established throughout the United States and Canada.

For more information on the company and its products, please visit centralboiler.com or call Greg and Lisa Beliveau of Goose Creek Farm in St. George at 482-3404 for more information.

Hinesburg Curves Has New Owner

Barbara Hicken purchased the Curves franchise located in Hinesburg this past December. Former owner Loan Mayer opened the Hinesburg Curves a little over two years ago. At that time, Hicken was investigating the option of setting up a Curves franchise in the Hinesburg area but Mayer had just completed the franchise purchase.

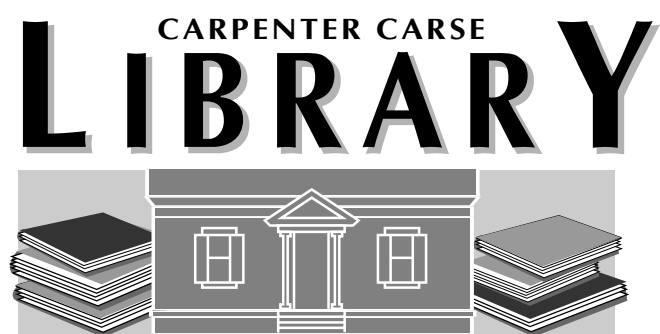
Hicken is thrilled with the renewed opportunity to own the Hinesburg Curves and to have the chance to make the program available to women in this area.

The Curves for Women fitness program is an international success story. The first Curves opened in 1992, with the first franchise club opening in 1995. Today, the company claims 10,000 franchises worldwide and estimates that the Curves exercise program has reached over four million women.

The program offers a proven 30-minute workout that combines strength training and sustained cardiovascular activity. At the Hinesburg Curves, one comes through the door to see a circle of various hydraulic fitness machines with exercise pads located between each station. The Curves method calls for a 30-minute workout in which the participant spends 30 seconds at each station and makes the round three times. Additional moral and strategic support for weight loss goals and specific physical needs is also available. The atmosphere is casual and user-friendly.

Hicken is enthusiastic about offering the Curves program to ladies in the Hinesburg area. She anticipates expanding the hours of operation and will continue to build the clientele. Presently, the club has roughly 125 members. Terms of membership may vary according to individual program needs but Hicken is happy to explain the options to interested individuals. She will be attending a Curves training in Waco, Texas this winter. Hicken’s husband, Bruce, will operate behind the scenes with facility maintenance and he will assist with the bookkeeping.

Curves for Women is located in a bright, sunny space at the Hinesburg Shopping Plaza, 90 Mechanicsville Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Please call (802) 482-4111 for details on hours of operation as they presently vary from day to day.



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Free delivery of materials is available to Hinesburg residents who find travel or physical access to the library building difficult. The library also circulates books and tapes to seniors on the third Friday of each month at the Seniors Meal Site in the Osborne Hall behind the United Church of Hinesburg.

Trustee Meetings

Carpenter-Carse Library Board of Trustees meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned. Meetings are held at the library at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers may join our library’s book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers’ homes. The March 29 discussion features: *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on location, other meeting dates, or other details.

YA Book Group

Come in to preview new additions and to review, discuss and select new titles for the library’s Young Adult collection Thursday, March 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.. Refreshments will be served., followed by a young adult movie. New members are welcome. Call Aaron or Tom at 482-2878.

YA Movie Night

Friday night is movie night at Carpenter-Carse for young adults. Come to the library and enjoy a great flick. Mark your calendars for March 23, 6:30 p.m. Look for titles and more information at the library or call Tom with inquiries.

Regular Youth Happenings at the Library

Toddler Storytimes

Join Tom at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, March 6 and 20 for books, songs and stories especially chosen for children up to three years of age. Walk-ins are welcome.

Preschool Storytimes

Preschoolers aged three to five can drop by the library every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. for stories, songs and games with Tom.

Fun Club

Join Tom on Saturday, March 17 for stories, crafts, games and special events. Fun Club runs from 10:30 a.m. 'til noon for ages six to ten. Registration required. Call or visit the library to learn more about themes and activities.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:
Feldman, Ellen, *Lucy: a novel*
Greenberg, Martin, (compiled by), *The Way It Wasn't: great science fiction stories of alternate history*
Halaby, Laila, *Once in a Promised Land: a novel*
Harrison, Jim, *Returning to Earth*
Hoffman, Alice, *Skylight Confessions*
Hood, Ann, *The Knitting Circle*
Michaels, Fern, *Fool Me Once*
Robinson, S.C., *Usable Justice: a novel*
Rutherford, Edward, *the Rebels of Ireland: the Dublin saga*
Adult Nonfiction:
Barry, John M., *The Great Influenza: the epic story of the greatest plague in history*
Bechdel, Alison, *Fun Home: a family tragicomic*
Edwards, Elizabeth, *Saving Graces: finding solace and strength from friends and strangers*
Fish, Charles, *In the Land of the Wild Onion: travels along Vermont's Winooski River*
Klein, Stanley D. and Kim Schive, editors, *You Will Dream New Dreams: inspiring personal stories by parents of children with disabilities*
LaRowe, Michelle R., *Nanny to the Rescue! Straight talk and super tips for parenting in the early years*
Rafkin, Louise, editor, *Different Daughters: a book by mothers of lesbians*
See, Lisa, *On Gold Mountain: the 100-year odyssey of my Chinese American family*
Spignesi, Stephen J., *She Came in Through the Kitchen Window: recipes inspired by the Beatles and their music*
Check out our website for listings of books on order and for new children's and young adult selections.

Family Fare

Movie Nights

Friday night is movie night at Carpenter-Carse. Come to the library and enjoy a great flick. Look for titles and more information at the library. The next showing: Friday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

Upcoming Events for Adults

Hinesburg Pickin' Party Expands to Friday Night

The Party keeps getting better. A new batch of Hinesburg musicians joined the crew of regulars for a lively jam in February. Join your friends and neighbors for another afternoon of music and good times on the first Saturday of each month. Blues, folk, country – any kind of music and all levels of players are welcome. (Strictly unplugged, of course.) Bring your guitar, sax, banjo, fiddle... whatever, and join the band. Can't make the Saturday Pickin' Party? Stop by to jam or just to listen on Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. You never know

who might show up! **Recommended for teens through adult.** For more information call Tom Stamp at 482-2878.

Knitting Circle

Join us Wednesday, February 28 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to knit or crochet projects with friends. Bring your own supplies and project to work on. Refreshments will be provided. Adults only, please.

Audubon Bird Program

Time for spring! "Jewels of the Northern Forest" is presented by Bridget Butler of Audubon Vermont. Come and enjoy this colorful presentation with bird songs, about local birds found in forests across Vermont Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. Find out why Vermont is globally important to various species of neotropical migrants, including warblers, thrushes, flycatchers and boreal birds. Please call to register.

Online Resources

Vermont Historical Society librarian Paul Carnahan announced in January that the Society's library now has a public access catalog available on the Internet! The address is catalog.vermonthistory.org. We have added a link to their catalog to the Carpenter-Carse web site. The catalog contains records for books, manuscript collections, maps, broadsides, sheet music and other paper-based materials. At this time, not all items have been converted to electronic form, so if you are not finding what you seek, it may be worth your while to call or visit the VHS library. The Vermont state colleges are hosting this important Vermont history resource. Any questions about the catalog may be directed to 479-8509.

Many Hinesburg residents have discovered the treasures to be found in the Vermont Online Library (VOL), a broad information database of full-text periodical publications accessed from our website. There is a new method for searching the VOL databases: Thomson Gale PowerSearch, which allows you to search across multiple databases simultaneously. This option may now be used to search many of the databases and will eventually be available for all. PowerSearch offers many helpful features. The Vermont Department of Libraries' new contract with Gale brings new and improved content to VOL. Gale will add a more robust selection called Academic One-File in 2007. Also the HW Wilson Biography Reference Bank will be added in March. If you are a frequent or satisfied user of the Vermont Online Library, Sue Barden would like to hear from you. Feedback will help us to sustain this high quality, valuable resource. If you have never checked out the business, health, genealogy etc. databases, 2007 is a great time to begin!

Quotation of the Month

"Getting started, keeping going, getting started again – in art and in life, it seems to me this is the essential rhythm not only of achievement but of survival, the ground of convinced action, the basis of self-esteem and the guarantee of credibility in your lives, credibility to yourselves as well as to others."

– Seamus Heaney, Irish poet

GIV Summer Institute in Information Technology

Teenagers from Vermont and beyond will gather on the Champlain College campus in Burlington this summer for a week of exploring information technology, game design, digital video, Web design and more. Because of the growing reputation of the Governor's Institute of Vermont Summer Institute in Information Technology at Champlain College (www.champlain.edu/giv), the college is opening the weeklong program to high schoolers from out of state as well as Vermont.

Designed to reveal the many faceted worlds of the computer, the institute combines the technical, artistic and business aspects of information technology. The program brings motivated students in ninth, tenth and eleventh grade together in Champlain College's state-of-the-art facilities so they can apply their creativity to the hardware and software of their dreams. The program runs from June 23-July 1, 2007, and students live together in Champlain's Victorian-era residence halls and eat meals on campus.

College faculty and guest professional speakers guide teams of students in hands-on projects ranging from creating an interactive Flash-based Web site to crafting their own 2D game. Web strategy and design, Photoshop, electronic game design, digital video, HTML and object-oriented programming are some of the computer fields explored.

Students gain inspiration from electronic game-play and future technologies as described by science fiction writers. Evening events may involve everything from who-done-it mystery dinners to watching award-winning computer animations to playing miniature golf.

For Vermont students, the tuition is \$650 with an application deadline of March 15. For students outside of Vermont, the tuition is \$1,350 and the application deadline is May 30. For more details, visit www.champlain.edu/giv.



Digital video and editing are among the many activities offered to teens this summer at Champlain College's weeklong institute in information technology.

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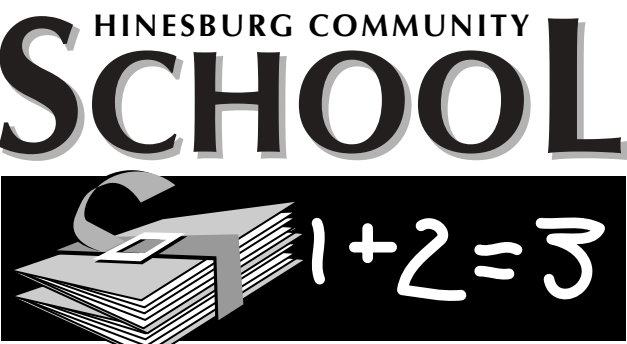
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Compiled by Betsy Knox

Looking for a Few Good Men

By Ginny Roberts, Mentoring Coordinator

The Mentor Program at the Hinesburg Community School has several boys on their waiting list who would benefit from some extra care and attention from a supportive adult. They need a mentor. Mentors are adults who volunteer one hour of their time each week to meet with a youth at the school during the school day. Mentors spend time playing board games and cards, building models, going outside, and doing other activities that help build a trusting relationship.

Through the simple act of meeting each week, mentoring helps young people to develop their abilities, their self-confidence, and their connection to school. Mentors receive training and support throughout the school year. For more information call Ginny Roberts, Mentoring Coordinator at 482-2106 ext. 368 or email at groberts@gmavt.net. Thank you.

PTO NEWS

First the PTO would like to thank all the families who came out and enjoyed our first movie night. There were over 60 of us, eating popcorn and enjoying the film. Thank you for making this a great success!!

- Mark your calendars for the following PTO events:
- March 27—Topic: Advocating Positively for your Child; Guest Speaker: Laurie Hodgdon, Principal: Milton Middle and High School
- April 15—PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- May 1—Topic: The Placement Process; Guest Speaker: HCS Principal Debi Price.

Girls on the Run!

For Girls in Grades 3-5

By Kristi Johnson

This ten week running program is more than just a running program! The curriculum is designed around run/walk games

that inspire nutrition, friendship, team work, and general healthy physical and social habits.

Starting date: Mid March

Ending date: June (first week)

Train for a 5K walk/run event.

Cost: \$60

When: Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Questions? Contact Kristi Johnson, 482-3366 or kristijohnson@gmavt.net.

Registration brochures are at the school office and table outside the Recreation Office at the town hall. Send registration and payment to Kristi Johnson.

Girls on Track!

New for Girls in Grades 6-8

Same philosophy as “Girls on the Run”. Same dates and times! If you are interested contact Kristi Johnson at 482-3366.

Hinesburg Community School Students Perform at Champlain Valley District III Music Festival

By Betsy Knox

Saturday, February 3 was a cold and blustery day outside. However, inside the A.D. Lawton School in Essex Junction, there was a warm feeling of excitement and joy! Over 250 middle school students from around the region performed for a packed audience at the Champlain Valley District III Music Festival.



2007 HCS All-District Music Festival Students. Top Row (left to right): Kameron Clayton, Lexie Milliken, Greg Zengilowski, Lily Roberts-Gevalt, Sara Eddy-Stewart, Hannah Covington-Walker, Katie Parker. Bottom Row: Grady Farnum-Rendino, Douglas Knox, Dan Thiefels, Abbie Buzzell, Matt Shepardson.

The preparations for this concert began in November 2006. Students auditioned for participation in String Ensemble, Band, or Chorus. Twelve students from Hinesburg Community School were selected. Students then began practicing their sophisticated musical compositions. Mrs. Miller and Ms. Fay worked very hard with our students to ensure that they were

very well prepared for this performance.

On Friday, February 2, students from around the area gathered together for their very first practice as a group. Rehearsals continued on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The conductors of all three groups (String Ensemble, Band, and Chorus) agreed that the participants were exceptionally talented and committed individuals.

At 2:00 pm on Saturday, the String Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Michael Hopkins from the UVM Music Department, opened the concert with a piece called “Dance of the Tumblers.” The audience was captivated by the quality of these string musicians. Dan Thiefels and Lily Roberts-Gevalt played the violin with compassion and precision.

After the String Ensemble played their four pieces, the Chorus took the stage. Hinesburg Community School was well represented in this choral presentation thanks to Abigail Buzzell, Sara Eddy-Stewart, Katie Parker, Matt Shepardson, and Greg Zengilowski. Their performance concluded with the song “Old Dan Tucker”. As a reward to the audience, the Chorus gave us a reprise of this song.

The Band completed the concert with their performance, conducted by Christina Toner, an instrumental musical instructor at South Burlington High School. One of their compositions, entitled “Ancient Voices” was extremely memorable to the audience as this piece highlighted many unique percussion instruments. Hannah Covington-Walker, Lexie Milliken, Kameron Clayton, Grady Farnum-Rendino, and Douglas Knox were talented performers in the Band portion of this concert.

Many thanks to our Hinesburg Community School instrumental and choral instructors for their participation in this wonderful event. Ms. Cindy Fay and Mrs. Pamela Miller were present for the auditions, rehearsals, and concert. They encouraged and supported our students in this creative learning experience.

Upcoming Musical Events at HCS

- March 30 and 31: The HCS Drama Production of “Beauty and the Beast”, 7:00 p.m. at HCS.
- April 17: Mrs. Barber/Mrs. Stanton’s 1-2 performance of “The Lorax”, 6:30 p.m. at HCS.
- May 8: Mrs. O’Brien/Mrs. McGuire’s 1-2 performance of “Understanding Cultures through Storytelling”, 6:30 p.m. at HCS.
- May 29 at 7:00 p.m.: The CSSU Jazz Concert featuring Jazz Bands from HCS, Williston Central, Charlotte Central and CVU will take place at CVU.
- May 30: Miss Lass/Mrs. Hodge’s 1-2 performance with partnership with the Flynn Theater, 6:30 p.m. performance at HCS.
- May 31 at 7:00 p.m.: The HCS Jazz band, Advanced Band and 7-8 Chorus will be performing their Spring Concert at HCS.
- June 5 at 7:00 p.m.: Beginner and Intermediate Bands and the 5/6 Chorus perform Spring Concert at HCS.

Response to Text, Grades 3-4

By Betsy Knox, Literacy Coordinator

Mrs. D’Andrea’s class is working on one of their writing genres: Response to Text. The class worked together on the analysis of the book *Dandelions*, by Eve Bunting. The students discussed the basic summary of the text, and then moved to discussing the themes present in the story.

Eve Bunting is known for writing wonderful stories that have enduring themes and concepts. The class determined that *Dandelions* had the following themes: neighbors helping

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Colter Brainard and Kimberly Cribari work together using a graphic organizer to plan their writing.



Delaney Thomas and Trent Smith discuss one of the themes of the book *Dandelions: neighbors helping neighbors*.

neighbors, change is difficult, early settlers had a hard life, and family members support each other. Students went back into the text to identify specific evidence for each theme.

The next step was to use a graphic organizer that technology Educator Mr. Tim Bourne created using the program Inspiration. This graphic organizer helps the students to plan their writing: introduction, two body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Once the graphic organizer was completed and checked by a teacher, students began writing their first draft. These first drafts were edited and revised and yielded final written pieces.

While this instructional process took about two weeks, it was time well spent. The next step is for students to work more independently to analyze their literature group book. This analysis may include looking at themes, as they did with *Dandelions*, or it may be looking at character change

throughout the story, or discussing how the setting is significant to the story. The whole point of the “Response to Text” writing is to engage students in critical thinking about text. Students in grades 1-8 write “Responses to Text” as part of our Writing Portfolio Curriculum.

Classroom Newspaper Coming to Synergy Team

With the help of parent volunteer Allison Cleary and our HCS Technology Educator Tim Bourne, the Synergy team is writing a classroom newspaper. Students are learning how to interview, research, report, and edit about significant events. More information about this exciting project will be shared in the April Edition of the Hinesburg Record!



Allison Cleary, a parent volunteer, works with a student from the Synergy Team on their classroom newspaper.



Tim Bourne and Rose Watts work on creating a classroom newspaper.

Hinesburg Students Art Work at the Champlain Regional Art Show

By Alice Tragesar and Katie O’Brien

The Champlain Valley Art Show was held in February at the University Mall in South Burlington. This show represented the best art work of students K-12 from over
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twenty area schools. The following students had their art work chosen to represent Hinesburg Community School at this event:

Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6
Marissa Knowlden	Kristin Place
Sophia Webb	Drew Cooper
Madison Tobrocke	Mackenzie Tobrocke
Madison MacMahon	Catherine Keefe
Emma Frost	Sean Delaney
Charlie O'Brien	Elijah Cory
Justin Dickerson	Christian Maglaris
Tyler Van Dyk	Colin Kimball
Michael French	Autumn Eastman
Bronwen Hopwood	Heather Jacobs
Joseph Marshall	Nicole Smith
Conner Martell	Abby Eddy
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Bridget Moore
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Alexie Millikin
Gabe Keefe
Garrett Brown
Lisa Iadanza
Eric Palmer

Emma Sienkiewicz
Brianna Markova
Hannah Thomas
Lily Roberts-Gevalt
Katie Parker
Nick Meunier
Megan Henson
Georgina Gelineau-Boyle
Hannah Covington-Walker

Congratulations to all of these students on their accomplishments!



Lauren Kelley and Avery Morehouse conference about their writing.



Russell Fox and Zachary Matthews conference about their writing.

Champlain College Students
Work in Local Schools

Champlain College Elementary Education students are working alongside teachers in area elementary schools this semester. Caitlin Gadue, of Bristol, Vermont, is conducting her student teaching placement with Diane Barber’s first- and second-grade class at Hinesburg Community School.

Student teaching placements help Champlain College’s Elementary Education students develop and implement lessons in the teaching environment through interaction with children and solo teaching periods. Champlain’s program offers hands-on experiences in classrooms during seven of a student’s eight semesters at the College.

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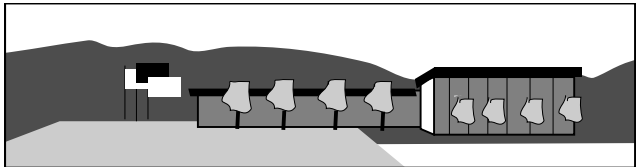
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February

26-March 2: No School

March

- 3: *Swingin' to NYC* Swing/Ballroom Dance and Silent Auction at the Elley-Long Center, 223 Ethan Allen Avenue, Colchester, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the CVU Band/Jazz Band trip to New York City.
- 5: No School for Students. Staff Inservice
- 5: CVU Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Room 104
- 6: CVU Budget Vote in Respective Towns
- 7: First Draft of Grad Challenge Paper Due (cut deadline)
- 9: ACT Registration Deadline
- 10: SAT Test Date
- 11-14: NEASC School Accreditation Visit
- 13: IAJE Jazz Festival
- 14: CSSU Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Room 105
- 14: CVU & Local School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15: Lost Boys Nights, 7:00 p.m., CVU auditorium
- 16: Coffeehouse, 7:00 p.m.
- 16: Sophomore Summit, Saint Michael's College
- 26: CVU Board Meeting, Room 104
- 28: Spring Access Classes Begin
- 29: SAT Registration Deadline
- 30: Concert, 7:30 p.m. (Five O'Clock Shadow)
- 30: CVU Blood Drive
- 30: End of Quarter 3

CVU Board Sets Budget

By Rosalyn Graham

High school Board sets budget at \$19,665,638

— an increase of 4.982%

The Board of Directors of Champlain Valley Union High School wanted a budget for the 2007-2008 school year that was less than 5% over the current year's budget, and they asked Principal Sean McMannon to find a way to add staff, accommodate more students, and respond to the changes in programs and still not pass that 5% mark.

On Thursday, January 18, at a Board meeting held at 7:30 p.m. after icy roads forced cancellation of the planned Monday evening meeting, the Board approved a budget of \$19,665,638, an increase of 4.982% over the current budget. McMannon had reached the target by shaving off some spending for science, English and educational media, supplies for industrial arts, audio-visual and technology equipment, some professional development services and fuel oil.

He had kept in the budget the faculty and staff additions that he and the administration of the school had requested to meet changing needs of the student body: a reading instructor,

a special education reading instructor, a family and consumer science teacher, a special education paraeducator for the Lewis Creek program, and half-time positions in science, business and a special education administrative assistant.

Eight of the Board's 11 members were present for the early morning meeting, and all voted for the budget with its 4.982% increase except Meg Hart Smith of Williston who said her objection was based on the conviction that "you can't add staff when the population is flat."

Statistics from the district and the sending schools indicate that enrollments are dropping but the impact won't hit the high school for about four years. The prediction for enrollment for 2007 is 1,360. The Board reviewed and approved the tuition rate for students attending CVU next year at \$11,274, slightly above the current year's figure of \$11,185, but below the State cap of \$12,575, the number at which the state begins to withhold funding.

The impact of the budget on the towns is allocated based on the number of students coming from that town. The assessments for 2007 will be 16.80% to Charlotte, 20.41% to Hinesburg, 27.99% to Shelburne and 34.80% to Williston.

Fund Balance Allocation

Although the final number in the budget to be presented to voters in the towns when they vote by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6 was not the subject of much debate, there was considerable discussion of how to distribute the \$572,212 left at the end of the 2006-2007 budget. There has been a tradition of using some of that fund balance for special projects, some for the next year's budget and some for a reserve fund in case of Articles on the ballot at Town Meeting, the projects can then be eligible for state aid at a rate of 30%. Articles for voter approval this year, called Article VII and Article VIII, will ask to use the money for work already completed including interior renovations, roof replacements, heating and ventilation and air change system improvements. They will also be asked to authorize the Board to apply \$100,000 of the current fund balance as revenue in next year's operating budget and \$200,000 for its capital projects fund.

Auditorium Discussion

The renovation and improvement plan for the auditorium was weighed in and out of the capital spending plans. While it was reiterated that the Board is strongly behind the project, both from safety and educational points of view, the consensus was that without a firm plan for the work yet devised by the facilities committee, it would not be wise to designate funds in this budget for work. However it was agreed that it would be important to have a construction manager on Board to weigh the possible solutions to identified problems. The plan is to go to the voters in November with a request for funds for the auditorium project, after the architects have made firm recommendations, and the fund raising subcommittee has explored possible sponsorship and funding possibilities.

Public Hearing – March 5 Vote – March 6

There will be public hearings in all the towns to give the public a chance to ask questions of their representatives to the Board, and the CVU annual meeting will be held on Monday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m. to elect district officers, hear a report on the operation of the school, and authorize the Board to issue *(Continued on the next page.)*

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bonds. Voting on the money questions will happen in each town’s polling place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6.

Support CVU Jazz Band on March 3

The Alumni of the CVU Jazz Ensemble are putting together a swing dance to raise funds to support the current band/ jazz band at CVU in their quest to participate in a competition in NYC this spring. You can help by attending Swingin’ to NYC Swing/Ballroom Dance and Silent Auction at the Elley-Long Center, 223 Ethan Allen Avenue, Colchester on Saturday, March 3 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, and tickets are available at the door.

Live big band music will be provided by the outstanding Alumni of the CVU Jazz Ensemble and great auction items are being donated by local businesses. All proceeds benefit the CVU band and bazz students in Williston, St. George, Hinesburg, Charlotte and Shelburne in their quest to compete in NYC this spring!

Please come out and enjoy a night of dancing and light refreshments to support the CVU Band program!

For more information, please contact Andrew Miskavage at CVU at 802-482-7100 or by e-mail at andrew@cvuhs.org.

Locks of Love Donations

By Roberta Wool

Thirteen generous women, both students and faculty, from Champlain Valley Union High School, bravely donated



31ponytails totaling 609 inches of hair reently to benefit the Locks Of Love foundation. Locks of Love provides custom made, real hairpieces for children who have permanent hair loss due to medical conditions. Burlington City Limits Salon donated 3 hairdressers who cut and styled the donors hair. The Red Hawk Cafe donated meals for all the participants and also donated money towards gift certificates from the Flying Pig Bookstore. Smiles were wide from all who participated as they saw their “new do’s.” The proud donors were: Katie Parent, Jackie Wool, Marley Donaldson, Johanna Shaw-Daniels, Sara Brutzman, Cindy Erwin, Josie Mallette, Katherine Powell, Catherine Akin, Maddie Roth, Heather McLaughlin, Emma Slater, and Morgan Selin. The longest ponytail was cut from the blond tresses of Morgan Selin! Thank you all for inspiring us all to think of others.

Lost Boys Night – March 15

By Cara Gallagher

Please attend *Lost Boys Night* featuring the documentary *The Lost Boys of Sudan* on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVU high school auditorium. Admission is free, donations will be accepted to support the New Sudan Education Initiative. Everyone is welcome!

(Note: This event supports Cara’s Graduation Challenge project.)

Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll

The following CVU students earned an A- or better in their Burlington Technical Center programs placing them on the Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll for the first semester: *Samantha Castonguay*, *Kelsey Farnsworth*, and *Jessica Rylant* in the Design and Illustration Sciences and *Sara Bowser* in Medical and Sports Sciences.

CVU Wrestling

By Rahn Fleming

On Wednesday, January 24, the CVU Red Hawk Wrestling Team hosted Mount Abraham and Essex High Schools. CVU won the tri-meet, defeating Mount Abraham 33-21 and Essex 39-33. Logan Ordway (140#, Hinesburg) and Tim Simmons (215#, St George) each won twice.

CVU vs Essex

- Ethan Ordway (11-10, 135#, Junior, Hinesburg) defeated G. Allard 5-1
- Logan Ordway (17-8, 140#, Junior, Hinesburg) pinned J. O’Brien (3:47)
- Patrick Fortin (15-7, 171#, Junior, Hinesburg) pinned his opponent (0:33)
- Tim Simmons (10-3, 215#, Junior, St George) pinned T. Johnson (0:40)

CVU vs Mount Abe

- Logan Ordway (17-8, 140#, Junior, Hinesburg) defeated M. Marcell 7-3
- Tim Simmons (10-3, 215#, Junior, St George) defeated B. Jipner (default)

CVU Wrestling at Essex Classic Tournament

Sherman Wood (21-10, 130#, Williston) was the only Red Hawk wrestler to place at the Essex Classic Wrestling Tournament January 19 and 20, at Essex High School. Sherman wrestled to a 5-2 record and a 6th place finish over two days of wrestling. The Essex Classic includes 22 schools from four states.

Colchester Invitational Tournament

The CVU Red Hawk Wrestlers placed in the top ten as a team at the Colchester Invitational Tournament on Saturday, January 27. The tournament included 16 teams from Vermont, New York, and New Hampshire. Ten Red Hawk wrestlers participated, out of which seven made it to the quarter finals. Three wrestlers got as far as the consolation finals.

Chris Boutin, a sophomore from Hinesburg, wrestled to a third place finish in the 103# weight class. Sherman Wood, a sophomore from Williston, took fourth at 130#. And Logan Ordway, a junior from Hinesburg, took fourth in the 140# division.

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Eastern Star to Host Dinner and Music

By Elaine and Bob Harrington

If you are looking for an event to attend this month, and have cabin fever, come join us at LaPlatte Chapter #64 in Hinesburg on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. This is our annual spaghetti supper made by those two fantastic cooks, Ellie and Wilma, free of charge, just donations, with the Green Mountain Banjos playing for your listening ears, and happy feet. This is an annual event because we can't stand not seeing you all for so long a period!

So spread the word around, fill up your cars, and it will be a great snow night—cold but warm inside with lots of friendship! You do not have to be a Star member, as everyone is invited—it's a great chance to have a good time! Informal dress of course.

Any questions, call 862-5512. Leave a message if we are not home.

Friends of Family News

Submitted by Ginny Roberts

Parent Evening

Treat yourself to an evening of wisdom and encouraging words. Come hear Louise Dietzel, M.S., Licensed Psychologist and author, speak to parents on "Creating a peaceful family. Yes, it is possible." This free program will be held at the Hinesburg Community School at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15. Ms. Dietzel has had a private practice in Essex Junction for the last 30 years and is author of the book "Parenting with Respect and Peacefulness."

The program will go from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; no registration is necessary. Please call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625 if you need childcare or transportation.

Playgroup Moving

The Playgroups that meet at the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings will be meeting at the United Church in Hinesburg starting March 21. The Town Hall is putting down new flooring and we need to vacate!

Playgroup will meet only on Wednesdays while we are at the church. We hope to be back in the Town Hall by the beginning of May. Playgroup meets from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. for

parents and their young children. It's a fun time for kids to enjoy other children in a large toy-filled space, and parents to socialize.

For more information, call Brandy Thorpe at 482-6401. Playgroup is free and runs as a drop-in program with no registration required.

Thank you, United Church, for generously providing space for us during this time.

Welcome New Baby

Hinesburg Friends of Family contacts every parent of a new baby to welcome them with a bag full of resource information, local business gift coupons and a hand knitted baby hat. A volunteer mom will meet with you at your home or one of the playgroups. Please call Brandy Thorpe at 482-6401 if you would like a bag and/or visit.

Support Group for New Moms

Becoming a mom for the first time can be challenging. A support group offers an opportunity to share joys, frustrations, and questions, and to make friends with women going through a similar life change. The group is facilitated by Ginny Roberts, an experienced group leader and mom who remembers how her mom's group saved her when her first child was an infant. The group meets at the Carpenter Carse Library on Thursdays. To sign-up for this free group call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625.

Tax Reform Discussion – March 7

Chittenden South Democracy for America is hosting a discussion of tax reform with Marissa Caldwell of Vermonters for a Fair Economy and Environmental Protection (VFEEP) on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carpenter Carse Library in Hinesburg. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

3rd Annual Children's Clothing Giveaway Has New Twist

The new twist to the 3rd Annual Children's Giveaway will be the addition of children's books. This year children's books as well as children's clothing will be free for the taking. What better way to kick off spring than with a little spring-cleaning of closets and bookshelves?

Due to Town Hall construction, the Children's Clothing Giveaway will take place a month earlier this year. Hinesburg Friends of Families will sponsor the 3rd Annual Giveaway on Saturday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Town Hall.

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Please help with donations of clean and good condition children’s clothing in sizes infant to 14 (teen and adult clothing cannot be accepted). The donation of children’s books from toddler to middle-school level will be greatly appreciated. Donated books should be in good condition.

Clothing and book donations may be dropped off at the Town Hall on Friday, March 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or call Elly 482-3460.

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Teens Invited to Apply to Champlain College Writers’ Conference

Applications Postmarked by March 15

Champlain College invites high school students from around Vermont to apply for the Young Vermont Writers’ Conference (YVWC). Held from May 25 to 27, the annual workshop is a chance for dedicated young writers to meet others who share their passion for telling the stories of their lives. The writers study the craft with some of New England’s most celebrated authors and teachers.

On Champlain’s hillside campus in Burlington, students

will participate in intensive workshops in fiction, songwriting, creative nonfiction or poetry. They’ll exchange and critique manuscripts, share work with the YVWC community and hear readings from faculty members.

Among the many activities, students will take in poetic performances by The Vermont Poetry-Jazz Ensemble, slam with The Breathing Poetry Project, present their writing at open-mic sessions, and hear from keynote speaker Nancy Means Wright, author of 13 books of fiction, poetry and non-fiction. After sharing and improving their work, participants will also receive an anthology of YVWC student writing.

Applications must be postmarked by March 15 to be considered. The all-inclusive fee for the 2007 Young Vermont Writers’ Conference is \$150, and ten merit scholarships will be chosen from the applications.

Participants stay in Champlain’s Victorian-era residence halls and use the resources of the state-of-the-art campus, which boasts an innovative Professional Writing program. Meals are taken alongside faculty in the campus dining hall.

Application forms, including specific requirements for writing sample submissions, are available from English teachers and librarians at Vermont high schools or by contacting YVWC Coordinator Karen Hendy at (802) 865-6451 or hendy@champlain.edu. Applications can also be found at www.champlain.edu/write.



Students at the annual writers’ conference at Champlain College share their work with one another. PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE



Carson Barbour (the bigger one) “hauling in the hardware” alongside his 5 year old brother Turner, who won the Boys 7 and Under category at the Mad River Glen Junior Mogul Challenge awards ceremony.

included. Finalists are chosen at qualifying events around the nation and will meet at Keystone Colorado in mid-February for 3 days of competitions, fun and parties. The *Sports Illustrated For Kids* NextSnow SEARCH Finals mark the culmination of a series of free ride competitions that have been taking place at U.S. and Canadian resorts throughout the winter. Vermont’s Killington Resort will host over 150 young athletes (ages 9-13), who have been selected from more than 70 ski areas across the continent to compete in everything from park and pipe, to bumps, to big mountain skiing.

“The opportunity to showcase the future of skiing and snowboarding on network television has been a long-time goal,” says Jack Turner, the event organizer and creator of the ski industry supported youth campaign called Snowmonsters. “To think that our nation’s best kids will be seen on NBC, the home of the Olympic Games, is a breakthrough for our industry. I personally believe that the athletes you’ll see in the NextSnow SEARCH will do as much to inspire kids as the Olympic athletes.”

All Star Wrestling Meet

By Mariana Lamaison Sears

On February 2, The Hinesburg Wrestling Club hosted an All Star meet between Addison County Junior High and Chittenden County junior high wrestlers at the Hinesburg Community School. Ten teams made up the two teams. The best went at it with over 30 matches.

Chittenden County finished with 54 team points and Addison County with 50 team points. Over 100 people watched the three hour event. (Sorry, I can not give a run down of each weight class due to someone throwing it all away at the head table.)

The Hinesburg Wrestling Club would like to say “Thank you” to everyone who helped out, sponsored us, and made this a successful event.



Sports Barbour Selected to National Ski Search Finals

By Eric Friedman

Nine year-old Carson Barbour was one of Four Mad River Glen skiers who have been selected to represent the mountain at the NextSnow Search Finals at Killington, Vermont from March 2-4. The qualifying event, the Mad River Glen Junior Mogul Challenge, had one of the largest fields of any of the nextXsnow qualifying events in the nation with more nearly 60 kids from ages 4 to 15 participating. The team was selected by a “blue ribbon panel” judging the results of the competition and their response to an essay question. The 2007 Mad River Glen NextSnow Team includes: Lily Hayes from Haverhill, Massachusetts, Liza Packer of North Easton, Massachusetts, Max Simmons from Rowayton Connecticut and Carson.

The NextSnow SEARCH is the first all-mountain, all equipment, all kids snowsports championship. It’s not just a competition - style, attitude, and personality are also factors. There is only one class, everyone competes together. Boys and girls, skiers and snowboarders and adaptive athletes are

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NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June Giroux

Card Shower

There will be a card shower in honor of Thera Thurston's 95 birthday on March 6. Cards may be sent to: Thera Thurston, Burlington Health and Rehabilitation Center, 300 Pearl Street, Burlington, 05401.

Welcome to Newest Resident

Brian and Jennifer (Burton) Hunter are parents of a baby girl, *Elsie Victoria Hunter*, born January 9, 2007 at Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington. *(The Hinesburg Record is pleased to announce the birth of your baby. When you fill out a "Birth Notice to Media" following the birth, just add our name to the "Other Media" list at the bottom of the form.)*

Hinesburg Student Named to Dean's List

Jane Lea Kelsey has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester (2006) at Keene State College in New Hampshire. To qualify for the Dean's List, Keene State undergraduates must be enrolled in a degree program, they must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn Dean's List Honors.

Look Good....Feel Better

Cancer patients are encouraged to attend "Look Good...Feel Better" classes on the second Monday of every month at the American Cancer Society, 121 Connor Way, Suite 240, Williston from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The next two meetings will be on March 12 and April 9th. To register, please call Kathy or Liza at 802-658-5465 or 1-800-ACS-2345 for information.

South Burlington Community Library Host Lecture on Music of the Holocaust

The South Burlington Community Library will be hosting "Music of the Holocaust: Part Two" on Thursday evening March 15 at 7:00 p.m.. Champlain College Music Instructor, Lois Price, will be presenting the lecture as part of the Lifelong Learning Music Series. of Verdi's Requiem and hear music composed by Viktor Ullmann and Gideon Klein. She will focus on the segregated orchestras that were authorized by the Nazi regime and music that was banned during the 1930's in Germany. She will share excerpts of music for orchestra and theatre as well as folk music and jazz, including songs of inspiration and sorrow from the ghettos of Eastern Europe.

Lois Price has presented lectures on Music of the Holocaust as part of the Annual Summer Seminar on the Holocaust and Holocaust Education at the University of Vermont since 2002.. Ms. Price is also an accomplished flutist and local music teacher.

Red Cross Blood Donations

The Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross welcomes blood donations at the collection center located at 32 North Prospect Street in Burlington.

To be eligible to give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh over 110 pounds, and be in good health. Most medications are acceptable and there is no longer an upper age limit.

Earla Sue McNaul of Hinesburg received a gallon pin from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region recently.

Donors hours are Monday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1 :00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the second Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donors may call 658-6400 or log on to www.ne.vvenglandblood.org to make appointments or for more information.

NRG Sponsors 2007 Vermont Reads Book

Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop is the Vermont Humanities Council's Vermont Reads book for 2007. Published last year, *Counting on Grace* is the latest pick for VHC's statewide one-book community reading program that began in 2003. About 60 Vermont communities participate in *(Continued on the next page.)*

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Vermont Reads each year. Vermont Public Radio is VHC’s Vermont Reads partner.

Told by a 12-year-old girl, *Counting on Grace* evokes life in New England mills in 1910. The historical novel is based loosely on a photo taken in North Pownal, Vermont by photographer Lewis Hine. The book deals with several themes, most prominently child labor, French Canadian history and culture, family obligations, the importance of education and literacy, and the power of photographs to change history.

Communities around the state will have the opportunity to bring people together to read, discuss, and build activities around the book. The Vermont Reads program promotes community-building, open dialogue, intergenerational exchange, a focus on the humanities, and literacy.

VHC is especially pleased to have the support of NRG Systems, Inc. as the 2007 Vermont Reads underwriter. Based in Hinesburg, Vermont, NRG Systems is a leading manufacturer of wind measurement technology for the global wind energy industry.

Jan Blittersdorf, CEO of NRG, found the workplace themes in *Counting on Grace* particularly relevant in her decision to underwrite Vermont Reads.

“The themes in *Counting on Grace* make it a perfect Vermont Reads book for NRG to support,” said Blittersdorf. “The issues raised surrounding child labor, workplace safety, and corporate responsibility in protecting our environment mate up well with what NRG is striving to do in creating a better-than-most workplace and responsible business practices.” In December 2006, Vermont Business Magazine named NRG Systems one of Vermont’s Best Places to Work.

In the book, Grace Forcier and her friend, Arthur, must leave school to work in a dangerous, air-polluted mill in their poor French Canadian community. Their teacher fights back by helping the children write to the National Child Labor Committee. Real-life photographer Lewis Hine arrives to

photograph the children surreptitiously, setting in motion a chain of unanticipated events. Powerful themes and rich writing make the novel appealing to both middle school students and adults alike.

Seniors

VNA Offers Hospice Volunteer Training in March

Hospice of the Champlain Valley, a program of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, will host a training course for Hospice volunteers beginning on March 13, 2007. The 11-week course will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the VNA’s offices on Prim Road in Colchester.

The extensive curriculum, presented in a safe and supportive environment, will help prepare volunteers to care for people with terminal illness as well as provide respite and support for their families. Session topics include an introduction to Hospice and Palliative Care, the patient and family unit of care, communication, and grief and bereavement. Each session begins with a presentation on a topic and continues with a facilitated smaller group discussion.

“Whether or not you decide to volunteer after completing the training is less important than the fact that you are sure to benefit from exploring your thoughts and feelings about dying,” said Deb Brady, VNA Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. “Many trained volunteers tell us that having the opportunity to be with someone as they go through the process of dying is truly a blessing.”

For more information on the spring Hospice volunteer training, contact Hospice Volunteer Coordinators, Deb Brady or Erica Marks at 860-4411. Hospice of the Champlain Valley is a program of the Visiting Nurse Association’s End-of-Life Care services. Other programs include: Vermont Respite House, Palliative Care Services, the Madison-Deane Initiative, Supportive Care Services for Children and Camp Knock Knock. VNA’s End-of-Life Care services promote dignity and quality of life for individuals faced with a life threatening or terminal diagnosis.

Arthritis Self-Help Program

Associates in Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy and the Community Fitness Center are pleased to sponsor the Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Program at their Blair Park facility located at 151 Blair Park Road in Williston starting Thursday, March 15, 2007 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and running weekly (a total of six sessions) through Thursday, April 19. Cost for the program is only \$20 for *The Arthritis Helpbook*. Learn ways to better manage your arthritis or fibromyalgia. Call (802) 879-0808 to sign up or with any questions.

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
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Bible Zone Live! Sunday experience for children following the children’s sermon.
Food Shelf: Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (use back entrance).
WIC Clinic: First Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.
Senior Meal Site: Every Friday (except first week of each month) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield
Elders: Mike Breer, Rolly Delfausse, Jeff Glover and David Russell
Communication Coordinator: Danielle Bluteau
Phone: 482-2132
Email: dbluteau@hinesburgcma.org
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU High School)
Sunday Services:
9:00 a.m., Gathering Place (classes for K-adult); September – May
10:15 a.m., Worship (Nursery and Children’s Church provided)
6:00 p.m., Middle School & High School Youth Group
Weekday Ministries:
Men’s Ministry: Mondays 7:00 p.m.
Women’s Group: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
AWANA (Pre-K-6th grade): Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
Small Groups: Various times and days throughout the week.
For more information on any of the ministries, please contact the church.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
Church Phone: 482-2588
Home Phone: 482-2588
E-mail: lighthousevt@netscape.net
Web Site: www.LBCvt.homestead.com
Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road
Address: P. O. Box 288
Regular Services:
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
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phone: 373-8037
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4782
Religious Education Classes: Grades K-8, Monday evenings
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call Marie at 482-2290 or at home at 434-4782.
Weekend Masses:
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church,
Hinesburg.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Church, Charlotte
Weekday Masses:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Church, Charlotte
Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St.
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26:
Last day to register to vote for school and town annual meetings. Town Clerk’s office, Town Hall.
CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rm 106, CVU.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27:
Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:
Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC Library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1:
Hinesburg Record 20th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Call June Giroux at 482-2350 for information.
Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center, All welcome.
Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station

SATURDAY, MARCH 3:
Full Moon Walk, sponsored by Lewis Creek Association. Travel maintained trails at a leisurely pace on conserved land while enjoying the tranquility of the full moon. Weather permitting and dress appropriately. Please call Lewis Creek Association at 434-7672 for details.

MONDAY, MARCH 5:
CVUHS Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at CVU>
Hinesburg Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at CVUHS 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 6:
Town Meeting Day. Don’t forget to vote by Australian ballot. 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hinesburg Town Hall.
Development Review Board, 7:30 p. m., Town Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8:
Hinesburg Fire Department Heavy Rescue training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station

SUNDAY, MARCH 11:
Daylight Savings time begins.

MONDAY, MARCH 12:
Advertising and News Deadline for March 31 issue of The Hinesburg Record.
HCS Annual Meeting and School Budget Vote, 7:00 p.m. at Hinesburg Community School.
CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.
Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Contact: George Dameron, chair. 482-3269.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13:
Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.
Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14:
HCS School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU.
Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall.
Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lower level or 3rd floor of Town Hall, Frank Twarog, Chair.
Iroquois SnoBeavers Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. Fire Station.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15:
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, MARCH 17:
St. Patrick’s Day.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18:
Hinesburg Artist Series Concert, 4:00 p.m., St. Jude’s Church. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors /students and are available at the Hinesburg Recreation Office. For reservations, please call 482-4691 or e-mail to hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

MONDAY, MARCH 19:
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20:
Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
Hinesburg Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant. Contact HBPA



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

President Tom Matthews at 496-8537 for information or to make reservations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21:
First Day of Spring.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22:
Hinesburg Fire Department Fire Training 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

MONDAY, MARCH 26:
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.
CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27:
Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28:
Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC Library.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31:
March 31 issue of the Hinesburg Record published.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1:
Palm Sunday.

MONDAY, APRIL 2:
Passover begins at sundown.
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, APRIL 3:
Passover
Development Review Board, 7:30 p. m., Town Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5:
Hinesburg Record 20th anniversary committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at June’s on Charlotte Road. All are welcomed to attend.
Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center. All welcome.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 6:
Good Friday

SUNDAY, APRIL 8:
Easter Sunday

MONDAY, APRIL 9:
Advertising and News Deadline for April 28 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28:
April 28 issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

WEB PAGES:
HCS: <http://www.hcsvt.org>. Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.
CVU: <http://www.cvuhs.org>. Learn about CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.
CCL: <http://www.carpentercarse.org>. Learn about library hours, services, and online resources.
Hinesburg Town: <http://www.hinesburg.org>. Official Town of Hinesburg web site.
Hinesburg Record: <http://www.hinesburg-record.org>. Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town and church calendar.

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

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

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and evenings as needed. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail, hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net. Peter Erb, Administrator.

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

Hinesburg Recreation Director’s Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Leave a message anytime. Jennifer McCuin, Director. 482-4691, Town Hall, P. O. Box 13.

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

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association: For information about the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and Hinesburg businesses, check out the HBPA website at <http://www.hinesburgbusiness.com>. HBPA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Papa Nick’s Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Matthews (tmatthews@gmavt.net) at 802-496-8537 for information or to make a reservation.

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

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

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Office Hours: Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You may leave a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Ginny Roberts (482-5025) is the contact for Friends of Families.

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

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

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

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