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Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert

By Rufus Patrick

The Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Church. This year we are pleased to have harpist Grace Cloutier as our featured artist. She has performed throughout the United States as well as in Europe and the Middle East. Grace has graced many stages and concert halls with her amazing talent, and it is a real joy to have her performing in the 2007 Christmas Concert.

The concert will also feature the South County Chorus and Orchestra performing *Away in A Manger*, *An Olde English Christmas*, *Angels Singin' Glory, For Unto Us A Child Is Born* (from Messiah), *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and other seasonal tunes.

The Orchestra will perform *Fantasy on Greensleeves* and Grace Cloutier will be joined by oboist Dan Frostman performing *O Holy Night*. The concert is presented by the Hinesburg Artist Series and is free.

Donations are greatly appreciated and everyone is encouraged to also bring a non-perishable item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.



Grace Cloutier

Grace Cloutier Schedule

Harpist Grace Cloutier returns to Hinesburg and her busy schedule includes not only the Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert, but workshops at Charlotte Central School and the Hinesburg Community School, and a live interview and performance on Vermont Public Radio on Friday December 7 at 11:00 a.m.

On Friday evening December 7, Grace will present a concert at the All Souls Interfaith Gathering Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

For information or to reserve tickets please call Barb at 985-9218. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors/students. Grace will also be a guest performer at the Hinesburg United Church Sunday worship service December 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Wastewater Bond Vote Fails to Gain Approval

By Missy Ross, Town Clerk

The results of the wastewater upgrade and expansion bond vote were 146 in favor of the bond and 548 opposed. There were 694 voters, which is a fairly good turnout for a single-issue election. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to brave the traffic and cast your vote. Voting is an important right, and one that we should all exercise.

Budget Meetings

The Selectboard and School Boards will be holding budget meetings in December and January. These meetings are the best opportunity to provide input to the various boards regarding budget items or issues of concern to you. Schedules for these meetings are posted around Town. All citizens have the right to participate in these meetings and to have your voice be heard.

Should Hinesburg Have A Noise Ordinance?

By Jeanne Kundell Wilson

On Monday, October 15 the Selectboard held a public meeting to gather input from residents on whether the Board should enact a noise ordinance for Hinesburg. The overwhelming answer to the question from the community was “No.” Whether or not to adopt a noise ordinance became a question when the Selectboard received a request in August from a few residents to consider enacting such an ordinance. This issue comes up every few years, and noise ordinances are not uncommon in more populated communities. The Selectboard decided to ask the residents if the time had come for Hinesburg to have a noise ordinance as well.

The issue generated a lot of discussion throughout the community. The Selectboard received numerous letters and emails providing input, and over 100 people attended the October 15 meeting. The Selectboard appreciated the community’s involvement in this decision-making process. The general

message that was relayed to the Selectboard from letters, emails and at the public meeting was that residents feel Hinesburg is still small enough where neighbors can communicate with each other and work out issues regarding noise, without enacting a law that will impact the entire community.

The Selectboard listened, and decided that there was not enough expression of public need to warrant adoption of a noise ordinance at this time. Furthermore, the limited number of noise complaints indicated that it would be inappropriate to proceed with the adoption of an ordinance.

At the October 15 meeting, Police Chief Chris Morrell outlined the current process that exists for handling noise complaints. When the police department receives a complaint regarding noise, the complainant is first asked to discuss the issue with the neighbor and the parties are strongly encouraged to negotiate a resolution. If this is unsuccessful, the second step is to strongly recommend the parties seek a resolution using professional mediation through the police department’s mediator. The third step is possible legal action based on what the officer sees and hears, involves filing a formal complaint and could result in a criminal action.

Farm & Forest Task Force Survey

By Chuck Ross

Hinesburg residents have long valued their farms, forests and open land. For years Hinesburg has supported additional property tax relief beyond the state current use program for qualified farmers and has voted money to support the acquisition (Continued on the page 28.)

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CVU Football Team Picture PHOTO BY: TERRI ZITTRITSCH

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HINESBURG RECORD

HISTORY



Hinesburg as a Community

BY JANE SHELDON

Changes are inevitable for any community and looking back through 20 years of *Hinesburg Records*, it is obvious that progress certainly marched on in ours. The police and fire departments grew in personnel and equipment as the population and the accompanying problems grew. Recycling had just begun as *The Record* started publication and the introduction of a statewide 9-1-1 system required that all roads and byways get named.

Then as now, however, citizens were concerned with urban sprawl and worked hard for the town to maintain its rural flavor. Letters to the editor across the years often warned that Hinesburg was in danger of becoming another suburb of Burlington with row on row of houses if we didn't control development wisely.

The paper's first issue (October/November 1987), called the *No Name News*, was only ten pages long. The big news was that the fire department had just acquired a second base radio and a 1986 four wheel fire truck (for the same price as a mid-sized car today) so that it could get to homes in the back hills on dirt roads.

In February, 1988 a recycling operation was set up for one day in the parking lot at Lantmans for residents and business to drop off their recyclables. This was a new concept in those days and needed testing. Brian Busier, owner, expressed how easy it was to teach his employees to sort paper and cardboard! The day was so successful that plans for a permanent recycle center were going to be investigated for the town. March was the start-up of a regular monthly drop off spot at Lantmans and the paper reported "a stream of cars" waiting to get into the parking lot. Recycling had

caught on. Lantmans hosted this effort until the current location opened on Beecher Hill Road. Mandatory recycling started in April, 1993.

By May 1988 Hinesburg started its own Police Department with one "special officer," Allen Fortin, part-time. Speed limit signs were now posted and radar was added for enforcement. The next year Officer Fortin's hours were increased from 15 per week to 24. Three part-time officers were on duty by 1991, but with no set schedule.

Property values were soaring. Peter Rosenblum, a local real estate broker, reported that from 1983 to 1988 the average price of a residential home rose 118%, "changing Hinesburg from a quiet farming community to a bedroom community with a growing commercial and industrial base." Two bedroom homes were selling for an average of \$93,100 and four bedroom homes sold for \$181,500. Current records in the Town Clerk's office don't break out sales by number of bedrooms but, for a rough comparison, the average price of 31 homes sold April through October, 2007 was \$338,000.

The 9-1-1 house numbers assigned to help first responders get to emergencies faster were still not fully implemented by the summer of 1989. Baby Eric Thomas Dotolo was delivered at home on Texas Hill because of a delay in the ambulance reaching his mother. The dispatcher had to contact the town clerk to confirm the location, which had been called in without specific enough directions. Roads weren't all named until 1996, when residents of private ones got to decide.

Chief Morrell joined the department in 1994 and *The Record* started publishing his expanded stories from the police blotter. Apparently crime had come to Hinesburg by ten years ago. In the October 1997 column, Chief Morell suggests actually locking your home and car while you are away. Not surprisingly, the crimes listed in his column have grown increasingly serious over the past decade, a situation seen in most communities.

Reviewing those old issues, it is obvious what a vibrant, active and involved community Hinesburg has been and still is. One theme that

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Fourth of July Parade participants help raise funds for Geprag Park, circa 1995.

appears over and over is the incredibly high level of volunteerism this town enjoys. What makes Hinesburg such a great place to live, raise children, make friends, socialize and grow old is the fact that so many people give their time and talents so selflessly.

Whether it's saving tracts of land for public use and enjoyment or building a wall made of stones brought in by residents from their properties, spending a day in May cleaning up our roadsides or donating gallons of blood to the Red Cross, helping out our neighbors with food or organizing parades, carnivals and festivals – Hinesburg citizens step up and give of themselves tirelessly.

And don't forget those working on this paper! Hundreds of people have donated thousands of hours over the past two decades to keep the town informed on the important issues of the day and to provide an outlet to express our opinions, frustrations and/or thanks.

Here are *just a few* of the many volunteer groups, organizations and projects that *The Record* has reported on since its inception.

Helping Neighbors

HINESBURG COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

This organization was started in the 1970's by a group of townspeople who wanted to coordinate volunteers and resources to better serve those in need. At one point it had its own office with part-time paid personnel, but today is managed by volunteers via phone and e-mail.

One of the more active groups under the HCRC umbrella is the Hinesburg Food Shelf, started in 1983 and currently located in the basement of the United Church. This group of dedicated unpaid workers provides hot meals and groceries to take home every Friday morning. It currently helps about 60 families a year, which represents an increase of over 300% in 6 years. Although the town provides some funds in its annual budget, most of the resources are a result of the generosity of individuals, churches, schools, local businesses and civic organizations.

Another activity run by the HCRC is the Friends of Family, which organizes weekly play groups and New Baby



Welcome Gift Bags and an annual brunch for new babies and their families. Although not currently active, past services included and transportation to medical appointments. Many articles since the paper's inception have reported on other services offered, such as tax help for the elderly and informational presentation on AIDS which was just becoming a concern for the general population in 1988.

Open Spaces

HINESBURG LAND TRUST

The trust was created in the late 1980's by a group of citizens who wanted to help support the town planning commission's vision of keeping the rural flavor to Hinesburg by saving agricultural lands and creating recreational spaces for public use. The current board of eight volunteers facilitates the purchase of land identified as important to protect for public use or conservation. To date 450 acres have been kept from development in Hinesburg.

THE HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This group was a spin-off of the land trust. One of the HCC projects was to turn land donated to the town by the Geprag family into a community park. The commission raised funds and organized volunteers to maintain it by repairing buildings on the property and clearing brush and debris.

WAINER PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

The June 1989 issue first mentions the formation of a committee to design a playground behind the Hinesburg Community School and to raise money to build it. The group held a Bingo night and sold t-shirts at the Fourth of July Parade to collect the first funds. A



Andrea Morgante and her crew recycling trash. Left to right: Gianetta Bertin, Paul Emmons, Andrea Morgante and Sue Richard.

generous donation by Dr. Louis Wainer jump-started the project and the groundbreaking was held in August 1990. The playground was opened that October, thanks to the efforts of volunteer builders. Town children still enjoy it today. It is also used by the nonprofit Hinesburg Nursery School as the site for its annual fundraiser – Big Truck Day.

Gatherings

FARMER’S MARKET

Although farmer’s markets aren’t unique to Hinesburg, it still took Johanna White and her team of volunteers to get one set up and running in our town. What a wonderful addition to summer Thursdays seeing local farmers, bakers, beekeepers and other artisans selling their fresh foods and original wares.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

An excellent example of an event that got started by a few folks’ efforts is the festival conceived by Sally Reiss in 2005 and first celebrated in September 2006. It was her idea to showcase what we in Hinesburg produce, both artistically and agriculturally. With the help of several others the first festival included concerts, an art show, a farmer’s market and a harvest dinner using locally grown meat and produce. It was such a success that the second festival was again put on this fall. Despite competition from other events in the area it attracted even more participants and attendance was even higher. With such great response, this festival will now be an annual event.

Beautification

GREEN UP DAY

Although this is a state-wide campaign, it takes local volunteers to not only clean out the debris left over from winter, but to organize the whole effort. Phil Pouech has been in charge of the committee since the late 1990’s and reports that an average of 5.26 tons of trash and 220 tires were hauled off the sides of town road this past May alone. Those town residents who are eager to

start the warm weather season making sure there is room for the grass and wildflowers to flourish, clamber into ditches and down side slopes hauling their green bags to fill with discarded items. Workers can be very proud of the fact that even though Hinesburg makes up 6% of the population of Chittenden County, the town hauled away 11% of the total trash collected in the county this year. Among the more interesting items found was a lockbox, stolen from a local home and discarded on Shelburne Falls road. The grateful owner was located and the box full of documents was returned.

Rock Wall

One of the more unusual community projects was the building of the rock wall at Town Hall. The building had had major renovations completed in 1993 and the existing driveway had been moved for safety reasons from close to the intersection of Charlotte road and Rte 116 to its present location farther down Charlotte Rd. The corner lot had been slated for landscaping but funds were scarce so the improvements were postponed until 2005. The original design had included a rock wall but materials were still expensive so Andrea Morgante suggested that residents bring rocks from their own properties. Hinesburg’s location makes it ideal for supplying many types of rocks. It runs from the foothills of the Green Mountains to the Champlain River Valley, sitting atop several different bedrock types.

The response from townspeople was enthusiastic. Close to 100 rocks were brought to the site and ultimately set into the wall. A notebook was provided and most of the donors wrote about where they found the one they chose and why it was selected. Children from Kindergarten through the second grade made it a school project to collect and learn about the rocks they contributed. Undoubtedly there has been a spike in the interest in geology as a result.

CHURCHES

Religious groups have always played an important role in Hinesburg community

life. An article in the November 1988 issue of *The Record* covered the history of churches in town, reporting there were several others in the 1800’s no longer active today. A Congregational church was organized as far back as 1789 and by 1811 had a large building on the site where the Masonic Lodge now stands. Underneath the pulpit was a closet used to store the town’s supply of gunpowder. The article goes on to report “perhaps this is why there was no heat in the building...but evening services were lit by tallow candles so attending church there was truly an act of faith.”

A Methodist-Episcopal church was built on the site of the present park in 1837 but destroyed by fire in the early 1900’s, a Baptist church was organized in 1810 and their building completed in 1826, Universalists formed a society in 1846 but met in the 18 members’ homes, and a Free Will Baptist Church formed in 1817 erecting a church at Rhode Island Corners in 1859.

An interesting story was related in the article about the 70 or so members of this last mentioned congregation. “The Free Will Baptist believed that the end of the world was at hand and gathered in their church to be taken bodily to Heaven. One farsighted lady sewed a drawstring in the hem of her petticoat to preserve her modesty as she arose. As they were singing hymns and praying, a prankster set the cattails on fire at the north end of Lake Iroquois.” The article concludes “we can only imagine the effect of this on the assembly.”

Today there are four churches in Hinesburg. St Jude’s Catholic Church was first built in 1948 and rebuilt in 1989, the Alliance Church was built in 1983, while The Lighthouse Baptist Church was founded in 2000. A merger of the Congregationalists, Methodists and Baptists in 1915 formed the United Church. The building used now was the same the Baptists erected 181 years ago.

The United Church hosts the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging’s (CVAA) Senior Meals on Fridays except the first one of the month, when the WIC Well Baby Clinic is using the space. In October 1992 an article reported that the CVAA had named Hinesburg as the model site for its senior dinners and delivery services. Parishioners also put together Christmas baskets with food, hats, mittens etc for children in need. The parish hall is also used for AA, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and 4-H meetings.

St Jude’s Faith in Action program offers transportation to take people to medical appointments and arranges elder care visits to shut-ins. A sewing group makes bags for wheelchair users and other aids to the disabled, and its Hearth and Home program offers people needing assistance with help around the house and yard.

Town churches not only offer their space for charitable organizations and activities, - their parishioners are some of the most generous volunteers in the community.

In Conclusion...

There are so many other committees and groups whose selfless donations of time make Hinesburg such a special place to live. Due to space limitations in this issue, or the time constraints of tracking down all the people responsible, not all could be mentioned here. Other volunteer groups adding so much to the value of this community, such as the Hinesburg Artist Series, committees organizing the Fourth of July and Winter Carnival celebrations, and the Monument Committee that updated the Veteran’s Memorial in the town park, will be covered in future issues, in the special twentieth anniversary sections on Arts and Entertainment, Town Government and the Fourth of July.

One can only imagine how different a place our community would be today if so many of our residents hadn’t spent all those hours of their own time. There would be no festivals or summer outdoor markets, no open spaces or parks, or no one caring for our neighbors in need. So please consider continuing the legacy set out by these people and get involved yourself, by donating your talents, time or money to any of these important groups.



Jane Sheldon

About the author: Jane moved to Hinesburg in October 2004 after retiring from a career in Market Research. She has been volunteering as copy editor for *The Record* since early 2005 and has hauled her share of trash off Texas Hill Road on the past three Green Up Days. Of all the places she’s lived, Jane feels Hinesburg has the greatest community spirit by far.



Dr. Louis Wainer and his son Bradley, look over design plans for the new playground.

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Successful Lawn Sale

We want to thank everyone for their contributions to our Yard Sale. With two very successful sales, we were able to donate over \$2,700 to the Vermont Respite House.

Everyone have a good winter – Keep us in mind – We will be taking donations for our Spring Sale starting in April.
– Audrey Horton & Mary Fortin

Thank You Coaches

There have been many times in my 12 years of living in Hinesburg that I have felt proud to be a resident in a town with such a focus on family values and activities.

My family had another experience this Fall that again had me feeling lucky to be raising our family here. Our son has been involved with Rec sports since he was eligible, and our daughter became eligible this year. In our experience with Rec sports, we have witnessed many amazing people who are willing to guide, encourage, praise and love our children through their learning experiences in sports. They have done it with commitment, patience, kindness, fun and humor. They always kept the main goals in mind: having fun, learning about teamwork and good sportsmanship (and of course the skills came along with all of this!).

This Fall our son decided to give the youth football program a try because of his love of football. While the experience was intense, I just want to enthusiastically commend the coaches for their hours of dedication. They were outstanding in every way, and their leadership is something to be proud of. I was most impressed with their focus on safety and sportsmanship. We outshined every team with our stellar sportsmanship, positive attitudes, and our overall awesome kids and coaches! So thank you to all of the wonderful coaches in our Hinesburg youth programs, past, present and future! Keep up the great work!

– Sincerely, Penny Grant

The More Things Change

As I was going through some old papers, doing a fall cleanup of my office, I came across a poem my son wrote while he was a student at CVU about 20 years ago. I think it is as relevant today as he seemed to think it was then.

Lee is now living with his wife Sue in Winooski.

For The Common Good

By Lee Myers (February 19, 1986)

The People gathered for the common good
To argue points and speak their minds because
Their thoughts, proposals and their points would serve
The tiny town and help it thrive in these
Tough times that swallow tiny towns like these
–Wendy Patterson

Thanks For Support

Thanks so much for all of your support for the CVU Nordic Ski Team during our recent silent auction at CVU, November 19th and 20th. We raised over \$4500! About forty CVU students participate in x-country skiing, and the silent auction is critical in enabling the team to buy needed supplies to support the efforts of these students. We appreciate the community members who purchased items during the silent auction, and the community members who donated goods and services to be auctioned off during the event. Without the support of our communities, we would not be able to have such a large and successful CVU Nordic Ski Team.

A heartfelt thanks!

–The CVU Nordic Ski Team Members

Letter Policy

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that affect our town.

Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but 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 The Hinesburg Record, P. O. Box 340 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, deliver them to the Record drop-box on Charlotte Road, or send via email to therecord@gmavt.net.



By Missy Ross

Petitions Due January 28

This will be the only issue of *The Record* between now and when petitions will be due (*January 28, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.*) for the Town Meeting elections on March 4, 2008. Therefore, I decided to publish a list of those offices that we will be voting on at that time.

In order to run for office, one must file a petition with a *minimum of 30 signatures of registered voters* in the Town. All incumbents seeking re-election to their currently held positions must file also. You can pick up petitions in the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours. Anyone with an interest in town functions can run for office as long as you are a registered voter in Hinesburg.

Following are the positions to be voted on in March, 2008.

Auditors

The responsibility of an auditor is to review the Town report and the budgets for accuracy. There are three positions available, and it has traditionally been difficult to find people to fill these positions. The Town does hire an outside public auditing firm to conduct an audit on an annual basis.

Cemetery Trustee

This position is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Town’s cemeteries and is one of three members on the Cemetery Commission. There is one three-year term to be voted on.

Delinquent Tax Collector

This person is responsible for collecting the delinquent taxes owed to the Town and is elected annually to a one-year term. No one ran for the position last year and the Town Clerk & Treasurer’s office agreed to take on the responsibility.

Library Trustee

The Library Trustees are responsible for overseeing the operations of the Carpenter-Carse Library. There are nine trustees on the board, so every year at Town Meeting we are voting for three trustee positions.

Selectboard

The Selectboard is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Town, including creating and monitoring the

annual budgets. There is one two-year term and one three-year term to be voted on this coming March.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

These positions (and I am speaking from experience!) involve a lot of different things from tax collection, accounts payable, water and sewer and payroll to land records recording, vital records, dog licensing, elections and helping people with all kinds of questions. The Clerk & Treasurer positions are two separate offices that have traditionally been held by one person. Both positions are up for election in March, 2008.

Town Moderator

This person is elected annually and is responsible for running Town Meeting from the podium.

Town Agent & Grand Juror

These positions offer legal services to the town and are both elected annually.

Hinesburg Community School Director

This Board is responsible for overseeing the operations of the elementary school. There are five members of the school board, and two positions are up for election in March, 2008—one two-year term and one three-year term.

CVU High School Director

This Board is responsible for overseeing the operations of CVU and is comprised of members from all of the towns included in the union high school district. Hinesburg has two members on the Board, both of which are three-year terms. Only one is up for election in March 2008.

Peck Estate Trustees

This person is a part of a three-member board that is responsible for overseeing the Peck Estate fund. This is a fund that was established to benefit the Hinesburg Community School. There is one position up for election, and it is for a three-year term on the Board.

Don’t Forget To Register To Vote!

Don’t forget to register to vote if you have not done so already. Once you are on the checklist, you don’t need to register again until you move to another town or another state. You can register by coming in to the Town Clerk’s office at any time.



Hinesburg Community School Wins \$200K Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Award!

By Pam Mathews,

Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Question: How do you get kids to walk and bike to school? **Answer:** Give them the opportunity!

That’s precisely what the federally funded Safe Routes to School program, administered through the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), is doing: removing barriers and offering children the opportunity to safely walk and bike to school.

On October 29, VTrans announced that 22 schools received a total of \$1.6 million in Infrastructure Awards through the agency’s Safe Routes to School program. Hinesburg Community School was among the top awardees, receiving \$200,000 towards construction of 1000 feet of

sidewalk along the west side of Vermont Route 116 from the Charlotte Road intersection to the school. This new sidewalk will continue the flow of the existing sidewalk providing safer access for students who wish to walk to school. It will also eliminate the unsafe practice of crossing near or at the curve.

The Hinesburg Safe Routes team which includes parents, teachers, law enforcement officers, school and town officials, applied for the SR2S Grant in August of this year. At the same time, the Town of Hinesburg applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant to fund the remainder of the \$450,000 sidewalk project. Enhancement Grant Awards will be announced early next year.

“Receiving the Safe Routes Award is a great first step toward building this sidewalk. Even if we are not successful with the Enhancement Grant funds in this round, we can begin the process of design, engineering, permitting and right of way using the Safe Routes Funds, and be in a good position to re-apply for construction funds next year,” said Town Administrator Jeanne Kundell Wilson.

Hinesburg Community School was one of three pilot schools in Vermont to test the viability of this program beginning in 2004. Today, 37 schools are currently participating in Vermont along with many more schools from over three quarters of all states (42 states, 82%). In addition to working toward improving infrastructure for walking and biking, Safe Routes programs offer children encouragement activities and safety education, and engage law enforcement and municipal leaders in building communities where children feel connected and safe.

Our country is facing an epidemic of poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Currently more than one-third of our school-aged kids are overweight or obese. In one generation, nationwide, the number of children walking or bicycling to school has dropped from over 70% to less than 15%. Nowadays many school systems offer widespread school-bus transport. At the same time, in Vermont as many as 65% of school kids are routinely driven to school by their parents according to the Vermont Safe Routes to School website. This greatly increases traffic congestion during the morning rush hour, while reducing the air quality around our schools and creating traffic safety hazards for children who are walking and biking.

The Safe Routes to School program addresses all of these issues. “Safe Routes to Schools is about kids walking and biking to school regularly, routinely and safely,” said VTrans Secretary Neil Lunderville, “The program is an opportunity to have schools and communities work together to solve some of their pressing safety, environmental and health challenges.”

Hinesburg residents, young and old, have demonstrated their commitment to building a more bike and pedestrian-friendly village. Residents now are beginning to reap the rewards of their efforts, as we enjoy new sidewalks, fog lines and reduced traffic speeds. If you ask a child why they like to walk or bike to school you might expect to hear answers like “to help the environment,” “it’s good exercise,” or “to talk with my friends.” These are all good answers and if you speak with enough children you will get some of those answers. But the answer you hear most often is simply, “It’s FUN!”

In this hectic, car-centered world we live in it’s easy to forget the simple pleasure and energized feeling you get from being outside and moving under your own power. We are making a difference Hinesburg...one step at a time.

What’s With All These Traffic Delays?

By Jeanne K. Wilson

Multiple summer and fall projects on Route 116 led to some major traffic delays in the Village recently, especially during the morning commuter hours. The first project was the installation of sidewalk and curbing on the west side of Route 116 between the Town Hall and Saputo Foods. This was a Town project that was funded by a Vermont Agency of Transportation Enhancement Grant. The project is complete and will not create any further traffic delays. The sidewalk and curbing are an asset which greatly improves the walkability and village character of our community.

The second project was an effort by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources for remediation of contaminated soils under the Route 116 and Charlotte Road intersection. The contamination is the result of leaks from gasoline tanks owned by a fuel distributor that formerly provided gas pumps in front of Lantman’s Market. The gas pumps and tanks were

removed many years ago, but the extent of the soil contamination in the area just recently became evident. The remediation effort involved removal of some of the contaminated soil and installation of an air filtration system. This project was the most time consuming and had the greatest impact on traffic flow due to the magnitude of the project and the equipment involved.

The third project is the installation of the traffic signal at the Route 116 and Charlotte Road intersection. Construction on the signal project was interrupted due to the above noted soil remediation project, but at the time of this writing it is anticipated that the signal will be installed in December. The signal installation project is managed and funded by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. It is anticipated that the signal will greatly improve the traffic flow onto Route 116 from Charlotte Road and Lantman’s Market and improve pedestrian safety and mobility, without having a significantly negative impact to traffic flow on Route 116 and from intersection roads, such as Silver Street and Mechanicsville Road. However, motorists should be advised that continued traffic delays are likely while the Agency of Transportation fine-tunes the timing on the traffic signal.

Due to the onset of colder temperatures, a final pavement overlay at the intersection required by the soil remediation and signal project will need to wait until next spring, so we will see more construction and further traffic delays next year.

Park and Ride in Back of Town Hall

By Rocky Martin

Last year the Town applied for a grant from VTrans to construct a park and ride facility as part of the Town Hall parking lot. VTrans recognized that an ideal location would have been outside of town, but as a first step this location would work well. By the time you read this, the Park and Ride should be complete and “open for business.”

The area is just off Stella Road near its intersection with Charlotte Road. It was paved this fall, street lighting will be installed in the parking area along with signs directing motorists from 116 down Charlotte Road to Stella Road.

So form a car pool or just hook up with someone offering or needing a ride to save money and cut down on the number of cars traveling along 116. We are also looking at options for car and van pooling, ride sharing, volunteer driver program and possible public transportation opportunities for Hinesburg. For more information, contact Rocky Martin at 482-2096.

* NOTICE *

Vacancies on Planning Commission, Conservation Commission and Development Review Board (Alternate)

There are currently vacancies on the Hinesburg Planning Commission, the Hinesburg Conservation Commission and as an Alternate to the Hinesburg Development Review Board.

Planning Commission (Nine Members)

The Commission works on updating the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regulations and other projects related to land-use planning in the Town. The Commission also engages in many other activities related to planning matters, including holding public hearings to determine future needs of the town, conducting surveys, holding discussion forums and educating the public about current and future issues, participating in regional planning efforts, and undertaking studies and making recommendations to the Selectboard on a wide variety of matters. The Planning Commission is charged with bringing a long-term perspective to day-to-day decision-making. The Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Conservation Commission (Nine Members)

An advisory group responsible for providing input and action to help conserve Hinesburg’s natural and cultural
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Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 (junegiroux@aol.com) if you have questions. You may call her at 482-2350.

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resources – e.g., surface water, ground water, soils, streams, lakes, wetlands, scenic resources, flora, fauna, wildlife, historical and archaeological resources. The Conservation Commission conducts inventories and sponsors research on natural resources, and provides input to other Town boards (e.g., Selectboard, DRB, Planning Commission). It helps organize community events like Green Up Day, and is responsible for the management of Geprag Park. The Commission meets the second and fourth Monday of each month.

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By Jeanne K. Wilson

In preparation for Town Meeting in March, the Town prepares and distributes an easy to understand picture of the Town’s finances to the citizens annually in the form of the Town Report. Working closely with the Town Administrator, the task of compiling the Town Report is completed by the Hinesburg Board of Auditors. Don’t let the title frighten you

away – the Board of Auditors are not responsible for auditing the Town’s finances. The Town hires a professional audit firm each year to complete this task. Instead, it is the responsibility of the Board of Auditors to ensure that the Town Report is informative and easy to understand. The majority of the tasks completed by the Board of Auditors occur between November and February each year, culminating with the mailing of the Town Report prior to the annual Town Meeting in March. Members of the Board of Auditors receive an hourly stipend.

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Town of Hinesburg Schedule for Meetings in Preparation of FY 2008-2009 Budget.	
All Meetings are in the Town Hall Ground Level Conference Room. For Additional Information, call Jeanne Kundell Wilson at 482-2096.	
Monday, November 5, 2007 - 7:00 PM Budget kick-off meeting with all Department Heads and Board/Commission Chairs Capital Budget Part 1	Monday, December 17, 2007 (Cont) <u>Public Safety Part 1</u> Fire Department Fire Warden Animal Control E-9-1-1 <u>Agencies & Commissions</u> Cemetery Commission Carpenter Carse Library Lake Iroquois Recreation District Hinesburg Land Trust Conservation Commission Recreation Commission Other Agencies
Monday, November 19, 2007 - 7:15 PM <u>Highway Department</u> <u>General Administration Part 1</u> Selectboard Town Agent Town Administrator Computers Copiers Public Health <u>Fixed Costs and Insurance Part 1</u> Debt Service Group Health Insurance Recycling, Landfill Closure	Monday, January 7, 2008 - 7:15 PM <u>Public Safety Part 2</u> Police Department <u>Fixed Costs and Insurance Part 2</u> County Tax Retirement Group Health Insurance Unemployment Compensation Liability Insurance
Monday, December 3, 2007 - 7:15 PM <u>General Administration Part 2</u> Clerk/Treasurer BCA Elections Delinquent Tax Collector Auditors <u>Buildings & Facilities</u> Municipal Buildings Parks Street Lights Sidewalks Multi-Use Path Wastewater Treatment Water Supply	Monday, January 14, 2008 - 7:15 PM <u>Overview</u> Capital Budget Part 2 Review of Special Articles Expenditures Revenues Growth in Grand List Municipal Tax Rate Projection
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Winter Highway Maintenance

By Jeanne Wilson, Town Administrator

On cold stormy nights, while most of us are still snug in bed, the Hinesburg Highway Department starts plowing in the very early morning hours to clear the roads for us to travel to work and school safely. The first pass to clear all the roads takes four to five hours, if everything goes smoothly. So next time you look out your window on a snowy day and wonder where the plow truck is, take into consideration that the crew could have been by hours before and that they will be back as soon as they can.

- Bear with them during the morning and evening rush hours. They are working as quickly as they can to make the roads safe for travel. Do your part – please slow down and be patient.
- Help the crew serve you even better by observing the following Vermont winter safely guidelines:
- Do not allow children to play on or build forts or tunnels in road-side snow banks. Snow plows cannot change their speed or direction quickly enough to prevent injury to children playing in the snow banks.
- According to Vermont State Statute (23 VSA § 1102) vehicles left in the public right-of-way that interfere with snowplowing operations may be towed without warning.
- Keep your distance from plowing and sanding equipment. When following a plow truck, keep a distance of 200 to 300 feet between your car and the truck. Be especially cautious at night and on hills.
- Avoid passing plow equipment. You never know what is in front of the plow and the plow driver may not see you in his mirror or beside his truck.
- If you meet a plow truck on a narrow road, slow down and pull over to the right slightly (i.e. – not into the ditch!).
- Secure your mailbox properly. If your mailbox is downed by the snow from a passing plow, please try a more secure placement of your mailbox. If a Town plow makes contact with your mailbox (there will most likely be a dent in the mailbox), please call the Town Garage at 482-2635 and the crew will repair your mailbox as soon as they have cleaned up from the snow emergency.
- It is illegal to plow snow on to a Town road. The snow can turn to ice and become a safety hazard for all motorists and difficult to plow.
- To avoid snow damage, all fences should be at least seven feet off the traveled portion of the Town road.
- Postpone unnecessary travel during times of poor driving conditions.

Drive carefully this winter and give a friendly wave when you see the big maroon Town of Hinesburg trucks (weather permitting, of course!).

Winter Parking Ban

Under the parking regulations adopted by the Selectboard on June 14, 1982: “No person shall park a vehicle on or in the traveled part of any road or street ... during the months of November through March, inclusive, so as to interfere with snow removal or plowing. Such a vehicle may be towed away at the expense of the owner thereof.”

Lake Iroquois Association Formed

By Roger Crouse

Congratulations! Lake Iroquois has a formal advocate – the Lake Iroquois Association, Inc.! Such advocacy is sorely needed and very much welcomed.

In 1990, lake residents first discovered *Eurasian Watermilfoil* (commonly referred to as milfoil) infesting the lake. Since that time, several residents have continually struggled to combat the invasive plant. At the same time, volunteers have monitored water clarity and reported results to the Vermont Water Quality Division. Lake residents have attended annual picnics and developed action plans and wish lists to address lake water quality problems. Some actions have occurred such as placing buoys by the fishing access to channel boats entering the lake and raising weevils (a small creature) to consume or destroy the milfoil. Other actions have not been as successful, such as eliminating the milfoil, receiving any measurable commitment and funding from the four adjacent towns (Williston, Hinesburg, Richmond and St. George) and verifying that boats entering the lake do not have other invasive species (animal or plant) on them.

Major problems are being experienced in Lake Champlain: milfoil, water chestnuts, blue-green algae, and zebra mussels. Lake Iroquois is merely a few minutes drive from Lake Champlain and is a very attractive alternative for boaters. Landing a boat on the shores of Lake Champlain and then launching that same boat on Lake Iroquois subjects our small lake to the same problems. Once there, the effect is immediate and gloomy. Lake Iroquois could quickly become alien to such recreational activities as fishing and swimming.

Other problems that could pose major threats to Lake Iroquois are phosphorous from fertilization, run-offs, and failing septic systems, to name a few.

Last Spring, five lake residents attended a seminar in Montpelier sponsored by the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP). It was an eye-opener for me. Nearly fifty Vermont lakes and ponds were represented at that seminar, most by lake-focused non-profit associations. Lake Iroquois had no association, though one resident, Joanna Wright of Hinesburg and Shelburne, is a member of the board of directors for FOVLAP. Clearly, those lakes with associations had strategies, action plans, and a voice in local and state forums. We learned that many have tax-exempt status. They are actively raising funds. They have implemented various, often expensive, programs to prevent the introduction or manage the existing problem of invasive species in their waters. Examples of the latter:

- Tinmouth Pond near Rutland has a SolarBee® unit, designed to eliminate blue-green algae, but is making a dent in milfoil.
- Lake St. Catherine, below Castleton, is one of three Vermont lakes, the others being Lake Horton and Lake Morey that have introduced either the chemical Sonar or Renovate OTF (or both) to eliminate milfoil.
- Fairfield Pond introduced several thousand weevils and noticed a significant reduction in milfoil this year.
- Many lakes and ponds have hired people to greet those launching boats at the fishing access. They inspect both the boat and trailer to make sure any invasive plants or animals are removed before launch. Some even have wash stations to wash the boats (well away from the shore) to better ensure a clean launch. These greeters also provide literature and education on the spot to the boat owners.

All of these options require organization, time, commitment, and money. Most, if not all, require permits from either the Vermont Water Quality Division or the Department of Fish and Wildlife – a process that can be extremely time consuming and, in some cases, daunting. Residents of Lake Iroquois have talked with other residents and town and state officials. One grant of \$2000 was received several years ago and a second for the same amount was received this past Fall, but efforts at accumulating major funds and taking significant actions have been the objectives of few individuals.

The dedication of the few residents of Lake Iroquois who successfully sought those funds, have met with state and local officials over several years, have raised and introduced weevils and have monitored water clarity is noteworthy and much appreciated by all. Without their efforts as individuals, Lake Iroquois would be in much worse shape.

Recognizing the current state of the lake, noting the lack of organization and commitment of but a few, and armed with the information we gleaned at the FOVLAP seminar, Lake Iroquois residents agreed at this past summer’s annual picnic to get organized. Residents from all seven roads at lakeside formed an organizing committee. The result of the committee’s work during the past five months is the formation of the Lake Iroquois Association, Inc.

The purpose of the association is to maintain and enhance the quality of Lake Iroquois and its watershed and to support healthy ecosystems and appropriate public uses of the lake. This will be achieved through monitoring, preventive and management initiatives, research, education, advocacy and other actions, involving the cooperative efforts of property owners, town, state and federal officials and other interested parties.

The organizing committee has elected an initial (founding) board of directors. The board’s planned actions from now until next July are:

- Finalize by-laws, membership, dues;
- Organize an informational meeting;
- Create and distribute a newsletter;
- Establish committees (finance, fund raising, program);
- File for 501(c)(3) non-profit status;
- Develop a prioritized list of projects; and
- Establish communication lines with public officials.

Next July, we will hold an organizational meeting of the association. Property owners within the Lake Iroquois watershed will be invited to attend that meeting, offer input, be a volunteer on any of several committees, and submit names for consideration to serve on the board. Others who reside outside the watershed are certainly welcome to be involved as well. The success of the association and the health of the lake depend on the efforts of all.

We have implemented a forum at <http://www.frontporchforum.com> to communicate with all residents in the area. These residents may sign up to be part of that forum. Go to the above web site and *select the lakeiroquois forum*. Once signed up, residents may provide any information or ask any questions that pertain to the lake or residents in the area. We welcome such input.


So, congratulations, Lake Iroquois. You have gained our attention and commitment. Now, let’s get started!

(Note: Roger Crouse is president of the newly formed Lake Iroquois Association.)

Hinesburg One Day Museum

While you are up in your attic unpacking your holiday decorations, take a look around at what you could display at this year’s One Day Museum.

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Everyone is welcome, whether you have things to display, or just want to look around. The event will go from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with set up beginning at 9:30.

Again this year, 5th and 6th graders will be photographing or scanning items into the digital archive, housed on the school computer. Plans are to share these images in “exhibits” on the Hinesburg Historical Society website and for HCS students to access the archive as a resource for related school projects.

The archive is a great way to share your wonderful pieces of Hinesburg history, without having to give them away. And the One Day Museum provides a unique opportunity to exchange stories from Hinesburg’s past.

Admission is free and there is no cost to display your items. For more information or to discuss your display needs, call Ann at 482-3889 or Suzanne at 482-3045.

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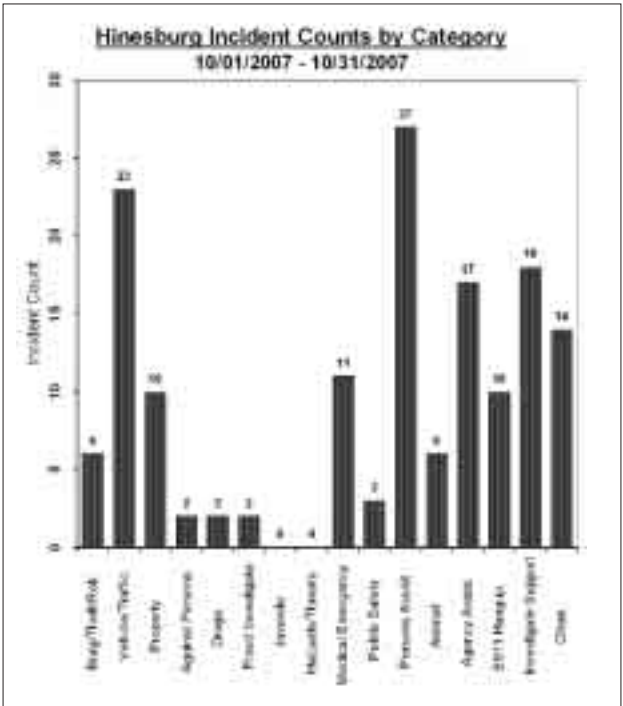
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Two Injured in Crash
at Route 116 and CVU Road

Two Monkton women were transported to Fletcher-Allen Health Care following a three car crash at the intersection of Vermont Route 116 and CVU Road on October 16 at 9:54 a.m.

Officer Barbara Brisson reported that three cars had been headed northbound on 116. The third car in line, operated by Pamela Emmons, 22, of Starksboro, struck the second, operated by Corrine Matarese, 26, of Rutland. The impact drove Matarese’s car into the first one in line, driven by Kayaesun Forbes, 52, of Rutland. Seolta Forbes, 79, also of Rutland was a passenger in this car. Both women were transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by Charlotte Ambulance after treatment at the scene by Hinesburg firefighters.

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Crash Runs Long Way

A Rutland man was transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care following a crash that covered almost 500 feet. The crash occurred on October 20. Officer Kim Conant reported that Anthony Yantz, 20, of Rutland was riding his motorcycle northbound on Vermont Route 116 near Cedar Knoll Country Club when he lost control. The motorcycle skidded and bounced a total of 476 feet before coming to rest.

Yantz suffered multiple injuries and was treated at the scene by the Hinesburg Fire Department, then transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael’s Ambulance. Conant charged Yantz with driving at a speed not reasonable and prudent.

Hollow Road Crash Injures
Huntington Woman

On October 28 at 5:05 p.m., a Huntington woman was injured in a one car crash approximately a half mile west of the Huntington-Hinesburg town line. Deputy Chief Silber reported that Valerie Mumley, 21, of Huntington was westbound on Hollow Road when she lost control of her car. The vehicle slammed into a guardrail on the south side of the roadway, spun around and struck the guardrail a second time with the rear of the car and then rolled across the road and nosed into an embankment.

Mumley was treated at the scene by Hinesburg firefighters and then transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael’s ambulance.



Hinesburg firefighters move crash victim from their quick response vehicle to a St. Michaels ambulance following a crash on Hollow Road. The crash occurred on October 28 and injured a Huntington woman.

Minor Injuries in Early
Morning Crash

On November 1, a Hinesburg woman suffered minor injuries in a crash shortly after 6:00 a.m. Chief Chris Morrell reported that Doris Gingrich, 42, of Hinesburg was southbound on Pond Road when she lost control of her car just north of Pond Brook Road.

The car went off the west side of the roadway and struck a culvert, continued across a driveway and then went into the ditch. Gingrich reported minor facial and arm injuries, but declined medical attention.

Teamwork Nabs
Hit and Run Suspect

On November 5, Officer Frank Koss responded to a hit and run crash that had occurred on Shelburne Falls Road. The victim advised she followed the suspect vehicle to the traffic light at Vermont Route 116 and Shelburne Falls Road. When confronted by a witness, the suspect fled, but not before the alert victim obtained his license plate number.

An area-wide police broadcast was made and within a short time Koss was advised the suspect and vehicle had been stopped by Fish and Wildlife Office Chris Clark in Huntington. Koss patrolled to that location and charged Brian Trudo, 31, of Winooski with Leaving the Scene of an Accident. He will answer the charge at a later date in District Court.

Gas Theft Nets Criminal Citation

A 21 year old South Burlington man has been charged with Petit Larceny after he pumped over \$40 worth of gas into his car, then laid the nozzle on the ground and fled from a Hinesburg convenience store without paying.

Deputy Chief Fred Silber charged Corey Johnson with the theft and he will answer the charge in District Court. Additionally he was issued a written Trespass Order which prohibits him from entering the store premises in the future.

Man With Lifetime License Suspension Cited

Officer Frank Koss cited a Middlebury man into court for operating a vehicle after his driver’s license had been suspended for life. Koss reports that Andrew Jimmo, 34, of Middlebury, was stopped on North Road based on a citizen’s tip. Jimmo will answer the charge at a later date in District Court.



By Chris Putnam

Call Record

During the month of October, the fire department responded to a total of 33 emergency calls:

- EMS first response (excluding motor vehicle crashes): 19
- Motor vehicle crashes: 8
- Structure Fires*: 1
- Fires outside of a structure: 2
- Fire or carbon monoxide alarm activations: 2
- Wires down/pole fires: 0
- Fuel spill: 1
- Public assist: 0.

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


Stabbing in Hinesburg

Shortly before 4:00 a.m. Saturday, October 27, Hinesburg Fire Department was dispatched to a stabbing at Triple L Trailer Park.

EMTs staged away from the area awaiting police arrival since the suspect was reported to still be in the area. HFD members spotted the suspected assailant fleeing on Richmond Road and notified responding police officers from Shelburne and Williston, who were assisting the State Police since Hinesburg Community Police were off duty. The suspect was apprehended before he could escape.

Once the situation was secure, EMTs proceeded to the scene where they found the thirty year old victim on a lawn near Richmond Road, receiving CPR from a relative. They immediately provided life saving measures and upon arrival of the ambulance quickly transferred the patient for transport to the hospital. Because of their efforts the victim survived until the following evening when he succumbed to his wounds.

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Idling Truck’s Fumes Cause Problems at Cheese Plant

On Wednesday, October 3, just after 4:00 a.m., HFD was dispatched to a potentially very serious call at the cheese plant. Several employees were complaining of respiratory difficulties. Firefighters and EMTs responded to treat the affected patients and determine the source of the problem.

In the end the cause was isolated to exhaust fumes from a truck idling in the loading dock near the ventilation system. The affected employees were treated on scene by HFD members and then transported to the hospital via St. Mike’s, Charlotte, and Shelburne ambulances. HFD members ventilated the affected area.

HFD Assists Monkton with Structure Fire

The following Thursday morning, October 4, members once again were roused out of sleep in the early morning hours to assist Monkton Fire Department with a structure fire. The fire was in a storage building on the Norris Berry Farm. HFD was on scene for about two hours providing water supply and manpower and equipment for overhaul.

Search and Rescue Training with GPS

Thursday, October 4, we spent our medical training night going over search and rescue and the use of GPS devices which were acquired through Vermont Homeland Security Grants. First Responders went to Geprag’s Park to locate another member who was posing as a patient experiencing medical problems and was lost in the park. Resources were divided into two divisions and following various clues located the “patient” at the new wind turbine. The two divisions used their GPS to relay their location to command and coordinate with one another.

HFD Sponsors FR/ECA Class through CVU Access

Wednesday night, October 17, was the first night of the CVU Access First Responder/Emergency Care Attendant class. The primary instructor for the class is a very experienced EMT from Williston Fire Department, and Hinesburg Fire Department members will be assisting with the instruction at various stages of the class.

The FR/ECA course provides an entry level certification in emergency care for patients with medical emergencies and/or traumatic injuries. HFD has hosted this class at the fire station twice in the past, but this is the first time we have offered it through the CVU Access program. Twelve students are currently learning the basics of emergency care.

EMS District 3 Investigating Use of Paramedics

Emergency Medical Service providers in the state of Vermont are divided into a number of districts, each associated

with the primary hospital in that area of the state. Hinesburg is part of Vermont EMS District 3, and our medical direction is provided by Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington.

Currently services in District 3 provide care at three levels of certification: FR/ECA, EMT-Basic, and EMT-Intermediate. Providers at all levels are trained to provide basic emergency care, but at advanced training levels additional treatment options are available. There is discussion underway about adding EMT-Paramedic level care in District 3.

Paramedics are able to administer medications beyond the scope of those included at the EMT-B or EMT-I level, and are able to do some other advanced interventions. Some of the discussion revolves around how paramedic level care would be rolled out in this area. Paramedic level certification requires extensive additional initial training and ongoing skill maintenance compared to the other certification levels, making it difficult to deploy in the volunteer ranks. There are a variety of options that might work and will be evaluated. Some of the key issues to be determined are where paramedics would be located and how the financial impacts would be covered.

Members Train in Emergency Vehicle Operation

During the month of October HFD members participated in emergency vehicle operations training. For some this class was a refresher course and for our newer members it was their first time through this class. Emergency vehicle operation can be dangerous and it is important to ensure that our members are driving in a safe and appropriate manner.

The first part of the class was a lecture, going over laws associated with emergency vehicles, physical laws that affect how our vehicles operate, maintenance that is required on the vehicles, and some case studies on past crashes involving emergency vehicles to learn how to avoid similar situations in the future.

Then on Sunday, October 28, the practical session was held. This consisted of a competency course setup at the CVU parking lot where apparatus was driven through such maneuvers as a slalom course, backing in a straight line, and offset turns, all to allow members to become more aware of the limits and extents of the vehicles that we operate. Following the competency course each member traveled for some distance on the streets of Hinesburg to go over normal road operations under the guidance and evaluation of a trainer.

Hinesburg Fire Department Participates in Statewide Planning Activities

In this day and age it is more clear than ever that we in emergency services work in a large community not isolated to the individual towns we serve in our primary mission.

Fire Chief Al Barber has been participating in a few committees at the state level that deal with planning for emergency response across the state. Al serves as the technical committee chair for VCOMM. VCOMM deals with improving the way we are able to communicate among the

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various agencies in the state. Through VCOMM, a total of \$600,000 has been distributed to date to enable emergency responders to upgrade radio communications equipment and improve interoperability.

The chief has also been working with the Vermont Homeland Security Unit in training and planning for exercises that are being held statewide. Lastly, on Sunday, October 14, HFD hosted a meeting of the Vermont Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association. Many representatives from departments around the state attended for lunch and discussion about issues involving emergency services throughout our region.

Annual Truck Servicing

On Saturday, October 27, members got down and dirty for our annual truck servicing. All of our apparatus was brought to the town garage for oil changes, greasing, filter replacements, and various other regular maintenance items. In the past this service had been performed on Cabbage Night, especially since prankster activities meant that FD members were at the station already.

In recent years, however, we have adjusted the schedule to fit into members’ availability since Cabbage Night has not been as active as it once was. Care is always taken to ensure that an appropriate selection of apparatus is kept available in case an emergency call is received, and the importance of this was highlighted when we were dispatched to an activated fire alarm during the morning’s activities. No fire was found at the location.

Halloween Party Held at Hinesburg Fire Station

Halloween night the normal occupants of the fire station (fire trucks) were supplanted for an array of unusual beings, some familiar and some not. Once again HFD along with the Hinesburg Community Police and other town organizations put on the annual Halloween Party for the young people in town. Each year the departments put on this event which includes a variety of games and activities – and as usual there were more treats than tricks. A good time was had by those who attended. Thank you to all who contributed to this event.

Some Holiday Safety Reminders

As we approach the holiday season, please remember to celebrate safely! Live Christmas trees should be watered regularly—several times each week. Decorating the tree and the house can be very enjoyable, but make sure that you use properly grounded wiring and cover or tape outdoor light connections to make sure they don’t get wet. Also ensure that circuits are not overloaded and don’t run extension cords under carpets. And if you are attending a holiday gathering and have had a little too much cheer, please get a ride home with someone who hasn’t.

Help Us Help You

If snow hasn’t hit by the time this issue is out, it will certainly be coming shortly. Please be mindful of making sure your house number is not covered with snow and unreadable. If you have a hydrant in front of your home please assist us by shoveling it out when you are clearing your driveway and walkways. And please keep a path cleared to your home both to make sure you have a safe place to walk and in case we need to come in the event of a medical emergency.



Public Forum Successfully Leads Off Greenspace Planning Effort

By Gerry Livingston

Over forty Hinesburg residents participated in the public forum sponsored by the Conservation Commission on October 8 at the Town Hall. Also assisting in leading the discussions were landscape and environmental consultants from LandWorks and Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The purpose of the forum was both to introduce the need to plan and develop conservation strategies applicable to individual landowners and the Town, and to seek preliminary public input on what resources and areas throughout the Town are most valued for their recreational, scenic, economic (agriculture and forested working lands), ecological, and historic importance.

Not surprisingly, participants strongly reaffirmed that Hinesburg’s rural character was its most valued resource and an essential component to our quality of life. Elements identified as important to the Town’s rural character included its scenic vistas across a patchwork mosaic of working agricultural lands and forests, the Lake Champlain valley and the Green mountains, the recreational opportunities provided by the landscape, including public and neighborhood trail systems, its undeveloped hillsides, and its gravel roads.

Wildlife habitat and the many other ecological services provided by the Town’s various ecosystems were also equally valued, as were its historic features, including its cemeteries and farm-related structures important to the Town’s heritage.

Overall, the forum was an essential step in the Commission’s efforts to engage the Town’s citizens in the preparation of a Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan (GCRP) that will serve as an educational resource and reference to both town administrators and individual landowners. The forum also clearly demonstrated that our citizens recognize that planning is essential to Hinesburg’s future and that they want to contribute to that planning process.

What’s next?

A town-wide survey based in part on questions that arose during the forum will soon be distributed to assess the opinions of a larger proportion of Hinesburg’s citizens. A follow up forum will also be scheduled soon to address mechanisms that will encourage and reward conservation practices. The results of these collective efforts will directly guide subsequent recommendations in the GCRP and be presented for public review later this winter.

Thank You, Hinesburg Residents

By Dotty Schnure, for the Hinesburg Land Trust

A huge THANKS to everyone who has supported the LaPlatte Headwaters Conservation Initiative on Bissonette Farm. We have made lots of progress and there is exciting news to report.

On October 29, the Hinesburg Land Trust, the Vermont Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land permanently protected 300 acres and donated it to the Town of Hinesburg to become a new town riparian forest. This is part of the two-year effort to purchase the 627 acres of Bissonette property near the LaPlatte River and preserve it for wetlands restoration, farming, recreation and wildlife protection.

People in Hinesburg and the surrounding region will see immediate benefits that will continue for generations. The multi-faceted and complex LaPlatte Headwaters Conservation Initiative on Bissonette Farm accomplishes numerous objectives that are important to Hinesburg’s future.

The town assumes ownership of 300 acres along Gilman Road that have become the town’s riparian forest. This area will protect wildlife while offering recreation opportunities. A management plan is under development that will protect endangered Indiana bats that live and reproduce in the forest, restore wetlands, and restore the natural flow of the LaPlatte River. It will also allow recreational uses such as hiking, showshoeing, snowmobiling and hunting.

The project also preserves valuable farmland, ensuring that farming will continue as a vital part of Hinesburg. The Castanea Foundation has partnered with the Vermont Land Trust to conserve the farmland along Hines Road and Gilman Road and transfer it to new owner-operators who will purchase the property at its agricultural value and establish a commercial farming enterprise. The property has a perpetual farmland conservation easement to ensure the property will remain in farming and will be affordable for any future farm owners. The final decision on the purchasers of the property will be made in January 2008.

Another portion of the property will be sold to a conservation buyer. Under this arrangement, 140 acres will be sold with a conservation easement that allows the development of only four houses on a small portion of the property. The easement is being placed on the land to provide permanent protection of Indiana bat habitat, clayplain forest,



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By Jennifer McCuin

Wow... you lose the leaves, turn the clocks back an hour, start to see a stray flurry or two and all of a sudden, it feels like winter. Don't despair. With each new season, comes a new activity to experience, whether it's indoor recreation like basketball, Tai Chi, or Yoga or outdoor recreation like skating, sledding, or skiing. Hopefully you received your Hinesburg Recreation Winter Brochure, but if you didn't or it ended up in the recycling bin, go to www.hinesburg.org and check it out online. Want to simplify some holiday shopping? Consider giving the gift of Recreation with a gift certificate from the Recreation Department. Enjoy the beginning of our winter season and bundle up...it's cold out there!

For Young Families

Play Group for children from birth to five years old and their adult companion...toys, snacks, and fun activities. Start recreation at an early age and connect with other new parents and the community. This is FREE and FRIENDLY! No registration is necessary. Come play, sing, and make new friends!

Where: Town Hall
When: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through June

Sports

Snowmobile Safety Class

Scott Johansen instructs this worthwhile class which meets Vermont State Police and VAST requirements for snowmobiling safety. All persons born after July 1, 1978, who are 12 years and older, must attend an approved snowmobile safety course before operating a snowmobile on Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) trails. Children who are 11 years and turning 12 years before April 16, 2008 may attend and receive certification.

When: December 5, 7, and 8
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on December 5 and 7;

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8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on December 8
Where: First floor conference room at Town Hall
Cost: FREE
Maximum: 25 students
Registration through Hinesburg Recreation Department.
For additional information, contact Scott Johansen at 482-2204.

Youth Basketball Begins December 1

The youth basketball program is back for another year of fun and skill building. Getting out and playing is not only good exercise, but it helps make those long winter months more fun! This program is open to those in grades Kindergarten through sixth and is held in the Hinesburg Community School gym. All abilities are welcome. Children are grouped by age, not ability.

Kindergarten: Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Grade one and two boys and girls: Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Grade three and four girls: Saturday 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Monday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grade three and four boys: Saturday 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grade five and six girls: Saturday 3:35 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grade five and six boys: Saturday 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Dates: December 1 to February 2 for Kindergarteners, first and second graders. December 1 to February 16 for third through sixth graders.
Cost: \$25 with t-shirt, \$20 without t-shirt
There are no scheduled youth basketball classes on Saturday, February 9 due to Winter Carnival. Players may enjoy participating in three on three basketball games for assorted ages that morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Adult Basketball Continues

This is a pick-up style game format. Please fill out a registration/waiver form before you attend.
Where: Hinesburg Community School Gym
When: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings through June 5.
Time: 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE!
For your registration and questions, contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or via email at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.
Please note: the gym will be unavailable during school vacations, snow days, and when used for school functions.

Smuggler's Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

Enjoy full-day, discounted lift tickets at Smuggler's Notch Resort on five different Sundays in January, February, and March.
When: January 27, February 2 and 10, March 2 and 14
Cost Youth (age seven to 18): Lift Ticket, Rental, and Lesson, \$12 each.
Cost Adult: Lift Ticket, Rental, and Lesson, \$24 each.

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Non-residents are welcome to participate. Contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. with any questions.

Kids Classes

To register for the following classes please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or by email at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Holiday Horseback Riding at Livery Stables!

Come spend a morning with the horses and ponies at Livery Stables! You'll ride and learn about horse care and maintenance. You'll create your own wooden horse magnet, customizing it with paint, and decorate your favorite pony's mane and stall with holiday cheer. Choose one or two of the dates below:

Who: Ages six to 14 years
When: Saturday, December 22 and Friday, December 28
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Where: Livery Stables
Cost: \$35 per day
Maximum: Eight

Young Rembrandts – Cartoon Drawing

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 Rembrandts' innovative step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor and their vivid imaginations. Come join the fun. Giggles are guaranteed. New sessions, new lessons, never a repeat!

Who: Ages six to 12
Where: Living Arts Room Hinesburg Community School
When: Thursdays 2:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
Session three – January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
Cost: \$45
Maximum: 15 students

Future Einsteins for Pre-Schoolers

Youngsters become little computer detectives with their own laptops, enjoying lots of bright and engaging animation as they journey through a learning adventure and complete their learning mission. The class boosts literacy skills and promotes an environment where children feel successful and have FUN!

Who: Ages two to four years
When: Tuesdays, January 8 through March 11, (no class February 26 and March 4 due to school vacations)
Where: Town Hall
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$90 for eight classes

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Who: Kindergarten through grade two
Where: French Room, Hinesburg Community School
When: Tuesdays January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, and March 11 (eight classes). There are no classes February 26 and March 4 due to Winter Vacation.
Time: 2:40 p.m. to 3:40 pm
Cost: \$90
Maximum: Ten students

Highland Dance

This class provides an introduction to Scottish Highland Dancing. Danielle Pezzimenti has been dancing for 20 years and instructing for the past nine years. She spent the last year in Scotland. Come learn to dance the Highland Fling!
Who: Ages five to 12 years
When: Wednesdays starting January 2
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: Town Hall
Cost: \$40
Please register with Recreation Department but make checks payable to Danielle Pezzimenti.

Adult Classes

To register for the following classes please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or email at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Hinesburg’s First Financial Management Workshop Series

This series, cohosted by Hinesburg Financial Group LLC and the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA), explores the theme “Empowering Businesses and Families with the Necessary Financial Tools to Address Their New Year’s Resolutions in 2008.”
Where: Town Hall Main Room
Time: All sessions are 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Cost: FREE
Register. Seating is limited. Contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or Junga Michael@nvlmail.com. Attend each session or choose the ones that work best for you.

Monday, January 14: “Income Tax Planning Strategies for 2008” presented by David Lavallee, CPA of Lavallee and Company.
Thursday, January 17: “Disability Income and Long-Term Care—Protecting What Is Important to You” co-presented by Michael P. Junga, LTCP of Hinesburg Financial Group, LLC and Paul A. Giacco, LLIF of Stonefence Financial Group, LLC.
Monday, January 21: “The Building Blocks of any Financial Strategy—The Importance of Life Insurance and Mortgage Protection” presented by Michael P. Junga, LTCP of Hinesburg Financial Group, LLC.
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Monday, February 4: “Everything You Want to Know about Estate Planning, Guardianships, etc., but Haven’t Asked” presented by Roger E. Kohn, Esq. of Kohn, Rath and Meyer, LLP
Thursday, February 7: Class topic to be announced

Yoga Caliente with Senor Miller

Enrichment classes at Hinesburg Community School are not just for students! This rigorous, introductory Yoga class is for adults and especially conducive for School staff. Senor David Miller will teach this class throughout the year. The class is a wonderful way to end a stressful day, get those muscles moving, and feel great!
Who: Adults
Where: Cindy Fay’s Music Room at Hinesburg Community School
When: Thursdays
Session 2: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, and 21 (eight classes)
Session 3: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 17, May 1 and 8
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40 for HCS Staff / \$45 non-staff

Tai Chi for Beginners

Got balance? In this class you will learn the beginning of traditional Tai Chi form, movement that can improve your balance, coordination, and sense of well-being. Anyone can participate in a supportive atmosphere of sharing and helping one another. All you need is comfortable clothing and the willingness to try and learn. Coached by Michael Prehoda, who has practiced Tai Chi for over 20 years and offered classes since 1997.
When: Tuesday evenings
Session Three: January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5 and 12
Session Four: February 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
Where: Town Hall
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40

Strength Training with Lee Huselbos

Lee has offered this amazing class for many years and has quite a loyal following, but it is never too late to join in this program that benefits both body and mind. Lee has expanded her classes to accommodate participants with aerobic elements and the use of body balls. You may join anytime.
When: Fridays
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Where: Town Hall
Cost: \$60 for six weeks (or \$10 per class)
Please register through the Recreation Office, but make checks payable to Lee Huselbos.

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Q & A: CSWD’s New Recyclables

On October 1, CSWD began accepting more recyclables. Plastics #1 through 7 can now go into your blue bin as All-In-One recyclables. Since we began, we have received a number of questions about what can and can’t go into the blue bins. You may be wondering some of the same things, so read on for some answers:

Q: *Do I have to remove caps from bottles and jars?*

A: The easiest way to arrive at the correct answer is to look at different materials as components. A glass bottle is one component, for example, and its metal or plastic lid is another. The same goes for molded plastic packaging, or “blisterpak,” where the paper backing or insert must be removed, allowing both paper and plastic to be recycled. For us to be able to recycle an item in the All-In-One Blue Bin system and at Drop-Off Centers, components must not be attached to one another (glued-on labels are one exception: It’s OK to leave them on).

Also remember the “Rule of 2’s:” Minimum size for any All-In-One Blue Bin recyclable: 2 inches on any 2 sides. Maximum size: 2 feet on any 1 side. By this measure, most caps are too small for us to recycle.

Q: *Why can’t I recycle plastic toys? After all, they usually have a number on the bottom.*

A: For a recycling system to be sustainable, it must have markets for the materials it collects. We are given specifications from our markets that detail what they will accept. We must follow these specs or our loads will be rejected by those markets. **Remember:** We can take product containers and packaging only, which excludes household objects such as toys, laundry baskets, sleds, etc.

Q: *EEEK! Now I have more recyclables than can fit in my blue bin! Should I just throw the ones that don’t fit in the trash?*

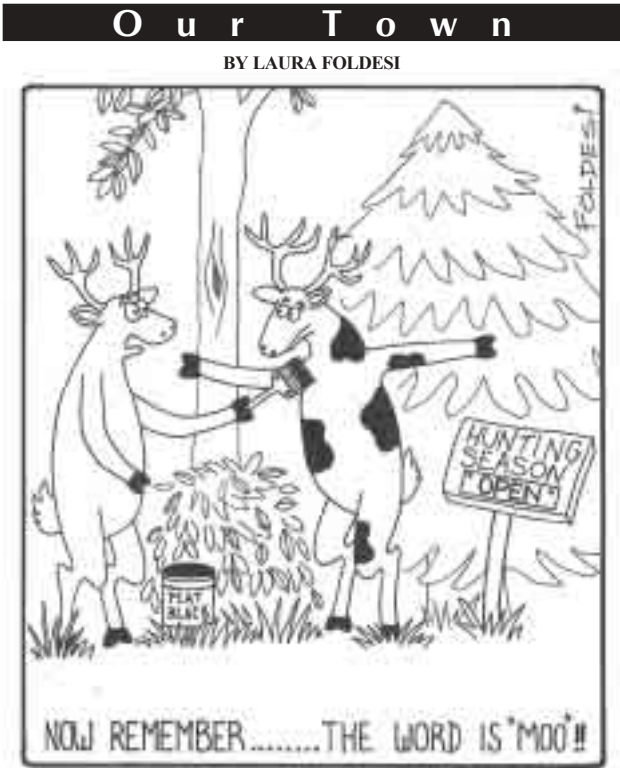
A: EEEK! Please don’t throw recyclables in the trash! CSWD offers two blue bins to each household at no charge.

If you already have two and are still maxing out, c’mon in to one of our Drop-Off Centers and we’ll be happy to give you a third. Plus, starting December 24, 2007, it becomes mandatory to recycle all of the All-In-One recyclables.

In short, we have expanded the types of plastics we can accept. In addition to the #1 and #1 plastic bottles, we can now take plastics #1-7 which includes most plastic containers and molded plastic product packaging—you know those plastic blister packs that you end up fighting to try and get open. There is also a **“Rule of 2.”** We accept plastic containers with a minimum size of 2” on any two sides and maximum size of 2’ on any one side.

We still cannot accept Styrofoam, plastic bags and plastic wrap. We also cannot accept larger plastic household items such as a laundry basket etc. Again, the **Rule of 2.”**

A complete chart of what can be recycled can be download from the CSWD web site at: <http://www.cswd.net/pdf/allinonerecyclables.pdf>.



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Financial Knowledge for The New Year

Hinesburg Financial Group, LLC and the Hinesburg Business & Professional Association (HBPA) are pleased to announce Hinesburg’s first Financial Management Workshop Series beginning on January 14, 2008 with the support of the Hinesburg Recreation Department.

The general theme of the event is to empower businesses and families in our community with the necessary financial tools to address their New Year’s resolutions in 2008. The workshops are designed to be interactive and will provide all community members an opportunity to increase their financial literacy in areas of concern to them.

The idea to offer this informational event resulted from a HBPA survey done back in January of 2006 which specifically asked businesses in our community, “What are your biggest concerns affecting your business and family today?” The responses were aimed towards creating efficiencies by controlling the costs of insurances, taxes, and health care cost increases. It became clear that we (HBPA) needed to organize an event that will allow our community to engage in understanding these financial management issues. As a result, several local experts have teamed together to offer strategies on how to help everyone make informed financial decisions on a wide range of topics including college planning, tax planning strategies, the role of insurances, legal documents and retirement planning.

We are also pleased to announce that the entire event is FREE! Each session will be held at the Hinesburg Town Hall in the Main Hall from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on the dates mentioned below. Please note that seating is limited and parking is available behind the Town Hall.

Please RSVP to Jennifer McCuin at 482-4691 or Junga_Michael@nlvmail.com to reserve a seat. You can choose to attend one, two or all sessions based on your interest level.

Sessions

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Bob Eaton, Thomas Rivait, Maynard McLaughlin, Sharon Brown, Ken Perine, John McCardell, Phillip Martin, Joel Bouvier, Dominggus Paliling at the groundbreaking ceremony at 140 Commerce Street, Hinesburg.

Bank of Middlebury Breaks Ground on Commerce Street

National Bank of Middlebury and Bread Loaf Corporation broke ground on November 2 for a new banking facility to be located at 140 Commerce Street in Hinesburg.

Bread Loaf is serving as the architect and builder of the 2700 square foot office which will feature two drive-up lanes, a drive up ATM, night depository and full service banking lobby.

The building will feature an energy efficient design that is based on “green building” techniques and incorporate best practices from Efficiency Vermont. It is planned for completion in early summer 2008.

National Bank of Middlebury President, Ken Perine, exclaimed, “We are excited to open a new bank in Hinesburg and look forward to serving the financial needs of all members of the community!”

Earth Turbines Announces Addition to Team

Earth Turbines, Inc., a Vermont manufacturer of home wind turbines, announces the addition of Huntington resident Jeff Chapman to its field technician team.

Before joining Earth Turbines, Jeff worked for Renaissance Builders as a general carpenter specializing in residential and light commercial construction. Prior to that Jeff worked for Genesis Fixtures installing fixtures and furniture at various Discovery Channel Store locations throughout New England.

Jeff received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Vermont.

When not working, Jeff can often be found skiing at Mad River Glen or sailing on Lake Champlain, depending on the season.

Earth Turbines, founded by David Blittersdorf, is a new company in Hinesburg that designs, manufacturers, and installs complete home wind systems for the residential market. Earth Turbines is Vermont’s only manufacturer of 100% Vermont-made wind turbines. For more information, visit www.earthturbines.com.

Larry Jacobs of NRG Systems Elected to CanWEA Board of Directors

Larry Jacobs, lead marketing and sales engineer for NRG Systems was elected to the CanWEA Board of Directors at its 23rd Annual Conference and Trade Show held in Quebec City. As sales engineer for NRG Systems, Larry oversees global sales of NRG’s turbine control sensors. He is also a member

of NRG’s marketing team, assisting with the development of its international sales programs.

Before joining NRG Systems in 2002, Larry was product marketing manager for IBM’s wireless products group. He is also a member of the American Wind Energy Association. Larry received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Vermont and a bachelor’s degree from St. Michael’s College. Larry is an active community member, coaching basketball and baseball teams at the junior high school level.

Hinesburg Resident Joins NRG Systems

NRG Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of wind energy measurement systems for the global wind energy industry, announces the addition of Hinesburg resident *Tom Nostrand* to its electrical engineering team.

Tom brings more than 20 years of experience in electrical engineering and holds two patents. Before joining NRG Systems, Tom worked for Goodrich Sensors and Integrated Systems as a systems/electrical engineer. Tom also worked previously for IBM Microelectronics as a VLSI design engineer.

Tom received his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Hampshire. He also attended Keene State College and New Hampshire Technical College where he received associate’s degrees. Away from work, Tom is the Hinesburg representative for the Chittenden County Solid Waste District Board. Tom also enjoys running, bicycling, skiing, swimming and canoeing.



Hinesburg resident Tom Nostrand joins the NRG team.

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Ongoing Library Programs

Storytimes For Toddlers

Join Tom at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays December 4 and 18, and on January 8 and 22 for books, songs and stories especially for children up to three years of age. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Storytimes For Preschoolers

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

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Friday night is movie night at Carpenter-Carse. Come to the library and enjoy a great flick. Mark your calendars now!

Family Movies:

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Pee-Wee’s Big Adventure - Friday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.

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YA Movies:

Monty Python and the Holy Grail - Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Rated PG

The Sting - Friday, December 14 at 8:15 p.m. Rated PG

The Searchers - Friday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. Not rated

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers may join our library’s book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers’ homes. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on location etc.

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YA Book Group

Come in to preview new additions and to review, discuss, and select new titles for the library’s Young Adult collection Friday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, January 18, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. Call Aaron or Tom at 482-2878. Be sure to check out the YA Web Page at www.carpentercarse.org.

Hinesburg Pickin’ Party

Join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of music and fun Saturday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m. Stop in to play or just to listen. Recommended for teens through adults. For more information on our monthly jam call Tom Stamp at 482-2878.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:
Cornwell, Patricia, *Book of the Dead*
Davidson, Diane Mott, *Sweet Revenge* [LARGE PRINT]
Evans, Richard Paul, *The Gift* [LARGE PRINT]
Gabaldon, Diane, *Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade* [LARGE PRINT]
Grisham, John, *Playing for Pizza*
Lessing, Doris May, *The Golden Notebook: a novel*
Macomber, Debbie, *Where Angels Go* [LARGE PRINT]
Pynchon, Thomas, *Against the Day*
Sandford, John, *Dark of the Moon*
Sebold, Alice, *Almost Moon*
Shaffer, L, *Family Acts* (LARGE PRINT)
Vaughan, Brian K., art by Niko Henrichon, lettering by Todd Klein, *Pride of Baghdad* [graphic novel inspired by real events]
Adult Nonfiction:
Colbert, Stephen, *I am America and So Can You*
Goodell, Jeff, *Big Coal: The dirty secret behind America’s energy future*
Greenspan, *The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a new world*
Kraybill, Donald B., Nolt, Steven M. and David Weaver-Zercher, *Amish Grace: How forgiveness transcended tragedy*
Mieder, Wolfgang, *Proverbs are the Best Policy: Folk wisdom and American politics*
Nelson, Miriam E., Ph.D., *Strong Women Stay Young*
Robison, John Elder, *Look Me in the Eye: My life with Asberger’s*
Sacks, Oliver W., *Musicophilia: Tales of music and the brain*
Wilson, Valerie P., *Fair Game: My life as a spy, my betrayal by the White House*
Wolf, Naomi, *The End of America*
*Check out our website for listings of new children’s and young adult selections.

Special Event for the Holidays

Make and Take Your Own Gingerbread House

Saturday, December 8, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This favorite family activity returns to help us celebrate the holiday season. Bring friends or family members to this special library event made possible by talented baker Wendy Frink. Enjoy being creative with others then take home your work of art! For ages six to adult. Space is limited, so please call 482-2878 to register.

Giving Tree

Soon the library will bring out its “Giving Tree” and give it a prominent place in the library. The tree is accompanied with a list for both adults and children, offering suggestions to those who are considering buying books or other materials for the library. When a patron acquires an item for the library

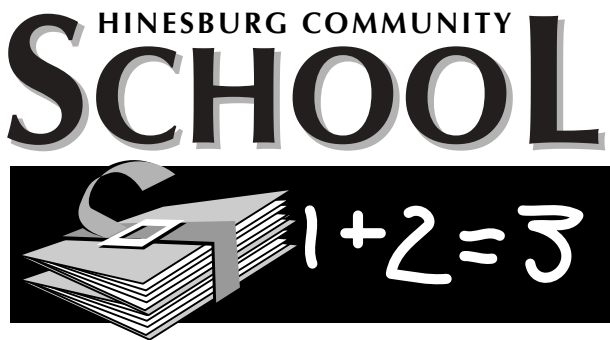
from the list, an ornament with the donor’s name will be hung on the tree. The donor may choose to have the library make the purchase, passing on the library’s discounted price to the donor. In 2008 we may share with you new ways in which you can insure the healthy growth of the library’s book and media collections, for the enjoyment of all!

Post-Thanksgiving Thoughts

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving with its focus on gratitude for the bounty we enjoy, we wish to call attention to two families that stand out in the Carpenter-Carse Library’s 60 year history. Some library services existed before 1947, but that was the year when Leonard Carpenter made his vision for a vibrant library in this community a reality by building and dedicating the new Main Street library to his mother, Sarah Degree Carpenter, on Mother’s Day. The last we knew, relatives of Leonard Carpenter were living in the Niagra Falls area. We are enormously grateful to Mr. Carpenter for his love of libraries, his vision, generosity and follow-through. Library services outgrew their cozy quarters in the brick building on Main Street by the 1990’s (or earlier!) After considerable exploration of available options by the library trustees, Henry Carse, State Senator and respected member of our farm community, solved the problem with a proposal to donate the current library facility. In 1997 library books and other materials were moved into a newly renovated, spacious building. It was a stunning transformation, from a hardware store to a pleasant library space, thanks to local donors, solid taxpayer support and the design/build talents of Hinesburg resident Jon MacGowan. None of this could have happened without the generosity of the Carse family. To them we offer our sincere thanks and gratitude. Library patrons and staff enjoy the facility every day. *Carpenter-Carse Library*; sometimes a name says a lot.

Quotation of the Month

“I wish you a happy feast of Christmas, with a recapture of this great sense of the meaningfulness of our lives, an enormous meaning, we are told, yet seldom obvious. Enormous or not, life is made of small things, small happinesses chained like daisies, one by one. Let the next year be such a chain for you.”
- Holiday greeting from Vincent Hepp to May Sarton, December, 1975:
- *The House by the Sea: A journal* by May Sarton



Compiled by Betsy Knox

Family Math Playtime

By Nancy Pollack HCS Math Coordinator

On Thursday, October 25, the Hinesburg Community School cafeteria was once again full of three to five year olds busily working with Mathematics. These mathematicians were participating in the seventh “Family Math Playtime.” This program was developed for parents and their children to learn about activities which can easily be replicated at home to promote mathematical concepts and understanding. The event is truly one of food, fun and learning. Following a pizza dinner, the participants had the opportunity to work with any of the 38 activities and “Make and Take” stations. These activities were designed to help create a foundation for future mathematics success. Parents and guardians learned about mathematical language and discovered activities which can help their children meet the Early Learning Standards in all four strands of Mathematics. The adults also learned ways to maximize everyday



Zachary and Amber Rock enjoy some time together at Family Math Playtime.

opportunities to build mathematical sense-making using simple materials from home. Raffles prizes included goody bags filled with great math items to use at home. Everyone who attended was given a resource book filled with directions to recreate the activities at home, literature supports for mathematics, and more. The cafeteria was abuzz with laughter, the noise of dice, counting voices and cheer. This spring, on March 27, 2008, Hinesburg Community School is excited to be hosting a similar event, with a focus on literacy, for 3 to 5 year olds. For more information about this spring time event, you may contact Betsy Knox, HCS Literacy Coordinator, at 482-2106.

Hinesburg Students Travel Back in Time!

By Thomas Stamp
HCS Enrichment Coordinator

Have you ever wished you could travel back in time and see how people lived in other lands and other times? Third and fourth graders at the Hinesburg Community School used a little theatrical magic and some good old-fashioned research to do just that. Students in the grade 3-4 classrooms spent several weeks learning about the life and times of the Native Americans. Each class focused on a different section of the country to see how the environment impacted the culture of that region. The students learned what the Native Americans ate, how they dressed, their means of transportation, the kinds of dwellings they built, the crafts they developed, and even the games they played. Students chose from a menu of projects, or “dishes,” to demonstrate what they learned. They wrote reports, built



Jeffrey Giroux shares his model of an Inuksuk, a directional marker used by the Inuit.



Trent Smith, Marjorie Brown, and Colter Brainard go back to the time of the Cherokee.

models and artifacts, and created artwork, pictographs, costumes and masks. Oh, yes, and a time machine...

As the grand finale, the students presented an evening performance for family and friends. Students from each class entered a "time machine" which allowed them to visit Native Americans from the regions they studied. The audience was treated to a grand display of information and artifacts including a parade of buffalos and a rain storm!

The performance ended with the telling of Native American tales from the following storytellers: Maddi MacMahon, Max Chlumenky, Harrison Mead, Emma Frost, Ben Fox, Sonja Jones, Owen McCuin, Taylor Danforth, Natalie Meyer, and Elliot Eastman.

It is a talented bunch of third and fourth graders, and the students did a remarkable job sharing what they learned about the Native American cultures. And how did the kids feel this project? According to Maddi MacMahon, "It was very cool and very fun. We got to do lots of cools stuff." Bravo!

News from the Music Department

By Cynthia Fay

HCS would like to congratulate the following students for a terrific job auditioning for the Chittenden County District III Band and Chorus. The students prepared solos and scales and then played their instruments for a judge. Results will be posted in a week's time. Excellent work everyone. We are so proud of our young musicians.

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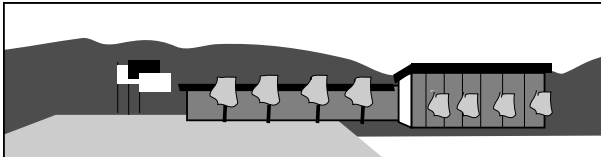
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Calendar

December

- 8: ACT test date at CVU
- 10: 1/2 Day CVU In-service; delayed opening, classes from 10:15 a.m. —3:15 p.m.
- 12: CSSU Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m. and CVU and local school board meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 12: Band I, II, Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 21: Winter Access Catalog available online
- 24: Holiday Break Begins
- 26: SAT Registration Deadline

January

- 2: School Resumes

CVU Football Team Makes Playoffs

By Tracy Simmons

The CVU Varsity and JV football squads are to be congratulated for a solid 2007 season. The JV finished the year with a victory over South Burlington, giving them an overall 5-3 record. 2007 is the first winning season for the JV since football became a varsity sport three years ago. The Varsity ended their regular season with a win over Mt. Abe, putting them at 4-2 in league play, and into the fourth slot for the playoffs. CVU then had to travel south on Saturday to play undefeated Windsor, ranked first in the league, for the playoffs. Windsor defended their record handily, defeating CVU 52-7, and will face Poultney in the finals.

CVU kicked off to start the game, and Windsor began play on their 25 yard line. On the first play of their series, Yellow Jacket quarterback James Aldrich handed the ball to star running back Trevor Varney, who swept past defenders and ran in for the first Windsor touchdown. Aldrich then tossed the ball to tight end Bill Gokey for the 2-point conversion and Windsor was up 8-0. Windsor then kicked off (Continued on page.20)

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The Viking Voice

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This issue of The Viking Voice features writing from all around the Hinesburg Community School, providing a unique insight into the many interests and talents of our HCS students.

To contact the students about their work in these pages, please email the VV Coordinator, Jen Bradford, at jbbradford@hcsvt.org.

Foxborough

By Ryan Beaudry, Grade 7

Come with me to Foxborough
See Tom Brady hook up with Randy Moss
Hear the cheering fans
Feel the excitement in the air
Smell the fresh cut grass on the field
Taste the amazing cotton candy from the vendors

Come with Me to the Season of Fall

By Taylor Degree, Grade 7

See the orange and red leaves on the ground
Hear breezes of wind through the fall trees
Feel the slimy inside of pumpkins
Smell pumpkin pies cooking
Taste the warm spicy apple cider

Come with Me to the Movies

By Colby Wooton, Grade 7

See the colors on the big screen
Hear the beautiful sounds coming from the speakers
Feel the surround sound vibrating the seats
Smell the fresh buttery popcorn with the ranch flavoring
Taste the goobers that are so nutty and chocolaty they melt in your mouth

Come with Me to My Dad’s Sand Pit

By Liam Casey, Grade 7

See the trucks and loaders
Hear the sound of the engines roaring viciously
Feel the hot air of the exhaust on your body
Smell the diesel smoke coming out of the trucks
Taste the dust on your tongue drying up the saliva

Flowers

By Calvin Ring, Grade 7

Come with me to the colorful land of flowers.
See the pink roses and the yellow daisies.
Hear the birds talking “tweet, tweet, tweedy, tweet,

tweet.”

Feel the fresh air on your skin with flower petals tapping lightly.

Smell the beautiful aroma in the air.

Taste the salad of the land of beautiful flowers.

Pet Store

By Josh Ramstrom, Grade 7

Come with me to the pet store
See all the lizards eating crickets
Hear all the birds chirping quickly
Feel the fluffy dog’s fur as you pet him
Smell the salty water in the fish tanks
Taste the excitement of getting a new pet

Don’t Think Twice

By Dawna Sheldrick, Grade 8

Don’t think twice,
Don’t look back,
The time on the clock just
Goes so fast, try to keep up,
Just keep going, knowing
The people you love the ones
You hate will be back in time as you’re still going,
Sometimes you wonder sometimes you wish but
Just keep going and you’ll get your
Wish, in the end not too soon you’ll
Know why I wrote this,
Just think about it for a few,
Sooner or later it will hit you, but it’ll be too late, don’t
think twice
You know what you want, just stop time with your clock,
It’s right next to you,
Don’t think twice.

Moose Hunting

By Cole Cummings, Grade 4

This year I won a Vermont moose permit and this year I shot my first moose. The whole experience of shooting a moose is awesome. This is what happened when I shot my moose.

My father and I were in the middle of a swamp and my grandfather was doing a push to us. A push is when one person is coming from one way and another person is coming from the opposite way. We saw a stump like object. But we didn’t pay any attention to the object. Then it moved. My father leaned to the right so he could see what it was. It was a big enough moose to shoot. I only had one



Cole and his proud dad with Cole's first moose.

shooting lane. A shooting lane is an opening to shoot through. The moose stepped in to the opening; I lined up my sights and bang.

When the smoke cleared, the moose was staggering, and then the moose fell down. I almost strangled my father with a big bear hug. Then we called my grandfather on our radio. Then he came down the mountain to see what had happened. My grandfather was so excited that he danced. My grandfather said the statement of the day, “You have to be kidding me”.

You have to be physically fit to moose hunt in the woods. We hiked about 50 miles in five days. We hiked mountains and bogs in five days.

Before you shoot a moose you should think about how you are going to get a moose out of the woods. We used a draft horse to get my 600 pound moose out of the woods. The horse's name was Bob. The horse’s owners name was Mark. Mark led Bob into the woods by the reins. Then Mark hitched up the horse. Mark slapped horse on the butt and said, “Go.” And that horse went. The efficient thing about that horse was that it followed its tracks out of the woods. Bob dragged my moose out of the woods like it was a rag doll.

After we weighed in my moose we went to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department so the chief moose biologist could see my moose. He chipped a tooth out of the moose’s mouth so he could see how old the moose was.

In conclusion, moose hunting is hard and exciting. It is hard because you have to be physically fit and mentally tough. It is exciting because you get to see the cool sunrises and sunsets. You also get an adrenalin rush when you see a big enough moose to shoot.

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Grade 3-4 Native American
Indian Reports

As part of their projects on regional Native American tribes, students wrote about how their environment helped to shape their culture.

Tipis

By Tommy Natsis, Grade 3

The Plains Indians were nomads. They followed buffalo herds because they could use all parts of the buffalo to help them survive. It was important that they had portable homes. Tipis are cone shaped houses covered with buffalo hide. They had flaps at the top of their tipis. The flaps were for the smoke from the fire to escape. They painted their tipis. The doors were always facing the East, where the sun rises. The tipis were useful.

Shields

By Camden Willsey, Grade 3

Do you want to know what the Plains Indians used for protection from enemy fire? A shield. Do you want to learn how to make one and use it for protection? Keep reading. They made shields out of buffalo hides. They wet the hides, stretched them, and decorated them with paintings. The paint was made from mashed berries and leaves. Usually shields were about three feet around. Now you know how to make a shield.

They used shields to protect themselves from buffalo and arrows. They thought that painting on them would make the animal spirits protect them. They used the shields when they went on foot or horse to kill buffalo, especially in battle. Now you know how to protect yourself with a shield.

In conclusion, now you know about shields, how to make one, and how to protect yourself. I would like to have one of my own.

Hunting on the Plains

By Eileen Needham, Grade 3

The Native Americans, who lived in the Plains region, killed buffalo and did not waste any part. They could use the buffalo for shelter, clothing, and food. The buffalo hunt was dangerous. The hunters brought arrows held in a quiver with them when they went on a hunt. The arrows were 16 inches long. The bows were made out of wood. They were 3 feet long. The men who went on the hunt were brave. I'm glad I can plant gardens or go to the grocery store when I need food.

The Important Things in Hinesburg, By Mrs. McGuire's Class

Our class learned all about our town and the roles and responsibilities of its citizens. Then we read "The Important Book" by Margaret Wise Brown. To put it all together, each child wrote about what he or she thought was an important role in Hinesburg.

By Abby Perlee, Grade 2

The important thing about the vet is they help pets. They look like doctors. They played a trick on our class when we visited them last year. But the important thing about vets is they help pets.

By Codi VanDyk, Grade 2

The important thing about the library is that they have books. You can read them. Books are good because you can find stuff in them. But the important thing about the library is that they have books.

By Kendall Blanck, Grade 2

The important thing about a music teacher is that she sings. She sings because she likes to sing. The reason why she likes to sing is that she loves songs. The important thing about a music teacher is that she sings.

By Katie Gingras, Grade 2

The important thing about the vet is the vet helps and saves pets. They are very sweet to pets. But the important thing about the vet is the vet helps and saves pets.

By Mullein Francis, Grade 1

The important thing about the library is your mom can read the books to you.

By Preston Webb, Grade 2

The important thing about the rescue squad is that they save people. Like for example, they save people with cancer. And if we didn't have the rescue squad most of us would be dead by now. Then the future would not exist. We would all die and get illnesses. But the important thing about the rescue squad is that they save people.

By Connor McCormack, Grade 1

The important thing about the police is that they save people. The police are nice to people. But the important thing about

the police is that they save people.

By Emma Bissonette, Grade 1

The important thing about the rescue squad is that they have to rescue people.

By Nate Coffin, Grade 2

The important thing about the fire fighters is that they put fires out. They drive a big red truck. They climb big ladders. But the important thing about the fire fighters is that they put fires out.

By Logan Loftus, Grade 2

The important thing about doctors is they help people. They give people medicine if they are sick. But the important thing about doctors is they help people.

By Brittney Wright, Grade 2

The important thing about the fire department is they put out fires.

By Ben Ross, Grade 1

The important thing about the town clerk is they keep the documents.

By Harper Mead, Grade 1

The important thing about the principal is he helps people.

By Mackenzie Fournier, Grade 1

The important thing about the public works is sidewalks.

By Kyle Lang, Grade 1

The important thing about the public works is plowing the snow.

By Lindsey Drew, Grade 1

The important thing about the vet is they help animals.

By Addison Aube, Grade 1

The important thing about the police is that they have radar guns.

The Homes of the Plains Indians

By Charlie O'Brien, Grade 4

The people of the plains lived in three homes: tipis, thatched huts, and earth lodges. The tipi is made with long poles and buffalo hides, which made them portable. The

thatched huts were made with grasses and were permanent. The earth lodges were made of wood and covered with sod. A hole at the top of the tipi released smoke from the fireplace. Those were the homes of the Plains Indians.



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Windsor a first down inside the 15. Three plays later, Aldrich



CVU Football Team Picture PHOTO BY: TERRI ZITTRITSCH

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and Mark Talley returned the ball to the Windsor 45. A penalty put the Redhawks back on the 50, and three rushes by Tommy Powers and Makoa Kaleo left the Redhawks short of a first down. CVU then surprised the Yellow Jackets with a quick kick by Talley, and Windsor took possession on their own 20. CVU’s defense, notably Steven Campbell, stopped backs Cody TanCreti and Varney on their first two runs, but Aldrich ran the ball on the next carry to give Windsor a first down. Stephen Hamel, Jake Nealy, and Tyler Hulbert were able to contain Varney again on the next two downs but a quick pass from Aldrich to TanCreti put the Yellow Jackets into CVU territory. Two incomplete passes and a near fumble forced Windsor to punt and the Redhawks took over on their 36. Kaleo and Powers moved the ball nine yards in three carries, and just when it looked as though CVU would make the attempt for the first down, they were called for an illegal start. Mark Talley then punted (another quick kick), but an unfortunate bounce and the wind carried the ball back toward CVU to end up on the Windsor 42. Aldrich took to the air, and four plays later tossed the ball to Jeffry Danyew in the end zone. Another toss to Danyew for the 2-point conversion put the Yellow Jackets ahead, 16-0. Windsor kicked off to the Redhawks, and Talley ran the ball to the 32. Kaleo and Powers gained eight yards in three carries, but Kaleo’s run on fourth down was stopped short of a first down, so Windsor took possession on the CVU 40. Aldrich zipped a pass to Gokey, who ran the ball in for Windsor’s third touchdown. Aldrich threw a pass to Danyew for the 2-point conversion and the Yellow Jackets led by 24 to end the first quarter.

A penalty on the kickoff return put CVU back on their 5 yard line. The Redhawks were stopped at the 10, and again were forced to punt. Varney gained nine yards in two carries, but a pass interference call against the Redhawks gave

threw to Varney for Windsor’s fourth touchdown, but Powers sacked Aldrich to foil the 2-point conversion. Windsor kicked off once again, but this time Talley showed the crowd that CVU had their own breakaway speedsters. He blew past defenders for the touchdown, and then kicked the extra point, putting the score at 30-7. Unfortunately, Windsor came right back and Varney scored on an 80-yard run, two plays into the next series. Aldrich’s pass to TanCreti put Windsor up, 38-7. CVU began their next series on the 27 and runs by Kaleo, Powers, and Jake Nealy gave CVU a first down. The Yellow Jackets really pressured the line at this point and harried quarterback Derek Liebert. CVU punted and Windsor took possession at their 13. On the first play, Aldrich handed the ball to Varney, who again flew down the field for another touchdown. This time Windsor kicked the ball for the extra point, putting the score at 45-7. The kickoff resulted in a touchback and CVU again worked with their ground game. Rushes by Powers, Kaleo, and Talley gave the Redhawks another first down, but again the Yellow Jackets broke through to sack Liebert and CVU punted. CVU’s defense held Windsor to seven yards and the Yellow Jackets were forced to punt. Talley received the punt and again it looked as if he would run it in for a touchdown, but he was stopped inside the 20 to end the half.

The Redhawks’ defense fared better in the second half, holding Windsor to only one more score, when Varney passed the ball to Danyew for a touchdown. The defense forced Windsor to punt three times. CVU’s offense continued to have difficulties, venturing into Yellow Jacket territory only once, but an interception ended that drive. The officials’ confusion as to ball and team placement at the changeover from third to fourth quarter provided a diversion to the depressing score.

However, the Redhawks are to be congratulated on their feat in making it to the playoffs, defeating second ranked Poultny on the way. The team has showed a lot of spirit this year, refusing to give up. With CVU’s deepening pool of talent (witness the JV squad and a strong Buccaneer program), the Redhawks look to be competitive for the next few years.

Quarter One Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Seniors

Jonathan D. Bateman
Myles L. Beaudoin
Kristin E. Blumen
Ellen C. Ross
April E. Siple
Chelsea M. Trombly

Juniors

Melissa M. Henson
Katie M. Iadanza
Amanda E. Kaminsky
Robert M. Pelletier
Christine T. Piper
Owen B. Smith
Hilary J. Whitney

Sophomores

Isaiah R. Cory
Taylor J. Giroux
Joanna E. Hart
Anna C. Watts

Freshmen

Jennifer K. Dunn
Boriana B. Mravkova
Morgante Pell

A/B Honor Roll

Seniors

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Halle J. Broido
Kimberly E. Clark
Amy L. Curtis
Marley J. Donaldson
Eric T. Dotolo
Daniel P. Evarts
Justin A. Gooley
Robin W. Hart
Luke D. Hausermann
Gabrielle J. Johansen-Reilly
John S. Kimball
Justin A. Mashia
Aaron M. Miller
Maureen E. Mitchell
Ethan D. Ordway
Logan B. Ordway
Joshua L. Parker
Chad M. Place
Samuel C. Ross
Rachel E. Stearns
Carly E. Svetlik

Juniors

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Jared Boudreau
Cameron H. Breck
Lindsey E. DeSimone
Mairead G. Delaney
Thomas D. Eddy
Katelin M. Emerson
Rebecca L. Fagga
Colleen L. Fairchild
Timothy P. Fournier
Jacob R. Gevalt
Amber L. Jaro
Justin H. Jenny
Tasha S. Kramer-Melnick
Tegan M. Mahoney
Nicholas D. Moore
Casey L. Morits
Tanner J. Munson
Maria E. Sengle

Sophomores

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Liam V. Brennan
Anna K. Dooley
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Leanna M. Muroski
Ellen E. Reinhardt
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Hannah E. Turnbaugh
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Katrina K. Wilson

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Kameron K. Clayton
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Emmett Dooley
Emma L. Eddy
Benjamin L. Francis
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Hinesburg Nursery School



O, The Unexpected Places Nursery School Will Take You

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By Alison Bell

The Hinesburg Nursery School went on their second field trip this past October; this time to Lang Farm in Essex. The trip began with a wagon ride through a spooky forest where the children spotted ghoulish characters and the headless cyclist made a few pause. During the ride the tractor stopped and the children descended from the wagon to pick out a pumpkin to bring home. The wagon then brought us safely back to the farm where all enjoyed cider and donuts. At the farm the children delighted in watching and feeding the three goats. It is amazing what a goat will eat! Just before leaving the farm the children ran through the haunted house made out of hay bails.

Back at the school the Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos was celebrated. It is a holiday that is mainly celebrated in Mexico occurring on the 1st and 2nd of November. Although this holiday may sound rather morbid, the traditional mood is bright, celebrating and honoring the lives of the dead. The Day of the Dead is thought of as the continuation of life.

In the spirit of the holiday the children at the school are learning about Mexico and where it is located on the map. They decorated masks and made skull cookies as offerings to the dead, and will soon be doing some Mexican cooking. Refried beans, quesadillas, and salsa dip are on the menu.



Move over Halloween, our students are enjoying customary fall traditions—from around the world.

Organization News ...

Cub Scouts Start Year Off With a Blast

By Susan Abell

A record number of first and second grade boys have joined Pack 691 this year, according to Roger Giroux, outgoing Committee Chair. Pack 691 now has five dens of four to eight boys in grades first through third.




Tiger Cubs Lucas St. Cyr and Sean Garey show off the rockets they assembled and decorated.



Another successful launch! PHOTOS BY SUSAN ABELL

Pack activities are well underway, with scouts having sold over \$13,000 of fundraiser popcorn, built model rockets for the annual Rocket Day launch, and preparing for special trips throughout the year.

Carrie Harlow is one of the new den leaders for her son Stephen's group, Den One. "Stephen's older brother is in scouts, and he has been waiting patiently during Ross's experience for his turn," Carrie said. She plans to share leadership with her husband now that he has returned from (Continued on the next page.)



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(Continued from the previous page.) deployment to Iraq. Speaking at Rocket Day on October 7, Carrie said, “My husband would love to be here for this event. But he’ll be home in time for the Pinewood Derby.”

Steve Cote leads two dens: Den Six, which are the youngest boys, the Tigers, and Den Two, which are Wolves. Steve, who was a cub scout in his youth, got involved when his oldest son expressed interest. “My son Ethan came home from first grade with a little ticket advertising an informational meeting, and it was all over,” Steve said with a smile. “He just loves it.”

According to Cub Scouts of America, Cub scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys while teaching each child to “do his best” and be helpful to others.

Hinesburg Cub Scouts participate in various community service projects throughout the year. Each den prepares a basket of food and gifts for a community family in need. The Cub Scouts also participate in special projects, like replacing all the flags on veteran’s graves in the town cemetery.

- Upcoming activities include:
- Distribution of recent popcorn sales
 - Pinewood Derby race on January 26, 2008
 - The Annual Blue & Gold banquet on February 16, 2008
 - as well as Green Up Day, the Veteran flag replacement project, the Hinesburg Town July 4th parade, and various statewide Cub Scout activities.

Pack 691 welcomes:

Addison Aube
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Max Bissonnette
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Gavin Cote
Thomas Frink
Ben Gant
Sean Garey
Stephen Harlow
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Gregory Jacobs
Alex Mravkov
Justin Ploof
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Hinesburg Community Contra Dances

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- Saturday, March 8
- Saturday, April 12
- Saturday, May 10.

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Lions Club Welcomes Two New Members, Thanks Community for Support

By Margery Sharp

On October 23, the Hinesburg Lions welcomed two new members into the club with a ceremony presented by the King Lion of Vermont, Betsey McGee. The new inductees are Jan Stoneberg and Jean Love.

In addition, the club voted to present certificates-of-thanks to persons and entities who helped the Lions conduct their annual farmers’ market this past summer and for the three previous summers.

Hinesburg Lions President Dean Woodruff and Market Co-manager Margery Sharp presented a certificate to Pastor Bill Neil who received it on behalf of the Hinesburg Community Church members. The market has been held on the church grounds for the past four years and the Lions appreciate the use of the facility.

Also Alan Jones, a representative of the Waitsfield Telecom Company Hinesburg branch office, accepted the certificate on behalf of the telephone company. The company has allowed the market vendors to park their vehicles in the company parking lot across from the market after the vendors unload their products thus freeing up the church parking lot solely for the customers’ use.

Finally, the Lions thanked Leonard Duffy, neighbor to the market, who has allowed the vendors and customers to exit onto Route 116 from his building’s driveway next door to the church parking lot.

McNaull Honored By Beacon Light Grange

By Sue Barden

On the evening of October 18, 2007, the members of the Beacon Light Grange #557 invited the public to join them at the Carpenter-Carse Library Community Room in Hinesburg to honor one of the community’s most respected citizens, as is their custom. The Guest of Honor was *Earla Sue McNaull*, longtime Hinesburg resident and active participant in many aspects of town life. Grange officers and other members were present, along with Hinesburg citizens.

Rev. Bill Neil of the United Church of Hinesburg was able to take time out from a busy schedule that evening to drop in and praise Earla Sue for the many ways she serves others. Her volunteer efforts in the church and wider community have included such projects as assembling Christmas Baskets to donate every December, Salvation

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Marge Sharp gives Jan Stoneberg her new member Lions pin and Sam Collins presents Jean Love with her new member Lions pin. Marge Sharp and Dean Woodruff present certificates to Alan Jones of Waitsfield Telecom and Pastor Bill Neil of Hinesburg Community Church. PHOTOS BY VICKIE MATTHEWS


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Carpenter-Carse Library Director Sue Barden said a few words describing Mrs. McNaul's loyal support of the library and the benefits to the community. Mrs. McNaul served on the library's Board of Trustees from 1982 to 1993. Again in 1996 she rejoined the Board and continues to serve. Over the years she has graciously accepted and carried out duties as both Chairperson and Secretary of the Board. Library personnel have appreciated her respectful support of the staff.

Earla Sue has helped the library through many of its changes and growth spurts. She worked with other trustees to find a suitable new location when the library outgrew its 1947 building. Her fund-raising efforts helped make possible the renovation of the present library facility after it was donated by Henry Carse in 1996. She has seen the library through a name change (from Sarah Carpenter Memorial Library to Carpenter-Carse Library) and through incorporation and the acquiring of 501c3 status.

Earla Sue McNaul is responsible for the existence of the Friends of the Library in Hinesburg. She organizes and runs the big annual Friends' July 4th Book Sale at the Town Hall, with the valuable help of her husband Colin and other volunteers. She has the challenging job of arranging for the removal of remainders after the sale. For years the income from this event has made possible many library improvements.

Earla Sue has always been at home in the world of books and libraries. She and Colin can often be seen in the audience of Carpenter-Carse Library programs. She is an avid reader and runs the library's monthly book discussion group. Her intellectual curiosity spurs her to read a wide assortment of fiction and nonfiction, and probably is also a reason why she and her husband Colin choose adventure travel when it is time for a vacation. Earla Sue has a keen interest in other cultures and peoples of the world. She has also been a proud member of a winning Dragonheart Vermont boat team: the races raise money to benefit breast cancer survivors and the services that help them.

Librarian Sue Barden spoke of some of the personal qualities that Mrs. McNaul brings to her community service: her generous nature, her intellect and wisdom, a judicious approach, and her willingness to pitch in when there is much work to be done.

After the tribute to Earla Sue refreshments were served by Grange members. In their usual style they provided a sumptuous meal in the form of a candlelight buffet with a colorful array of treats: everything from elegant berry kabobs, cheeses, and shrimp, to irresistible desserts. It was an enjoyable evening in honor of a good citizen by measure.

Charlotte Shelburne Rotary News

By Rosalyn Graham

New Members

Two new members were inducted into the membership of Charlotte Shelburne Rotary Club at the Wednesday, November 14 meeting. Membership Chair Ric Flood (center) officiated at the ceremony, installing Bruce Willits (left) a transfer from the Rotary Club of Naples, Florida club, and Dee Lyons, a new member. Bruce retired recently from a career as an Ob-Gyn physician in Florida and moved to

Shelburne. He first joined Rotary in North Carolina and more recently has been a member of the Rotary Club of Naples. Dee is a new resident of Shelburne who worked in the pop music business in New York City and California and traveled the world, studying architecture with a special interest in flower boxes. At the November 14 meeting, the club also voted to make \$500 grants to the food shelves in Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg to meet holiday season needs.

A Thanksgiving Tradition

Charlotte Shelburne Rotary continued a decades-old tradition this year, donating turkeys to the Emergency Food Shelves of Shelburne, Charlotte, and Hinesburg for distribution to client families. This year they donated 130 turkeys. Rotarian Jim Spadacinni of Charlotte who has coordinated the distribution for many years, and Rotary President Anne Pardee of Shelburne met at Shelburne Food



PHOTO BY ROSALYN GRAHAM

Shelf to give Food Shelf Coordinator Val Martel the turkeys for Shelburne families and to talk about the serious needs being seen already, so early in the winter season. Ms. Martel says she is especially concerned about the dramatic increase in the cost of home heating fuel and the cutbacks in federal government support programs. Gifts of money to the Food Shelf are already being used to meet the need for fuel assistance and the need will continue to be severe throughout the winter.



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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Holiday Happenings Too Good to Miss

By June T. Giroux

VSO Pops and Brass Concerts

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra rings in the holiday season this December with two traditional programs in music halls across the state. The annual VSO Holiday Pops concert celebrates the season with the theme, *Suite Dreams*. This playful look at dreams and music inspired by dreams includes excerpts from Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, Prokofiev's Lieutenant Kije, the Nutcracker Suite, and additional folk favorites and seasonal classics. The program, hosted and narrated by VSO Chorus member and psychiatrist John Helzer, features youth soloist Katie Jordan of Charlotte, French horn, with Anthony Princiotti conducting.

Performances are Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Barre Opera House, Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Flynn Center in Burlington, and Sunday, December 9, 3:00 p.m., at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland.

For mystical and majestic holiday music, Robert De Cormier and the VSO Brass Quintet and Counterpoint, present the perfect mix of brass, voices, and music of the season in four charming settings: Thursday, December 13, 7:30 p.m., Congregational Church, Manchester Village; Friday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., Congregational Church, Brandon; Saturday, December 15, 5:00 p.m. The White Church, Grafton; and Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m., The Warren Church in Warren.

Join the VSO for visions of sugar plums and a festive celebration of the season! For tickets, CD or additional information, please call 800-VSO-9293, ext. 10, or visit online at www.vso.org.

VSO Christmas in Vermont CD

Music lies at the heart of many holiday traditions. This year, holiday audiences can enjoy rarely heard gems and seasonal favorites on the newly released CD, *Christmas in Vermont*, produced by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra.

The new CD features the VSO Brass Quintet and Counterpoint for the perfect mix of brass, voices, and music of the season. Audiences have clamored for a CD ever since the two ensembles performed their first holiday concert in 2003. Now, with noted organist and University of Vermont professor David Neiweem, the VSO offers brilliant brass and shining voices on this special Vermont-made CD.

From the West Indian Mary's Boy Child to the Brass Quintet's virtuoso rendering of John Iverson's Christmas Crackers; from the bright Haitian Noel to the reverent Rorate coeli desuper of Leo Nestor and Richard Price's ethereal Tantrum Ergo; from the familiar strains of Adeste Fidelis, Deck the Halls and Joy to the World to the rollicking Good Mornin', It's Christmas and the gentle rhythms of The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy, "Christmas in Vermont" is a feast for the ears and gift for the heart.

The professional vocal ensemble, Counterpoint, made its debut in 2000 to critical acclaim under the leadership of Robert De Cormier. It performs locally throughout the year and is heard every December on National Public Radio's "Christmas in Vermont with Counterpoint." The VSO Brass Quintet has delighted audiences throughout the region for more than 25 years, traveling to schools, churches and concert halls in every corner of the state. Members have changed over the years, but the group has consistently been praised by critics for its beauty of sound, interesting programming and excellence of ensemble.

Bring the music of Vermont into your Christmas traditions...it's a treat you'll enjoy long after the Christmas pudding is gone! The *Christmas in Vermont* CD costs \$15, available at concerts, and through the VSO office with a \$3 handling and shipping charge. For additional information, including a list of retail outlets that also sell the CD, please call 800-VSO-9293, ext. 10, or visit online at www.vso.org.

Country Dances at Elley Long Center

There will be English Country dances at the Elley Long Music Center at 223 Ethan Allen Avenue in Colchester (in the Ethan Allen Complex off Route 15). The dances start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:20 p.m. All dances are taught, no partner or experience is needed. Adults and youth over 12 are welcome. The cost is \$7.00 at the door. For information call Val al Medve at 802-809-2378. The dates are Friday December 7 and Friday, December 21, 2007. Music by Lar Duggan and Deb Nedde.

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This year's performance includes the following Hinesburg residents: *Colby Chatoff* – Polichinelle; *Taylor Chatoff* – Mini-Mice; *Alexander Quatt* – Polichinelle; *Allison Zengilowski* – member of the Vermont Youth Ballet Sr. Division (a performing branch of the VBT) dances as a Chinese Tea & Candy Cane dancer.

Saturday, December 22: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and **Sunday, December 23:** 1:00 p.m. at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Burlington, Vermont. For tickets: 802-86-FLYNN or <http://www.flynntix.org/index.aspx>.

A Nutcracker Tea

The Sugar Plum Fairy is hosting a Nutcracker Tea following the matinees at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. Guests will mingle with their favorite Nutcracker characters, indulge in delectable sweets and have their picture taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Saturday, December 22: 4:30 p.m. and **Sunday, December 23:** 3:30 p.m. at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Burlington, Vermont. For reservations: 878-2941.

For more information: www.VermontBalletTheater.org or call 802-878-2941.

NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June Giroux

Welcome to Hinesburg's Newest Residents

A baby boy, *Camden Timothy Ayer*, was born October 8, 2007 to Tim and Lisa (Hanna) Ayer at the Fletcher Allen Health Center 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.)

Celebrate Caroline's Birthday

There will be a reception to celebrate Caroline Harvey's 95th birthday on December 8. It will be held at the Kelly Field Recreation Room in Hinesburg from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Caroline has requested that there be no gifts. If friends



Caroline Harvey

wish, consider making a donation in her name to the charity of your choice or the Hinesburg United Church.

Red Cross Blood Drive

It is time to open your 2008 calendars and start scheduling important dates.

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be at the St. Jude Church hall on January 10 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Start your new year by donating the gift of life.

Red Cross Gallon Pin

Thanks go to *Glenn Enos* of Hinesburg for donating 28 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region.

Love and War: The 1941-1943 World War II Letters of Nancy Duncan

A one-hour presentation by Curt Taylor of his mother's unpublished letters at the Brownell Library on Friday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. Free & Open to the Public.

Less than two weeks after Pearl Harbor, Nancy Duncan found herself aboard a troop ship heading for Iceland. She was one of 10 Red Cross workers on board. Howard Taylor, a young lieutenant, was one of 2500 soldiers aboard the same ship. The story of the their meeting, their love, and the life they lived in wartime Iceland and Great Britain is the subject of nearly 200 surprisingly frank letters, v-mails and postcards received and saved by Nancy Duncan's mother. Her son will relate the story within the letters and answer questions regarding same.

The transcribed letters will be available at the library one week before the talk and for a month after. Because the letters are unpublished, they cannot be read outside Brownell library or copied. Mr. Taylor will also make available several books relating to Iceland, the Red Cross, and the 50th Signal Battalion during World War II. Free and Open to the public. For Senior Bus transportation call 878-6940. For questions,, please call 878-6955.

1962 PTA Cookbook

I received a letter from former Hinesburg resident and *Hinesburg Record* subscriber Martha DeVoid Kapaun (Daughter of Carroll and Helen DeVoid).

Martha wrote, "I have put the Hinesburg 1962 PTA cookbook into a couple of MS Word files.

My grandmother, Ruth Murray gave me her copy. Through the years it had begun to fade considerably. Before all the recipes and Vera Ballard's poems were lost, I decided to put it onto a disk.

Here it is, so enjoy and feel free to pass this great treasure onto the Town of Hinesburg as well as *The Hinesburg Record* during your 20th year anniversary!

Thank you, Martha DeVoid Kapaun (kapaun1@cox.net)

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(We appreciate the work Martha went through to re-copy the book *The recipes and the poems* are available. I cannot print individual copies, but will send an e-mail copy of the files. Let me know if you want just the recipes, just the poems, or both. Contact me at JuneGiroux@aol.com.)

Class of 1934 Reunion

The last three graduates of Hinesburg High School’s Class of 1934 had a mini-reunion one afternoon recently at Papa Nick’s Restaurant.

Attending were Laurence “Pete” Eddy, 90, of Hillsboro, Oregon, Carroll “Deac” DeVoid, 91, of Williston, and Forest “Pete” Emmons, 92, of Hinesburg.

The grads enjoyed a few hours remembering old friends, classmates, and events during their growing up years in Hinesburg.

It was concluded, “It was a good town to grow up in.”



(l-r) Lawrence “Pete” Eddy, Forest “Pete” Emmons and Carroll “Deac” DeVoid enjoy memories of their class of 1934.

Senior News ...

Blizzard Bags for Seniors

Each year the winter weather makes delivering Meals on Wheels challenging. The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA) is once again producing Blizzard Bags for all 830 of our Meals on Wheels recipients in Chittenden, Addison, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties.

Each Blizzard Bag will contain four shelf stable meals to ensure that homebound seniors who rely on Meals on Wheels will have food in their home if the weather is too bad for our volunteer drivers to deliver meals during winter storms.

For information, contact CVAA at 802.865.0360.

Community of Vermont Elders

The Annual Enrollment Period for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage is underway. Beneficiaries need to check their plans to make sure they have the right coverage for the next year which starts January 1, 2008. Not only are there new prescription drug plans for 2008, but the existing plans have changed their coverage including deductibles, co-payments, and coverage through the doughnut hole. Beneficiaries can take the following steps to protect themselves for the next year.

If you think you might be eligible for the extra help from the federal government, apply for the Low Income Subsidy offered through the Social Security Administration. You can contact a local office or download an application online at: www.ssa.gov;

- Contact your plan to find out if it will still cover the drugs you need. If the federal government has auto-enrolled you in a new plan you should still check with that plan;
- If your plan will continue to cover your prescription drugs and you are satisfied with your coverage, do nothing; but
- If you find that the plan will not adequately cover your drugs in 2008, review plan information provided in your copy of “Medicare and You 2008”, or by contacting Medicare at: 1-800-633-4227, or log onto the Medicare website at: www.medicare.gov to review and enroll into a new plan on the Plan Finder;
- If you want to change plans, or if you’re enrolling for the first time, it’s important to enroll by December 8 to ensure that your new coverage will be effective on January 1. Beneficiaries who are already enrolled will not lose their coverage, but might have to wait for their new plan to take affect if they enroll after December 8.

Beneficiaries and family members who have questions or concerns about Medicare Prescription Drug coverage or the State’s pharmacy assistance programs, may contact:

1. Their prescription drug plan
2. Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or www.medicare.gov
3. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-642-5119

If a beneficiary has been misled or pressured to enroll into a drug plan, contact the Vermont SMP at 1-888-865-2683 (a project of the Community of Vermont Elders).

Other News

Be Prepared for Winter

Vermont Emergency Management encourages the elderly and those with special needs to contact their local power company and local community officials to alert them of those needs in the event of a power outage. VEM also encourages everyone to check in on the elderly or those with special needs throughout the storm, and to assist those in need with snow removal.

As always, VEM encourages Vermonters to be ready for any weather event by putting together an emergency preparedness kit, and stocking up on special items to cope with winter weather before the storm starts.

Some easy steps you can take to prepare for winter weather include:

- Stocking up on flashlights and batteries in your home and car
- Purchasing a battery-powered radio or NOAA weather radio to listen for advisories
- Keeping your gas tank and your home heating tank full of fuel
- Purchasing extra non-perishable food for your home and your car
- Keeping a first-aid kit in your home and car
- Maintaining a significant supply of bottled water in your home
- Those who have elderly neighbors or live next to those with special needs should arrange to check on those neighbors during a storm or power outage
- When running a generator, it is important that the generator is outdoors; an improperly operated generator can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning; check your owner’s manual before operating a generator

The Vermont State Police recommend the following safety tips for winter weather driving:

Before You Travel

Check road and weather conditions before leaving

- Avoid traveling unless necessary and always allow yourself extra time to get to your destination
- Make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition with snow tires and winter windshield wiper blades

On the Road

- Watch for and expect changing road conditions, black ice, blowing snow, high winds or whiteout conditions can appear when you least expect them to;
- The single most important rule is to drive at a speed

that matches the prevailing visibility, traffic and road conditions. The posted speed limits are for dry, clear conditions only;

- Be sure to leave yourself plenty of extra room, extend the following distance from other vehicles ahead;
- If your car doesn’t make it to your destination, pull as far off the road as possible, to minimize any further traffic hazards, and stay in the car. Even a short walk in winter storm conditions can be dangerous;

Carry a cell phone and use 911 in case of an emergency, but do not become over dependant on a cell phone.

Any communities that may need assistance during the storm are encouraged to call Vermont Emergency Management at 800-347-0488.

For more information, the media can call Mark Bosma, Vermont Emergency Management Public Information Officer, at 800-347-0488.

Free Holiday Dinner For Seniors

The Champlain Senior Center is very pleased to announce that there will be a free Holiday Dinner for seniors on Christmas Day. The celebration will take place at 1:00 p.m. on December 25 at the center in Burlington. “This is the third year that we’ve done this and there’s such a great feeling when we’re all together,” explained organizer Megan Humphrey. Food and drinks for the meal, goodies for gift bags, transportation for seniors, and volunteer help for both gift-wrapping and on Christmas Day have all been donated.

Ruth Carter, a senior who attended the dinner last year with her brother and son, commented that “if I stayed home, I’d have to cook, wouldn’t I?” And she’ll be coming back again this year because “everyone was so nice last year.”

Seniors do not have to live in Burlington to attend. Seniors are welcome to bring a couple of family members or friends, but there is limited seating, so please make reservations for dinner and/or transportation by calling the Champlain Senior Center at 658-3585. To donate or volunteer, please call Megan Humphrey at 864-7528.

Become A Fresh Air Host Family

This holiday season, many families in the Hinesburg area are thankful for something special: the gift of their friendship with a New York City child. Through The Fresh Air Fund’s Friendly Town program, local families open their hearts and homes to inner-city children as volunteer hosts for two weeks during the summer. By volunteering as a host family in summer 2008, the spirit of the holidays can continue throughout the year. One child recounts the activities he tried in Friendly Town during his visit in 2007. “We went hiking, swimming and rode horses. I wish I could spend the whole summer there because I never get bored!”

Since 1877, The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income communities. Nearly 10,000 New York City children enjoy free Fresh Air Fund programs annually. In 2007, close to 5,000 children visited volunteer host families in suburbs and small town communities across 13 states - from Virginia to Maine and Canada. Additionally, 3,000 children attended five Fresh Air camps on a 2,300-acre site in Fishkill, New York. The Fund's year-round camping program serves 2,000 young people each year.

For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child next summer, please contact Karen Allen at (802) 372-5324 or The Fresh Air Fund at (800) 367-0003. You can also visit The Fund's Web site at www.freshair.org.

Start the Holiday Season at Rokeby Museum

Celebrate the start of the holiday season at Rokeby Museum. Join members and friends at our Annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You're invited to sample seasonal treats, both sweet and savory, and enjoy a glass of punch. The house will be decorated and open, with friendly and knowledgeable guides posted throughout, so it's a great time to visit.

Rokeby Museum, located on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, is a National Historic Landmark Underground Railroad site and home to four generations of the Robinson family. Please call 877-3406 or e-mail rokeby@comcast.net for more information.

The Birds of Vermont Museum

Join nationally recognized naturalist and habitat specialist Sue Morse, the founder of Keeping Track, for a slide show of her excellent photographs and a day-long outing tracking wildlife on her property. She will discuss the biology, ecology, and tracking lore for species whose tracks and sign are relatively abundant here in northern Vermont. Species may include: ruffed grouse, moose, black bear, bobcat, fisher, river otter, mink, beaver, coyote and red fox.

The slide show will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, while the field trip is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. The program is \$50 for both days, or \$10 for the slide show only. Registration is necessary as space is limited. Please call the Birds of Vermont Museum, 434-2167 with questions or to register, or go to www.birdsofvermont.org. The museum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Road in Huntington.

Bike/Ped Coalition Launches "StoryWalk"

To find out how the story ends, parents and children will no longer be able to just flip to the back of the book. They'll have to walk a ways. StoryWalk, an initiative that combines a children's story with a popular walking route, was developed by Anne Ferguson, a volunteer with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition. Ferguson selects a children's book, separates the pages, laminates them and attaches them to wooden stakes. She then drives the stakes into the ground at regular intervals along paths so readers can follow the story as they walk the route.

Ferguson conceived of StoryWalk as a way to inspire parents, teachers, and caregivers to take young children on a short stroll that will be fun for all. StoryWalk helps build

children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both adults and children. Reviews from the first StoryWalk posted at Hubbard Park in Montpelier were extremely enthusiastic.

Ferguson received a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council to purchase young children's books recommended by area librarians. She then obtained permission to install StoryWalk in various locations. The books "Leaves" by David Ezra Stein and "A Gardener's Alphabet" by Vermont artist Mary Azarian were the first installations. StoryWalk debuted in Montpelier but Ferguson and the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition are eager for the initiative to be adopted throughout the state.

All are welcome to visit StoryWalk and the experience is free. Visitors are encouraged to share the joy of reading and record their responses in the comment book located at the end of the path. In addition to the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition, StoryWalk supporters include the Vermont Humanities Council, Kellogg Hubbard Library, city of Montpelier, Bear Pond Books, and Sticks and Stuff.

If you would like StoryWalk to come to your community, please contact Nancy Schulz, executive director of the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition at 225-8904 or Nancy@VTBikePed.org. The Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition is a nonprofit education and advocacy organization that promotes safe bicycling and walking throughout Vermont.

Youth Hunting Memories Contest Announced

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources' Fish and Wildlife Department is seeking submissions for its first-ever "Youth Hunting Memories Contest." Bagged game is not a requirement. A photo isn't even a requirement. Fish and Wildlife is looking for short essays, stories, poems, art or pictures from young hunters describing their time while hunting. Each youth may submit only one story and it can be from any hunting experience in Vermont. The top 14 entries from youths will win a Beagle Outdoor Wear fanny pack, fish and wildlife hat and the state's Guide to the Wildlife Management Areas of Vermont.

The contest is open to youth younger than 16 and submissions must be received by 4:30 p.m. December 15. Entries will be judged by George Crombie, Agency of Natural Resources Secretary, and Wayne Laroche, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.

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“The future of hunting in Vermont is with our children. This contest will showcase the experiences of Vermont’s youth hunters,” said George Crombie. “I’m anxious to read their stories about spending quality time outdoors with their family and taking part in a cultural tradition that dates back to when Vermont’s hillsides were first settled.”



Young hunters are encouraged to submit stories and photos of hunting experiences. Fish and Wildlife’s Education Manager Mark Scott announced the contest with Governor Douglas at a meeting in Waterbury. PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

Young hunters are encouraged to send in photographs with their story. Submissions will not be returned, and the agency reserves the right to publish photos or stories that it wishes. Currently, the Fish and Wildlife Department publishes pictures and stories of youth hunters on its web site (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Submissions must include: hunter’s first and last name, postal mailing address, age, telephone number and location of hunt.

Email submissions to Ann.Shangraw@state.vt.us or mail to: 2007 Youth Hunting Memories Contest
Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department
103 South Main St., Bldg 10 South
Waterbury, VT 05671-0501

Free Citizenship Classes

The Fletcher Free Library will hold free citizenship classes from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays at the library, 235 College Street in Burlington.

Classes began Wednesday, December 5 and run for eight weeks. Attendees will prepare for the U.S. naturalization interview by learning English language skills, U.S. history and government. For more information, contact Amber Gaster at 865-7211 or agaster@ci.burlington.vt.us.

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Farm & Forest Task Force Survey

of important land by the Hinesburg Community Land Trust. Farming and forest activity have been actively supported by the citizens of Hinesburg for decades. During the next few months there may be additional opportunities for residents to learn how we may help retain farm and forest land in town.

The Vermont Council on Rural Development visited Hinesburg in October, 2006 to identify and explore the challenges of importance to the people of Hinesburg. At the meeting residents expressed clear interest in finding ways to support agriculture and forestry in town. One result was the appointment of a committee called the Farm and Forest Conservation Task Force. The goal of the Task Force is to find ways to help landowners maintain and, where possible, expand their farm and forest operations to become sustainable enterprises. The Task Force is composed of Hinesburg farm and forest landowners and interested citizens. It is chaired by Chuck Ross.

The members of the Task Force are interested in finding ways to help landowners be more successful in managing their operations and properties. They understand that property taxes, vandalism, increases in the cost of labor, machinery, energy and marketing, and some regulations are among the challenges facing landowners. The Task Force decided the first step would be to conduct a survey to get a really clear picture of the challenges and opportunities facing Hinesburg landowners.

Survey Response

The online survey was conducted over the summer. It had 54 respondents, whose holdings represent 16 percent of the town’s land (4,191 of 26,640 acres). About half of the respondents had properties smaller than 50 acres and half had more than 50 acres, many measuring well in excess of 100 acres. A link to the survey was on the Town’s website and people were encouraged to participate through newspaper articles, phone calls, mailings, and word of mouth. The survey covered questions ranging from the size of properties to the type of crops and livestock raised, the level of interest in seeing land stay in agriculture, the pressures and challenges facing landowners and the opportunities and interest landowners have in future activity on their land.

The survey responses suggest that Hinesburg landowners are interested in retaining working farm and forestland. There was also a clear interest in making it more viable for farm and forest businesses to continue operating and for entrepreneurs to start new farm and forest-based businesses. The survey found a wide variety of agriculture and forest land uses. Many of the Town’s landowners are willing to explore new ways to use their land in order to make it more viable. There was some interest in the possible production of energy-related crops and in exploring new markets. It is also worth noting there was resistance on the part of some with respect to the survey because of concerns relating to privacy.

The landowners’ survey responses and comments made it clear that there are many forces working against retaining land in active farm and forest use. At the top of the list are property taxation and different forms of government regulation. The rising cost of inputs is clearly a problem as are issues relating to estate planning. The survey shows that Hinesburg landowners have many opportunities to sell property for non-farm and forest use, and the majority depend on off-farm income. Another challenge is that more than half the owner/operators are older than 50 years of age.

It is also clear that landowners are interested in new technologies that could help them be more productive and

new products that could be marketed locally and beyond. There is a strong interest among landowners in seeing their land stay in farm or forest use. Through its research and conversations with farmers, the Task Force also discovered that there is a meaningful interest on the part of new or existing farmers from other areas in establishing farming operations in Hinesburg.

The Hinesburg survey results are in line with other recent research on agriculture in Vermont. The 2006 UVM Center for Rural Studies Vermonter Poll included several questions about agriculture in Vermont. The statewide telephone survey showed that Vermonters place a high value on agriculture and farms, that they worry about the loss of farmland and the threats of large-scale production and competition from outside the state, and that they see alternative energy generation as a way to boost farmers’ bottom lines.

Ongoing statewide research on agricultural land use by the Center for Rural Studies parallels the Hinesburg Task Force’s findings. Research done by Jessica Hyman, a graduate student in the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics, found the farmers that she surveyed and interviewed stressed the importance of diversification to farm viability and cited high land costs and taxes as considerable challenges. The research also shows that farmers’ perceptions of local support for agriculture play a significant role in their decisions to buy or sell land.

The results of these surveys and the many conversations that were part of this process, lead the Task Force to believe there is real interest on the part of the Town of Hinesburg and its landowners in finding ways to help owners retain and enhance the viability of their farm and forest uses. The Task Force believes that if the landowners can become more successful, then more land will stay in farm and forest use. This is important to the Town because it will help maintain a productive part of the local economy and help retain the community’s rural, small town character valued by so many.

Opportunities for Action

The Task Force has identified the following opportunities for action:

- 1 diversification of agricultural and forest land uses
- 2 development of new products and markets
- 3 identification and mitigation of the impact of certain government regulations effecting farm and forest land activities and plans
- 4 reduction in property taxation
- 5 help with long-range planning for landowners
- 6 exploration of ways to lower and control input cost
- 7 help in matching aspiring farmers with interested landowners

This is by no means an exhaustive list, but rather a starting point for future discussions on how to help retain active farm and forest activity in Hinesburg. The Task Force plans to work with landowners to help them achieve their goals and address their challenges, perhaps through workshops, directing them to new resources, connecting them with expert advisors, and/or community meetings to help educate landowners and residents about how to work together more effectively.

Join the Conversation

All Hinesburg residents are welcome to join the conversation about the future of farm and forest land. Task Force meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Hinesburg Town Hall. If interested, contact Chuck Ross at 482-4833 or chuckr@gmavt.net.

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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.
AA Gratitude Group: Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Pageant at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 23.
Christmas Eve Family Service at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24.
Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 10:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24.

Community Alliance Church

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Elders: Mike Breer, Rolly Delfausse, Jeff Glover, David Russell
Phone: 482-2132
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU High School)
Sunday Services:
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10:15 a.m., Worship (Nursery and Children's Church provided)
6:00 p.m., Middle School & High School Youth Group
Weekday Ministries:
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Women's Group: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
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Small Groups: Various times and days throughout the week.
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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
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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, DECEMBER 11:

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.

Buy Local/Speciality Farming Task Force, 7:30 p.m., top floor of Town Hall. Contact Bill Schubart (bill@schubart.com 482-3287) or James Donegan (doneganmaple@hotmail.com 482-3245).

Iroquois Snow Beavers meeting, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12:

HCS School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, Room 101.

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

Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall. CSSU Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Room 104, CVU.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13:

Fire and Rescue/ Heavy Rescue-Medical Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17:

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18:

Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30

p.m. Papa Nick’s Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Mathews at 496-8537 (tmathews@gmavt.net) for information or to make reservations.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lower level or second floor of Town Hall. Frank Twarog, Chair.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20:

Fire and Rescue/Business meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.

Hinesburg Historical Society meeting, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mildred Aube’s home on Pond Road. Call 482-2699 for information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22:

First day of Winter.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24:

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25:

Christmas Day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26:

First Day of Kwanzasa.

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27:

Fire and Rescue/ Fire Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31:

New Year’s Eve.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1:

New Year’s Day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2:

Advertising and News Deadline for January 26 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3:

Fire and Rescue/Medical Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.

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

HINESBURG CALENDAR

Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar

CCL = Carpenter Carse Library

CSSU = Chittenden South Supervisory Union

CVU = Champlain Valley Union High School

HCRC = Hinesburg Community Resource Center

HCS = Hinesburg Community School

HFD = Hinesburg Fire Department

MONDAY, JANUARY 7:

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, JANUARY 8:

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.

Buy Local/Speciality Farming Task Force, 7:30 p.m., top floor of Town Hall. Contact Bill Schubart (bill@schubart.com 482-3287) or James Donegan (doneganmaple@hotmail.com 482-3245).

Iroquois Snow Beavers meeting, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9:

HCS School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, Room 101.

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

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

CSSU Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Room 104, CVU.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10:

Fire and Rescue/ Heavy Rescue-Medical Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14:

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.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2096.

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 third 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. Buy Local/Specialty Farming Task Force. Meetings on the second Tuesday of each

month at 7:30 p.m., top floor of Town Hall. Contact Bill Schubart (bill@schubart.com 482-3287) or James Donegan (doneganmaple@hotmail.com 482-3245) with questions.

Lake Iroquois Association: For information or to sign-up or become a part of the forum, go to www.frontporchforum.com and select the lakeiroquois forum.

Playgroup at Town Hall: Weekly group of parents and children, birth to age five. Wednesdays, 10:00 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.

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

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Office Hours: Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You may leave a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Erin Coates (482-3460) is the contact for Friends of Families.

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Open Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information, please contact Laurie Sweeney (482-5519) or Doug Gunnerson (482-3069).

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.

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 calendar.