

The Hinesburg Record



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Bast Steps Down From Hinesburg Selectboard

Rob Bast, Chairman of the Hinesburg Selectboard, has announced that he will not seek re-election at Town Meeting this year.

Rob's tenure on the Hinesburg Selectboard has extended over two terms, from 1985-1999 and from 2003-2008. He also served on the Planning Commission from 1979-1984. This represents a total of 24 years of service.

Related to his work as a Selectman, Rob served:

- on the Board of Directors of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for seven years, and as President for two of those years. He has been a member of the VLCT Transportation Committee as well;
- as the Chair of the original Rural Planning Organization for Chittenden County (now folded into the Metropolitan Planning Org);
- as Chair of the Lake Iroquois Recreation District Joint Municipal Survey, which set up the beach as it is now known;
- as a member of the Vermont Agency of Transportation Road Design Standards Committee, which developed the standards currently being implemented in Vermont. He advocated for standards which were the first in the nation to consider the special multi-user conditions of villages and towns, and were the first to be honored by a National Trust for Historic Preservation award;
- as Hinesburg's representative on the successful CVU Addition Design Committee;(Continued on page 6.)

Exercise Your Right to Vote!

Hinesburg Town Meeting, March 3, 7:30 PM @ CVU
Australian Ballot Voting & Presidential Primary, March 4, 7am -7pm @ Town Hall

By Missy Ross, Town Clerk

Town Meeting is upon us and seems to be as much a sign of spring as maple sugaring and robins. Let's hope that we'll see the latter two within a few weeks. If you have never attended a traditional Vermont town meeting, please make the effort to do so as it is a wonderful exercise in democracy. You won't regret it!

Mark Your Calendars

The Annual Town meeting will convene at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008.

Voting by Australian ballot for the election of town officers, the presidential primary, and the CVUHS budget will be held at the Hinesburg Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for this election is Wednesday, February 27.

Town Officers

There is only one contested position for town officers on the ballot. Tom Ayer is running against Ken Brown for a two-year seat on the Selectboard that was vacated by Rob Bast. Howard Russell is running unopposed for re-election to the Selectboard for the three-year term he currently holds.

I am running unopposed for re-election as Town Clerk and Treasurer. I am also running unopposed for the Delinquent Tax Collector (DTC) position. Last year, long-time DTC Jan Bedard decided not to run for re-election, so the Clerk's Office agreed to take on the responsibility for collection of delinquent taxes.

Lisa Falcone Coffin is running for the first time for a three-year term as a Hinesburg Community School Director. She is unopposed. Finally, there is a three-year term for HCS Director and a three-year term for the CSSU Director that no one is currently running for. People are welcome to wage a write-in campaign for either position. You must get a minimum of 30 votes to be elected.

Dog Licenses Due by April 1

The deadline for licensing your dog is April 1. The fees are \$7 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$11 for all others. After the deadline, the fees increase to \$9 and \$15 respectively. We will need a copy of your current rabies certificate unless we already have it on file and it hasn't reached the expiration date. If you have any questions, please call us at 482-2281. Remember, licensing your dog is required by Vermont law.

Homestead Declarations Due in April

All Vermont residents are required to file a Homestead Declaration with their Vermont income tax return. You can file your HS-122 on line at <http://tax.vermont.gov> or submit it along with your income tax return. Be sure to file this form by April 15 even if you file for an extension. Otherwise, you may receive a late filing penalty or be ineligible for any property tax adjustment.

See you at town meeting!

Municipal Budget Review

By Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Town Administrator

The preparation of the municipal budget for Town Meeting was a challenging process this year. Communities across the country are facing an increasingly bleak economic forecast, and Hinesburg is not immune. Escalating costs for projects due to rising costs for labor, materials and petroleum-based products, the downturn in the housing market, a reduction in grant funds available for municipal projects, and the shifting of expense to local governments have all contributed to a decrease in revenues and an increase in expense.

The Selectboard was well aware of these trends during the budgeting process and chose to delay numerous projects and purchases. Half of the budgets were either level funded or decreased from the current year's funding level. This was a challenging endeavor, considering that each of these departments is experiencing the same level of escalating costs to provide services to our community.

Budget Increases 3.3%

The result is an increase of only \$87,500 in expenditures over the current year's budget, from \$2,655,335 to \$2,742,835, or an increase of only 3.3%. However, all the cost-cutting measures could not offset the projected decline in revenue, and the projected decrease in the growth of the Grand List.

This is further compounded by a reduction in the Town's fund balance. For many years we have been fortunate to realize unanticipated revenues as well as expenditures that came in below budget. The result was a surplus, or the fund balance. For the past several years the Selectboard has been able to apply a minimum of \$200,000 of the fund balance towards the budget to offset the tax rate. This will not be the case for the coming budget year. Only \$76,551 is available in surplus funds to put back towards the budget.

If all else were equal to previous budget years (i.e. – the rate of growth in the Grand List and the level of surplus funds

to apply towards the budget) this \$87,500 increase in expenditures would have translated to only a little over a 1¢ increase in the tax rate. However, everything is not the same as in past years, and the result is a 4.5¢ projected increase in the municipal tax rate.

Budgetary Changes

Elections: Increased for the 2008 presidential election.

Fixed Costs: Increased due to an increase in county tax, as well as an increase in Workers' Compensation Insurance due to claim history.

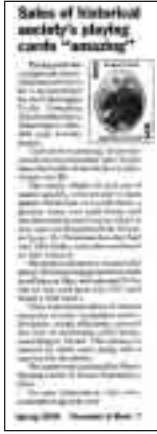
Recreation Path: The Town has not budgeted local funds for the Recreation Path Project for the past three years. With final project cost estimates in hand, and as the project approaches construction, funds are needed as the town match for the \$1.8 million dollar project. An appropriation of \$50,000 per year for the next two years will secure the Town's funding obligation for this project.

Fire Department and First Response: The Fire/First Response Department requests an increase of approximately \$14,000 to cover increased costs for a variety of items, including reimbursements for volunteers, dispatch, vehicle repair and maintenance, fuel, and equipment.

Highway Department: The single largest change in the Highway Department budget is an appropriation of \$170,000 to reconstruct a one mile section of Pond Road between CVU Road and Pond Brook Road. Reconstruction will involve work to the road base, ditching, shoulders and re-paving. Also included in the Highway budget is the first appropriation towards a grader to replace the 1998 grader.

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HINESBURG RECORD
HISTORY



Changes in Hinesburg

By JOHN MACE

In about 2,000 words, how has our Town changed over the past twenty years? Hmm. There are many ways to answer that question but probably no ways to do it well in 2,000 words. Hinesburg covers the

same 36 square mile chunk of Vermont as it did 20 years ago, so in that limited sense, it hasn't changed at all. We have a second stop light, some sidewalks, quite a few more houses, and a new manufacturing plant, so in that sense, there have been some changes. We have almost a third again as many people as we did 20 years ago, although our population growth appears to have leveled off recently. As a group, we're better educated, have higher incomes, and are more likely to work somewhere else than 20 years ago, so in that sense, there have been more changes.

Changes on the ground and in demographics seem the most obvious dimensions on which to focus when answering the question. A less obvious, but nonetheless interesting, focus is on



those people who work or volunteer for us, thereby enabling and otherwise influencing the other changes which occur.

TOWN OFFICIALS

Each year, our Town Report includes sections listing Elected and Appointed Officials. By and large, these are the folks who make the decisions and do the work of the town. These two sections of the last 20 Town Reports constitute the source of data for this article.

There are two main sources of error in this data. The first is attributable to the reports themselves: there are some inconsistencies over the years and a few omissions. For example, the 1991 report lists only four members of the Planning Commission, and there were nine. From 1987 to 1992, both the Chair and Co-Chair of the Fourth of July Committee were listed, but in 1990, the whole committee was included. From

1993 to 1999, only the Chair was listed, but the position, while it still exists, hasn't appeared since. These two types of errors remain in the data.

The second source of error is my judgment. When the data was first brought in, there were 150 different positions and 483 different names. After correcting for various types of errors and inconsistencies, the final dataset contains 66 positions and 345 names. In addition to scanning and spelling errors, there were differences in how people's names were printed in the reports. For example, "Missy Ross" and "Melissa Ross" are the same person, so these and similar names were combined. The situation is a little more complicated when it comes to positions. For example, the initial dataset included "Town Clerk", "Town Treasurer", and "Town Clerk and Treasurer." These could be counted as one, two, or three positions. Because these three positions have, over the past twenty years, always been held by the same person, I counted it as one position. Similarly, the names of some positions have changed. We no longer have a Town Planner, but we do have a

Director of Planning and Zoning. For the purposes of this analysis, I demoted Alex Weinhagen back to Town Planner. I also split some positions. For example, from 2002 to 2005, the Constable and Forest Fire Warden were held by Steve Gutierrez and were listed as one position, and I broke these into two positions to improve comparisons from year to year. I most certainly made some arguable judgments during this process.

So, with an imperfect data source and an imperfect process, a database was created. Its main table contains the Year, Position, Position Type (appointed or elected), Person, and Title (e.g., Chair or Alternate). This table contains 2,258 records over 20 years, 66 positions, and 345 people.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

The chart entitled "Town Officials 1987-2006" shows the growth over time of both the number of elected and appointed positions and the number of people holding those positions. The 1987 Town Report lists 76 different people in 31 positions. Twenty years

later, the Town Report lists 133 different people holding 57 positions. Over the past two decades, we've nearly doubled the people and roles in our town's government.

Table 1 lists the 66 elected and appointed positions we've had over the past twenty years. Each position is named and identified as being either elected or appointed. In addition, the number of years we've had it, the last year it appeared in a Town Report, the minimum and maximum number of people who have held the position in a single year, and the total number of different people who have held the job are listed.

Of the 66 positions, 57 appear in the 2006 Town Report (Last Year = 2006) and 23 have appeared in each of the last twenty Town Reports (Num Years = 20).

The minimum and maximum number of people who have held a particular position in a single year are useful for interpreting the number of different people who have held the position and for highlighting anomalies in the data. For example, we usually have three Auditors, sometimes only two, but in 1996, the three auditors were replaced by three new ones, so there were six listed that year. From 1991 to 1996, for example, only the Chairperson of the Conservation Commission was listed. The same is

TABLE 1: ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

Elect'd/ Appnt'd	Position	Num Years	Last Year	Min Num People	Max Num People	Num Diff People
A	Affordable Housing Committee	1	2006	9	9	9
A	Animal Control Officer	1	2006	1	1	1
A	Assist. For Listers, Planning & Zoning	14	2006	1	1	1
A	Assist. Town Clerk	20	2006	1	2	4
A	Assist. Town Treasurer	13	1999	1	1	2
E	Auditors	20	2006	2	6	22
A	Auditors' Assistant	1	2006	1	1	1
E	Cemetery Trustees	20	2006	3	4	7
A	Chittenden Solid Waste District Rep.	18	2006	1	2	4
A	Conservation Commission	18	2006	1	9	25
A	Constable	20	2006	1	1	3
E	Delinquent Tax Collector	20	2006	1	1	4
A	Development Review Board	20	2006	6	9	31
A	Dog Warden	6	1992	1	1	2
A	E-9-1-1 Coordinator	9	2006	1	1	1
A	Emergency Manager	20	2006	1	1	1
A	Fence Viewers	5	2006	3	3	3
A	Fire Chief	20	2006	1	1	2
A	Forest Fire Warden	20	2006	1	1	4
A	Fourth Of July Committee	13	1999	1	8	12
E	Grand Juror	20	2006	1	1	4
A	Health Officer	12	2006	1	1	4
A	Highway Commissioner	6	1992	1	1	3
A	Hinesburg Community Resource Center	16	2006	1	1	4
A	Hinesburg Land Trust	16	2006	1	1	3
A	"Inspector Of Lumber, Shingles & Wood"	9	2006	1	1	3
A	Iroquois First Response	1	1999	2	2	2
E	Justices Of The Peace	20	2006	9	12	31
A	Lake Iroquois Recreation District Rep.	20	2006	1	2	6
A	Librarian Assistant	6	1996	1	1	1
A	Library Director	16	2006	1	1	4
E	Library Trustees	20	2006	7	10	33
E	Listers	20	2006	2	3	14
A	Metropolitan Planning Organization Rep.	6	2006	1	2	3
E	Peck Estate Trustees	16	2006	3	3	8
A	Planning Commission	20	2006	4	10	33
A	Police Department	11	2006	1	7	17
A	Public Works Director	20	2006	1	1	2
A	Recreation Commission	18	2006	1	7	29
A	Recreation Coordinator	12	2006	1	1	4
A	Recreation Path Committee	10	2006	4	10	15
A	Recycling Committee	8	1998	1	3	3
A	Regional Planning Commission Rep.	18	2006	1	2	8
E	Representative To Vt Legislature	16	2006	1	1	2
A	Road Crew	9	2006	2	3	6
A	Road Foreman	14	2006	1	1	1
E	School Directors	16	2006	5	5	16
E	School Directors (Ccssu)	16	2006	2	2	9
E	School Moderator	7	2006	1	1	1
E	Selectboard	20	2006	5	5	12
A	Special Police Assistants	4	1994	2	6	7
A	Town Administrator	20	2006	1	1	3
E	Town Agent	20	2006	1	1	3
E	Town Clerk & Treasurer	20	2006	1	1	3
A	Town Forest Committee	20	2006	1	5	7
E	Town Moderator	20	2006	1	1	2
A	Town Planner	16	2006	1	1	3
A	Town Service Officer	15	2006	1	1	3
A	Transportation Advisory Committee	1	1999	1	1	1
A	Tree Warden	14	2006	1	1	4
A	Village Steering Committee	2	2006	7	7	7
A	Water & Wastewater Superintendent	5	2006	1	1	1
A	Water & Wastewater System Operator	10	2006	1	2	4
A	Web Site Manager	5	2006	1	1	1
A	Weigher Of Coal	5	2006	1	1	1
A	Zoning Administrator	20	2006	1	1	3

TABLE 2: PEOPLE IN POSITIONS

Person	Position	Yrs
Al Barber	Emergency Manager	20
Lynn Gardner	Justices Of The Peace	20
Vicki Matthews	Justices Of The Peace	20
Tom Mcglenn	Development Review Board	20
Stephen Russell	Town Forest Committee	20
George Bedard	Planning Commission	19
Gill B. Coates	Justices Of The Peace	19
Paul Eddy	Cemetery Trustees	19
Leon Place	Cemetery Trustees	19
Darcelene Lewis	Library Trustees	18
J. Bradley Wainer	Cemetery Trustees	18
Robert Bast	Selectboard	16
Wayne Burgess	Development Review Board	16
Gill B. Coates	Peck Estate Trustees	16
Earla Sue Mcnaull	Library Trustees	16
Randy Volk	Selectboard	16
Jan Bedard	Delinquent Tax Collector	15
Wayne Bissonette	Town Forest Committee	15
Marie Gardner	Justices Of The Peace	15
Marie Gardner	Listers	15
Lynn Gardner	Selectboard	15
Jean Isham	Planning Commission	15
Pat Mainer	Town Forest Committee	15
Vince Masseur	Town Forest Committee	15
Andrea Morgante	Selectboard	15
Chuck Reiss	Town Forest Committee	15
E.M. "Bud" Allen	Grand Juror	14
E.M. "Bud" Allen	Town Agent	14
Mike Anthony	Road Foreman	14
Ted Bloomhardt	Planning Commission	14
Allen Fortin	Constable	14
Roger Kohn	Planning Commission	14
Mary Mills	Listers	14
Margaret O'donnell	Assist. Town Clerk	14
Holly Russell	Assist. For Listers, Plan. & Zoning	14
Dean Woodruff	Development Review Board	14
Edward Feidner	Justices Of The Peace	13
William Lippert	Representative To Vt Legislature	13
George Munson	Development Review Board	13
David Pell	Justices Of The Peace	13
Henry Carse	Town Moderator	12
Lynn Gardner	Chitt. Solid Waste District Rep	12
Bernard Giroux	Fire Chief	12
Colleen Mackinnon	School Directors	12
Chris Morrell	Police Department	12
Polly Quinn	Library Trustees	12
Stanley Bissonette	Public Works Director	11
Mary Feidner	Justices Of The Peace	11
James Gelber	School Directors	11
Jerry Wetzell	Zoning Administrator	11
Mary Zuber	Town Clerk & Treasurer	11
Sue Barden	Library Director	10
Chris Boerner	Library Trustees	10
Carlie Geer	Lake Iroquois Rec. District Rep	10
Cynthia Gurdak	Assistant Town Clerk	10
John Guttler	Justices Of The Peace	10
Tom Hart	Forest Fire Warden	10
David Hirth	Conservation Commission	10
Cheryl Hubbard	Assistant Town Clerk	10
Faith Ingulrsud	Town Planner	10
Bill Marks	Conservation Commission	10
Priscilla K. Reidinger	Library Trustees	10
Paul Wiczoreck	Tree Warden	10



Changes in Hinesburg

Shown at left and below are some of the people who have served Hinesburg for many of the past twenty years. Pictured are Rob Bast, Rocky Martin, Ted Bloomhardt, Tom McGlenn, Andrea Morgante, Holly Russell, Jeanne Wilson, Lynn Gardner, Marie Gardner and Mike Anthony.



true for the Recreation Commission and the Town Forest Committee, but for different sets of years. In some cases, like the Metropolitan Planning Commission Representative, alternates are included,

TABLE 3: MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED PEOPLE

Person	Num of Mentions
Lynn Gardner	47
Gill B. Coates	35
John Guttler	35
Andrea Morgante	33
Marie Gardner	31
Jeanne K. Wilson	30
Al Barber	29
Stephen Russell	28
E.M. "Bud" Allen	28
Rocky Martin	26
Jonathan Trefry	24
Robert Bast	23
Chuck Reiss	23
Edward Feidner	22
Randy Volk	21
Jerry Wetzel	21
Mary Zuber	21
Jan Bedard	20
Vicki Matthews	20
Ted Bloomhardt	20
George Bedard	20
Tom Mcglenn	20
Michael Bissonette	19
Holly Russell	19
Paul Eddy	19
Leon Place	19
Paul Wiczoreck	18
Darcelene Lewis	18
Henry Carse	18
J. Bradley Wainer	18
Carolyn Fenn	18
Wayne Bissonette	17
Sarah Guttler	17
William Lippert	17
Earla Sue Mcnaull	16
Missy Ross	16
Wayne Burgess	16
Sue Barden	16
Mary Feidner	16
Allen Fortin	16
David Pell	15
Pat Mainer	15
Vince Masseur	15
Jean Isham	15
Dean Woodruff	14
Mary Mills	14
Margaret O'donnell	14
George Munson	14
Robin Harris	14
Mike Anthony	14
Roger Kohn	14
Faith Ingulsrud	13
(Position Vacant)	13
David Hirth	13
Vivian Hodgkin	12
Polly Quinn	12
Chris Morrell	12
Colleen Mackinnon	12
Bernard Giroux	12
Stanley Bissonette	11
Chet Horton	11
Tom Hart	11
James Gelber	11
Stephen Gutierrez	11
Priscilla K. Reidinger	10
Joseph Ladanza	10
Cynthia Gurdak	10
John Kiedaisch	10
Bill Marks	10
Carlie Geer	10
Cheryl Hubbard	10
Chris Boerner	10

so the maximum number of people appears greater than the maximum possible. From 2002 through 2005, only Chris Morrell, as Chief, was listed for the Police Department; otherwise, between five and seven officers were listed.

Of the 23 positions which have been listed for all twenty years and are held by only one person at a time, only one has been held by only one person: Al Barber has been our only Emergency Manager during this period. Al has also been one of our two Fire Chiefs during that period, Bernard Giroux being the other. We've also had only two Public Works

Directors (Stan Bissonette and Rocky Martin) and two Town Moderators (Henry Carse and Joe Fallon). Five positions have only been held by three people: Constable (Allen Fortin, Richard Weston, and Steve Gutierrez), Town Administrator

(Tuck Cantrell, Kathleen Ramsay, and Jeanne Wilson), Town Agent (Sam Hoar, Bud Allen, and Schulyer Jackson), Town Clerk and Treasurer (Gay Muller, Mary Zuber, and Missy Ross), and Zoning Administrator (Holly Russell, Jerry Wetzel, and Peter Erb).

For each of the past twenty years, we've had five people on our Selectboard, and over that period, 12 different people have served in that capacity. Three of the five people currently serving have done so for at least fifteen years (Rob Bast, Andrea Morgante, and Randy Volk).

PEOPLE

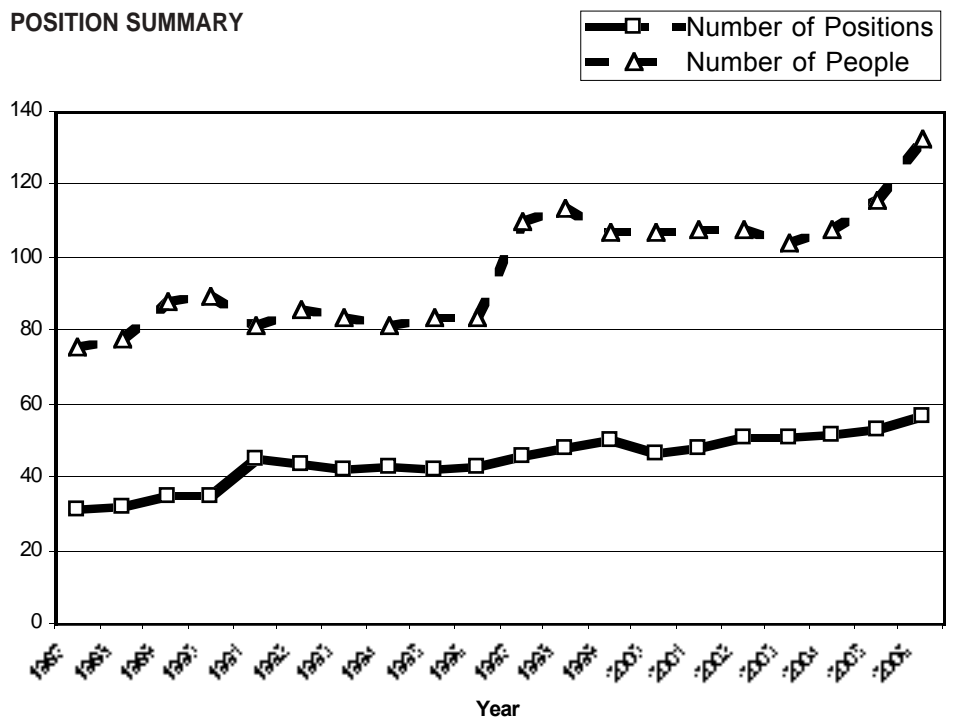
Table 2 lists 63 people who, according to the Town Reports, held the same position for at least ten years over the past twenty. The table lists five people who have held the same position for the past 20 years. George Bedard is one of the Planning Commission members who was not listed in 1991, so he has actually served all twenty years in that position. Ted Bloomhardt, listed as serving 14 years on the Planning Commission, moved from the Planning Commission to the Development Review Board when it replaced the Zoning Board of Adjustment in 2000. He has served there since and so has twenty years of service in more or less the same position.

As mentioned above, this list includes more than half of our current Selectboard. It also includes four of the nine current members of the Planning Commission and three of the eight current members of the Development Review Board.

Particularly in a small town, many people wind up wearing several hats. While Table 2 lists people who have served in the same position for a long time, Table 3 lists the 73 people who have been mentioned most frequently in

Year	Number of Positions	Number of People
1987	31	76
1988	32	78
1989	35	88
1990	35	90
1991	45	82
1992	44	86
1993	42	84
1994	43	82
1995	42	84
1996	43	84
1997	46	110
1998	48	114
1999	50	107
2000	47	107
2001	48	108
2002	51	108
2003	51	104
2004	52	108
2005	53	116
2006	57	133

POSITION SUMMARY



the Town Reports, regardless of position. Atop this list is Lynn Gardner who has served 20 years as a Justice of the Peace, 15 years on the Selectboard, and 12 years as representative or alternate representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District. Gill Coates has served 19 years as a Justice of the Peace and 16 years as a Peck Estate Trustee. John Guttler served in five different positions, including ten years as a Justice of the Peace and nine years on the Selectboard. Andrea Morgante has also served in five different positions, including 15 years on the Selectboard, eight years on the Recreation Path Committee, and five years as MPO representative. Marie Gardner has served in three positions, including 15 years as a Justice of the Peace and 15 years as a Lister. Jeanne Wilson has served the past seven years as Town Administrator, the past nine years as E-911 Coordinator, seven years on the Recreation Path Committee, four years with the Police Department, and three years as an Auditor. Most of these same people are also involved with other groups and organizations throughout town, as are many other people who are not named on these pages of the Town Reports.

CONCLUSION

What can we say about changes in Hinesburg over the past two decades by focusing on elected and appointed positions and the people who have filled them? Without some baseline, without knowing how many positions there are in similarly-sized towns and how many people have filled those positions over the years, we really can't say whether this data represents a lot of change or a little.

Nevertheless, it seems to me that, while the number of positions has been increasing pretty steadily over time, the data reflect a fairly stable environment. Our Selectboard has been particularly stable with four people having served at least 15 out of the past 20 years. Our Planning Commission and Development Review Board have each had a core of people with remarkable longevity. Over the past two decades, we've had only three Zoning Administrators, three Town Planners, three Town Clerks, three Town Administrators, and two Directors of Public Works. To me, this is low turnover suggesting a good work environment and controlled change along other dimensions.



John Mace, shown here at Lambeau Field during a Packer victory, has lived in Hinesburg near Texas Hill with his wife Nancy Plunkett since 1992 and hopes to stay there for the duration.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR



Rob Bast Steps Down from Selectboard

As many of you know, I am not seeking re-election to the Hinesburg Selectboard. The privilege of serving Hinesburg as a Selectman over the past few decades (yes, it has been a while!) has been a rewarding experience, but changing responsibilities have led to my decision to step aside. I will miss the many dedicated and inspiring people with whom I have had day-to-day contact, but I am looking forward to my challenges to come, and am heartened by the fact that there is a race for the position I am vacating.

In that regard, I note the candidacies of both Ken Brown and Tom Ayer, and thank them both for stepping forward to try to serve the long-term interests of Hinesburg.

Tom Ayer comes from a longstanding, active Hinesburg family, and brings youth and a local business perspective to his candidacy. Tom is both well-spoken and outspoken—though I do not know him well, I think he would not hesitate to contribute his thinking to the board.

Ken Brown, my neighbor, brings a perspective honed by his many years of experience in business management as well as volunteer efforts. He has committed to spending quality time to the business of the town. I know Ken and think he would bring a deliberate and well-articulated vision to the board, based on his many-faceted background, particularly business and financial. I want to note all this about Ken because it is possible that many voters do not know him. Ken Brown would bring a great deal to the Selectboard, and I hope that voters will join me and give strong consideration to his candidacy.

It is worth noting that this year's Selectboard race is just that: a good race with two strong candidates. I applaud them both for their effort, and urge all voters to learn about our two candidates and make informed decisions about their votes. In that way, Hinesburg is the winner of the election.

Finally, I want to note that Howard Russell is running again for his seat on the Selectboard. Howdy has been a hard working and thoughtful member of the board. I have enjoyed working with him, and all the members of the board for that matter. As a social services professional, he has contributed an important perspective to the board, and I hope you will join me in voting to return him to the Selectboard for the coming term.

— Rob Bast

Ayer Will Build Tax Base and Slow Property Tax Increases

My name is Tom Ayer and I am a candidate for Selectboard. I have written this letter to ask for your support and a vote for me on town meeting day, Tuesday, March 4.

I am a lifelong resident of Hinesburg as well as a husband and father of three wonderfully energetic children. Many generations of my family have lived and worked here in town, and I am hopeful that many more generations will follow.

In addition to residing in Hinesburg, my family owns and operates Cedar Knoll Country Club. I have a good understanding of the issues facing Hinesburg and if elected I will provide constructive ideas to help us move forward and prosper.

My goal as a member of the Selectboard will be to find creative ways to preserve our rural character and protect our open land while ensuring that Hinesburg and its residents are fiscally sound. Hinesburg should be a leader in turning around Vermont's dismal business climate. We need to attract more quality businesses like NRG and Saputo in order to give our residents both employment opportunities and a solid tax base. I also think Hinesburg needs to be more willing to work with prospective businesses, helping them to succeed rather than piling demands on them.

As a businessman, I can tell you first hand that property taxes are a major drawback to operating in Hinesburg. Hinesburg needs to find a balance between its goals and the means it has to support them. Too many of our residents are struggling to pay their annual taxes and it saddens me that people are forced to move away because they simply cannot afford to live here any longer. If elected to the Selectboard, my #1 priority will be to find ways to slow the rise in property taxes or reduce them if at all possible.

My family transformed our family farm into Cedar Knoll Country Club in 1993. We found a way to keep our property productive and beneficial to the community and I think Hinesburg has many more such opportunities. I will come to the Selectboard with an open mind and a variety of ideas to help guide Hinesburg into the future. I look forward to working with the other board members to ensure that the best interests of all Hinesburg residents are being met.

I would be delighted to speak to you and answer any questions you might have. My phone number is 482-5163 or you can contact me by e-mail at marieayer@aol.com. I would appreciate your vote on March 4 and I am excited to serve you

as a member of the Selectboard.

— Tom Ayer

Ken Brown Committed to Community-Oriented, Respectful Selectboard

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the two-year term on the Hinesburg Selectboard being vacated by Rob Bast.

I have lived in Hinesburg for 20 years, during which time I have been an active participant in town meetings and forums. I am a member of the Trails Committee, have been elected twice as a Justice of the Peace, and am a member of the Board of Civil Authority. I have a background in the arts as well as in business. Although I sold my business in 2001 to retire, I have continued to work. I volunteer for several non-profit organizations, and am the Executive Manager of Social Band, an a cappella choral group I sing with. Additionally, I mentor two local youth, and have recently started a new QuickBooks software consulting business.

During the course of my business career I learned to work with employees, customers and vendors, as well as becoming proficient in budgeting and financial management — skills directly transferable to serving on the Selectboard.

I am running for Selectboard because there are important issues facing Hinesburg — the village plan, recreation fields, a walk-able community, affordable housing, green development, development in the rural areas, waste-water treatment, buy-local agriculture and business, a community center, and recreation paths and trails, just to name a few. I am eager to work with the residents of Hinesburg and members of the Selectboard on the important issues facing our community. I want to serve on a Selectboard that seeks input from the community, deliberates seriously and civilly, and then acts based on the best interests of the community as a whole.

Here is what I believe:

- I believe in a strong, viable village center, that combines residential housing, businesses offering goods and services that are important to Hinesburg, clean and appropriate industry, schools, churches, and gathering places where Hinesburgers can meet, eat, sing, dance, play and be entertained.
- I believe that our forests, agricultural land and open space are a key part of what makes Hinesburg a wonderful place to live. We need to insure that development in our rural areas is in harmony with, and recognizes the value of, these assets.
- I believe that Hinesburg is a wonderful place to live. I believe that we can keep it that way — maybe even make it better.
- I believe that in spite of all the good things we could do in this community, funds to accomplish those things are finite. There are many not-so-glamorous things that we need to spend money on — maintaining our roads, fixing our trucks, and repairing roofs. We need to budget our funds carefully and wisely. With rising expenses, property taxes have become a challenge for all of us. The town has to do its part during the budget process to make Hinesburg an affordable place to live.
- I believe that more can be accomplished by discussing the issues and listening respectfully to opinions from all sides, than can be achieved by being locked into a pre-formed opinion and disregarding the input of others.

If elected, I intend to serve my two year term with energy and enthusiasm. I will work to continue the recent positive process that has been in evidence on our Selectboard. The community has indeed been well served by:

- A Selectboard that seeks input from town residents by conducting town forums and informational meetings.
- A Selectboard where all members, despite differing views, listen respectfully to each other.
- A Selectboard where decisions are ultimately reached and action taken.

I would like to thank Rob Bast for his years of service and for his thoughtful guidance of the Selectboard's deliberations while he was Chair. He leaves the Selectboard with the gratitude of us all for his dedication to the town.

Additionally, I would urge voters to support Howard Russell in his re-election to the Selectboard three-year term. Howdy has served the community well and has demonstrated the skill and energy necessary to grapple with the issues that lie ahead for Hinesburg.

Finally, I would ask voters to seriously consider my candidacy for the two-year term to the Selectboard and to cast their vote for me on March 4. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 482-3193. I welcome your support and am eager to serve our community to see that Hinesburg continues to be a wonderful place to work, play, shop, and live.

— Kenneth Brown

Ken Brown Has Vision We Can All Share

I am very happy to hear that Kenneth Brown, a resident of Hinesburg for two decades, will run for election to our Selectboard for the position with the two-year term. I endorse his candidacy enthusiastically and without reservation. He possesses the knowledge, vision, and leadership skills to be an excellent Selectboard member.

A very successful former businessman, he has had extensive experience over many years working with budgets,

payroll, and staff. The vision that he has for Hinesburg is one that we can all share: a vibrant and walk-able village district, a diverse mixture of businesses and industry, a rural area that balances future development with some of our major and most attractive assets (open fields, working farms, and forests), and an approach to local governance that emphasizes communication, mutual respect, and civil discourse.

His service as a Justice of the Peace and as a member of the Trails Committee and Board of Civil Authority are evidence of his commitment to the welfare of our town. I am delighted to support Kenneth Brown for the two-year term on the Selectboard, and I urge you to do so as well.

— George Dameron

Lippert Endorses Russell, Brown

As Hinesburg's State Representative, I am often asked, "What's happening in Hinesburg?"

Whenever anyone asks me about Hinesburg, I proudly tell them about the real sense of community that exists here, and about all of the exciting, creative efforts that are underway to continue to build our community — our town wide "Light Switch" energy and sustainability efforts, the creative use of wood from our Hinesburg town forest to replace the Town Hall floor, the amazing work of the Hinesburg Land Trust to preserve the Bissonette farmlands for agriculture and additional community recreational opportunities, and so much more.

While many people play important roles in building our Hinesburg community, central to the vitality of Hinesburg is our Selectboard, and our five incredibly hard working Selectboard members.

For that reason, I want to speak up in support of the re-election of Selectboard member Howard Russell (to a three year term), and to encourage you to learn more about Kenneth Brown, and support Ken for his first two year Selectboard term.

Many of you already know Howdy from his lifelong commitment to Hinesburg, and his thoughtful work as a Selectboard member. Howdy's continued work on the Hinesburg Selectboard will serve our community well.

Let me tell you more about Ken Brown, whom I have had the pleasure of getting to know over the past number of years. Ken is a successful businessman, a community mentoring volunteer, and someone who has already invested himself in the life of Hinesburg by serving as a Hinesburg Justice of the Peace, member of the Board of Civil Authority and as Vice Chair of the Hinesburg Trails Committee.

Ken will bring to our Selectboard his personal abilities to work cooperatively with groups of people, his ability to listen and carefully consider all sides of an issue, as well as his financial management and budgetary experience from years of successfully running a business.

I also want to thank Rob Bast for his many years of dedicated service on our Selectboard and to our Hinesburg community. Thank you, Rob.

Let's continue our tradition of thoughtful, dedicated Selectboard members. On Town Meeting Day, I encourage you to elect Howdy Russell and Ken Brown to our Hinesburg Selectboard.

— Bill Lippert

Vote for Ken Brown

We encourage Hinesburg voters to vote for Kenneth Brown for a two-year position on the Hinesburg Selectboard. Ken's involvement in the community as a leader, mentor and volunteer, combined with his history as an entrepreneur, provides a mix of demonstrated skills and interests that will contribute to the Selectboard and benefit all town residents.

— Paul and Ruth Lamberson

Ken Brown Brings Wealth of Talent

We have known Kenneth Brown for over 30 years, during which time he has undertaken numerous professional and volunteer projects. We have observed the optimism, energy, technological savvy, and organizational skill that he brings to these commitments. Ken has much relevant expertise and experience to contribute to the Hinesburg Selectboard.

We have also long observed Ken's deep appreciation of Hinesburg and the special places and people that make it unique. This kind of appreciation, we think, needs to inform the work of each Selectboard member. It leads to listening to divergent points of view, to thinking long-term, to seeking community involvement.

Please join us in voting for Kenneth Brown for Selectboard on March 4.

— Jean and John Kiedaisch

Brown Offers Community & Business Experience

I want to thank Kenneth Brown for stepping up and offering his service, for the good of our Hinesburg community, by running for the two-year term for Selectboard. With our vote for Kenneth Brown, we can add another dynamic and practical voice to the Hinesburg Selectboard on Town Meeting Day, March 4.

Ken is a clear-headed thinker with abundant community and business experience that will be an asset the Selectboard as they face the challenges that our dynamic, forward thinking community faces. He is appreciative of our Town natural resources and limitations, development pressures and opportunity, as well as the imperative to look to the future of

our grandchildren in a sustainable way, to retain the quality of life that we hold dear here. My experience in working with Ken has shown me how he is clear, direct, practical and fun to work with to get things done.

Ken can count on my vote, and yours too, I hope.

– Wendy Patterson

Ken Brown: Good Listener, Respectful Communicator

We are writing in support of Kenneth Brown, who is running for the two year term position on the Selectboard. We've known Ken for several years, but it was the 2006 Community Visit by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) where we saw firsthand his people skills and realized how highly he values our community and its many opportunities.

We believe it takes a special set of skills to accept the challenges of serving a community as a member of the elected governing body, and Ken has those skills. During the discussions and dialogue at the Community Visit meetings, Ken was a good listener and someone who voiced his opinion in a respectful manner. It is very important as an elected official to listen to the views of community members, do your homework, and make decisions in the best interest of the community. Ken is that type of person.

We find Ken to be thoughtful, articulate, respectful and concerned about our town. With the key challenges facing Hinesburg in the years ahead, he will be a tremendous asset to the discussions and decisions the Selectboard will need to make. Ken understands that priorities will have to be established since property taxes are already an issue impacting the affordability of living here. In addition, his work experience includes budgeting and financial management, which are important skills to have when deliberating the budget.

If given the opportunity, Kenneth Brown will serve us well as a member of the Selectboard. Please be sure to vote on March 4, and we hope you will join us in voting for Ken.

– Carl Bohlen & Kristy McLeod

Russell, Brown Balance Town Goals With Residents' Needs

I am pleased to add my support to Howard (Howdy) Russell's candidacy for re-election to the Selectboard and Kenneth (Ken) Brown's candidacy for an open two year position on the Board.

Among the issues facing the Selectboard in the coming years are the rezoning proposals to bring regulations in conformance with the Town plan and limited waste water capacity with the possibility of expansion of the system. There is also the need to expand the sidewalk system as well as the trail networks and preserve natural resources. Attention to supporting business growth and coping with development pressures are also of prime concern.

Howdy has been a thoughtful and contributing member of the Selectboard during his present term. He has been willing to listen to and weigh all sides of the issues before the Board. His background with the agricultural community and long-time residency in the village adds to his understanding of the desire of many residents, and a goal of the Town Plan, to preserve Hinesburg's rural character.

Ken Brown, who has resided in Hinesburg for the past twenty years, has attended and participated in many of the numerous public forums conducted by the Planning Commission, Conservation Commission and Selectboard in the past few years. He has been an active participant in the Trails Committee and is now Vice-chair. He serves as a Justice of the Peace and is on the Board of Civil Authority. Also, Ken's business background would add additional skills in the budgeting and financial management area that are a large part of the responsibilities of Selectboard members.

I feel that both of these gentlemen will work toward the goals of Hinesburg's Town Plan in a manner that balances the needs of residents with the good of the community. We are fortunate to have candidates of Howdy's and Ken's ability running for positions on the Selectboard. I strongly urge your support.

– Jean Isham

Support Ken Brown

When I heard Ken Brown was running for Selectboard, my first thought was yes! Ken has that combination of enthusiasm and commitment that will serve our town well.

I first met Ken Brown four years ago when he signed on to become a mentor for a student at the Hinesburg Community School. He is an energetic and caring person, who has shown stellar commitment and dedication in his role as a mentor. He is a man with a positive attitude and intelligence, who cares about our town. I am confident that he is willing to listen to all of Hinesburg and work toward keeping Hinesburg the jewel that it is. Please join me in supporting Ken Brown for Selectboard.

– Ginny Roberts

Support Ken Brown

I am writing in support of Kenneth Brown for the two-year Selectboard term – the position being vacated by Rob Bast's decision to not run for re-election.

I have known Ken ever since he moved to Hinesburg twenty years ago. He is an honest and intelligent person who brings positive enthusiasm to his community work in town. Hinesburg is a terrific town moving in the right direction. We

have been recognized throughout the state for the careful and thoughtful way in which we govern ourselves and make progress in our community. I believe Ken will listen to all sides of an issue, engage in respectful discussions and make decisions that will be in Hinesburg's best interest. We need this kind of person on the Selectboard. I strongly support his candidacy for this two-year term.

– Chuck Ross

Thanks to Rob Bast

I would like to thank Rob Bast for his work on the Selectboard on behalf of Hinesburg. He has been a steady, reliable and thoughtful steward of our town. He has made contributions that have made Hinesburg a better place to live and which will benefit all of us for years to come. I believe we all should be very grateful for his dedicated service. Thank you, Rob.

– Chuck Ross

Support CVU Football

News of the resignation of three of the CVU football coaches traveled quickly throughout the close-knit family that is our program. Even as an alumni, we kept a close eye on this year's season and was impressed by the determination of the team. Obviously, the loss of such talented coaches was upsetting. That being said, we have found that concerns for the future quickly overshadow regrets of the past.

As a member of the inaugural football team, we would like to express our sincere hope that all members of the community who believe in the value of this program will vocalize their support in this time of need. While finding new coaches promises to be a challenge, it pales in comparison to the efforts put forth by all the former coaches, players and boosters since 2003. Everyone who has aided in the development of CVU's program – and of the promising CSSU Buccaneer's Youth Football Program – is eager to see it grow into the powerhouse it should be.

For five different seasons, five different teams have fought courageously to prove that we deserve a place. We walked to practice in the rain and snow, we went door to door to pay for our equipment, and we became renowned for our tenacity and resilience both on and off the field. Nevertheless, we realize we could not have succeeded to this point without tremendous support from CVU's administration and the community. We are extremely thankful for the efforts of Principal Sean McMannon and Activities Director Kevin Riell as their work in the coming weeks is crucial to the further success of the program.

Please help us keep this family together by vocalizing your support for CVU Football and by encouraging the hiring of quality coaching staff. Thank you very much. Sincerely,

– Nick Jean, 2006 CVU Football Captain

– Peter Foutz, 2004-2006 Football Player

– Will Drinkwine, 2003-2005 Football Player

– Derek Liebert, 2007 CVU Football Captain

– Nick Angstman, 2006 CVU Football Captain

– Joe Marcum, 2004 CVU Football Captain

Letter to Editor

On behalf of the Hinesburg School Board, I urge all voters to read the Town Report, to attend the Annual School Meeting, and to approve the proposed budget.

The proposed budget has no dramatic surprises. School spending will rise less than 5%, which covers the usual increases in fuel, salaries, insurance, etc. The Board has voted several minor increases in the school program. They include an after school intervention program for a small number of our kids who need the most additional help but who should not be taken out of their regular classes to get that help. That program requires a limited late afternoon bus run. To take full advantage of that bus service, we propose to add other after school programs for more children, to include sports, music and art. This will be a pilot project, so the exact nature of the after school activities has not been set, leaving our principal enough flexibility to adjust the program as it moves forward. The Board has also approved a small increase in the number of days in the Special Education Director's work year but did not approve an increase in the Enrichment Coordinator's position from two to three days per week.

There are two reductions in the program: the administration will be reducing the faculty cost by the equivalent of one full time position, or \$70,000. In addition, the part time position for teaching the Discrete Math program will be absorbed by the regular faculty.

The other significant change you will see on the Warning and on the Articles submitted for your approval is a proposal to allow the Board to transfer \$140,000 from the School's Reserve Fund to its Capital Fund to make some badly needed changes to the Primary wing. As you may remember, we have been considering a complete renovation of that wing. That would have required a million dollar plus bond. We decided that this was not a good time to ask that much of you. However, good fortune and prudent management by our administration have resulted in a very healthy balance – about \$540,000 – in the Reserve fund. We think that after taking \$100,000 from that fund to contribute to next year's budget and keeping \$300,000 in the Fund for emergencies we can use the remaining \$140,000 for capital improvements. A couple of years ago you approved the creation of the Capital Fund – to hold money for improvements to the Building. We are now asking for your permission to add this new money to the Capital Fund to make necessary changes to the Primary wing. The addition of the funds to the Capital Fund will allow our

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December 6

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The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Monday, XXX 00, 2008. For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-2540 or email: hrsales@gmavt.net.

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The news and calendar deadline for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Monday, XXX 00, 2008. We prefer electronic submissions if possible. Please send your article as an attached file (Word document preferred; .jpg files for images) to: therecord@gmavt.net.

You may also use the drop box at the Giroux home at 327 Charlotte Road to drop off hard copy articles and photographs.

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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administration to act quickly as materials and suppliers are available and most economical.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the School gym on the evening of Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. I ask that you attend, greet our new principal and two new Board members, ask lots of questions and approve the proposed budget.

– James Gelber, Board Chair

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.

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Budget

Sustainable Community Project: The budget includes a \$10,000 appropriation to support this initiative resulting from the work of the four Community Task Forces created as part of the Vermont Council on Rural Development Community Visit.

Employee Health Care Insurance: The Selectboard is committed to reducing the employee health insurance budget, preferably without passing the cost on to the employees. The Selectboard plans to launch two initiatives during the coming year to reach this goal, and therefore has not included a 15% increase in health care costs for the 08 – 09 budget as has become the norm for the past few years. Instead, the Selectboard has a goal of reducing health care costs by 4%, and this is reflected in the budget. Of course, this is just a stopgap measure as we await some method of health care funding reform on a national level.

Selectboard Members Decline Stipend Increase

Finally, by State Statute, the only entity (other than the voters at Town Meeting) that can set the annual stipend for Selectboard members is the Town's Board of Auditors. An assessment of the Selectboard stipend revealed that the stipend has not been increased for ten years. The Board of Auditors reviewed compensation rates for Selectboards across the state, and recommended an increase in the budget amount for the Selectboard stipend for the FY 08 – 09 budget. Their recommendation was an increase in the annual stipend from \$750 to \$1,250 for four of the members, and an increase from \$1,250 to \$1,500 for the chairman. Considering the countless hours that these five people put into overseeing the Town's affairs, even with the increase, the stipend is a meager amount. However, given the current economic climate, the Selectboard did not feel justified in accepting the stipend increase and refused to include it in the budget.

I would, therefore, like to express my appreciation to the Selectboard members for their tireless efforts on behalf of our community, in what at times seems like a thankless job. I hope other residents will take the opportunity next time you run into one of these officials to do the same.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
	BUDGET 07 - 08	PROPOSED BUDGET 08 - 09
Selectboard	\$ 17,043	\$ 16,897
Town Agent	5,000	6,500
Town Administrator	70,935	75,467
Auditors	19,677	20,177
BCA	550	638
Elections	2,250	8,000
Town Clerk / Treasurer	121,491	121,302
Delinquent Tax Collector	10,746	6,278
Planning Commission / DRB	197,568	191,519
Fixed Costs	175,918	191,023
Listers	61,296	59,329
Computers / Copiers / Fax / Web	28,800	28,425
Public Health	800	800
Buildings & Facilities	180,313	106,658
Recreation Path	-	50,000
Recreation	81,695	85,008
Animal Control	4,295	3,295
Volunteer Fire Department	107,057	121,845
Fire Warden	1,550	700
E-9-1-1	1,699	1,699
Cemeteries	26,000	27,608
Conservation Commission	5,300	7,000
Total General Expense	1,119,983	1,130,168
Highway Department	747,738	906,181
Library	158,724	164,100
Police Department	497,349	492,944
Land Preservation Fund	100,000	7,500
Hinesburg Land Trust	5,000	5,000
Sustainable Community Project	-	10,000
Lake Iroquois Beach Commission	600	600
Agencies	25,941	26,342
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,655,335	\$ 2,742,835

MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUE SUMMARY		
	BUDGET 07 - 08	PROPOSED BUDGET 08 - 09
Property Tax, Interest	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
State Land Payment	6,000	6,400
Liquor Licenses	600	600
Dog Licenses & Fees	3,000	3,000
Zoning Permits & Fees	70,000	52,000
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses	300	300
Motor Vehicle Renewal Fees	1,000	1,000
Planning Grant	14,400	-
Recording Fees	32,000	32,000
Record Restoration Fees	5,300	5,000
Photocopy Income	5,500	5,500
Miscellaneous Clerk Fees	1,200	1,200
St. George Contract	15,687	20,095
Recreation Fees & Registrations	45,000	45,000
Town Hall Rental Fees	200	1,500
Wild Fire Reimbursements	100	-
Investment Interest	45,000	55,000
Cemetery Income	2,000	2,000
Current Use Payment	30,000	35,000
Act 60 Reappraisal Payment	14,440	15,600
Act 60 Listing Payment	1,805	1,850
Total General Revenue	309,532	299,045
Highway State Aid	133,677	133,677
Highway Miscellaneous Income	150	150
Total Highway Revenue	133,827	133,827
Police Judicial Fines	25,000	20,000
Police Reimbursements	-	1,000
Total Police Revenue	25,000	21,000
Total Non-Tax Revenue	468,359	453,872
Property Tax, Town Share	2,186,976	2,288,963
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,655,335	\$ 2,742,835

balance to make the total tax dollars to be raised for town government equal to \$2,212,412.

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE SUMMARY		
Municipal Tax Rate for Current Year		Tax Rate 07-08
To Be Raised:	\$2,186,976.	\$0.4483
Surplus Utilized:	\$221,983.	(0.0455)
Town Tax Rate		\$0.4028
<i>Estimated Municipal Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 08 - 09 (Budget to be discussed at Town Meeting on March 3, 2008)</i>		
To Be Raised:	\$2,288,963.	\$0.4639
Surplus Utilized:	\$76,551.	(0.0155)
Estimated Town Tax Rate		\$0.4484 *

*Actual tax rate will be based on Grand List value for 2008, which is determined in April, 2008.

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Bast Steps Down

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- and a speaker and representative of Hinesburg's efforts to build community at conferences and planning meetings.

Rob's thoughts and efforts have had an impact on Hinesburg. He worked to develop a solid working relationship with the (now) Saputo cheese facility to improve the function and reliability of the waste treatment plant. Projects such as the sidewalk system, the relocation of the old Turkey Lane bridge to the canal, the layout of Commerce Street to connect Mechanicsville Road with Route 116, the purchase of the Miner property adjacent to town hall, the new municipal water system, the renovation of Town Hall, the hiring of a town administrator, a town planner, the formation and concept of a community police department, and the reorganization of town government are examples of projects in which he had a lead role.

Rob worked to secure the purchase of the Masons' property, which enabled the expansion of the Hinesburg Community School. He has been a strong supporter of efforts to make town government more accessible to participation and a supporter as well of enterprise and planning in Hinesburg. He is proud of the outstanding participation of citizens in Hinesburg's government and support organizations.

Rob is a graduate of the Vermont Leadership Institute at the Snelling Center at UVM. He is also a graduate of UVM in engineering, and Dartmouth College. He is married to Laura Carlsmith and has two children, Lee and Emma.

More Town News

* NOTICE *

VACANCIES ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (ALTERNATE), AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

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

Conservation Commission (Nine Members)

An advisory group responsible for providing input and action to help conserve Hinesburg's natural and cultural resources – e.g., surface water, ground water, soils, streams, lakes, wetlands, scenic resources, flora, fauna, wildlife, historical and archaeological resources. 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.

The Development Review Board (Seven Members and Two Alternates)

The Board reviews all development proposals that require more than a simple zoning/building permit – i.e., subdivisions, business site plans, planned residential developments, conditional uses, signs, camp conversions, etc. The Board is a technical and project/application driven group with a specific "rule book" (Zoning & Subdivision Regulations) on which to approve or deny new development. The Development Review Board Alternate is required to attend meetings infrequently, and only when one or more regular Board members know in advance that they will be missing a meeting. It is a great way to dabble in Town planning and zoning without making a full-time commitment to a regular meeting schedule. It is also a great stepping stone and a way to learn if you think you might be interested in serving as a regular member of the Development Review Board or Planning Commission.

Trails Committee

The committee's efforts focus on making Hinesburg a walkable community, with attention to creating and maintaining an interlocking system of trails for recreation and non-motorized transportation. The Trails Committee works with other Town Boards and Commissions, as well as local landowners, to identify high priority areas for future trail development which are compatible with various land uses, such as hunting, agricultural uses (logging, haying, sugaring, etc.), wildlife, water resources management and environmentally sensitive areas. The Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month.

Notice and Application

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

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

Wanted: Administrative Assistant for Police Department

Self motivated individual with excellent communication and organizational skills sought to serve as an Administrative Assistant for the Hinesburg Community Police Department. Successful candidate must be a team player, with a high attention to detail, the ability to multi-task, excellent writing skills and must be proficient in basic computer programs to include the Microsoft Office Suite.

This is a part-time position, consisting of 20 hours per week (Monday through Friday from noon to 4:00 p.m.). Starting pay rate of \$14/hour. A background investigation is required for successful candidate as a contingency of employment.

To receive an application and complete job description,

please contact Hinesburg Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at (802) 482-2096 or hinesburgtown@gmavt.net. For information about specific position responsibilities, contact Police Chief Chris Morrell at (802) 482-3397.

Completed applications should be received at the following address by February 29.

Community Task Forces Need Your Support at Town Meeting

By Carl Bohlen

There will be an article at Town Meeting requesting \$10,000 to assist and advance the efforts of the four Hinesburg Task Forces. In 2006 the Vermont Council on Rural Development conducted its Community Visit Program in Hinesburg, and in December of 2006 four community Task Forces began their work to better our community. The four task forces are *Sustainability and Energy Planning* co-chaired by Dawn and Kevin Francis, *Buy Local* chaired by Bill Schubart, *Farm and Forest* chaired by Chuck Ross, and *Multigenerational Community Center* chaired by Bill Neil.

The work of the task forces for more than a year have led to a series of accomplishments such as (1) the light bulb exchange project, (2) the creation of Low Carbon Diet neighborhood discussion/action groups, (3) a survey of Hinesburg's farm and forest landowners, (4) a list of all Hinesburg producers, service providers, businesses and resources, and (5) an outdoor community multigenerational event featuring outdoor games/food/movie.

Two things became apparent during 2007. First, the work of the four task forces had a lot of intersecting work items involving community sustainability - energy sustainability, agricultural sustainability, environmental sustainability, and social/economic sustainability.

Second, Hinesburg was getting a lot of recognition in the media as an energy sustainable community related to the Task Force work, NRG Corporation, green building projects, and other efforts. This led to a conclusion and recommendation by the task forces to the Selectboard to include \$10,000 in seed money in the 2008-2009 budget to pursue outside grant funding opportunities to undertake the ideas from the task forces that would have the greatest impact on the Town, either by reducing taxes, cutting municipal/commercial/residential costs, and increasing business and job opportunities. An opportunity exists for the Town to access funds due to its community achievements and efforts during the past several years. The failure to seek funding now will allow other communities to replicate Hinesburg's efforts and seek funding before we do.

A more detailed explanation for the use of the funds will be provided at Town Meeting. The Town Meeting article allows the community to decide if it wants to see the work of the task forces continue with the assistance of some professional assistance and non-tax dollars to leverage the work done to date. The Task Forces certainly hope support exists and recommend voting yes on Article 9. The cost of this article is less than a penny (about .25 of a cent) on your tax bill but has the potential to bring in additional revenues via grant funds.

Affordable Housing Committee Survey Yields Wealth of Information

By Rocky Martin

In order to gather information and help determine community need or support of affordable housing in Hinesburg, our committee mailed out a town-wide survey last October. The survey was also available on the town website and distributed to several of the larger employers in town. We applied for and received a grant from the Vermont Housing Awareness Campaign to cover printing and mailing costs; the committee developed the survey questions and layout.

Many thanks to all who took time to respond to our survey. A survey response rate of 10-12% is considered good. We received 488 responses, an almost overwhelming 23.4% response rate! The bulk of responses were from people who live in Hinesburg (458 of 488) and the affordability of housing concerned over two thirds (67%) of folks who responded. The high response rate along with the many comments received, indicate that this is an important issue for many Hinesburgers.

A little background info: The committee was formed in August 2006 as a volunteer group acting in an advisory role to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board and other Hinesburg appointed and elected officials. The charge was to gather information and ideas to advance the goal of increasing the availability of affordable housing in Hinesburg. By most standards, housing is considered affordable if the household is paying no more than 30 percent of its income towards housing expenses (mortgage, insurance and taxes in the case of home owners; rent and utilities in the case of renters).

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Many, many people from all walks of life in our community are struggling to find housing they can afford; high school and college graduates, young couples and families, retirees and seniors. The lack of affordable housing impacts people who might work with your kids in our schools, wait on you in stores, restaurants or other businesses, repair your car, volunteer in the Fire Department, serve on your local police force, plow your road or driveway, do carpentry, plumbing or electrical work or show up to help pull your car out of the ditch if you are unlucky enough to end up there.

They might be holding down two jobs and working 50 hours a week or they might be retired and living on a fixed income. They might have lived in Hinesburg all their life or moved in last week. Regardless, they all deserve a decent affordable place to live. Affordable housing comes in many shapes and sizes. It can be single-family detached homes, condos, mobile homes, multi family homes such as duplexes, apartment buildings or even housing interspersed in commercial development.

While the survey results are listed below, the comments we received warrant further discussion. Of the 488 responses, 219 respondents also felt compelled to provide further comment or feedback. Many of the comments expressed concern about affordable housing and the connotation that it would create neighborhoods or "projects" of densely populated housing complexes.

However, new affordable housing can often be integrated seamlessly into area neighborhoods, so that from outside appearances it looks no different. If you travel down Harbor

Road in Shelburne towards the middle school, check out the new eight-unit affordable project on the right just before the school's athletic fields. Many affordable housing projects integrate affordable units right beside regular market rate units, either with single family homes or condos that have one or more affordable units interspersed throughout.

Many of the comments received about the affordability of housing in our community dealt with Town property taxes. Most felt property taxes were too high already and part of the problem of affordability. This is a tough issue and one that we'll pass along to the Selectboard. At present we do not have a project in mind that might require Town funding and affect property taxes. If we did develop such a project, it would be discussed and voted on in public meetings. It should be noted that if housing is built that is available to income eligible buyers through a non-profit grant program, its property tax will be based on what the property is worth on the open market, the same as all properties. Other property owners will not have to "make up" for affordable housing.

Other comments received dealt with the need for additional business/commercial development in town instead of additional housing. These comments will be passed on to the Planning Commission, but the fact remains that growth in Hinesburg (at least in the past few years) has for the most part been in residential housing. As we all know, Hinesburg is a great place to live and housing projects will continue to be proposed. We'd like to see some of that housing be made available to regular, hard-working folks who can't afford it any other way.

Remember that affordable housing is a hand up, not a hand out and while there is no easy answer, we can make a difference in our community by continuing to work toward solutions together.

Hinesburg Receives \$240,000 Community Enhancement Grant

Governor Jim Douglas recently announced that 21 Vermont communities in 2008 will receive a combined \$2.8 million for transportation enhancement projects.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) awards enhancement grants to communities and non-profit organizations for a wide range of federally-eligible projects such as restoring historic buildings, rebuilding and extending sidewalks, enhancing the environment, improving hiking and biking trails, purchasing scenic easements and repairing historic bridges.

The 2008 process was extremely competitive and saw 48 applications with funding requests totaling over \$8.5 million. Grant applications were reviewed by VTrans to affirm project eligibility, then were individually considered and awarded by a grant committee. VTrans staff provides technical and limited project assistance to grant recipients.

In keeping with the intent of the Vermont Legislature that priority be given to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, more than half of the awards and nearly two thirds of the funding went to pedestrian/bicycle facilities. Most of the remaining awards were given to either environmentally sensitive projects such as wildlife crossings or the construction of new salt sheds, or historically significant projects such as the reconstruction or repair of truss and covered bridges.

Enhancement awards for FY07 include Hinesburg, the only town in Chittenden County to receive an award. The town was awarded \$240,000 in Federal Funds, for a total project budget of \$552,993.00 for the Village/Vermont 116 Sidewalks and Landscaping project.

Second Annual One Day Hinesburg History Museum

By Suzanne Richard

Entering the Hinesburg Community School cafeteria, there were choices to be made as to what to look at first during the Second Annual One Day Hinesburg History Museum held January 19. If history—and particularly local history—interests you, this collaborative effort between the HCS and the Hinesburg Historical Society is an event not to be missed.

Last summer this event, co-coordinated by Suzanne Richard and Ann Thomas, received a Preservation Award in the Education Category from the Chittenden County Historical Society. Returning event organizers included Chris Varney, HCS librarian, Tim Bourne, HCS Technical Director and Matt Kihm, HCS Technical Assistant.

The success of The One Day Museum relies on the students and adult volunteers as well as the enthusiastic attendees who again turned out to support the event. Thanks to the people who chose to exhibit, there was a variety of items to investigate.

This year's youngest exhibitor was fifth grader Silas Crawford who displayed an Indian spear head and arrow head excavated in his backyard. A popular item with the students was the collapsible top hat that Peggy Cioffi's father used in his magic show.

Other items included a 1904 article promoting the quality of life Hinesburg offered to its residents which one hundred years later sounds curiously familiar. A set of architectural drawings was a new item to appear, along with a July 4th commemorative speech and an IOU lost in the wall or placed there for safe keeping. Vintage sheet music, automobile advertisements and antique bottles emerged for viewing. A new addition to the event was the "hands on" table

Question:	Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1. Do you currently live in Hinesburg?	Yes	94%	458
	No	6%	29
2. Do you currently work in Hinesburg?	Yes	28.3%	137
	No	71.7%	347
3. Do you own your current residence?	Yes	92.1%	442
	No	7.9%	38
4. If no, would you consider buying a home in Hinesburg if more affordable housing were available?	Yes	58.8%	40
	No	20.6%	14
	Not Sure	20.6%	14
5. If you are employed in Hinesburg but don't live in Hinesburg, is the cost of housing the primary reason you live elsewhere?	Yes	33.3%	18
	No	51.9%	28
	Not Sure	14.8%	8
6. Does the affordability of housing in Hinesburg concern you?	Yes	67.2%	321
	No	23.8%	114
	Not Sure	9%	43
7. If you had to buy your house today, based on current market values, could you afford it?	Yes	37.2%	173
	No	50.5%	235
	Not Sure	12.3%	57
8. What home price range would you consider affordable for an average household making \$48,500 or below?	\$125,000-\$175,000	75.9%	327
	\$175,001-\$225,000	19.7%	85
	\$225,001-\$275,000	3.5%	15
	\$275,001-\$325,000	0.9%	4
9. What monthly rental amount, based on a 2 bedroom apartment, would you consider affordable for an average household making \$48,500 or below?	\$400-\$600/month	32.5%	151
	\$601-\$800/month	44.2%	205
	\$801-\$1000/month	19.8%	92
	\$1001-\$1200/month	3.4%	16
10. Do you think new developments in Hinesburg, of 10 or more units, should be required to include affordable housing?	Yes	58%	278
	No	23.8%	114
	Not Sure	18.2%	87
11. Do you feel incentives should be given to developers to build more affordable housing (ie increased density, waived fees, streamlined permitting)?	Yes	56.7%	272
	No	25.4%	122
	Not Sure	17.9%	86
12. Do you believe young adults that are just entering the work force can currently afford to live in Hinesburg?	Yes	15.8%	76
	No	60.7%	292
	Not Sure	23.5%	113
13. Do you believe retired seniors living on a fixed income can currently afford to live in Hinesburg?	Yes	14.6%	70
	No	57%	273
	Not Sure	28.4%	136
14. If you own or operate a business in Hinesburg does the availability of affordable housing impact your ability to hire skilled employees?	Yes	14.2%	15
	No	51.9%	55
	Not Sure	34%	36
15. Are you familiar with any affordable housing initiatives such as low interest rate mortgages, down payment assistance programs, etc which help low to moderate income families with homeownership opportunities?	Yes	55.9%	254
	No	44.1%	200



Jack Kany examines a "Hands On" stereoscope.

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Peter Erb, Johnny Mead, Jean Miner and Louise Roomet look at some aerial views of the village. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANN THOMAS

encouraging particularly the younger people to get acquainted with the stereoscopic viewer and the “not so long ago” rotary dial telephones.

A noteworthy aspect of the Museum Day is the interaction between the student volunteers from the 5th and 6th graders at HCS and the exhibitors. Thanks to the training offered by Tim Bourne and Matt Kihm, students were ready to photograph and scan the items that were brought in to enter them into the ongoing digital archive that is maintained at the school.

Upon seeing the people’s interest, several of the exhibitors were willing to talk at length with people and offered a more thorough explanation of what they were viewing. Other topics included the railroad that almost came to Hinesburg and the, “Then and Now” book, both created by Ann Thomas. Samples of the contents of the virtual museum assembled last year were shown in slide show format alongside Tyler Dawson’s documentary “Welcome to

Mechanicsville” which is always a crowd pleaser.

In order to better advertise the One Day Museum, Ann Brush, of Banner Arts in Winooski, fabricated the banner which was designed by Ann Thomas and hung outside Hinesburg Town Hall.

The three lucky recipients of the door prizes featuring the silhouette of Hinesburg’s own Stone Face on bags printed by Ann Thomas were Earla Sue McNaull, June Giroux and Jon Titus.

A special thanks is extended to all the exhibitors, HCS staff, community volunteers and especially the students, Jacob Driscoll, Shea Mahoney, Megan Morits, Delaney Thomas, Jon Titus, and Charlie Yarwood. It is the intent of the annual event to continue to add to the digital archive which is accessible to teachers, students and anyone interested in viewing its contents by signing in at the Hinesburg Community School during regular school hours.



Submitted by the Hinesburg Community Police

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

Crime Fighters Leave Hinesburg Community Police

Hinesburg has lost two of its crime fighters. Officer Barbara Brisson and her partner Police Service Dog Tiger worked their last shift on Tuesday, January 22. The high profile duo was not only well known in Hinesburg, but over the years they assisted virtually every police agency in Chittenden and Addison Counties.

Brisson joined the department in 1995 as Animal Control Officer. The following year she moved up to patrol officer and in 2001 Tiger joined her on patrol. The two of them were involved in a number of high profile cases involving drug dealers and couriers. One courier was murdered hours after Tiger located a large shipment of marijuana in the back of his car after he crossed the Canadian border. They also helped in the search and subsequent arrest of the multi-million dollar Hinesburg drug dealer who operated his multiple grow operations by remote control from Hinesburg.

Although Brisson was the smallest officer on the department, her spirit was well known. She single handedly arrested a rapist after rousting him from his bed hours after he forcibly raped a thirteen year old girl.

Chief Chris Morrell stated Brisson will be very difficult to replace. Morrell said she was extremely hard working, had a memory like a steel trap and could remember offenders and their cars for years, plus she was a no nonsense cop. He praised her ability to not only do patrol work, but to handle complex investigations and also to perform as the administrative officer of the department.

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Barbara Brisson and Tiger

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Morrell stated despite being a no nonsense cop, Brisson was a true Community Police Officer. She treated everyone fairly, was compassionate, frequently gave people a break and was very well liked by the public.

Brisson and Tiger together located three different suicidal women who had fled into the woods. In Essex she found a woman about 24 hours after she disappeared. She was laying in the woods in camouflage clothing and unconscious from a drug overdose. In Charlotte another woman who had taken lethal mixtures of drugs and fled into the woods to die was located by Tiger unconscious in the woods and she too survived. The third woman had slashed herself with a knife in a park area of South Burlington and was located by the team. For saving the life of the woman in Charlotte, Brisson and Tiger were presented a life saving award by Vermont Governor Jim Douglas.

Tiger was struck with a life threatening illness in October. Because of the significant expense of his treatment, friends of Tiger held a fundraising dinner in November at Mary's Restaurant at Baldwin Creek. The media picked up on the story and after sensitive accounts of his problems aired on Channels 3 and 5, unsolicited funds poured in to pay for the extensive medical procedures which are still continuing.

Some Safety Tips

While only a few people in town have sophisticated alarm systems with a "panic" mode, almost all of us can have a low cost substitute. At night when you go to bed, place the keys to your car on the bedstead. Most people today have remote lock and unlock fobs, which also have an alarm button. In the event someone tries to enter your house at night, you can activate the car alarm which normally sounds the horn and flashes the lights repeatedly. Regardless of whether your car or truck is in the garage or driveway, the commotion caused by the alarm will deter anyone but the most determined criminal.

Another tip to speed emergency responders to your home is after calling 911, turn the four way flashers on in your car or truck if it is parked in your driveway, or in front of your home. The four way flashers are a universal distress signal to emergency responders and will help guide them to your home, particularly during inclement weather.

However, this is not a good substitute for having house numbers clearly visible from both directions at the end of your driveway. If you need help in installing these numbers, just give the Hinesburg Fire Department a call and their house numbering crew will be happy to assist you.

Hinesburg Man Cited For Alcohol Theft

A Hinesburg man who stole Twisted Tea Malt Beverage New Years Eve from a Hinesburg store has been cited into District Court on a charge of Retail Theft. Deputy Chief Fred Silber reported that Brian Greenough, 19, of Hinesburg was spotted by alert employees as he fled out the back door with the stolen Twisted Tea.

Interagency Teamwork Cracks Case

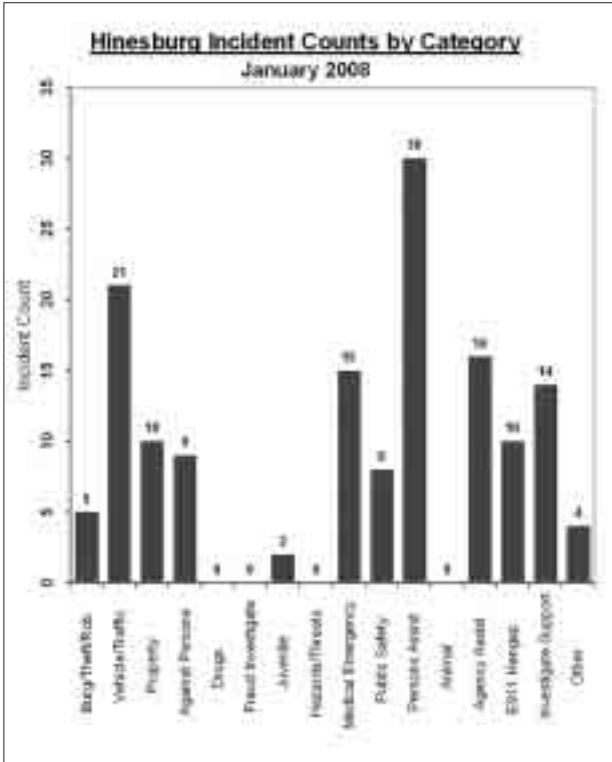
Officers from two police departments, Probation and Parole, and Merchants Bank Security cracked a case of a Bristol man who was working the area passing counterfeit five hundred dollar travelers checks. Deputy Chief Silber reported that Robert Blaise, 27, of Bristol has been cited into District Court for cashing the checks in Colchester and Hinesburg.

Richmond Road Crash Sends Three to Hospital

Three occupants of a car that crashed at 6:00 p.m. January 27 were taken to Fletcher Allen Health Care. Officer Frank Koss reported that Shauna Marie Roy, 19, of Hinesburg was northbound on Richmond Road when she lost control of her car just north of the Magee Hill Road intersection. The car slid broadside 107 feet before going off the west side of the highway and traveling another 189, rolling over completely before coming to rest again on its wheels.

Roy and passengers Joshua Martell, 22, of Bristol and Ashley Pickering, 16, of Hinesburg were treated at the scene by members of the Hinesburg Fire Department before being transported to the hospital by Richmond and St. Michaels Ambulances. A fourth passenger, Kevin Fortin, 19, of Bristol declined medical treatment.

Officer Koss attributed the cause of the crash to imprudent speed and ticketed Roy on this charge.



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By Jim Silvia and Jessica Stolz

During the month of January, the fire department responded to a total of 31 emergency calls.

- EMS first response (excluding motor vehicle crashes): 18
- Motor vehicle crashes: 8
- Structure Fires*: 3
- Fires outside of a structure: 0
- Fire or carbon monoxide alarm activations: 1
- Wires down/ pole fires: 1
- Fuel spill: 0
- 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.

Co-worker CPR and Early Defibrillation Saves Life

The Hinesburg Fire Department had a busy morning on December 31. After completing an early morning call for a patient who had fallen on an icy driveway, members were returning to their residences when they were dispatched to a report of an unconscious person.

Responding EMT's quickly arrived on scene to find a patient who was lying face up on the ground with CPR in progress by a co-worker. The co-worker witnessed the patient collapse and immediately began CPR after calling 911.

EMS personnel from the Hinesburg Fire Department took over patient care and resumed CPR while an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) was attached to the patient. Shocks were administered to the patient and a pulse was regained. Charlotte Rescue transported the patient to the hospital accompanied by a Hinesburg EMT for extra manpower.

This case demonstrated the importance of early CPR and early defibrillation in saving lives during cardiac arrest. When someone's heart stops, brain cells begin to die rapidly and chances for meaningful survival plummet the longer critical organs in the body are deprived of oxygen. CPR circulates oxygenated blood to help counter this deficiency, and the shock from an AED may be able to let the heart return to an effective rhythm when it has not been oxygen deficient for too long of a period. This is why early identification and CPR by bystanders, co-workers, friends or family is so important.

If you have an established business or group, or are an individual in town that can gather at least five other people for a class, contact the Hinesburg Fire Department and we can provide CPR training to you. Email cpr@hinesburgfd.org or call Jim Silvia at 482-7400 for more information.

Hinesburg Assists Charlotte

Saturday, January 19, was a busy day in the Town of Charlotte. Around noon, Charlotte Fire and Rescue responded to investigate a smoke condition in the Charlotte Central School. Hinesburg and Shelburne Fire Departments were requested to respond as mutual aid. Crews did not immediately find a fire and searched for some time to locate the source of the smoke, which turned out to be coming from an air handling unit. While that investigation was ongoing, a second fire call was dispatched in Charlotte, this one for a house fire reported with smoke and flames showing. A mixture of Charlotte, Hinesburg, and Shelburne units that were able to be released from the school responded to handle this incident along with the remaining available firefighters who were standing by at the Hinesburg station and fire units from Ferrisburg and Vergennes. Arriving firefighters found a fire that had started in a pile of unburned wood next to a wood stove and were able to extinguish it quickly without extensive damage to the residence. Due to the large commitment of resources to these two incidents, Starksboro Fire Department moved an engine and manpower to the Hinesburg station for coverage for any additional calls. Fortunately there were no other emergencies until both of those incidents were closed.

Be Ready, Be Safe

Are you ready? Disasters can happen at any time in Vermont; whether it's a snow storm, flood, or chemical spill. You can't always avoid them, but being prepared can help lessen the affects of these events on you, your family, or your business.

Preparing for a disaster can be as simple as buying extra water or batteries during a trip to the grocery store, but there are many more steps you can and should take to ensure you don't fall victim to disaster.

1. Get a Kit - Get a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days in the event an emergency happens. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlight and a first aid kit. Everything you need to know can be found in the Vermont Emergency Management Family Disaster Preparedness Workbook. You can download a copy www.vemvt.com, or get a hard copy by calling Hinesburg Fire Chief Al Barber at 802-482-2687.
2. Make a Plan - Plan in advance what you and your family will do in an emergency. Your plan should include a communications plan and address sheltering-in-place and evacuation.
3. Be Informed - Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them.
4. Get Involved - After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community.

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Annual Elections Held

On Thursday January 17, we held our monthly business meeting and annual association meeting. Elections were held for officers for the next year. The winners were:

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Association Vice President:	Chris Putnam
Association Secretary:	John Lyman
Association Treasurer:	Brad Wainer
1st Assistant Chief:	Brad Wainer
2nd Assistant Chief:	Rich Armstrong
EMS Assistant Chief:	Chris Putnam
Captain:	Jonathan Wainer
1st Lieutenant:	Jim Silvia
2nd Lieutenant:	Randy Thompson
3rd Lieutenant:	Ed Waite

The Chief is appointed by the Selectboard but each year there is a vote of confidence in the chief's performance. *Al Barber* received a unanimous vote of support again this year.

Also announced at the meeting were the recipients of recognition awards voted on last year. Normally these awards are announced at a banquet or cookout in the spring, but this past year we did not have a suitable occasion, so they were presented at the annual meeting. Each year the department votes on a firefighter to receive the Beyond the Call of Duty award recognizing outstanding service from someone who has been in the organization less than 20 years. Receiving this award is a significant honor. John Lyman was the member selected for 2006. John is a lifelong Hinesburg resident who has been a very dependable member since becoming a firefighter and EMT a few years ago. A similar award is given out each year that is directed to EMS. Jim Silvia was selected for this award. Jim is certified as an EMT-Intermediate and covers a large number of the medical calls we respond to, especially during the day since he works from home. Jim also is trained as a CPR instructor and has run a number of classes for members in the community.

Congratulations John and Jim!

Members "Get Lost" in Their Own Station

Have you ever tried covering your face with a black out mask and finding your way through your home? It is surprising how foreign a very familiar place can seem under those circumstances. Add the adrenaline and confusion of an emergency and it can be even harder. Firefighters face this challenge each time we respond to a structure fire in a house, and have the added handicap of not necessarily knowing the layout of the house ahead of time. In the Hollywood depiction of house fires, there are plenty of bright flames but vision is usually not very obscured by smoke. In reality, smoke packs the house making it very hard to see. In one of our recent training sessions, firefighters donned full protective clothing with self contained breathing apparatus but put a covering over the face mask and then entered a maze setup in our station. The path to crawl through included overhead obstacles, simulated walls and hallways, and even a few ropes to get caught in. All members made it through the course successfully and confirmed as they executed their search that there were no victims to be found in this particular training scenario.

Help Us Help You

What is the best way to call for help in an emergency? Most of us have been trained by now to think of that magic three digit number: 911. If you need a response from the fire department, an ambulance, or police that is your best means to access the help. The fire department also has an emergency call box installed on the front of the fire station that can be used to summon help. Opening the box and pushing the button will connect you to 911 operator who can take your request for assistance. And once we get the call for help, we still need to be able to find you in that emergency situation. Address signs are critical. Please make sure that your house number is clearly posted at the end of your driveway, visible from both sides, and in reflective numbers.



By Jennifer McCuin

It's time to think about spring sports...tee ball, farm league, and lacrosse. I know, I know, we're knee-deep in winter, still thinking about how much more snow we'll get, how much colder it may become, and how much more oil or propane we'll need to get us through April. It's a long way until spring and our six-week Spring Sports season! Now, it's time to plan. Coaches, equipment, and field schedules are all arranged when there's snow on the ground. The Recreation Department appreciates prompt and timely registration. If you're headed south for a February break, enjoy your vacation and some warmer temperatures. In the meantime, grab another bag of salt for the driveway and think Spring Sports Registrations!

Tentative Schedule for Spring Sports

Spring sports start the week of April 28 (weather permitting) and run through June 6. Register by calling the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691 or email Jennifer McCuin at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. Recreation Department information is also found at www.hinesburg.org.

Lacrosse at Lyman Park and Charlotte Central School (CCS)

Co-ed Kindergarten, first, and second grade on Tuesdays and Thursdays at one of Champlain Valley Union's fields from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Boys Grade three/four on Mondays (CCS) and Wednesdays (Lyman), 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Boys Grade five/six on Mondays (Lyman) and Wednesdays (CCS), 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

Girls Grade five through eight on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tee Ball

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

Farm League Baseball

Grades two and three on Monday and Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lyman Park and Hinesburg Community School (HCS).

Spring Sports Fees:

Tee Ball is \$15 by March 28, \$25 thereafter.
Farm League is \$15 by March 28 and \$25 thereafter.
Kindergarten/One/Two Co-ed Lacrosse is \$15 by March 28 and \$25 thereafter.

Three/Four Boys and Fifth through Eight Grade Girls Lacrosse is \$30 by March 14.

Fifth/Sixth Grade and Seventh/Eighth Grade Boys Lacrosse is \$55, which includes mandatory US Lacrosse membership. Deadline is March 14.

Other Sports

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. Michael Prehoda, who has practiced Tai Chi for over 20 years and offered classes since 1997, coaches this class.

When: Tuesday evenings
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Session four continues: March 4, 11, 18 and 25
 Where: Town Hall
 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Smuggler's Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

Enjoy full-day, discounted lift tickets at Smuggler's Notch Resort on two different Sundays in March.

When: March 2 and 9

Cost Youth (ages seven to 18): Lift Ticket, Rental, and Lesson are \$12 each.

Cost Adult: Lift Ticket, Rental, and Lesson are \$24 each.

Register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department for each Sunday of skiing. Make checks payable to the "Hinesburg Recreation Department" and be sure the Department receives payment for your tickets by Thursday at noon for each skiing Sunday. Lesson time is noon, unless otherwise noted. Children must be at least six years old for a lesson through this program. Renters must complete rental forms available on the table outside the Recreation Department (or forms can be emailed to you). You will meet the Group Leader and pick up your purchased tickets between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the Village Lodge, first floor Pizzeria (look for "Hinesburg Recreation" sign).

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

Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

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

Who: Hinesburg residents

When: March 25

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$13 for a family of four.

Please sign-up at the Hinesburg Recreation Department by Friday noon for the Sunday swim. Pay at the Sports and Fitness Edge.

Classes

Young Rembrandt's Drawing Classes

Young Rembrandts is a national fine arts enrichment program that teaches students to draw, creating new projects each week. The class provides all materials and subject matter ranging from animals, landscapes, still lifes, and art history. Students learn shading, color pencil, and marker techniques. Each session includes an art history lesson. Young Rembrandt's philosophy gives children a positive, nurturing environment for learning fundamental drawing techniques.

Who: Children ages six to 12 years

Where: Living Arts Room, Hinesburg Community School

When: Thursdays

Session five: March 27, April 3, 10, 17 & May 1

Time: 2:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Cost: Session five is \$45

AARP Driver Safety Class

The Hinesburg Recreation Department sponsors this class. Students learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Through interacting with one another, students learn ways to adjust their driving techniques that compensate for age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. There are no tests, just supportive information that promotes safe driving. Many insurance

companies are beginning to offer discounted premiums when people take this course. For questions, or if you want to register, contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691.

Who: People 50 years and older

Where: First floor conference room in Town Hall

When: April 8 and 9

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 payable to AARP.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

Conducted by the American Red Cross, this class is designed for students 11 years and older and offers certification by the Red Cross in babysitting skills and safety. It includes a handbook and first aid kit for each student to keep. We strongly recommend that all participants have the maturity and interest to make this a beneficial experience. You never know when this class could make a significant difference in someone's life. Please be sure to pack snacks, beverages, and a bagged dinner for the class.

Who: Students 11 years and older.

When: April 17 and 18

Time: 2:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Cost: \$45 payable to the American Red Cross.

Minimum: eight students



Paul MacCluskey Glad He Chose Hinesburg for Auto Sales Business

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Paul MacCluskey opened Hinesburg Auto Sales on Route 116 in 1997. In 2006 he purchased the lot next to the area he was leasing and established a permanent home for his business. An old post and beam home was situated on the purchased lot. Using some creativity he dismantled the frame of the existing home and incorporated it into the sales area of the new building, creating a unique car sales office with a Vermont/New England feeling and preserving the approximately 200 year old beams and rafters. In addition, prominently designed into the floor of the sales office is a shamrock, a tribute to Paul's heritage.

Paul grew up in Ireland, one of seven children born to his Irish mother and Scottish father. A carpenter by trade, he visited friends in the United States in 1987, met his future wife, a Vermont native, and made the United States his permanent home. Injuries from a fall in 1988 ended his career as a carpenter and led to his working in the automotive industry in New York City.

His marriage in Vermont in 1991 prompted him to return to his wife's native state. After six years as a salesman and sales manager for another dealer, he opened his own business. I asked Paul why he chose Hinesburg. He admits it was a calculated gamble but one that has paid off. The start up cost for the business in Hinesburg was less than other areas and he realized that Hinesburg is a Town that is moving. He has seen clean industry expand, new businesses come in, and increased housing development.

Hinesburg Auto Sales currently has three employees, two of whom are part-time. One of those employees is his office manager and sister-in-law, Heidi Dally, and he anticipates adding another full-time mechanic in the relatively near future.

Paul and his wife, Lisa, along with their six year old daughter, Annabelle, live in Jericho. Asked about activities



Paul MacCluskey.

outside of the business, Paul says he likes to ski and travel when time permits but at the moment, his best hobby is spending time with his daughter.

Paul can be reached at 482-5416, by e-mail at hinesburgautvt@yahoo.com—or just by stop by for a chat with this affable Hinesburg business person.

Carpenter Joins NRG

NRG Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of wind energy measurement systems for the global wind energy industry, announces the addition of Essex Junction resident Paul Carpenter to its materials processing team.



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Before joining NRG Systems, Paul worked for IBM in Essex Junction as a manufacturing technician. He worked previously for Gamestop, Inc., in South Burlington as assistant manager.

Paul currently attends Vermont Technical College, where he is working toward a degree in computer information technology.

Founded in 1982, NRG Systems is celebrating 25 years in the global wind energy industry. NRG Systems wind measurement equipment can be found in more than 120 countries, serving electric utilities, wind farm developers, research institutes, government agencies, universities, and homeowners. CEO and company president Jan Blittersdorf notes that NRG Systems is currently expanding its 46,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Hinesburg to accommodate the company's growth due to the increasing worldwide demand for wind energy. For more information on visit www.nrgsystems.com.

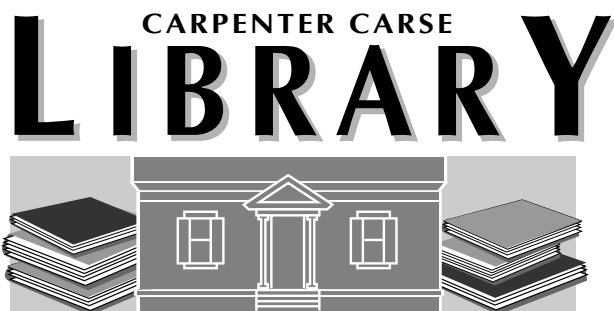
Blue Door Electrolysis Opens in Richmond

Sarah Bombardier, MS, LE, has opened Blue Door Electrolysis in Richmond. A graduate of River Rock Electrology Institute in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Sarah is licensed by the State of Vermont to practice this permanent hair removal treatment.

Blue Door Electrolysis uses the most modern equipment, and offers several forms of treatment. The service has a variety of pricing options from \$20 for 15 minutes to \$60 for a full hour, with discounted pre-paid packages available. "It's really quite affordable considering the results are permanent" says Bombardier.

Office hours are flexible with evening and weekend appointment available. Blue Door Electrolysis is currently taking appointments for free initial consultations and is generally booked about one week in advance. Contact Sarah directly at sarah@bluedoorvt.com or 434-6311. Free consultations are available, 15 minutes of electrolysis. Then we can establish the best plan for each client."

Blue Door Electrolysis proudly supports Vermont's service men and women and their families. Valid military ID card holders or those with a DD-214 receive a \$5 discount on any service 30 minutes or more.



HOURS

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Library Staff: Susan Barden, Rosalie Carlson, Judy Curtis, Rachel Dodd, Aaron Miller, Richard Pritsky, Jane Racer, Vicki Roberts, Janet Soutiere, Tom Stamp and Linda Weston. Subs: Catherine Parker, Valerie Russell, Roberta Soll and Charlene Van Sleet.

Phone: 482-2878

Address: P. O. Box 127, 69 Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg 05461

Web Site: <http://www.carpentercarse.org>

E-mail: carpentercarselibrary@gmavt.net

We Deliver

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

Trustee Meetings

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

Ongoing Library Programs

Storytimes For Toddlers

Join Tom at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, March 4 and March 18 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.

Movie Nights at the Library

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

Family Movie:

Searching for Bobby Fischer on Friday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Rated PG

YA Movies:

Million Dollar Baby on Friday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. Rated PG-13

Book Club

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers' homes. The March 6 selection is *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on location or the April selection.

YA Book Group

Thursday, March 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. come in to preview new additions and to review, discuss, and select new titles for the library's Young Adult collection. 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

Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of music and fun. 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

Anam, Tahmima, *A Golden Age: a novel*

Austen, Jane, *Mansfield Park*

Cornwell, Bernard, *The Archer's Tale*

Evanovich, Janet, *Plum Lucky*

Goodkind, Terry, *Chainfire*, also titles: *Confessor* and *Phantom*

Kimmel, Haven, *The Used World: a novel*

Ludlum, Robert, *The Arctic Event* (LARGE PRINT)

Miller, Sue, *The Senator's Wife*

Notaro, Laurie, *There's a (Slight) Chance I Might Be Going to Hell: a novel of sewer pipes, pageant queens and big trouble*

Reichs, Kathy, *Bones to Ashes*

Rivers, Francine, *Redeeming Love* (LARGE PRINT)

Willett, Marcia, *The Courtyard*

Adult Nonfiction:

Berlinsky, Mischa, *Fieldwork* [subject: Thailand]

Braestrup, Kate, *Here if You Need Me*

Bstan-'dzin-rgya-mtsho, Dalai Lama XIV, *How to See Yourself as You Really Are*

Delbanco, Nicholas, *Running in Place: Scenes from the south of France*

Elliot, Jason, *Mirrors of the Unseen: Journeys in Iran*

Kemple, Tim, *New England Bouldering*

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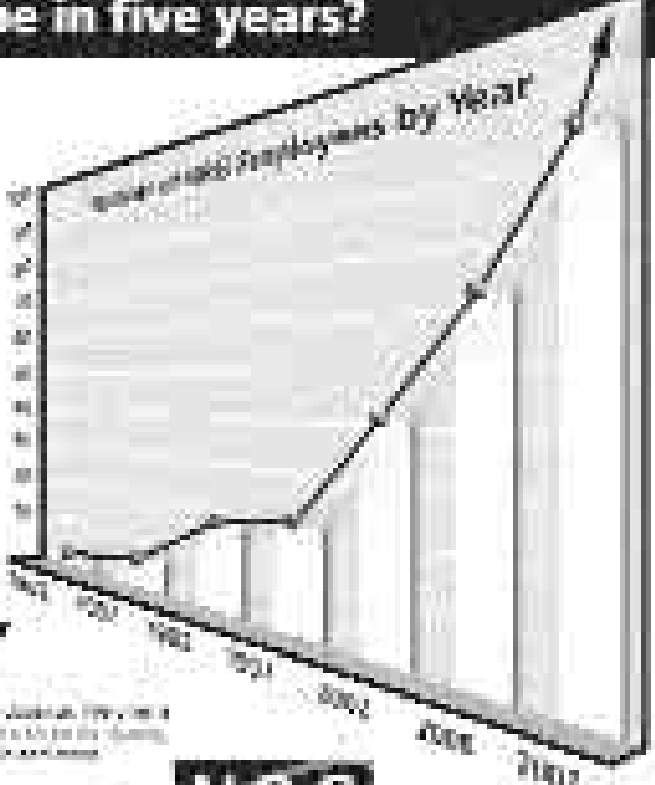
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Rug Raffle Benefit a Success

The 2007 Raffle Rug to benefit the Carpenter-Carse Library showcased the impressive skills and creativity of the "Hinesburg Hookers." The rug of many colors was the work of many hands. Gail LaPierre designed the rug pattern. Nicole Gilbert O'Brien was the happy winner of the rug.

This year the raffle raised \$922.75 for the library and the money is being put to good use offsetting expenses in the book, technology and telephone budgets. The money earned by "Hinesburg Hookers" rug raffles has been a great help and we thank them for their generous support of the library!



Nicole Gilbert O'Brien holds the hooked rug she won in the 2007 raffle.

Special Event Pajama Party!

Throw on your jammies and warm up at the library with cocoa and cookies. Join Tom and Fairfax storyteller John Schraven for a whole lot of family fun Friday, Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Programs Knitting Circle

Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. come down to the warm library to share knitting ideas, projects and a hot beverage. Works wonders for cabin fever! It's a great way to meet new people that also love to knit, or catch up with old friends. For adults ages 18 and up! Free. Please call the library for more information at 482-2878.

Wildlife of VT Forests

Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. join biologists from Vermont Coverts and Audubon Vermont as they take you on a visual wildlife tour through Vermont's forest habitats in search of wildlife. Learn what animals rely on our forested landscape and the management strategies that can enhance their presence in Vermont. If Bridget Butler's past visits to the library are any indication, we will be treated to an infectious enthusiasm for the natural world. Please don't miss this lively presentation! For more information please call 482-2878.

A Generous Community

Members of the local community played an important role in the success of the library in 2007, lending many kinds of support. Library staff and trustees want to acknowledge the contributions of many groups and individuals who donated their time, efforts and gifts in 2007 helping to sustain and improve the library. Some on our list helped with cash gifts, others donated new books (and other media), "like-new" used books or other in-kind gifts, and others donated their services at no charge. Hinesburg and St. George voters gave their support by passing the library budget. If the list of volunteers and supporters is incomplete the first time round, please bring to our attention any names inadvertently omitted. Ladies and gentlemen, children also. Please take a bow!

- Mildred Aube
- John Barr
- Allison Beach and Tom Marrinson
- Benefit Concertgoers
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- Dillon family
- The James Brown Family
- Earth Turbines
- Dwight Eddy
- Cheryl Eichen and Rocky Martin
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Quotation of the Month

"I asked Tom if countries always apologized when they had done wrong, and he says, 'Yes, the little ones does.'"

- Mark Twain, from *Tom Sawyer Abroad*

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Education

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Open House, Lake Champlain Waldorf School

March 12, 7:30-9:00 P.M.

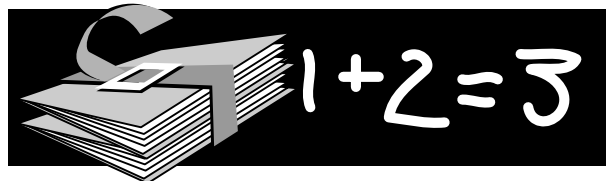
We welcome adults to tour the grade school and preschool-kindergarten, look through examples of students' work and meet faculty who will answer questions about Waldorf education. Shelburne Campus, 359 Turtle Lane. Directions: Take Route 7 to Shelburne; turn west on Harbor Road; go less than a mile; turn right on Turtle Lane and proceed to the end of the dirt road. FREE. RSVP. 985-2827 ext. 12 or pgraham@lcwaldorf.org.

Observation Morning, Lake Champlain Waldorf School

March 13, 8:30-10:30 A.M.

Adults can experience Waldorf education first hand. Observe grade school and preschool-kindergarten classes in session. Questions and conversations will follow. Shelburne Campus, 359 Turtle Lane. Directions: Take Route 7 to Shelburne; turn west on Harbor Road; go less than a mile; turn right on Turtle Lane and proceed to the end of the dirt road. FREE. RSVP. 985-2827 ext. 12 or pgraham@lcwaldorf.org.

HINESBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Compiled by Betsy Knox

HCS Students Support Local Community

By Suzanne Gruending, 7-8 Teacher

Hinesburg Community School students, staff and their families generously donated 2,659 items to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. This vital asset of the Hinesburg community is important to us all.



Sam Fortin, Brad Luchini, Chad Hayden work hard to unload boxes of food.

Throughout the four week food drive, students enjoyed learning about how communities come together to support each other. Students practiced the joy of sharing and learned about differences in our community. Congratulations to Mrs. Stanton's 1-2 class who donated the most items.

Employees from Waitsfield/Champlain Valley Telecom teamed with students on a cold December day to load trucks and provide transportation to the food shelf. The Hinesburg Food Shelf was thankful for this community effort that provided a needed boost to their shelves.

Three Thailand Teachers Visit HCS

By Alice Tragesar, Art Teacher

On January 23, several classes at HCS were treated to a presentation by three teachers from Thailand. The teachers are in Vermont for the school year to teach about their country in a variety of schools around the state. The Asian Studies Outreach Program at UVM arranges their placements



Teachers Mon, Mai and Ying enthralled students with a Thai music and dance performance.

and helps schools like ours work out the details to have them visit and teach.

Teachers Mon, Mai and Ying enthralled students with a Thai music and dance performance, and then had them join in to dance in a circle. The teachers also shared many things about Thailand, such as the climate, the map and flag, and their beloved King. All of us learned how to greet one another Thai style, which embodies the idea of honoring and respecting each other. They wore ceremonial costumes and even brought some to dress up a few lucky students.

Five HCS teachers have all been able to personally travel to Thailand with the UVM Asian Studies Program and they continue to be committed to teaching HCS students about this interesting Southeast Asian country whenever the opportunity comes along.

2008 Hinesburg Reading Celebration at HCS

By Christine Varney, HCS School Librarian

The 2008 Hinesburg Reading Celebration was held during the month of February in honor of "Read Across America", Vermont's "I Love to Read" month and our goal to encourage children, families, and community members to share the joys of reading. During the three weeks we read together and helped students keep track of the time they spent reading for fun at home and at school. Some highlights of the month-long event included:

Hinesburg Readers: Students kept track of the amount of time they read at home and at school. Students submitted their forms into a drawing. On Friday, February 22, the lucky names were drawn. Prizes were awarded. First place winners became the 2008 Hinesburg Readers.

Whole School Silent Reading, February 18, 1:00 p.m.: A whole school silent reading period in the gym occurred on Monday afternoon. EVERYONE in the school gathered to read. Students sat on the floor and all read silently together. At the conclusion of the silent reading, EVERYONE in the school talked with a partner about their books.

Book Trivia Contest, February 11-22: Two questions about a children's book were asked each day during the morning announcements. One question was about a picture book and the other question was about a 'chapter' book. Students had the opportunity to answer the questions. Winners were drawn from the correct answers each day and announced the following morning.

Other Activities: Classes selected from a variety of other activities to celebrate reading. Some classes participated in Reading Teas, Read Alouds, a Bookmark Contest, and/or Dramatizations of poems, skits or plays. We also have a "Trail of Books" lining the hallways!

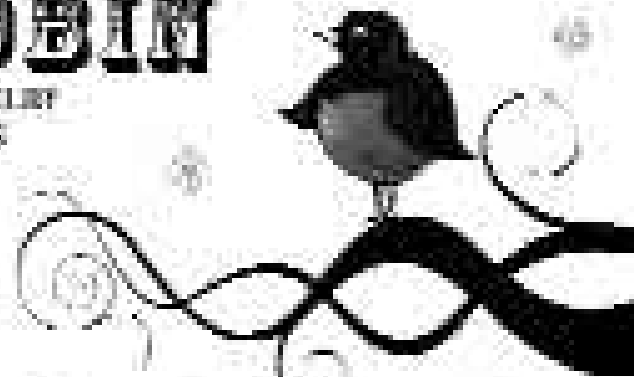
We hope the month of February was a special reading time in every home and that reading will continue throughout the year!
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Family Literacy Playtime

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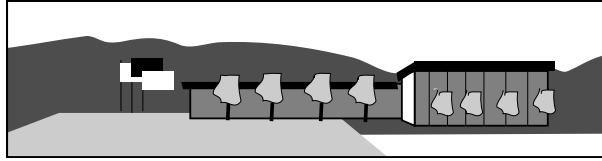
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For CVU Access Classes, visit: www.cvuhs.org/access

Calendar

February

25-29: No School

March

- 1: SAT Test Date
- 3: No School for Students, K-12 Staff Inservice
- 3: CVU Annual Meeting, 5 pm, Rm 104
- 4: CVU Budget Vote in Respective Towns
- 7: ACT Registration Deadline
- 7: Blood Drive, Gym
- 7: Spring Access Catalog Available Online
- 8: UNH Jazz Festival
- 10-13: WIDA Access Test for ELL Students
- 11: IAJE Jazz Festival
- 12: Grad Challenge Complete Draft of Paper Due (cut deadline)
- 12: CSSU Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m. CVU and local School Board meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 19: Sophomore Summit
- 26: Mandatory Parent and Student Meeting for Italy Trip, p.m. Room 105-107
- 28: End of Quarter 3
- 28-29: Large Choral Festival at CVU
- 31: Spring Access Classes Begin
- 31-April 4: Holocaust Trip

CVU Annual Meeting – March 3

The CVU Annual Meeting will be held in Room 172 on Monday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. All voters in the district are encouraged to attend the meeting to find out more about the 2007-2008 school budget. The vote on the CVU budget will be held on Town Meeting Day, March 4, at local polling places in each of the four member towns.

Parenting Tips for Success Seminar

CY-Connecting Youth will offer a one day seminar to help parents polish their parenting skills and give them tips on how to face some of the more challenging adolescent issues. This seminar will be held on Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at CVU High School. Throughout the day, parents will learn how to: strengthen their family bonds; improve communication among all members of the family;

set clear expectations and guidelines; express and control anger in healthy ways; increase children's participation in the family; and help their children make healthy choices.

The day is open to all parents and guardians, of children in grades 5-10, and includes lunch and snacks. The cost is \$30 per parent and some scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so sign up soon!

For more information or to register, please call Jen Bickel-Hayes at 482-6951 or e-mail jbickel-hayes@cvuhs.org. Additional information on CY and its programs can be found at www.seewhy.info.

Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll

The following CVU students earned an A- or better in their Burlington Technical Center programs placing them on the Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll for the first semester:

Brittany Duquette, Medical & Sports Sciences II
Dustin Lamphere, Welding/Metal Fabrication II
Photos for wrestling article ...

CVU Wrestling News

By Rahn Fleming

At the Colchester "Laker Invitational" CVU's Redhawk wrestlers learned first hand that adversity often paves the path to success. The Redhawks overcame the disqualification of one teammate, and the emotional impact of injury to another, to finish in 7th place out of 18 teams in attendance.

Sherman Wood (130#, Williston) laid claim to his first outright tournament victory after three years of effort as a high school grappler. Defeating grapplers from Essex and Otter Valley by pin in a minute or less, Sherman couldn't quite get his Spaulding opponent's shoulders to the mat. Wood never let up, though, and won the championship match by a 16-0 technical fall in the third period.

After a first round win-by-pin, Ethan Ordway (140#, Hinesburg) was pinned himself in the second round. Ordway wrestled back, showing nothing short of fierce determination



Steve Campbell (285#, Hinesburg) dragging his opponent back to the mat from standing.

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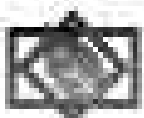
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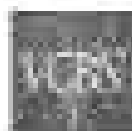
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Hinesburg Nursery School



Preschoolers Travel Universe in 30 Days

By Alison Bell

During the past month the children of Hinesburg Nursery School learned about the solar system. Did you know that there are no longer nine planets in our solar system? Yes, that is right, we lost planet Pluto along the way.

It seems that the powers that be decided that Pluto is only a "dwarf planet"—so the old favorite mnemonic for remembering the planets "my very excellent mother just sent us nine pizzas" has been modified to "my very excellent mother just sent us nachos."

The children at the school worked together to recreate the solar system with paper and paint, and the eight bright planets, plus the dwarf planet, hang above their heads from the ceiling.

They also created a lunar surface complete with craters at the discovery table using paper, water, flour, glue and sand. According to the teachers this was a lot of gooey fun! At circle time they discussed the Apollo space program and how the earth is able to support life.

And to continue on the theme they read the books "Max Goes to Mars," "Moon Rope," and so as not to forget Pluto, "When a Planet is Not a Planet." Now can you name the eight planets? If not, just ask a child from HNS and they will be able to help you out.

News from Local Organizations

Resource Center Seeks Coordinator

By Ginny Roberts

Hinesburg Community Resource Center is looking to hire a Coordinator for its programs. This new position would oversee the Center programs, work with the town to identify needs and create new programming and develop new funding sources.

The HCRC programs include the Friends of Family programs, Summer Nutrition Program, and the Emergency Food Shelf. Recently the Center has expanded to include Hinesburg Rides, a volunteer transportation program for our town. The HCRC is looking to hire a person with a commitment to Hinesburg, with community organizing and program coordination experience.

The job is very flexible, comprising about 30 hours a month for \$15 per hour. Interested persons should contact Roberta Soll at 482-4027 or Ginny Roberts at 482-5625 or by email at groberts@gmavt.net.

Friends of Families News

By Elly Coates

Children's Clothes and Book Giveaway

As spring approaches, you may get that urge to clean out and make a little more room in your closets and bookshelves. This is good news for Hinesburg children. The 4th annual Children's Clothes and Book Giveaway is set for Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Town Hall.

We will welcome all donations of children's clothes sized infant to 14 that is clean, in good condition, and is from any season.

Books should also be in good condition for babies to middle school readers. Please note that we cannot accept toys or adult clothing. Donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall on Friday, April 4 from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information or questions, please call Elly at 482-3460.

Mother Goose Literacy Program

A "Growing with Mother Goose" workshop will be held Tuesday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mother Goose Programs offer support to parents and caregivers of young children.

The program provides ten free children's books and an activity book to help adults encourage literacy in their homes. It is a wonderful way to help children on the road to a lifetime of reading and learning. Mother Goose Programs are funded by the Vermont Center for the Book and Building Bright Futures. The workshop includes dinner, childcare, books, and is completely free and open to all. To register, please call Elly at 482-3460.

Playgroup

If you have young children at home, mark your calendars for a weekly playgroup. The Hinesburg playgroup meets at the Town Hall Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. However, the playgroup does not meet during school vacations. The playgroup is a great opportunity for parents and children to play, laugh, make friends, and get support from each other. Playgroup is free and open to anyone with

children birth to age five. Snacks are provided and there is no need to register, just come ready for some fun. If you have any questions, please call Brandy at 482-6401.

Free Baby Bags

If you or someone you know has had a baby recently, you are entitled to a free baby bag from the Hinesburg Friends of Families. These bags include information, baby gifts, and coupons to local businesses. We would like to welcome your baby to our community. To receive a bag, please call Brandy at 482-6401.

Hinesburg Rides—Ready to Roll

By Karla Munson

As you may remember from previous articles, the Hinesburg Rides Program was created to address the transportation needs of Hinesburg residents. Our goals are to increase mobility for those who need it most and to create sustainable transportation options to help reduce the negative impacts of traffic and congestion on our quality of life and our environment.



A Hinesburg Community Resource Ctr. program.

The program consists of three main components: Volunteer Driver program for those without adequate transportation options; Carpooling and Rideshare program for commuters; and a Local Employer transportation program to get workers to and from Hinesburg more easily and efficiently through a variety of options.

This program will be under the auspices of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Hinesburg Rides will provide these community transportation options by partnering with key service providers, community groups, and employers—e.g. Special Services Transportation Agency (SSTA), On-the-Go, Morf Transit, Hinesburg's four churches and area interfaith community (SCHIP), Town of Hinesburg, NRG Systems, and Saputo.

The Volunteer Driver portion is ready to roll. If you wish to become a Volunteer Driver, please call Karla Munson, 482-2778 for information. If you need a ride, please call Karla Munson, 482-2778 for all the details.

The evolving Carpooling/Rideshare component will be coordinated by Ed Sengle. See the article below for more details on the Commuter Carpool Program. Ed can be reached at 482-3917.

The evolving Local Employer transportation component will be coordinated by Karla Munson with the local employers. Contact Karla at 482-2778 for more information.

We presently have grant money to help finance the Hinesburg Rides Program. We will be applying for additional grants as they become available, but we will need ongoing support from the community to maintain these transportation programs. Remember that a small amount of local funds can leverage a much larger amount of grant funding. So, please support Hinesburg Rides and the Hinesburg Community Resource Center on Town Meeting Day and when you plan your charitable giving. We hope this Program will be a model for other communities, and will help pave the way for Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) providing transportation for Hinesburg.

Easter Egg Hunt March 22!

Hinesburg's traditional Lions' Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Hinesburg School playground on the Saturday before Easter, March 22 at 9 am. All Hinesburg children up to the age of eight are welcome including children visiting in Hinesburg.

Very young children should be accompanied by an adult. Please bring baskets in which to collect the eggs. Every child will get eggs. Stay after when prizes will be given out. Happy Easter!

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Hinesburg Rides – Commuter Carpool Program

Environmentally, Economically It's Never Made More Sense

By Ed Sengle

Have you ever tried carpooling to work, only to quit because of lack of convenience, lack of flexibility, or just plain lack of interest? Well, don't give up! Join the "Hinesburg Rides" carpool program! Just two easy steps (for now):

(1) Call Ed Sengle at 482-3917 or email me at esengle@gmavt.net. Please include the following information:

- Name and address
- Email address
- Phone numbers (home/work/cell)
- Work address
- Time you leave home and time you leave work

(2) Log onto www.vermontrideshare.org.

- Click the "online rideshare form"
- Enter your contact information and carpool preferences
- Submit the form

Completing item 1 will help us build a dedicated group of Hinesburg carpooling commuters and allow us to design software and other tools tailored specifically to Hinesburg. Your information will be used to update you on our progress, ask for feedback on new ideas and directions, and determine major commuting paths and destinations. It will not be given out to any third party without your approval.

Completing item 2 will register you in the existing Vermont Rideshare program, which is a statewide and regional program that tries to find matches between interested carpool riders and drivers. Your ride information (but not your name or contact information) will be posted on their website. They will contact you with any possible matches and it is up to you to arrange the details.

Another important benefit of registering with Vermont Rideshare is the Emergency Ride Home service which will give you a free taxi ride home in the event you are stuck without one. This is a great benefit and should go a long way to decrease the apprehension some of us have of committing to carpooling.

That's a start, but we need to do more. In recent years, numerous new technologies have become available, most notably widespread access to the internet, social networking websites, and widespread use of cell phones for voice and text messaging. In addition, we have a brand new park and ride lot at town hall. In the coming months we will try to use these tools to develop and implement more innovative ways to make carpooling more safe, convenient, flexible, and reliable.

From a global warming standpoint, carpooling is the most immediate and least expensive way to make a significant reduction to your carbon footprint. Every mile saved keeps about a pound of CO2 out of the air and most cars have room for at least four occupants (including the driver), so the potential is huge.

Economically, it has never been more cost effective to carpool. With gas at \$3.20/gallon and fuel economy at 22 miles/gallon, you pay 15 cents per mile just for gas! For a 20 mile commute to work, that's over \$3 each way or \$6 per day. This doesn't even include wear and tear on your car.

Carpooling also lowers the cost of road maintenance and repair and the hard-to-define societal costs of traffic

congestion, noise, decreased safety, and air pollution caused by reliance on the single occupant vehicle. It is expected that a well run carpooling effort could even be self sustaining - not requiring any subsidies from taxpayers.

So, let's get to work. Let's not let the lack of national leadership on this issue be an excuse to do nothing. We have the tools, now we need to put them to into action.

We'll keep you informed on our progress.

Annual Sugar Makers' Tour In Huntington

For a quick cure to those "Mud Season Blues", join your neighbors and friends for sweet treats during Huntington's Annual Sugar Makers' Tour.

On Saturday March 29th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., many Huntington sugar making operations will be open to the public. Sugar makers from one end of town to the other will be boiling that day (weather permitting) and invite people to check out their facilities, sample this year's crop, enjoy sweet treats and purchase a variety of delicious maple products. Maps with directions to participating sugar makers will be available after March 5th at local stores. Or contact Tim Taft at 434-3269 for more information.

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

FREE and for all ages. For more information, contact Tim Taft 434-3269.

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Vermont Artist Garrett Hack Returns to Shelburne Art Center

Fine Woodworking Magazine's Garrett Hack returns to Shelburne Art Center to instruct woodworking students in two separate workshops *Huntboard in Three Parts* and *Furniture Design*. Hack is widely respected among craftsman as his work reflects a mastery of hand tools and impeccable contemporary designs based on classic forms. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Preservation*, *Home Furniture*, and *Fine Woodworking*, where he is a contributing editor.

Hack studied civil engineering and architecture at Princeton University and this education can be seen in his work as a furniture maker. Later study at Boston University's Program in Artisanry influenced his style of design. Hack's love of hand tools, so integral to his work, inspired his writing of two books, *The Handplane Book* and *Classic Handtools* (Taunton Press, 1997, 1999). He also chairs the New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association, one of the leading professional furniture-making groups in the country. When he's not working with wood, Hack maintains a one-horse farm in Thetford Center.

Hack's first workshop, *Huntboard in Three Parts*, will take place at Shelburne Art Center's Wood Shop, Saturday-Tuesday, February 23 - 26, Saturday & Sunday, March 29, 30, Saturday & Sunday, April 12 - 13, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A huntboard is a country sideboard, a beautiful furniture form just as useful
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Kenneth BROWN for Selectboard

I have always been very active in Hinesburg during the past few years. We've held open meetings whenever we could to discuss our ideas and concerns, and I've listened to what we think is best. I will continue to work hard to make sure we have a responsible and vibrant town. I believe it is important to Hinesburg residents. We've been blessed by phenomenal leadership of volunteers and will be continuing to work together to build a vibrant, and I think we should all have a strong voice in our town. I will be sure to be an active and engaged in respectful discussions and make decisions that will be in the best interests of our town.

Ken Brown suggests:

- 1. a strong, visible village center
- 2. responsible development in rural areas that is in harmony with our forests, farmland, and open space
- 3. local responsibility that accomplishes our goals of village revitalization and affordable housing
- 4. a vibrant, thriving downtown where all voices are respectfully considered
- 5. a vibrant board that seeks input from residents, to discuss thoroughly, thoughtfully, and respectfully and then acts in the best interest of the town as a whole

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in a living room or hall. Construction is similar to building a large table with drawers. Students will design their piece, draw up full scale plans, and choose the materials. Building the huntboard involves many useful techniques, from shaping legs, to flattening large surfaces, building drawers and doors and the structure for them, and many fun decorative details. Students will use machines as well as hand tools. The design is based on a cover article in *Fine Woodworking* (October 2006). The class will run for four days beginning Saturday, February 23, and will then meet for two additional weekends in the following months of March and April.

His second workshop, *Furniture Design*, Saturday & Sunday, May 10-11, focuses on developing design skills. According to Hack, good design is no accident. In this two-day workshop, he teaches basic design concepts of proportion, scale, line, color, and detail through slides and discussion. Students will deconstruct two pieces of furniture to understand their parts, how they go together, and what variations are possible. From sketches to full scale drawings and mockups, students will learn how to get started designing a project, how to choose appropriate woods, techniques, and the all important details.

For more information on Garrett Hack's workshops or to register, visit www.shelburneartcenter.org or call the Art Center at 985-3648. Classes are limited in size and spaces fill quickly.

12th Annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert

The 12th annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert will be Sunday March 16, 7:00PM at St Jude Church. The concert will feature the South County Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick. The 2008 guest artists will be the very talented harpist Grace Cloutier and from New York City Guy Piddington on trumpet.

Selections performed will include movements from the German Requiem by Brahms, a group of seven spirituals arranged by John Rutter entitled "Feel the Spirit", and solos by Guy Piddington and Grace Cloutier. Grace will be performing at Carnegie Hall in April. Tickets are \$15.00 - \$10.00 for seniors and students. Tickets may be reserved through March 14, by calling 482-4691

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Sports

Girls on the Run – Hinesburg, Needs You!

By Kristi Johnson

This program has been a huge success in our town over the past three years. We are in need of a coach/coaches to take over the program this year. The program teaches girls in grades 3-5 (Girls on the Run) and grades 6-8 (Girls on Track) about health, friendship, body image, self-esteem, and community service.

Girls on the Run needs coaches for the Hinesburg Community School this Spring.

How can you help? You can volunteer to coach twice a week for eight weeks - even if you are not a runner. Coaches receive a four-hour training and a comprehensive, well-researched curriculum and materials that are being used in communities across the country.

It's not a huge time commitment, but it will mean the world to a small group of girls.

For more information, go to www.gotrvt.org or call 802-246-1476.

Let's keep this program "running" in our community!

Charlotte Little League Baseball

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Minors/Majors ... \$75 ... for players 9-12 years old ... Born 5/1/95-4/30/99

(Go to <http://www.littleleague.org/parents/forms.asp> to determine league age)

Registrations after March 14, 2008 Add \$10 late fee. New players must submit birth certificate with application.

Complete registration and medical release forms, make check payable to CLL and if applicable include copy of birth certificate then -

Drop in the Baseball Drop Box at Town Meeting or thereafter at the Charlotte Town Hall.

Mail to: Charlotte Little League, P.O. Box 154 Charlotte, VT 05445

Practices and tryouts will be announced for Triple A, Minors and Majors for the late March - early April timeframe.

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NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June Giroux

White Promoted to Colonel

Lt. Col. Mark White, son of Henry and Sandy White, was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Air Force on 1 February 2008. He graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School and University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He earned his Masters Degree in Business at Colorado State University.

He received his commission through the AFROTC



Mark White, his wife Kim and their children Samantha and Ryan, after the pinning ceremony in Washington, D.C.

program and qualified for missile crew starting at FE Warren AFB (Air Force Base) in Wyoming His next assignment was as AFROTC Instructor at Michigan State University.

He then transferred to Medical Service Corps to serve as a Health Services Administrator working at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana, Keesler AFB in Mississippi, Hickam AFB in Hawaii and at Peterson AFB in Colorado where he served as Commander of the Medical Support Squadron. He then became a Senior Budget Analyst at the TRCARE Management Activity in Falls Church, VA.

Presently he is the Administrator for the Medical Center at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio.

His wife, Kim and their children Samantha and Ryan as well as his parents participated in the pinning ceremony at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. A number of his relatives also attended the ceremony.

Hinesburg's Newest Residents

A baby girl, *Adeline Baker*, was born January 10, 2008 to William and Sandra (Dobbins) Baker at Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington.

Steven and Jessica (Alliston) Redmond are parents of a baby boy, *Charles Francis Redmond*, born January 26, 2008 at FAHC.

A baby girl, *Sophie Elizabeth Frost* was born January 28, 2008 to Andrew and Anne (Hildebrand) Frost at FAHC.

(The Hinesburg Record is pleased to announce the birth of your baby. When you fill out a "Baby Notice to Media" following the birth, just add our name in the "Other Media List" at the bottom of the form.)

Kelsey on Keene Dean's List

Jane Lea Kelsey qualified for the Keene State College Dean's List for the fall semester. To qualify for the dean's list,

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Sno-Beavers Annual Breakfast

Iroquois Sno-Beavers Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 24, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Hinesburg Fire Station - Ride-In or Drive-In / Rain or Snow. The menu also includes: Homemade Hash Browns, Eggs, Bacon, Juice and Coffee, Adults \$6.00; Children 12 and under \$3.00.

Fox Horn Riders Win VHJA Awards



GRAPH PREPARED BY MARGO BARTSCH.

Jamie Ketchum of Hinesburg (second from left), along with barn mates from Fox Horn Farm in East Charlotte, received a number of awards at the recent Vermont Hunter Jumper Association banquet in Charlotte. Jamie, riding her horse 'Canadian's Finest', placed 6th in Young Working Hunter, 4th in Novice Adult Equitation and Reserve Champion in the Elementary 2' 6" category. Also pictured (from left to right): Whitney West-Poss, Jamie, Fox Horn Manager/Trainer Ashley Conway, Devyn Blood and Camile Bartsch.

RIF Announces Winners

Reading Is Fundamental, the nation's oldest and largest children's and family literacy organization, invited classes across the country to embark on an adventurous writing journey and participate in RIF's Choose Your Own Adventure Class Writing Contest, where each student wrote at least one section of the story.



R.A. Montgomery, co-creator and author of the series, judged the stories and selected the Grand Prize Winner, Galaxy Hopping, written by a grade 5 class in Huntington Park, California.

The runners-up were Amazon Adventure by grade 5 class at Walnutport, Pa., and *The Tomb Robbers* by Paul Lasher's grade 5/6 class at Hinesburg Community School in Hinesburg, Vermont. Students in both classes each received a Choose Your Own Adventure book and bookmark, a "Be Choosey!" button, a RIF prize pack, and a bonus classroom library of 18 books. The winning stories are available to read on-line at www.rif.org.

Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF), founded in 1966, motivates children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life. RIF's highest priority is reaching underserved children from birth to age 8. Through community volunteers in every state and U.S. territory, RIF provides 4.6 million children with 16 million new, free books and literacy resources each year.

Other News

Free Radon Test Kits Offered by the Health Department

Radon has no color, odor or taste and, unless you test for it, there is no way of knowing the radioactive gas is in your home. Radon may be present in as many as 15 percent of the homes in Vermont. Long-term exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer (after smoking) in the United States.

The Vermont Department of Health is calling attention to the dangers of radon by encouraging Vermonters to take advantage of free home test kits. Winter is the best time to test for radon. "The use of a long-term radon test is a way to find out if radon is a problem in your home," said Health Commissioner Sharon Moffatt, RN, MSN. "The gas is easy to detect with the free kits offered by the Health Department and, if found, radon can be fixed with proper venting techniques."

Radon is a naturally occurring gas in the soil that comes from the breakdown of uranium. Elevated levels of radon have been found in all types of homes in every area of Vermont. Houses can act like large chimneys, with warm air rising and escaping out upper floor windows and through cracks in the attic. This creates a vacuum at the lowest level of the house, which can pull the radon from the soil into the house. Because radon levels can change daily, weekly and seasonally, a test of three to 12 months (ideally including a heating season) gives the most accurate measure.

For a free long-term radon test kit, e-mail your request to radon@vdh.state.vt.us. Please put the words "Radon Test Kit" in the subject line of your e-mail and be sure to include your name and Vermont mailing address, or call (800) 439-8550.

Make a Difference in the Life of a Fresh Air Child – Before Summer!

You don't have to wait until the summer to make a difference in a Fresh Air child's life! Volunteer now with The Fresh Air Fund's Burlington, VT area committee and ensure that summer 2008 is special for New York City children. Each summer close to 5,000 children, ages six to 18, enjoy two-week vacations with volunteer host families in suburban and small town communities across 13 northeastern states and Ontario. Local Fresh Air Fund committee members recruit host families, reach out to the community and coordinate fun activities for families and children. As one committee member explains, "I love giving to The Fresh Air Fund by using my leadership and organizational skills. The time spent preparing for each visit is nothing compared to the difference the experience means to a Fresh Air child."

Burlington area volunteers need your help to create another fun-filled summer for children from New York City's low-income communities, such as 9-year-old Joshua from the Bronx. "My favorite thing to do is swim when I'm there. If I could, I would swim all day!"

For more information on how you can join your local Fresh Air volunteer team, call Karen Allen at (802) 372-5324, or The Fresh Air Fund at (800) 367-0003. You can also learn more about the host family program by visiting www.freshair.org.

VT OEO Offers Free Weatherization Programs

The Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity is offering free energy audits, retrofits, and fuel and electric assistance to Vermont households meeting certain income eligibility guidelines. Example income limits are \$22,271 for a one-person household, \$35,997 for a three-person household and \$49,682 for a household of four.

Check with this agency, as these guidelines are subject to change and some income may not count toward these (Continued on the next page.)

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Teens Invited to Apply to Writers' Conference

Champlain College invites high school students from around Vermont to apply for the Young Vermont Writers' Conference (YVWC) held from May 30 to June 1. The annual workshop is a chance for dedicated young writers to meet others who share their passion for telling the stories of their lives. The writers study the craft with some of New England's most celebrated authors and teachers.

On Champlain's hillside campus in Burlington, students will participate in intensive workshops in fiction, songwriting, creative nonfiction or poetry. They'll exchange and critique manuscripts, share work with the YVWC community and hear readings from faculty members.

Among the many activities, students will have an opportunity to read their own work to classic jazz with The Vermont Poetry-Jazz Ensemble, slam with The Breathing Poetry Project, kick up their heels at the Spectacular YVWC Contra Dance, and present their own writing at many open mike sessions. They will hear from keynote speaker, Pulitzer Prize nominee Sydney Lea, founding editor of The New England Review, and publisher of one novel, two works of nonfiction and eight collections of poetry. After sharing and improving their work, participants will be able to purchase Hardscrabble, the YVWC anthology of student writing.

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

Applications must be postmarked by April 1 to be considered. The all-inclusive fee for the 2008 Young Vermont Writers' Conference is \$250, and ten merit scholarships will be chosen from the applications. Application forms, including specific requirements for writing sample submissions, are available from English teachers and librarians at Vermont high schools or by contacting YVWC Coordinator Karen Hendy at (802) 865-6451 or hendy@champlain.edu. Applications can also be found at www.champlain.edu/write.



Young writers explore their creativity while writing on Champlain College's campus.

VPR Commentator to Lead Trip to China in May

Vermont Public Radio is hosting a series of "Citizens of the World" tours designed to immerse participants in unique diverse regional experiences focusing on culture, history and music. In May, VPR offers travelers the opportunity to experience the many facets of Asia's changing character.

Ancient China was one of the earliest centers of human civilization. Today, China wields increasing economic and political influence in the world. Christopher Wren, VPR commentator and former New York Times Beijing bureau chief, will lead the trip, exploring the historic, cultural and political complexities of this evolving country. Scheduled highlights include historic Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the underground Army of Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi'an, and performances by both the Beijing and Shanghai Symphony Orchestras. In addition, the tour will journey into the interior of this enormous and impressive country, where misty valleys are ringed with mysterious peaks, hidden caves and tranquil rivers. Along the way, VPR travelers will be joined at private dinners and receptions by U.S. Foreign Service officers and National Public Radio's

China-based correspondents, with whom they will have the singular experience of engaging in discussions about the region's geopolitical past, present and future.

Other trips in the "Citizens of the World" series include a September Celtic Music Tour of Ireland with All the Traditions host Robert Resnik and a November Tour of Patagonia with VPR commentator Willem Lange. Proceeds from each trip will benefit Vermont Public Radio. More information about VPR's Citizens of the World Tours can be found at vpr.net or by calling (800) 639-2192.

Vermont Arts Council Announces Plans for "Art Fits Vermont"

It's been nearly two years since Palettes of Vermont took the state by storm with nearly 40,000 Vermonters creating art on wood and paper palettes. On April 16, the Vermont Arts Council will launch a new project – Art Fits Vermont: A Statewide Community Arts Project That's Greater than the Sum of its Parts.

The Council plans to distribute nearly 60,000 wood and paper puzzle pieces to individuals, community organizations and schools across the state. Puzzle-related events will take place beginning this summer and continue through next year. A number of puzzle pieces will also be given to artists in New York State, Quebec and possibly France. The completed art will join puzzle pieces created by Vermonters at PuzzlePalooza, an exhibit held in conjunction with the Lake Champlain Quadracentennial Celebration in July 2009. The puzzle pieces will form a massive visual display signifying the creativity, history and lake that unites Vermont and neighboring regions.

In upcoming weeks, Council staff will visit communities to introduce the project and relay experiences from Palettes of Vermont. These meetings are an opportunity for local organizers to network and share ideas for economic and community development through the project. The meetings are primarily for organizations and schools interested in taking part in Art Fits Vermont but anyone is welcome to attend. The two closest to Hinesburg are:

March 3 - South Burlington Library, 550 Dorset St. in South Burlington at 3:30 p.m.

March 5 - Shelburne Craft School, 54 Falls Road in Shelburne at 4:00 p.m.

Art Fits Vermont is the second statewide community arts project created and produced by the Vermont Arts Council. In 2006, the Council distributed 7,000 wood and 30,000 paper palettes to 180 organizations and 145 schools. Residents from 247 of Vermont's 251 towns participated. More than 280 palette-related events took place and the sale of palette art raised more than \$300,000 for Vermont communities.

Beyond the level of participation or even the body of work that was created, Palettes of Vermont demonstrated a significant community and economic impact. Art Fits Vermont will provide even more communities with the opportunity to raise funds and community awareness through the arts. Through a marketing partnership with the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, Art Fits Vermont is expected to draw visitors from well beyond the state's borders.

Art Fits Vermont is presented by the Vermont Arts Council in partnership with the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, and sponsored by Chittenden Bank and the Vermont Wood Manufacturers Association. For more information on Art Fits Vermont, visit www.vermontartscouncil.org.

Donate Frequent Flier Miles and Give Wings to a Wish



The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Vermont is asking all frequent fliers to consider donating their miles to help grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Many of the wishes granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Vermont are travel wishes which often involve air travel. By donating your frequent flier miles, you are helping to Share the Power of a Wish® and give children the chance to have their wishes come true. For more information on donating frequent flier miles, please visit www.makeawishvermont.org.

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For more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Vermont, visit www.makeawishvermont.org or contact Heather Corneau, Director of Communications, at hcorneau@vermont.wish.org.



United Church of Hinesburg

Pastor: Pastor Bill Neil
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Parsonage Phone: 482-2284
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Website:

www.TroyConference.org/unitedchurchofhinesburg

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Choir Practice: 9:15 am Sunday mornings.

Sunday School: Sunday experience for children following the children's time.

Food Shelf: Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (use back entrance).

WIC Clinic: First Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.

Senior Meal Site: Every Friday (except first week of each month) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.

AA Gratitude Group: Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Indoor Easter Sunrise Worship & Breakfast: Easter Sunday, March 23, 6:30 a.m. at the Osborne Parish House.

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield
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:

9:00 a.m., Gathering Place (classes for K-adult);

September – May

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

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

Weekday Ministries:

Men's Ministry: Mondays 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Small Groups: Various times and days throughout the week.

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

E-mail: lighthousevt@netscape.net

Web Site: www.LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P. O. Box 288

Regular Services:

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Nursery provided

Kids Corner (puppets and songs)

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

Pastor's Residence: 425-2253, email dcsse@aol.com

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

Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, St.Jude@wcvr.com P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, 10759 Route 116

Office Hours: Tuesday and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Parish Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, cell 373-8037

Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290, mariecookson@yahoo.com

Parish Bookkeeper: Rose Ann Lombard; 425-2824

Parish Council Chair: Jerry Wetzel, 482-2057

Finance Council Chair: Joe Cioffi; 482-2251

Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 434-4782

Religious Education:

Grades K-8th, Monday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

First Year Confirmation Classes: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the St. Jude Rectory.

Second Year Confirmation Classes: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. in the St. Jude Rectory.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

St. Jude Church, Hinesburg

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Charlotte

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m.

St. Jude Church

Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church and by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance

Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

AA Meetings: Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Food Shelf: Parishioners are asked to be generous in bringing canned and dried food for the needy.

Lenten Schedule

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m., St. Jude Church.

Holy Week and Easter Services:

Holy Thursday-St. Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday-St. Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil-St. Jude at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday-St. Jude at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 11:00 a.m.

March:

9: Pancake Breakfast following the 9:30 a.m. Mass (10:30 a.m.). Cost: \$6/adults; \$3/kids; \$16/family (2 adults and 2 or more kids). All are welcome.

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LENT Concert Series

The First United Methodist Church of Burlington will present free noonday recitals on Thursdays in February and March. These will feature organ music for the Lenten season. Programs will commence at 12:15 p.m. and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages and light dessert will be provided.

February 28: Nadine Carpenter, English horn and George Matthew Jr., organ. Works by William Presser, Joyce Jones, Leo Sowerby and Seth Bingham. Nadine Carpenter is a music faculty member of UVM.

March 6: Francois Clemmons, Alexander Twilight Artist-in-Residence at Middlebury College, will sing *The Life of Christ* by Roland Hayes, accompanied by George Matthew Jr. on the piano.

March 13: Program for organ and liturgical dance. Bonnie Dattillio and Rebecca Riel, liturgical dancers, George Matthew Jr., organist.

The First United Methodist Church is located on the corner of South Winooski Avenue and Buell Street in downtown Burlington. For more information, please contact the Church Office at 862-1151.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

Iroquois Sno-Beavers Annual Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Hinesburg Fire Station - Ride-In or Drive-In / Rain or Snow. Menu also includes: Homemade Hash Browns, Eggs, Bacon, Juice and Coffee, Adults \$6.00; Children 12 and under \$3.00.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

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

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26:

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

Last day to register to vote for March 3 and 4! Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m. CC Library.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

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

MONDAY, MARCH 3:

Hinesburg Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m. CVU High School Auditorium. Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m. UVM Waterman Building, Room 413. Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting, 4:30 p.m., Williston Town Hall. Public invited.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4:

Town Meeting Day. Australian ballot voting. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5:

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 6:

Fire and Rescue/Medical Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station. Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Ctr. All welcome.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9:

Daylight Savings Time Begins

MONDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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/Specialty 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, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 3rd floor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12:

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

ST. GEORGE SIGHTING!



This picture of a bobcat lurking around a chicken coop in January was sent in by one of our readers in St. George.

HINESBURG CALENDAR

Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13:

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16:

Palm Sunday. 12th Annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert, 7:00PM at St Jude Church.

MONDAY, MARCH 17:

St. Patrick's Day Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 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 Matthews at 496-8537 (tmatthews@gmavt.net) for information or to make reservations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 20:

Spring Begins 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21:

Good Friday

SUNDAY, MARCH 23:

Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m., Hinesburg Elementary School.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23:

Easter Sunday CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU. Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26:

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 27:

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 29:

March 29 issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1:

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2:

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 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, APRIL 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/Specialty 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, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 3rd floor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26:

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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

Weinhagen 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.

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

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. You may leave a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Elly Coates (482-3460) is the contact for Friends of Families.

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

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

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

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

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.