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HCS Student Cooper Willsey Takes Third in National Cyclocross

Imagine the CVU football team lining up every weekend against the New England Patriots. Sounds pretty absurd. However, one Hinesburg middle school student has done something just like this on a weekly basis for the past three months.

HCS seventh grader Cooper Willsey has been going against the best cyclocross bike racers the nation has to offer every weekend as part of the VERGE Cyclocross Championship Series and come out with a third place overall in the series for his age group.

For those of you unfamiliar with the sport of cyclocross, picture a mixture of off-road bike racing, with cross country running and hurdles. Of course, throw in the mud, ice and snow that New England weather pummels you with and you have quite a race.

Cooper has consistently graced the top three winner's podium for every weekend of races since the series began at Catamount in Williston at the beginning of September and ended in Rhode Island on December 6. His family has logged many miles in the car traveling to various venues in Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Racing is a family affair, as Cooper's father Jamie and his brother Camden have also raced in at least one of the races in the series.

For the season, Cooper finished 14 races. He took first place in one race, had eight third place finishes, four fourth places finishes and a seventh place finish due to a flat tire that occurred at the beginning of the race.

Cooper looks forward to racing next year but will be content with skiing the winter away in the meantime.



Middle School student Cooper Willsey has proven to be a formidable force on the National VERGE Cyclocross Championship race series tour.

Girl Scout Cookies

Visit our cookie booths at Lantman's Store and Hinesburg Mobile to stock up on your favorite flavors! Look for us on the weekends of February 20, 27 and March 6. "Last Chance Drive Through" will be held on Saturday, March 13 at the Town Hall Parking Lot from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thank you for supporting your Girl Scouts.

Municipal Budget Review: A Challenging Year

By Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Town Administrator

The preparation of the municipal budget for Town Meeting is always a complicated and challenging process, and this year was no exception as Hinesburg continues to feel the impact of the national economic crisis. The slow down in development and new housing construction, the dramatic reduction in interest income, and the loss of revenue due to the closing and decommissioning of the Saputo Cheese facility have all had dramatic impacts on the revenue projections for the coming year.

The downturn in the housing market and the slow down in development both impact the Town's Grand List. The Grand List is the total taxable property value of the Town measured on April 1 of each year. For several years prior to 2008, the value of taxable property in Hinesburg increased between five and seven million dollars annually. This increase in taxable property value mitigated the impact of budgetary increases on the tax rate. The downturn in the economy slowed development, thus minimizing the growth in the Grand List. In addition, the closing and decommissioning of Saputo Cheese further reduced the Grand List. As a result, the Selectboard prepared a budget that anticipates zero growth in the Grand List for the second year in a row.

To make matters worse, due to falling non-tax revenue during FY 08 – 09, there are no surplus funds available to put back towards the budget. For many years, the Town has been fortunate to realize unanticipated revenues as well as expenditures that came in below budget. The result was a surplus. For the past several years, the Selectboard has been able to apply the surplus fund balance (in some years, as much as \$200,000) towards the budget to offset the tax rate. This will not be the case for the coming budget year as there are no surplus funds available from the past year's budget.

Department heads and the Selectboard were well aware of the impacts of the lack of surplus funds and lack of growth in the Grand List during the budgeting process, and again

chose to delay numerous projects and purchases. Many of the budgets were either level-funded or decreased from the current year's funding level. This was a challenging endeavor considering that the cost to provide services to our community in many cases has not decreased.

Delaying projects and purchases resulted in a decrease in budgeted expenditures of \$35,853 from the current year's budget: from \$2,700,391 to \$2,664,538, or a decrease of 1.3%. Non-tax revenue is projected to increase by 9% (around \$36,000), from \$381,888 to \$418,055, due mainly to an increase in the allowed rate for records recording fees and the reinstatement of full funding for the Highway State-Aid Program.

The Selectboard was successful in mitigating the negative impact of the Grand List and lack of surplus funds through decreased expenditures and increased non-tax revenue projections, and the result of these efforts means that an increase in the municipal tax rate for the coming year is not anticipated: it will remain at approximately 45¢.

Of course, the delay in repairs and maintenance cannot continue indefinitely. Eventually, roads will need to be repaired and equipment will need to be replaced. These delays may end up being more costly to the taxpayers in the long run, but we will

hope that when the time arrives, the economic outlook for our country is far better than it is today.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to all the municipal departments, committees, volunteers, and especially the Selectboard for the effort that goes into preparing a budget each year. This was again a difficult budget to prepare, but everyone pitched in, suggesting budgetary cuts even though they knew it would make their job of providing services more difficult. There was a clear recognition by all involved that this was not just another year, and everyone worked together to present a zero-increase tax rate.

Please turn to page 20 to see summary charts of town expenditures and revenues.

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Hinesburg Artist Series Celebrates Fourteenth Year

The Fourteenth Annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert will be held on Sunday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m., at St Jude Church, Rte 116 in Hinesburg. The concert will feature the South County Chorus and the HAS orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick.

Two settings of the *Magnificat* will be performed, one by Antonio Vivaldi circa 1720 and the other by Mark Hayes, 2007. Other choral and instrumental selections will be performed as well.

The Hinesburg Artist Series is pleased to have soprano Jessica Allen as its guest artist. Jessica lives in Middlebury and performs regularly as a recitalist and guest soloist throughout Vermont. In April she will be singing the role of Maria in the Middlebury Community Players' production of *The Sound of Music*. Jessica has performed with the Lyric Theatre Company and the Opera Company of Middlebury, and teaches private voice lessons at her studios in Middlebury and Colchester, Vermont. She is also the vocal coach for the Vermont Youth Orchestra Chorus and Chorale.

HAS concerts provide an opportunity to experience and celebrate music performed by residents of Hinesburg and surrounding communities.

Tickets are \$15/adults and \$10/seniors and students. They can be purchased at **The Brown Dog Book and Gift Store** in Hinesburg (482-5189) or at the door.

For more information please visit our web site at www.Hinesburgartistseries.com and SAVE THE DATE!



Guest soloist, Jessica Allen



Thank You Blood Donors

On January 5 St. Jude Church in Hinesburg sponsored a Blood Drive, run by the American Red Cross. We would like to give a huge “Thank You” to all who came to donate. Through your efforts 65 (+2, for a total 67) units of blood were obtained. The +2 units were from donors who went to the downtown Red Cross earlier in the week and wanted their donation credited to this event.

All the volunteers deserve a special thank you too. Their help getting presenters set up and ready for the Red Cross, as well as preparing food and offering refreshments following donation was much appreciated. My personal thanks go to Sue McGuire as “second in command.” She was there to put the missing pieces in place so all went smoothly. Karen Fox is a volunteer who must be singled out as she stayed for the entire event, even through clean-up. And one more volunteer I would like to mention worked at the admitting desk all day. She also prepared the “Taco Soup.” It was enjoyed by all till the pot ran empty. It was voted the “please make me again” dish. Thanks, Mo Seemann.

Donors, thank you again for your support. Hope to see you next time — May 19.

*Carol King
St Jude’s Chairperson*

Seeking Re-Election

I’m writing to announce my candidacy for re-election this March 2. I’ve served on the Select Board for 11 years now, but still believe my first responsibility is to respect and listen to everyone. I find the position interesting and challenging, but also rewarding because it allows me to participate in present and future planning for our community.

There are those who are good at seeing the big picture, others whose imaginations produce an endless stream of ideas and still others who are charismatic. I’m more of a nuts and bolts person. I try to pay attention to all of the possibilities, and with the good guidance of my constituents, be clever enough to pursue the right ones.

Please support me with your vote on March 2.
Respectfully,

Jon Trefry

I am pleased to announce that I am seeking a second two-year term on the Hinesburg Select Board. In doing so, I also offer my strong support to Jonathan Trefry, who has served as Chairman of the Board for the past two years, and who is seeking re-election to a three-year term on the Board.

During my past two years there have definitely been some challenges for the Board – Chief Morrell’s suspension, and the Saputo fire and plant closing being foremost among them. Those issues have taken a great deal of time and energy and, as of this writing, are not yet behind us.

Early in my first two-year term, the Board made the decision to proceed with the planning for a much needed upgrade of the Town’s wastewater facility, even though it was unclear how we would manage to pay for the actual upgrade in this uncertain economy. Thanks to the decision to proceed with the planning, however, the town’s project was “shovel-ready” and we were able to apply for, and be awarded, stimulus grant funds for 50% of the project. The bidding came in under budget, the construction began last fall and the project will be completed this spring. This will result in reduced operating and maintenance costs.

Also early on, the Board took the step of finally doing away with the business personal property tax over the next three years. It was a tax that had no enforcement arm, no auditing and relied completely on the veracity of the report filed by the business. By eliminating this tax we make Hinesburg more attractive to businesses and economic development. Most towns had already abolished the business personal property tax and with Saputo leaving, the timing seemed right for Hinesburg to do the same.

Finally, for two years in a row, this Select Board at Town Meeting has presented a budget that level-funded the municipal property tax – keeping the town tax rate flat for three years straight. That hasn’t been fun and it hasn’t been easy. Some worthwhile projects had to be set aside for later consideration. With the economy and the job market remaining uncertain, however, the Board felt that we needed to make this work on a municipal level for this period of time.

I am proud of this Select Board. We are five very different people, and often come at things from different points of view. We do, however, listen to each other, speak with respect and have thoughtful deliberations on the subject at hand. The Chairman and the Town Administrator develop a manageable agenda and provide us with background materials before the meeting. We do our homework and come

prepared. We welcome respectful input from those in attendance and conduct efficient well-run meetings.

Anecdotal reports about other town’s Select Boards reinforce my opinion that I am indeed lucky to be able to serve on the Select Board in the Town of Hinesburg. I welcome your support and your vote on March 2 so that I may continue to do so.

Ken Brown

Serving on the Board of the Hinesburg Community School for the past three years has been a rewarding, challenging and eye opening experience. Finding a balance between the needs of our community’s children and the increased financial burdens faced by most residents has required thoughtful and deliberative work that respects the input from a variety of stakeholders. In March, the community will be asked to vote on a proposed 2010-2011 school budget that holds per pupil education costs level while undertaking a much overdue renovation to the K-2 wing. With the progress made so far, and considering the challenges that lie ahead, I hope you will support my candidacy as I run for another three-year term on the HCS Board.

Paul Lamberson

Update on Police Issue

The final hearing in the arbitration process regarding Police Chief Morrell occurred on January 4 and written briefs by legal counsel for each party were submitted to the arbitrator on January 25. The arbitrator has 60 days to deliver a written decision (by March 26). As soon as the decision is received, copies will be available at Town Hall as well as on the Town’s website at www.hinesburg.org. As of this date, we have incurred \$86,000 in legal and arbitration costs, which includes the estimated cost for the remainder of the arbitrator’s work. Three members of the Select Board attended all 12 days of hearings and two members attended portions thereof. After listening to all the evidence, the Select Board is even more convinced that it has done what was necessary for the Community Police Department and in the best interest of the community. We would like to thank the community for its support and confidence in our decision-making throughout this process.

The Hinesburg Select Board

In Support of the Select Board

I have been reading all of the letters to the editor relating to Chris Morrell and his current job status and frankly I have gotten extremely tired of all of the hyperbole. Doesn’t anyone in this town give our elected officials any credit? Do any of you honestly believe that the Select Board would put this town (and themselves for that matter) through this ordeal if they didn’t truly feel that it was time to replace Chris Morrell? The Select Board knew that Chris Morrell sued a former employer who demoted him from his position at the time. Do any of you believe that the town didn’t try everything to address the issues with Chris Morrell before having to litigate with him?

And for those of you in this town who believe Chris Morrell has done nothing wrong, I believe that you will be sadly shocked if the facts are ever allowed to come out. Chris Morrell brought his brand of “community policing” to this town and numerous town residents have been worse off from it. From my understanding, Chris Morrell has improperly handled cases in Hinesburg that are spread across the spectrum. These cases are such cases as theft, driving under the influence, drug possession and at least one sex crime. And for those of you with short memories, while Chris Morrell was running the police department, the largest marijuana growing operation in Vermont history was being run from Hinesburg. I don’t know what his definition of “community policing” is, but if it means not enforcing the law, I don’t want his version of “community policing.”

As far as I know, no one in this town thinks that Chris Morrell has done anything illegal while serving in his position with the town. With that in mind, the only conclusion one can come to is that he is incompetent. If not for personal gain, why else would he not properly pursue crimes that have been committed against residents of this town? Maybe the biggest mistake made by our Select Board was to not properly investigate Chris Morrell’s past and then to hire a person known for litigating against a previous employer. I ask that the Select Board keep this in mind when they start their search for the next person to bring “community policing” to our town.

Finally, for those in the community who do not understand government personnel regulations, you have been duped by Chris Morrell and his supporters. The only burden of privacy is on the government. Chris Morrell is free to discuss this personnel action all he wants. If he was willing to waive his right to privacy we would all be able to find out the truth of this matter. I urge anyone who is at all concerned about this matter to ask Chris Morrell to finally stop hiding the truth from us and to allow the Select Board to freely discuss the matter at hand at the upcoming Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

Michael Brown

In Support of Chief Morrell

Shortly after town meeting last year, our Chief of Police, Chris Morrell was placed on administrate leave. This was a shock to everyone, including myself, as there has never been any discussion of any problems in the police department. The Select Board suddenly reported “management problems” that

remain secret to the public. A handful of former officers came forward in the Hinesburg Record, stating that there were no management problems as alleged.

Here we are, nine months after a thorough investigation, extended arbitration, and thousands and thousands of dollars spent by the town, and we still have no answers. I encourage all Hinesburg residents to attend the town’s annual meeting on Monday, March 1, so we can get to the bottom of this.

Chris and Buck have waited patiently enough to get back on duty. They certainly know this town and I can’t think of anyone better for the position. When he was running the show, I felt safe, comfortable, and like a member of the community. Now, it’s almost as if the police force has alienated itself. I want my town back! Thank you,

Justin Goyette

I am writing to you on behalf of the Chief of Police and his over-extended leave of absence. Enough is enough, right is right and wrong is wrong. This mess has gone on long enough and to put it frankly is very stupid.

Eight years ago, I got myself into a situation that I knew nothing about how to get myself out of. Chris Morrell helped me through it. He was non-judgmental, yet very concerned. Even though I had not been here long, I didn’t expect what I got from Chris. He works above and beyond the call of duty as a policeman. If it wasn’t for him, I don’t think the situation would have been resolved the way it was.

I’ve noticed a big change in the department response time since Chris has left. It’s almost like the community has lost something. Even Buck’s presence is missing around town. You never know what you have until it’s gone. Then when it’s gone it’s plain to see. He is a big piece of why I live here in Hinesburg. Much thanks to him and Buck. I hope to see them back on the force soon.

Sharyon Sevene

An Alternative for Smokers

Smoking is the number one cause of death in this country, killing some 435,000 people each year. Smokers, on average, die ten years earlier than non-smokers. Smoking costs our country about \$100 billion each year in health related costs. A 40-year-old who quits and puts the savings into a 401(k) could save almost \$250,000 by age 70.

Everyone knows that cigarettes cause cancer, heart attacks, strokes, emphysema and a whole host of other serious health problems. Most smokers wish they had never started and one wonders why anyone would continue to smoke knowing what we do about the dangers. The primary reason smokers don’t quit is that nicotine is a very addictive drug that gives a quick, calming affect on users. When smokers try to quit, the withdrawal symptoms are often quite severe. This results in an addiction that is very difficult to kick.

As a primary care physician practicing in Hinesburg, I see patients every day struggling with their tobacco addiction and the devastation that the cigarettes are causing to their bodies. Most smokers realize the harm they are doing to themselves, but many can’t stop. For years I have worked hard to convince my patients who smoke that they don’t really need cigarettes. I have tried different strategies including nicotine patches/gum, medications and repeated counseling sessions in an attempt to help them to quit. Despite my best efforts, and the sincere efforts of my patients, some smokers still can’t kick their habit.

I’m happy to report that there is good news to share with everyone on this topic. A permanent fix for smoking is just a mouse click away. It is an invention that allows the smoker to receive everything that they desire, specifically the tobacco flavor and the immediate calming effect that only inhaling nicotine seems to give. However, it delivers none of the harmful chemicals hidden in the smoke of traditional cigarettes. It is the safest alternative to cigarettes for those who can’t quit smoking by other means. This invention would even allow the user to “smoke” at work without violating the public safety laws.

I’m talking about E-Cigarettes, that’s E for Electric. They do not rely on fire to make smoke, instead using electricity to produce a vapor. The vapor is made from a small amount of liquid containing as much or as little nicotine as you want, along with the flavoring that you choose. This vapor leaves no odor so your workplace, house, clothes or car won’t smell like an ash tray. The vapor is delivered by a device that looks just like a cigarette. It produces a plume of vapor that inhales and exhales just like cigarette smoke. Smokers feel the same “throat hit” that they are looking for in a cigarette. “Vaporing”, or “vaping” as it is also called, is the way of the future. Hopefully this will put cigarette companies out business, and keep cigarettes from killing people. E-cigs are available without a prescription and are much less expensive than traditional cigarettes.

There is more information regarding E-cigs on our office website, www.BrooksideHealth.com. You can also do a Google search for E-cigs and spend a few hours researching them for yourself. I have researched them extensively and I have made some brand recommendations on our website. There are probably a dozen different brands of E-cigs now available. Some don’t work well because of technical design flaws, while others are wonderful and reliable. Pick the wrong brand and you’ll be disappointed, frustrated and likely return to regular cigarettes. Pick a good brand and you could finally stop smoking and maybe save your own life.

I’m thrilled that someone has finally invented a “cure” for smoking. If you smoke, please do yourself a favor and switch to E-cigs. If you know people who smoke, tell them about the benefits of E-cigs, or buy some for them. Perhaps

you will save their lives. At the very least, help to spread the word by sharing this letter with everyone you know, as they also have family and friends who smoke.

Roger Giroux, MD

Letter Policy

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that affect our town. The opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor are those of the writers.

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 discussions of statewide, national and international issues.

With these cautions, please keep these letters rolling in. Send them via email to therecord@gmavt.net, mail them to The Hinesburg Record, P.O. Box 340 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or deliver them to the Record drop box on Charlotte Road.



Hinesburg Rides

Ride Sharing Made Easy by Online Ride-Matching System

By Andrea Grayson

For many Hinesburg and other south Chittenden County residents, there is now a super-convenient way to find other commuters going your way: the online ride matching system created by Hinesburg Rides, a volunteer organization interested in transportation issues. The website is located at www.hinesburgrides.org.



From January through May, Hinesburg Rides will be giving away dozens of great prizes to people who register on the system, through monthly drawings. Prizes include: tickets to a UVM Girls' Basketball game, tickets to a Lane Series concert, gift baskets from Green Mountain Coffee, family membership at Burlington City Arts, dozens of local gifts certificates, and much, much more.

The online ride-matching system, developed by Feather River Productions, allows users to create a profile with their commuting locations and times. While it may take a little time for the database to become populated, users will soon be able to find rides not only for their daily commute, but also for casual rides, such as to a concerts, sporting events, or shopping trips.

We are thrilled to have this option available for Hinesburg residents, says Hinesburg Town Planner Alex Weinhausen. "Ridesharing is a great way for people to save money on fuel costs, and for each person to do their part to address larger, community-level issues such as traffic congestion, energy usage, air quality, and our overall carbon footprint. Many folks are sensitive to these issues, and this community-based rideshare program provides a way for them to take action and make a difference."

In addition to finding people to rideshare with, there will be social networking options such as Facebook so participants can connect with other people in their neighborhoods around emerging transportation needs.

Hinesburg Rides, a program of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center, also has several other initiatives underway. In addition to its ongoing Volunteer Driver program and the Employer Partner program, the group is also spear-heading the effort to have CCTA extend its bus line through Hinesburg (the vote on this initiative will take place on Town Meeting Day).

Registration is now open at www.hinesburgrides.com. For more information on the program, contact info@hinesburgrides.org.

Hinesburg Bus Proposal Aims at Improving Economic Future

By Karla Munson

On March 1, Hinesburg residents have a chance to vote for new bus service on Route 116. According to Hinesburg Rides, a group of community volunteers, a "yes" vote on the bus can give the town leverage for its future economic growth

as Vermont climbs out of a recession.

Approval on March 1 will kick off a process that could result in bus service as early as next year. Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) and Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) have proposed an innovative, cross-county partnership to provide weekday bus service for Hinesburg and other Route 116 communities. A "yes" vote on Town Meeting day will allow Hinesburg to take advantage of available federal, state, and corporate funding.

Once new bus routes are launched, it will be easier for local residents to commute to jobs in Burlington and to the south on Route 116, and for Burlington and Bristol residents to reach their jobs in Hinesburg. By combining CCTA buses from the north and ACTR buses from the south, the new routes will match prime commuter hours, maximize route efficiency and reduce costs.

Improved public transport is a key factor for communities wishing to attract and retain companies that generate jobs, as Hinesburg learned when Saputo Cheese decided not to rebuild its fire-damaged factory in October, 2008. Saputo officials cited the lack of local transit as one factor in their decision, which cost the town over 80 jobs and additional tax revenue. As Hinesburg seeks a new business to occupy the old Saputo space, the availability of public transit would be an important selling point.

"We are committed to replacing the jobs and town tax revenue lost when Saputo shut down," said Alex Weinhausen, Hinesburg's Director of Planning and Zoning. "Many employers exploring a new location expect access to public transit. We've already seen in inquiries about the Saputo plant that Hinesburg could be at a disadvantage as a rural community. Reliable commuter bus service would make us more competitive to land and retain local businesses by giving their employees a car-free way to get to work."

The transit advocates at Hinesburg Rides are not the only ones who see the need. CCTA has identified Hinesburg/Burlington service as a high-priority new route for Chittenden County based on Route 116 vehicle use and ridership potential. Public transit would help reduce Hinesburg's severe commuter-hour traffic congestion and related environmental hazards and road damage.

Commuter bus routes would also be the first anchoring step to expanded daytime and weekend service later. Comprehensive public transit is particularly critical to elders, the fastest growing segment of Hinesburg's population, who may not be able to drive, and to low-income individuals and families who cannot afford the high costs to own and maintain a dependable car.

Hinesburg can count on substantial help in funding the bus service. Federal transportation dollars channeled through state government will subsidize 90% of up-front capital costs for the proposed CCTA/ACTR service. Once routes are established, federal transportation funds will pay 80% of annual operating costs, with Hinesburg responsible for the remaining 20%.

Local businesses are also stepping up. Hinesburg Rides members have been meeting with the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and business leaders to talk about the benefits of public transit. Iroquois Manufacturing Company, Merchants Bank, NRG Systems, and Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom have endorsed the proposed bus service as an important step for Hinesburg's long-term economic health. The Chittenden South Supervisory Union and local high school and elementary school leaders also support the need for greater public transit resources.

In addition to public endorsement, NRG Systems has agreed to cover the entire \$38,000 cost of the town's 10% share of the capital cost. "We are committed to building core community services in Hinesburg, where NRG Systems has been headquartered for over 20 years," says Ann Jones-Weinstock, Director of Philanthropic Initiatives. "We believe public transit will be good for the town, good for business, and good for the environment."

The 20% local share for ongoing operations, estimated at about \$34,000 annually, would be met through budgeted town dollars, offset by future contributions from local businesses and individuals. The impact on property taxes will be small. Based on the current Grand List, a Hinesburg resident, living in a \$200,000 home, would pay only \$13.49 more per year in taxes.

To pursue bus service, Hinesburg must first vote "yes" to join CCTA as a member township and approve funds equal to one-half year of service. This vote will happen at Town Meeting on Monday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the CVU High School auditorium (not during voting day on Tuesday). Following a positive vote, CCTA and ACTR can then apply for federal and state funding to build Hinesburg bus service as early as 2011.

For more information about the issue, or if you need a ride to Town Meeting (advance reservation required), please contact Karla Munson, Hinesburg Rides coordinator, at 482-2778.

Planning News

By Alex Weinhausen,
Director of Planning and Zoning

Flood Hazard Regulation Revisions

In response to an update of Chittenden County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, your local planners (Planning Commission and Planning and Zoning Office) are drafting revisions to Hinesburg's flood hazard provisions, which can (Continued on the next page.)

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

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be found in Article 6 of our Zoning Regulations. FEMA requires that our local regulations meet certain minimum standards in order for Hinesburg residents to have access to flood insurance, at a much reduced cost, through the National Flood Insurance Program. Hinesburg residents have benefitted from our enrollment in this program for many years, and we are working with State and Federal FEMA officials to ensure that Hinesburg remains in good standing when the updated maps become effective later this year.

In addition to making revisions to meet FEMA minimum standards, the Planning Commission is also proposing two substantive policy improvements to our existing regulations. The first is to recognize fluvial (i.e., stream/river) erosion hazard areas in addition to inundation hazard areas in our regulations. Most flood-related property damage in Vermont is due to erosion of banks when streams and rivers change course during severe weather events. Traditionally, FEMA flood hazard areas have focused solely on rising water (i.e., inundation areas) and not risk from dynamic water courses that can endanger property that appears “high and dry” until a stream/river changes course. Thanks to work by our local watershed groups and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, we now have fluvial erosion hazard areas delineated for the LaPlatte River, Lewis Creek, and several related tributaries.

The second policy improvement is to minimize risk and mitigation costs by ensuring that new structures are not built in these hazard areas. Our existing regulations allow a wide array of new construction in flood hazard areas if such structures can be elevated above base flood elevations and/or flood proofed. Not only does this put the property in question at risk, but it can have negative consequences both for neighboring landowners and nearby public infrastructure (e.g., roads, culverts, bridges, etc.) due to changes to inundation areas, flooding severity, patterns of stream/river bank erosion, etc. The proposed revisions allow for improvements and additions to existing structures and prohibit new structures with an exception for very small, new accessory structures (e.g., sheds, chicken coops, etc.).

A formal public hearing on these proposed regulation revisions will be scheduled in the near future (possibly before the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record*), so keep your eyes on the Town website (www.hinesburg.org), Front Porch Forum, the Burlington Free Press and our regular posting locations around town for public notices.

Town Plan Revisions

The Planning Commission continues work on updates to the Hinesburg Town Plan which outlines the vision for our community by describing today and charting our master plan for tomorrow. Last revised in 2005, after a very rigorous public outreach and revision process, the current Town Plan still contains useful and timely visions, goals, and recommendations. The Planning Commission intends to send a batch of updates and mostly minor revisions to the Selectboard in April so that the updated plan can be adopted by early June. Check future issues of *The Hinesburg Record* for notice about formal public hearings. In the meantime, the Commission will be discussing the new Town Plan at its regular meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office. Meeting agendas are posted around town and on the town website at www.hinesburg.org/planningcomm.html. Interested in learning more? Do you have a good idea for Hinesburg’s future? Complaints are also welcome as long as they are accompanied by ideas for solutions. What’s your vision? For those of you burnt out or adverse to meetings, please feel free to give me a call at the Planning and Zoning office or send along an e-mail to hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Better yet, go directly to the source by talking directly to one of our Planning Commissioners whose names are listed on Town website. They are always excited to hear from community members and often share feedback they receive at Commission meetings.

Development Watch

Notices of Planning Commission and Development Review Board meetings are posted on Hinesburg’s four Front Porch Forum e-mail listserves as well as at the Town Office, Post Office, Laundrymat, and on a special bulletin board inside Lantman’s Best Yet Market. For copies of Development Review Board (DRB) decisions or information on these or other projects, please contact the Planning and Zoning office.

- Conditional Use, Site Plan, and Sign Review for a new Commercial Building located at the end of Village Heights Road in the Village Zoning District. Applicants: Elizabeth and Brian Hathaway. Landowner: Larry Hathaway. Reviewed on November 3 and November 17, and approved on December 1.

- Six-lot Subdivision Final Plat Review located at the corner of Burritt and Baldwin Roads in the Agricultural Zoning District. Applicant/Landowners: Stephen and Joanne Hoke and Robert and Elizabeth Quackenbush. Reviewed on November 3, November 17, and December 15 and approved on December 15.

- Development on a Private Right of Way Revision located at 460 and 464 Burritt Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. Applicants/Landowners: Tracey Maurer and Nancy Ruben. Reviewed on September 15 and November 3

and denied on November 17. Decision appealed to Environmental Court by applicants.

- Two-lot Subdivision Sketch Plan Review located at Shelburne Falls Road and VT Route 116 in the Village NW and Agricultural Zoning Districts. Applicant: Champlain Oil Company (Jiffy Mart). Landowner: Wayne and Barbara Bissonette. Reviewed on September 15 and November 3 and denied on December 1. Decision appealed to Environmental Court by landowner.

- Two-lot Subdivision Sketch Plan Review located at 2908 Lincoln Hill Rd in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Applicant/Landowner: Furno Design Consultants, LTD. Reviewed on November 17 and December 1 and approved on January 5. This is the first step of a two-step review process.

- Two-lot Subdivision Sketch Plan Review (to put Hinesburg Healing Arts building and Cliffside Condo building on separate lots) located at Route 116 and 25 Kelley’s Field Rd in the Village Zoning District. Applicant/Landowner: Cliffside Condominium Association. Reviewed and approved on January 5. This is the first step of a two-step review process.

- Revision to Thistle Hill Subdivision Final Plat – Development on Remaining Land (Lot 7) located at the end of Lavigne Hill Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. Applicant/Landowner: Mechanicsville LLC. Reviewed and approved on January 5.

- Still Pending: Site Plan Revision and Conditional Use for New Use (motor vehicle service and repair) at Hinesburg Auto Sales located on Route 116 in the Village Zoning District. Applicant/Landowner: Hinesburg Auto Sales (Paul MacCluskey). Reviewed on December 15 and January 5. The DRB is deliberating.

- Still Pending: Two-lot Subdivision Final Plat Review located at 1135 Pond Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. Applicant/Landowner: Tom McGlenn. Reviewed on January 5 and continued to the February 2 meeting.

- Still Pending: Two-lot Subdivision Preliminary Plat Review (Kinney Drugs project) located at the corner of Route 116 and Farnall Drive in the Village and Agricultural Zoning Districts. Applicant: Milot Real Estate. Landowner: David Lyman. Reviewed on January 19 and continued to the February 16 meeting.



By Missy Ross

Town Meeting March 1

The Hinesburg Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Champlain Valley Union Auditorium on Monday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. Voting for election of town officers and the Champlain Valley Union High School budget will be on Tuesday, March 2 at Town Hall. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Clerk’s Office beginning February 10. The deadline to register to vote at Town Meeting is Wednesday, February 24, at 5:00 p.m. For a list of candidates for election, please go to the town website at www.hinesburg.org.

Additionally, the Hinesburg Community School Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, at the HCS gym at 7:00 p.m. This is where the budget for the next fiscal year will be discussed and voted on. The deadline for registering to vote for the HCS annual meeting is Wednesday, March 3, at 5:00 p.m. Please stop in any time to register to vote if you are not already on the Hinesburg voter checklist.

Dog Licenses Due April 1

All dogs must be licensed between January 1 and April 1 of each calendar year. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$8. A license costs \$12 for dogs that are not “fixed”. We must have a copy of your dog’s current rabies certificate on file in order to issue a license. If you are unsure whether or not we have a current rabies certificate on file, please feel free to give us a call at 482-2281. Also, if your dog was registered in Hinesburg last year but is no longer here, please let us know so we can remove him or her from our list. Thanks!

Homestead Declarations

All resident homeowners must file their HS-122 or Declaration of Vermont Homestead AND their Property Tax Adjustment Claim with their Vermont income tax return in order to qualify for assistance from the State in paying their property taxes. If you file for an extension, you must complete and submit both forms prior to September 1, in order to qualify for income sensitivity and possible adjustment to your tax bill. The information you will need for the Homestead Declaration portion is on your property tax bill. If you no longer have a copy of your bill, you can come in to pick up another copy from us at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Notice of Hearing On Discontinuance of Town Highways (Ancient Roads)

The Selectboard of the Town of Hinesburg hereby gives notice of a hearing on a motion of the Selectboard to discontinue Town highways.

The motion asks that the following Town highways, identified as ancient roads, be discontinued:

- 1. Lost Wood Lot Road
- 2. Palmer Bostwick Road
- 3. Meech Road
- 4. Bennett-Wells Road
- 5. Hull Road
- 6. Governor’s Lot Road

The Selectboard will meet on Monday, March 8, at 8:00 p.m. in the Ground Level Conference Room of the Hinesburg Town Hall to conduct a hearing on the question of discontinuance of the above named highways.

The Selectboard shall determine whether the public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the town require the discontinuance of these highways.

Pertinent information relating to the proposed discontinuance of the highways is available for public inspection and copying in the office of the Hinesburg Town Clerk during business hours.

* NOTICE *

Vacancies on Planning Commission, Agency Request Review Committee, Conservation Commission, Trails Committee, Affordable Housing Committee and Lake Iroquois Recreation District Commission

There are currently vacancies on the Hinesburg Planning Commission, Agency Request Review Committee, Conservation Commission, Trails Committee, Affordable Housing Committee, and the Lake Iroquois Recreation District Commission.

The Planning Commission, with nine members, works on updating the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regulations, and other projects related to land-use planning in the Town. The Planning Commission is charged with bringing a long-term perspective to day-to-day decision-making. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Agency Request Review Committee, with seven members, is an advisory group responsible for evaluating and prioritizing requests for funding appropriations from social service agencies that serve the residents of our community and for making a funding recommendation to the Selectboard to be included in the annual budget. The task of the Agency Request Review Committee is to evaluate the information submitted by social service agencies by considering factors such as the number of Hinesburg residents served, the type of service, and the percentage of agency income that is used for program costs, to prioritize and quantify appropriations in order to maximize the value residents receive from the tax dollars appropriated. Due to the annual fluctuation in workload, the Committee does not have a regular schedule for meetings; however, the majority of the Committee’s work is completed between September and December annually.

The Conservation Commission, with nine members, is an advisory group responsible for providing input and action to help conserve Hinesburg’s natural and cultural resources, including ground water, soils, streams, lakes, wetlands, scenic resources, flora, fauna, wildlife, historical, and archaeological resources. The Conservation Commission conducts inventories, sponsors research on natural resources, and provides input to the other Town boards. It helps organize community events like Green Up Day and is responsible for the management of Geprag Park. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

The Trails Committee, with nine members, focuses 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, logging, haying, sugaring, and managing wildlife, water resources and environmentally sensitive areas. The Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month.

The Affordable Housing Committee, with nine members, is an advisory group responsible for gathering, generating, and prioritizing ideas and plans which will help to increase the availability of affordable housing in the Town. It also assesses the quality and quantity of current affordable housing and brings these ideas and information forward in an advisory manner to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and Town staff as appropriate. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

Lake Iroquois Recreation District Representative works with representatives of the other three municipalities which border Lake Iroquois (Williston, St. George and Richmond) and make up the Lake Iroquois Recreation District. The District exists for the purpose of owning, leasing, developing, maintaining, and managing its property located on Lake Iroquois and vicinity, for public park, conservation and

recreational purposes to serve its member communities. The District Commission normally meets the first Monday of each month at the Williston Town Office.

As part of the Selectboard’s Policy for Appointments to Boards and Commissions, 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 which attempts 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.

Colin McNaull Retires from the Hinesburg Land Trust Turkey Lane Turkey Trot

By John Kiedaisch,
Hinesburg Land Trust Board

On the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 1998, 16 runners and 18 walkers participated in the First Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot, a fundraiser to support the Hinesburg Land Trust (HLT). The trot was, from the beginning, conceived and organized by Colin McNaull. That first trot brought in \$340. Since then, there have been 12 years of Turkey Lane Turkey Trots, including the one in 2000 canceled due to freezing rain and a course of mostly packed snow—even the canceled trot put \$825 into the HLT bank account. By the end of the twelfth trot in 2009, which drew 101 runners and 49 walkers from Hinesburg and beyond, Colin and his volunteers had raised \$6,836 from the contributions of a total of 478 runners and 182 walkers.

Thanks to Colin’s inspiration and commitment, the Turkey Lane Turkey Trot has become the longest, most consistent, most efficient, and most well known of HLT fundraising events. And Colin did it all. He publicized, coordinated, fired the starting gun (actually gave a starting yell of “GO”), timed the racers, provided the after-race water, donut holes, and oranges, arranged for and awarded the locally-donated prizes, and sent the race results to newspapers and runners’ web sites. A small handful of volunteers helped by marking the course, picking up trash along its length, directing parking, registering participants, and recording the running times.

So now, Colin has decided to retire as leader of this wonderful event. He will stay on as consultant and volunteer



Colin McNaull lightens a moment at a recent Trot.

as the Hinesburg Land Trust Board chooses a new person or persons to replace him. This will not be easy. But the standard has been set, the process refined, and the reputation established. The Turkey Lane Turkey Trot will continue. As Colin insists, it’s the only turkey trot run on a Turkey Lane.

Thank you so very much Colin. See you next Thanksgiving.

Ending a Trail Walk

By Stewart Pierson

Our move to Hinesburg from Cleveland, Ohio in 1998 has met and surpassed my dreams a thousand fold in one particular way...access to trails. Alone or with Julie and chaperoned by our two dogs, a trail walk is almost a daily event in all seasons. Of the many Hinesburg trails it is the Lewis Creek Copp-Welsh LaPlatte Headwaters that is our favorite.

We love our walks, but sometimes have had difficulties at their conclusion. One beautiful fall morning, as we emerged from the forest into the proposed sheep meadow leading to the Gilman Road parking area, our dogs began barking ferociously. Something had attracted them. I ran towards them, leashes in hand. They had cornered a porcupine. The tone of barking began to shift to howls as quills dug into their tender snouts. The pain must have been growing as more and more quills did their work, but shouts from me had no effect on their behavior. At last I was able to leash one, and haul and

belay him to the trail sign post. The second, a younger dog, was more determined but at last she was leashed and we three sped to the Hinesburg Animal Hospital. A week later we met a second porcupine in the “Old Town Forest” but this time our dogs kept their distance, thereby establishing that old dogs can indeed learn new tricks.

Some months after these encounters, and at that same exit point by the sheep meadow, our young dog detected the presence of young chickens behind Craig and Laurie Chevrier’s home. Julie and I succeeded in leashing her, but not before one chicken had been captured and dumped, seemingly dead, by our feet. But this pullet was tougher than we thought. After quite a while she found her way home amidst much rejoicing in the Chevrier-Pierson households. This incident established that the old dog who needed to learn new tricks was Stewart Pierson . . . know where you walk and always use leashes around private homes.

The final “exit incident” took place three winters ago after the Valentine’s Day blizzard. The Gilman Road parking area was unplowed. So the dogs and I drove to the Lewis Creek entry, parking the car as far on the side as the giant snow banks would allow. Cross country skiing was unbelievable. At The Hidden Gardens B&B trail intersection we found my neighbor Harry Russell hard at work, and exchanged pleasantries. Ten minutes later we were back at the Lewis Creek entry. No car! It had disappeared into thin air. There we stood—no cell phone, no wallet, no dog leashes and no car. Then I remembered Harry. The three of us backtracked to The Hidden Gardens, where we found Harry at his chores. “THANK GOD,” I thought. He brought me a cell phone and I dialed 911. “Someone just stole my car,” I announced. That was all I said.

“Stewart Pierson, your car has been towed and is now at Giroux’s Garage. You were blocking the snowplow. Fetch it and be sure to have your checkbook with you.” The panic of the moment evaporated instantly, to be replaced by humor. Harry offered to drive me to Giroux’s but conducted his own little survey as we drove. “Stew, when was the last time they put cuffs on you?” My heart sank. Cuffs? I caught the sly glint in Harry’s eyes and so could respond “None of your business.” We were soon at Giroux’s where Chief Morrell stood quietly smiling while I negotiated paying for the tow.

There are many morals to this story but one towers over the others. Be sure to live in a town like Hinesburg, where no matter how foolish you are you will find help and unlimited good humor.

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

Five Car Crash on Richmond Road

On December 30 a rear end collision occurred across from Iroquois Manufacturing. A total of five cars were involved and two people were injured. One person sustained a serious laceration to the face and both of the injured were transported to Fletcher Allen for treatment.



It was determined by police that Justin Savage of Hinesburg was driving too fast for the conditions of the road. He had just negotiated a curve up the hill and the road had some residual snow. He exceeded a safe speed for the conditions and collided with the vehicle in front him causing a chain reaction. Savage was issued a ticket for Driving Too Fast For Conditions.

Tip Leads To Warrant Arrest

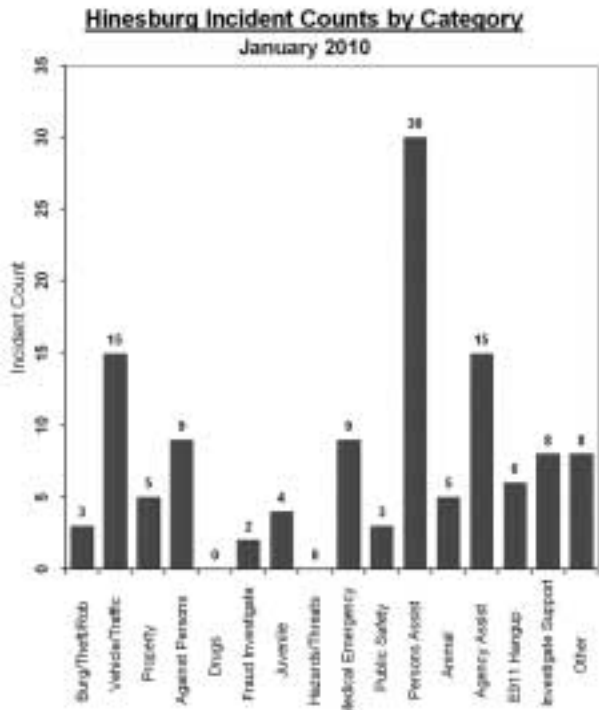
On December 31 Officer Chris Bataille received a tip that a man wanted on a warrant had been seen in the village. Bataille obtained a description of the man’s car and saw him driving on Route 116. A traffic stop was initiated and it was confirmed that the driver, Eric Reeves of Hinesburg, was wanted on an active warrant. Reeves’ arrest stemmed from a previous case involving an Unauthorized Sale of a Vehicle charge. He was taken to the Correctional Facility with a bond of \$500.

Hinesburg Man Arrested on Warrant

On December 18 Officer Chris Bataille saw a vehicle drive by that he believed was driven by a wanted subject. He stopped the car at the Mobil station on Commerce Street and observed that Christopher Clark of Hinesburg was driving the vehicle. It was verified that Clark had an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear and he was taken into custody. It was also learned that Clark’s license was criminally suspended and he was charged accordingly.

Arrest Made for Animal Cruelty

Hinesburg resident Clinton Cramer was arrested on January 17 and charged with Aggravated Animal Cruelty, a felony. Officer Chris Bataille, with the assistance of other members of the Department, developed information alleging that Cramer had killed three cats at his residence. These incidents usually followed a domestic dispute with his roommate. The investigation that followed indicated that Cramer repeatedly kicked one of the cats in the latter part of December, causing its death. The police recovered the



GRAPH PREPARED BY DOUG OLUFSEN

remains of the cat several weeks later and had it examined at the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg. The veterinarian’s findings indicated that the cat suffered significant internal injuries consistent with being abused.

Cramer was placed under arrest and when questioned, admitted that he had lost his temper and kicked the cat causing its death. He provided a written confession. Cramer was lodged at Correctional Facility and is being held on \$2,500 bond.



By Eric Spivack

During January, HFD responded to 25 calls:	
Medical	16
Motor vehicle crash, no injuries	3
Motor vehicle crash, with injuries	2
Traffic Assist	2
Smoke in building or structure fire	1
Fire/CO alarm	1
Mutual Aid	1

Annual Meeting and Elections

January has once again arrived and so has the annual meeting of Hinesburg Firefighters Association. During our annual meeting, we hold the election of association and fire officers, with the exception of the Fire Chief, who is appointed by the Select Board.

The Fire Department members hold a discussion during our annual meeting, followed by a vote of confidence for our Chief. Al Barber has been Fire Chief since 1999. Once again, the members voted unanimously in support of Chief Barber. We greatly appreciate the many hours of service Chief Barber puts in for the Department and on behalf of its members.

Congratulations to our 2010 fire and association officers:

Association Officers:

President	Jim Silva
Vice President	Eric Spivack
Secretary	John Lyman
Treasurer	Brad Wainer

Fire Officers:

Chief	Al Barber
First Assistant Chief	Rich Armstrong
Second Assistant Chief	Jim Silvia
Captain	Jon Wainer
First Lieutenant	Randy Thompson
Second Lieutenant	Jeremy Steele
Assistant Medical Chief	Frank Koss
Medical Lieutenant	Eric Spivack

Meet Brad Wainer

Brad Wainer is the son of the late Dr. Louis and Rebecca Wainer. He grew up in Hinesburg and has lived here all his life. Since 1967, he has resided on Shelburne Falls Road where he raised five sons. Two of his sons, Jonathan and Tyler are members of the Department.

Brad joined the Department in 1967. When he joined, Bernard Giroux was Fire Chief. Brad recalls the night he was voted on the department. He was one of two members voted on that evening. Bernard stated that we had voted two members tonight, one he said would be a great addition but the other (Brad) he was not so sure about. Brad proved Bernard wrong and over the years the two became close like a father and son.

With Bernard’s mentoring, Brad’s involvement and dedication to the department grew. In 1971, Brad was elected lieutenant and he has served in an officer’s position until this month, when he announced he wished to step down from the position of First Assistant Chief. Brad continues to serve as Treasurer of the Hinesburg Firefighters Association.



Brad Wainer

When he first joined, the apparatus consisted of Engine 1, a 1945 Ford pumper and a 1956 Ford tanker which carried 1500 gallons of water. Brad recalled how it was one of the first tankers in the county. The first mutual aid call with the tanker was to a fire at the Old Lantern in Charlotte. The Charlotte Fire Dept was so impressed with how quickly it was able to deliver water, that they ordered a tanker for their department shortly thereafter.

One of the many things Brad has done within the department was help with fundraising. In 1971, he and Bernard set out on a mission to build the fire station we have today. A new engine had just been purchased and it would not fit into the old station at the corner of Rte 116 and Mechanicsville Road. They visited everyone in town and raised over \$15,000. With volunteer labor and materials provided at cost by local businesses, the station was built for less than \$14,000. Since then, two additions have been made to the station, all paid for through donations from Hinesburg businesses and residents and built with volunteer labor.

In the late 1980’s Brad was honored to be a part of the station being dedicated to Bernard as thanks for over 40 years of service. In 2002, Brad was honored by the Fire Department by having the newest addition being dedicated to him as thanks for his 35 years of service. Brad felt honored not only by the dedication, but also because it was a room in Bernard’s Fire House.

Over the years, Brad has also been a strong supporter, advisor and friend of St Michael’s Rescue. Pete Soons, Chief of St. Michael’s Rescue, recalls the gatherings Brad used to hold at his home for the members. He states that Brad is one of the reasons the crews enjoy coming to Hinesburg. St. Michael’s has honored Brad with a lifetime honorary membership, one of a few they have bestowed.

Among many of Brad’s accomplishments was his being a leader in forming what is now the First Response Squad. When the squad was initially formed, it was a separate unit sponsored by the Hinesburg Fire Dept. The squad grew on its own. Members assisted Williston’s squad with calls and vice versa. Eventually the squads combined into Iroquois First Response, covering the towns of Hinesburg, St George and Williston. Over the years the towns grew and so did the call volume within each town.

In late 2000 it was becoming apparent that the number of calls had become overwhelming for one squad to handle. By July 2001, Hinesburg and Williston First Response squads were operating as part of their respective Fire Departments. Fire Department members now devote their time to fire, medical or both. St Michael’s Rescue, of which Brad is a long term member, continues to serve Hinesburg as primary ambulance.

Since 1976 Brad has been in charge of the Fourth of July Fireworks for the town. For many of those years he would organize members of the Fire Department into a firing team, which would use flairs to shoot off the fireworks. To this day, he is extremely proud of his firing team’s safety record. At the end of the night, everyone went home with all their body parts and without a burn or injury. Since 9/11, the restrictions, regulations and insurance prohibited the Fire Department from actually lighting the fire works. They are now lit off by a professional fire works company. The funds and planning for the fireworks are due to the outstanding job being done by

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In addition to being a member of the Hinesburg Fire Department for over 40 years, Brad has also served the community as Selectman, Chairman of the Board of Selectman, a member of the Zoning Board and Cemetery Commissioner.

As Brad looks back over the years he wonders where they went, and is amazed how things have progressed from the days of the station siren sounding at all hours to call the volunteers, to today when we have pagers and radios. He often takes rides through town, seeing how much it has grown, and remembering the calls he has been on at many of the addresses he drives by.

The Hinesburg Fire Department and Firefighters Association would like to thank Brad for his many years of service and dedication to the department and town. It has been thanks to volunteers like Brad that the Fire Department is what it is today, including the station, apparatus and equipment. We are sorry to see him step down from his position as Assistant Chief, but know he will still be along side us at the next call and challenging us at the next fundraiser.



Papa Nick’s Celebrates 20 Years In Hinesburg

By Jean Isham, HBPA

On January 14, 1991, Nick and Voula Zontanos opened Papa Nick’s restaurant. During that week many customers came by to offer congratulations, bring cards, flowers and plants and thank Nick, Voula and their staff for being in Hinesburg.

A frequent customer from Hinesburg, Marion Welch, commented that “having run this place for awhile, I couldn’t have turned it over to better people.” Donna and Jim Kendall from New Haven are also frequent customers. They stopped by for lunch and to congratulate Nick and Voula. Donna said “[we] eat here frequently. The food is wonderful but more than that the staff is great and more than that we enjoy seeing Voula. I wish they were closer. We would be here more often.” These sentiments reflect what many within the community and the faithful patrons from the surrounding area feel. Voula commented that “customers have been so good to us. I can’t thank them enough. I always feel welcome and I give my heart to them.”



Nick Zontanos at the Grill

Nick has been in the restaurant business for a total of 43 years and Voula for a total of 41 years. Their daughters, Paula and Dimitra, are both involved with the business. Nick and Voula hope that family members will continue the restaurant when they are ready to retire. Voula said that as long as they are healthy they plan to continue the restaurant and “hopefully we stay healthy and continue the good job.” Voula described Hinesburg as a wonderful town. “The people are nice and warm. It feels like home. Hopefully everyone is happy because we have been.” The Hinesburg community has been the beneficiary of Nick and Voula’s generosity through their support of numerous local projects.

Nick, Voula and family give much of the credit for the restaurant’s success to their long-time employees. It is unusual to find a restaurant with such a consistent and long term staff. Most of the employees have been with the restaurant from 16 to 20 years. Kathy Valiquette, a long time employee, stated “it feels like it is a community unto itself here because of the customers that come from Hinesburg and the surrounding towns. It is like a meeting place. We want to make it a family where everyone feels welcome.” They have done just that. The warm smiles and friendly atmosphere created by Nick, Voula and staff have made Papa Nick’s an enjoyable place to dine.

Papa Nick’s is known for its “home cooking” and specialties. The most popular meal is turkey, served in various ways. Every week the restaurant cooks between 11 and 13 turkeys, weighing about 35 pounds each. Thursday night is

the very popular “Greek Night.” Friday, Saturday and Sunday find prime rib on the menu. In addition, the restaurant offers daily specials as well as delicious pizza.

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association is pleased to add its congratulations to Papa Nick’s Restaurant, Nick, Voula and staff, for 20 years of service to the Hinesburg community.

Sarah M. Friend, MA Opens Home Based Practice

By Jean Isham, HBPA

In December of 2009, Sarah Friend, a psychotherapist, moved her private practice to an office in her home in Hinesburg. Sarah, a native of Canada, graduated from Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in May of 1992 with an Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies. She practiced as a paralegal for two years in a Canadian intellectual property firm and two years in Burlington, Vermont, for an immigration attorney. She returned to college, attending Vermont College of Norwich University, graduating in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts, minor in Psychology. She was also employed in the Norwich University Development Office from 1996 to 2003. She again made the decision to continue her education, attending Saint Michael’s College, Colchester, Vermont, and graduating in 2007 with a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology. Prior to opening her office in Hinesburg, Sarah practiced for two and half years with Hood Psychotherapy in Burlington.



Sarah Friend

Other professional experience and volunteer projects include providing counseling services for students at Johnson State College one day a week and participating in Mercy Connections by providing psycho-education classes and group psychotherapy to a small group of women in a series entitled Self Discovery, developing coping skills and self awareness. In addition, Sarah serves as a mentor at the Hinesburg Community School and on the Religious Education Committee at the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Burlington.

In her private practice, Sarah provides counseling to

children, adolescents and adults. Her specialties include grief and loss counseling, transitions, depression, anxiety, reorientation, redirection and other mental health issues. Sarah’s education prior to entering college was all in French and she speaks both French and English fluently.

I asked Sarah what prompted her to come to Hinesburg. In 2004, Sarah and her husband, Hans Jenny, searched extensively for land on which to build a house. They found a site in Hinesburg with “spectacular views” and constructed their home in 2005. Since then, they have been enjoying the Hinesburg community. Their three year old son, Cedric, started attending the Hinesburg Nursery School this year and Sarah found this was the perfect time to transition her practice to Hinesburg.

Hans also operates a business from their home, Best Bands, a business he has operated for over twenty years. Hans represents over seventy-five different bands throughout New England that are primarily hired for weddings.

Sarah and Hans both enjoy cycling, including mountain biking. In addition, Sarah trains for one triathlon a year which she tries to do in the summer, enjoys cross country skiing and reading and loves to cook.

In addition to their three year old son, the family includes Jade (24) a student at Champlain College and Justin (19) a student at Community College of Vermont.

Sarah may be contacted at 802-922-1823 or by e-mail at sfriend@bestbands.com.

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association is pleased to welcome Sarah’s practice to Hinesburg and to welcome Sarah as a member of the Association.

NRG’s Green Campus is Nation’s First Net-Zero Manufacturing Site

From Press Release

As the opening of the 2010 Winter Olympics approaches, NRG Systems, manufacturer of wind measurement equipment for the global wind energy industry, celebrates its second gold from the U.S. Green Building Council for the most recent addition to its Hinesburg (Vermont) campus. The new 31,000 square-foot manufacturing and office building at 60 Riggs Road received LEED gold certification for its environmental and energy efficient design. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the nationally accepted standard and rating system for high performance, sustainable (green) buildings developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.



“It’s always nice to be recognized for our team’s work...but this building is really about remaining true to our values as a renewable energy company and our desire to tread as lightly on this planet as possible,” said Jan Blittersdorf, CEO and President of NRG Systems.

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The facility uses state-of-the-art technology to reduce energy use and minimize environmental impacts, while producing most of its electricity with an on-site 70.6-kilowatt solar photovoltaic (PV) system. With the recent addition of a 140-kw solar tracker farm adjacent to its property, NRG Systems expects to produce all of the electricity for its two buildings with onsite renewables in 2010—which would make the campus the first net-zero manufacturing site in the nation. The output from the solar tracker farm is being shared by both NRG Systems and its sister company AllEarth Renewables (formerly, Earth Turbines, located in Williston, Vermont).

“Buildings are a leading source of green-house gas emissions and consume 70% of the electricity in the U.S.—this shouldn’t be the case,” said David Blittersdorf, CEO of AllEarth Renewables and founder of NRG Systems. “As a country, we need to get off the dime and change the way we construct our buildings. We’re here to show what’s possible.”

The facility features a super-insulated building envelope, solar photovoltaics, two wood-pellet boilers, solar hot water and a radiant heating and cooling system. According to the company, several innovative design features make the second building even greener than the first one completed in 2004. This includes an open-loop, ground-source cooling system that draws water from two 500-feet deep wells and feeds it through radiant tubing, providing a significant energy savings. It also features thicker walls and cellulosic insulation, making the building better insulated and 50% tighter than the first.

In addition to technological improvements, the building incorporates aesthetic details that make it a welcoming, beautiful, and productive place to work. It features unique floor murals and three-dimensional, mixed media floor tiles, created by Sarah Lee-Terrat and Carolyn Shapiro. Some represent the mission of the company, while others provide whimsical and social commentary on the times.

“The NRG Systems building serves as a model for what can be done with building technology and design today,” said Architect and Designer Bill Maclay of Maclay Architects in Waitsfield. “It demonstrates that net-zero energy buildings are not only possible, they can be quite practical from both the economic and environmental perspectives.”

The building features dozens of skylights and operable windows designed to take advantage of natural light, allow for natural ventilation and provide employees with views of the outdoors. Laptop computers and Energy Star-rated office equipment were selected to reduce electricity usage and heat gain. Earth- and human-friendly materials were used throughout the building, including low- or no-VOC stains,

paints and adhesives, polished concrete floors, certified wood and recycled bathroom tiles. The building features a first floor café, a second floor library, informal meeting and gathering spaces, and a 40-person training room.

The design team included Maclay Architects, HP Cummings Construction Company, Energy Balance, Engineering Ventures, LN Consulting, Erickson Consulting, Naomi Miller Lighting Design, and TJ Boyle and Associates.

NRG Systems, an independently-owned company, has served the wind energy industry since 1982. Its wind measurement systems can be found in more than 135 countries, serving electric utilities, wind farm developers, research institutes, government agencies, and universities. NRG Systems has been nationally recognized for its employee best practices and green manufacturing facilities. For more information, visit www.nrgsystems.com.

News from the Red Wagon Greenhouses

From Press Release

Red Wagon owner Julie Rubaud reports that the greenhouse will be growing several new vegetable and flower varieties this year; you can get a quick peak at what’s coming on their website at www.redwagonplants.com – click on the “Take a look at our garden journal...” link on the front page.

Some new highlights include more hybrid tomatoes that will have greater disease fighting power, a few new zucchini for color and Mediterranean flair, lots of strawberries, raspberries, and fruit trees, and more perennial flower choices. Due to lots of customer demand, Red Wagon will be carrying some baby bay laurel trees (*Laurel nobilis*, not California Bay Laurel). And feel free to make suggestions; it’s not too late



In the meantime there’s lots of work to be done—the greenhouses have to be cleared of snow, the seeds have to be ordered, the pots inventoried, the soil needs planned out, and then everything is cleaned and prepped for a fast paced planting season. The greenhouses will start in the first week of March this year. If you need an early dose of spring, please feel free to come down and visit. According to Julie, “we love to see our friends and neighbors and customers! We are lucky to have everyone from our crew come back each year - this makes the people and the plants happy at Red Wagon.”

Red wagon has added a garden journal to their website. This is a great place to post comments, learn a new recipe, read some gardening tips, find links to Red Wagon’s favorite websites, books, and resources, and generally learn more about Red Wagon and gardening in Vermont. Julie hopes you will contribute your own stories by posting comments. She would love to feature customer gardens regularly throughout the season. Let her know if you would be willing to send in some photos or have Red Wagon staff over for a visit to take some photos and talk shop.

The Farmstand at the Cobble

By James Donegan

Wendy Ordway grows vegetables and sells them under the name Farmstand at the Cobble. Ordway named her farm after the long, low, steep-sided hill that is prominent in her pasture, “cobble.” As the name would imply, she sells some of her produce from a farm stand near her house on the Charlotte Road. Ordway has also been a vendor at the Hinesburg Farmer’s Market for all six years. This past year, she made the decision to add the Shelburne Farmer’s Market to her busy schedule and was glad she did. In addition to the two markets and the farm stand, Ordway has a CSA



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(community supported agriculture) and occasionally sells to restaurants. In the fall she helps organize and also sells at the Hinesburg Fall Festival Market, and the three markets inside the town hall.

Ordway says that her favorite crop to grow is sugar snap peas (edible pod). “They’re a celebration that summer is here,” says Ordway. “And they taste great!” While not as exciting as peas to her, Wendy thinks that her best selling crop is probably her lettuce mix. She sells the delicate leaves washed, bagged and ready to eat.

Wendy began her vegetable farm in 2004, the same year that the Hinesburg Farmer’s Market began and a year after moving to the property that was formerly a dairy farm owned by Paul Eddy. Prior to starting Farmstand at the Cobble, Ordway worked in what she calls “alternative agriculture,” at the elk ranch near Hinesburg Sand and Gravel.

She takes advantage of the extensive pasture land on the farm by pasture boarding dairy replacements. In other words, a dairy farmer pays Wendy a small fee per cow per day to manage his young cattle on her pastures.

Wendy manages these cattle, of which she has roughly 75 each summer, using intensive grazing. Intensive grazing is a system of moving the cattle from pasture to pasture in a way in which creates a more healthy and vigorous growing mix of grasses and legumes. The animals “intensively graze” on a relatively small section, then after a short period of a couple days, they are moved to a new section, leaving the old one to rest and re-grow. In the winter a family from Charlotte uses the barn to house their flock of sheep and llamas. Wendy enjoys the activity in the barn and the excitement of lambing.



Wendy Ordway, owner of Farmstand at the Cobble

There have been challenges in reclaiming parts of the farm that haven’t been used in a while, not to mention the thick clay soil on her farm, which is adjacent to the Laplatte River flood plain. Despite the hard work, Ordway describes the work as very fulfilling. “I like that it’s low impact, sustainable use of the land and that I’m contributing to maintaining a working landscape,” she says.

Look for Farmstand at the Cobble on the Charlotte road, about a half mile from the village. It’s open early summer through fall. You’ll also find Wendy and her vegetables every Thursday (June through September) at the Hinesburg Farmer’s Market and Saturdays at the Shelburne Farmer’s Market.

Kate Dodge Joins Cottage 10

From press release

Cottage 10, has added a new employee, Kate Dodge. Kate comes to Cottage 10 from Vermont Works for Women, where she served as Development Director for over five years. Prior to that she worked for ten years at Jager Di Paola Kemp Design (JDK) in Burlington. At JDK, Kate worked on a number of clients including Burton, Merrell, TDK and Converse and held positions that included Account Director



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and General Manager.

As Creative Services Manager at Cottage 10, Kate works directly with Founder and Owner Bill Drew on all aspects of systems and project management including development and management of client schedules, freelance talent, vendors and contacts.



Kate Dodge is the new Creative Services Manager at Cottage 10.

Cottage 10 Founder and Owner Bill Drew has worked in the Vermont market for 17 years. Two and a half years ago Cottage 10 started as a very different alternative to the local ad agencies. The approach of Cottage 10 is to focus on the work, and to bring a world of talent to each and every project, by tapping into the best creative professionals from around the country to assemble a customized team for each project.

Stone Wall Workshops

A series of one-day stone wall workshops is taking place this winter in Hinesburg, with dates scheduled in February and March. Participants in the workshops learn the basic techniques for building dry-laid stone walls, with a special focus on stone native to Vermont. The hands-on workshops are held in warm greenhouses and led by Vermont stonemasons trained through Britain’s Dry Stone Walling Association. The workshops are organized by Charley MacMartin of Queen City Soil & Stone.



Participants in previous workshops included homeowners and area landscapers looking to strengthen their stonework skills. Jim Flint, Executive Director of Friends of Burlington Gardens, noted that “Charley MacMartin is not only a skilled stone artisan, but he’s also a patient, caring, and inspiring educator.”

Upcoming workshop dates include Saturday, February 20, a special collaborative workshop with the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont. The one-day workshops continue in March on Saturday, March 6; Friday, March 19; and Saturday, March 27. The price for the one day workshop is \$100, and space is limited. For the complete schedule and registration information, contact Charley MacMartin at (802) 318-2411 or click on the workshop link at www.queencitysoilandstone.com.



By Jennifer McCuin

It’s February. We’re on the downside of winter, looking toward sugaring and mud season. Please think about Spring Sports and register your children to play. Interested in coaching or assisting? Please contact the Recreation Department. Remember, our Spring Sports Season is impossible without volunteers! A lot of planning goes into a six-week season so prompt registration is much appreciated and aids us in the planning process. Speaking of snow, there are still three Sundays left for discounted Smuggler’s Notch lift tickets. Take advantage of the snow and bargain prices of \$13 lift tickets for youths and \$25 lift tickets for adults. Call

or email the Recreation Office for information at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. Enjoy the longer days and the promise of another season.

2010 Recreation Spring Sports Tentative Schedule

Spring sports start the week of April 26. Please note that schedules are subject to change due to coaches’ availability and enrollment. Final practice times and locations will be emailed to you prior to start of program. Any questions, please contact the Recreation Office at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

Lacrosse at Lyman Park and Charlotte Central School

Co-ed Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades: Tuesdays and Thursdays at one of Champlain Valley Union’s upper fields from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Boys: Grades Three and Four: Mondays at Charlotte Central School (CCS) and Wednesdays at Lyman from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Girls: Grades Three and Four: days and locations to be announced.
Boys: Grades Five and Six: Mondays at Lyman Field and Wednesdays at Charlotte Central School (CCS) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Girls: Grades Five and Six: days and locations to be announced.
Boys: Grades Seven and Eight: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Girls: Grades Seven and Eight: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tee Ball

Kindergarten and First Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Champlain Valley Union (CVU) Field D.
Farm League Baseball Grades Two and Three. Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Community School

Spring Sport Fees:

Tee Ball is \$25 by March 26 and \$35 after March 26
Farm League is \$25 by March 26 and \$35 after March 26
Kindergarten/One/Two Co-ed Lacrosse is \$25 by March 26 and \$35 after March 26
Girls Lacrosse, Grades Three through Eight is \$65 by March 26
Boys Lacrosse, Grades Three through Eight costs \$65 and includes US Lacrosse membership. Deadline is March 26.

Smuggler’s Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

Enjoy full-day, discounted lift tickets at Smuggler’s Notch Resort on three different Sundays in February, and March.
Youth (Ages 6 to 17) Lift Tickets, Rentals, Lessons are \$13 each.
Adult Lift Tickets, Rentals, Lessons are \$25 each.
Checks are payable to Hinesburg Recreation Department.
When: February 28, March 7 and 14.
Register and pay through Hinesburg Recreation Department by Thursday at noon for each Sunday. Lesson time is noon, unless otherwise noted. Children must be at least

6 years old for a lesson through this program. You must complete a rental form, which is available on the table outside of the Recreation Department or it can be emailed to you. Meet your Group Leader between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in Bella Riggo Pizza Shop in the Village Center. Look for the “Hinesburg Recreation” sign to pick up lift tickets.

Zumba

Taught by Hinesburg resident, Jeanne Neu, ZUMBA is a fusion of Latin and International music with dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system. The routines feature aerobic and fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. ZUMBA utilizes the principals of fitness with interval and resistance training to maximize caloric output. A great workout with great music - spice up your winter.
When: Tuesdays
Where: Town Hall
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$80
Register through Hinesburg Recreation at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Martial Arts with Instructor Tye Tonkin


This program offers students an opportunity to learn real self-defense skills, while getting into great shape! Learn the fundamental basics of Kickboxing, Classical Chinese Kung Fu, Tai Chi, Chin Na, and more. A great class for students of all ages and skill levels...anyone can do it!
When: Thursday evenings
March Session – March 4, 11, 18, and 25
April Session – April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
Where: Hinesburg Town Hall
Time: 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Cost: \$69 per session.
Please register with the Recreation Department and make checks payable to the Hinesburg Recreation Department.

Driver Education

Kevin Browne offers this essential class for students pursuing their drivers’ licenses and requires that enrollees already possess their State Drivers’ Learning Permits. Classroom instruction takes place in the first floor classroom in Town Hall. Driving time is scheduled outside of classroom hours. Kevin also provides the option to test for the driving exam and can be contacted to arrange for the exam. For questions regarding the class, please contact Kevin Browne at 775-6819 or kmb1159@comcast.net. To enroll, please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.
Where: Town Hall
When: March 8 through April 8 – Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Cost: \$625
Please make checks payable to Kevin Browne.
Students may take a bus that stops at Town Hall after their dismissal from Champlain Valley Union.

Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

Bring your family to swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge, located at 10 Wellness Drive in Williston. Come swim (Continued on the next page.)



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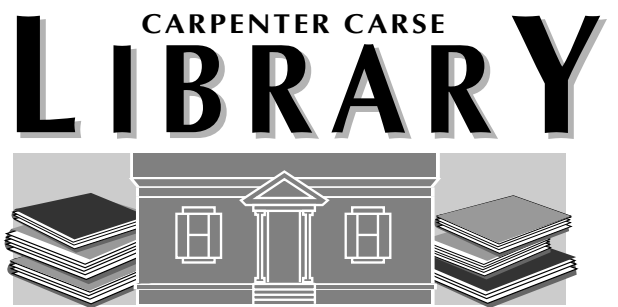
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and play with your family in a heated indoor pool.
Who: Hinesburg residents
When: Sundays, February 28 and March 28.
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15 for a family of four.
Please sign up at Recreation Department by Friday at noon and pay at the Sports and Fitness Edge.

AARP Driver Safety Class

The Recreation Department sponsors this class. Students learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Through interacting with one another, they find out how to safely adjust their driving to compensate for age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. There are no tests...just supportive information. Many insurance companies offer discounted premiums when people take this course. For questions, or if you want to register, contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691.
Who: People 50 years and older
Where: First floor conference room in Town Hall
When: April 12
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members.
Please make checks payable to AARP.
Please register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691.



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

Trustee Meetings

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

Ongoing Library Programs

Toddler Storytimes

Join Tom at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays March 2 and 16 for books, songs and stories especially for children up to three years of age. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Preschool Storytimes

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

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers may join our library’s book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers’ homes. The next discussion will be on Thursday, March 18. The featured title is *Midnight’s Children* by Salman Rushdie. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for location and other information. Please note that the group does **not** meet at the library as a rule.

YA Book Group

Catch a movie, relax with your friends, preview the latest Young Adult titles and try out the YA’s new Wii video games on Thursdays, February 18 and March 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and new members are always welcome. Call Tom at 482-2878 for more info. And be sure to check out the YA Web Page at www.carpentercarse.org.

Friday Night is Family Movie Night

Free movies, free popcorn and a great family night out...fun for everyone! Our March feature is everyone’s favorite classic, *The Wizard of Oz* [Rated G]. This winter and spring watch for special presentations of family movies that will appeal to adults as well as school-aged children. Mark your calendars now: Friday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. (Rescheduled from February 19)

Special Programs

New!

Librarian Tom Stamp has invited Huntington artists Chris Billis-Bryan and Lisa Bouffard to return to Carpenter-Carse to offer more amazing craft projects. The Friday craft sessions are recommended for school age kids and registration is required.

February 19 at 6:00 p.m. “Cuddlekins,” Simple stuffed creatures you can decorate, stuff and take home.

March 19 at 6:00 p.m. Door Harps; Take a 5” x 7” frame, decorate with paint, then string wire and bells and you’ve got a musical “harp.” Hang it on your door and it jingles when you enter and exit.

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Mid-afternoon Make-it, Take-it Crafts

Be creative at the library. Janet Soutiere invites children ages five to 11 to the library on Thursday, February 25, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sign up to make fun crafts that include colorful seed bead earrings, a patriotic key ring, a paper bag monster puppet and paper plate zoo animals. You are welcome to do some or all four of the projects. A scrumptious snack will be provided. Be sure to sign up early. Participation is limited to 14 children.

Children’s Book Swap

Hi kids! Are you an avid reader and want a different selection for your home book shelf? Trade some of the books you have for the books you want, without spending a penny. It’s easy to make an “even swap” with other readers. Just come to the library during school vacation, between February 22 and 27, anytime the library is open. You will find an exciting variety of reading materials. It’s time to get going and clean your book shelf! Then the chore will be done and you’ll be ready for the fun of sharing books.

Cozy up at Pajama Storytime

On Tuesday, March 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. wear your comfy jammies to the library and snuggle up with a stuffed animal friend. Together we will hop into spring with some delightful, fun stories. We will watch a short video, do a simple craft and have a yummy snack. This hour is geared to children ages 3 to 7. Preregistration is requested but not required.

Adult Yoga Class

Spring is Coming! Let’s Get Healthy! Relax, release and rejuvenate with a wonderful Yoga program at the library, presented by Laura Wisniewski of Beecher Hill Yoga. Laura’s classes are gentle, energizing...and fun. The class at the library is appropriate for all levels including beginners.
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Join us in the library’s Community Room on Saturday, March 13 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Healthy refreshments will be served following Yoga. Please call the library at 482-2878 to register for this free program. Space is limited.

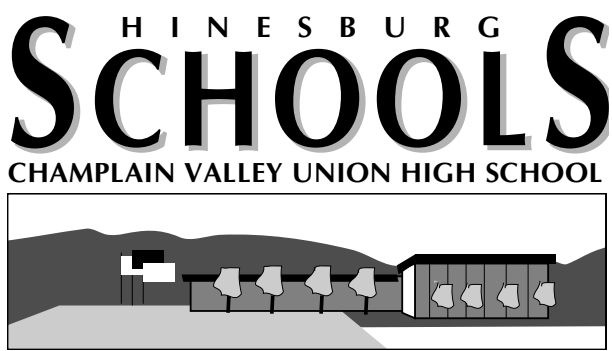
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Quotation of the Month

“Wisdom begins in wonder.” “Wonder is the beginning of wisdom,” [variant]

- Socrates, 469 B.C. – 399 B.C.



High School Students Help Make a Wish Come True

Applying What's Learned in the Classroom

Champlain Valley Union High School's Business Ethics class held a successful third annual Family Formal last Saturday, January 16. Nearly \$1,500 dollars was donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Chittenden County. Over 100 Chittenden County residents were present, as families joined in on the Limbo, Chicken Dance and Cha-Cha Slide. In addition to the decorative cafeteria dance floor, a silent auction and raffle were made possible by generous local businesses. Family photographs were donated, allowing families to bring the fun memories home. A special presentation by Make-A-Wish representative, Hattie Johnson, brought the charitable evening full circle. Thank you to the local families and businesses that made this event a success!

Present at the event was the Ferrera family from Hinesburg. Young Evan is a wish recipient, and he and his family will be going to Florida this fall as his wish. Having the Ferrera family present made the event even more poignant, as all in attendance could see first-hand how events like this make the difference in the life of a local family.



The Ferrera Family

Business Seminar is a class at CVU that focuses on business ethics and social responsibility. A major part of the class is developing a sense of social responsibility in future businessmen and women. This event is the direct result of all the work and commitment put in by the Business Seminar students: Kate Cheney, Erika Gobeille, Sidney Hilker, Ellen Reinhardt, Alex Bonfigli, Thomas Gibbs, Devin Major, James Neiley, Jessica Spadaccini, Calvin Benevento, Adam Kaufman, Bridget Masterson, Arles Netherwood-Schwesig, Heather Aube, Kate Jaro and Shaunna Sweet. This class is taught by Tamie-Jo Dickinson.

CVU Students are Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs

This fall's CVU Entrepreneurship students participated in an Elevator Pitch Competition as their final exam. It is called an "elevator pitch" because the entrepreneur's oral presentation is close to the length of a quick elevator ride. Students had two minutes to convey the heart of their business to the judges. In these two minutes, students concisely outlined their business proposal, marketing strategy and competitive advantage. Students learned that prospective business owners are strongly encouraged to polish this pitch, since it can mean the difference between raising desired

capital and completely leaving their business ideas behind.

This semester's winners are: First Place, Cullen Millikin (Cullie's House of Munch) from Hinesburg; Second Place, Joseph LaPerle (Step Brothers Snow Removal) from Williston; Third Place, Hayden Carpenter (Grizzly Rock Climbing Center) from Shelburne; honorable mention, Brice Guerriere (For Those About to Run) from Shelburne; and honorable mention, Tim Haller (Habitation) from Williston. The judges were Andrea Wolak, Branch President of the Merchant's Bank in Bristol, and Kelly Jordick, Branch President of the Merchant's Bank in Hinesburg. The course is taught by Tamie-Jo Dickinson.

CVU 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:

Jake Lee, Auto Body Repair
John Martin, Design and Illustration
Dylan Peters, Design and Illustration-AP
Stephen Theriault, Automotive Science and Technology



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The Viking Voice

February 18, 2010

Volume 5, Issue 3

In this issue of *The Viking Voice*, we see what snowmen wear for noses when Mrs. Lasher's kindergarteners get ahold of them, how Miss Lass's first and second graders can play around with different ways to start a story, and the way one older student has been designing really cool shaped poems.

Enjoy!

A Chubby Little Snowman...

A chubby little snowman,
Had a Carrot nose,
Along came Chloe,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Chloe,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that carrot nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a carrot nose,
Along came Sachi,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Sachi,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that carrot nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a sunflower seed nose,
Along came Vivi,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Vivi,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that sunflower seed nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a meatball nose,
Along came Donovan,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Donovan,
Looking for his lunch,
Took that meatball nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a fudge nose,
Along came Cody,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Cody,
Looking for his lunch,

Took that fudge nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a nut nose,
Along came Wilder,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Wilder,
Looking for his lunch,
Took that nut nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a pumpkin nose,
Along came Oliver,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Oliver,
Looking for his lunch,



Kindergartener Oliver Fillion reads with his "book buddy", fifth grader Harrison Mead.

Took that pumpkin nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had an apple nose,
Along came Jasmine,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Jasmine,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that apple nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a carrot nose,
Along came Kayden,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Kayden,



Mrs. Lasher's kindergarteners put together their own band on a recent cold and snowy day. Maybe they should call themselves "The Snowmen"?

Looking for his lunch,
Took that carrot nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a rock nose,
Along came Zachary,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Zachary,
Looking for his lunch,
Took that rock nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had an apple nose,
Along came Norah,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Norah,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that apple nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had an ice cream sandwich nose,
Along came Carissa,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Carissa,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that ice cream sandwich nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a meatball nose,
Along came Norah,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Norah,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that meatball nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!



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A chubby little snowman,
Had a bean nose,
Along came Patrick,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Patrick,
Looking for his lunch,
Took that bean nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

A chubby little snowman,
Had a grape nose,



You've heard of the cat that ate the canary? These are the kids who ate the grape and the bean....

Along came Faith,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little Faith,
Looking for her lunch,
Took that grape nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

White Christmas

By Chan Crawford

“Wow!” I said. “Those are huge presents!
My brother was already downstairs with me. I was excited that it was Christmas already. My mom and dad were still asleep but we weren’t.
It was early and the snow was on the ground. It was a white Christmas.

Fun!

By Cooper Bissonnette

“It was fun, fun, fun,” I said as I skated across the ice. It was my first time ever. I went on my new skates.

Scary Dog

By Devyn Sprano

I was frozen to the floor of the icy ground. The dog would walk one step after another toward me. I was scared.

The dog was barking. Suddenly the dog turned to the house and ran back. I ran and ran so fast but I slowed down because I was scared.
I couldn’t stop being scared because I kept waiting for the dog to come running after me. Long after, I found out the dog had a shock collar on.

Snowpants?

By Finn Murray

Finn is a boy who lost his snow pants. He looked everywhere. He could not find them. A couple of days later, one of his friends found them.

The Tooth

By Jordan Holmes

“Yes!” I screamed when my tooth came out. I ran to Miss Lass and yelled, “My tooth came out!”
Miss Lass yelled, “Yes!” too.
After that we all went to the nurse’s office.
Later that night at Live Y’ers I lost my tooth and my friend said, “My sister lost her tooth, too, and she got more money.”
“I think I won’t get more money,” I whispered.

The Lost Gloves

By Maddie Baker

“Oh, no! Where are my gloves?” I said. “They’re missing! Where are they? I can’t go to school without them.”
“You will have to wear your old gloves,” my mom said. I yelled at her.
“I don’t want to,” I said. “I will just have to borrow some from nurse Shelley.”
“OK,” said my mom. “You better get to school.”
“OK,” I said when I got on the bus.

Ice Fishing

By Mathew Hernandez

One cold day I went ice fishing. It was fun until I stepped in a fishing hole! I got out of the hole. I had to go in the shanty. I caught 10 fish. 10 fish I caught. It was fun.
I was standing over the heater. I was hot. I was dry soon. Then I was fishing again. It was fun! I caught five more fish!

To contact the students about their work in these pages ...

please email the Viking Voice Coordinator, Jen Bradford, at jbradford@hcsvt.org.

Cold Snow

By Morgan Kittell

One winter day I stuck my hand in the snow. “That’s cold!” I shrieked.
“Get out of the snow,” my mommy said. My mommy pulled my hand out of the snow.
“Yeah!” I said. My hand was cold.
After we were done playing outside, we went inside and drank hot chocolate on the couch.

Green and Gold

By Samantha Haviland

“Mom, I’m tired. Can I sit down? My legs hurt,” I whined to my mom.
We were hiking the Long Trail on Green and Gold weekend. The trail was very long. It started from the Ap Gap. We would hike to the top of the mountain (which was Mad River Glen).
We were hiking with a friends and their dog and kids.

Pear Tree

By Madison MacMahon, Grade 6

Green and ripe,
Falling, falling, falling down.
Spinning round and round and round.
I taste the sweet sensation of the pear,
So sweet it’s kind of hard to bear.
Once I taste the hard, fresh core,
I really wish I had much more.
I feel the wind blow and
Grow strong and stronger,
Blowing to and thro.
I walk around
And then
I
See
A
New
Pear
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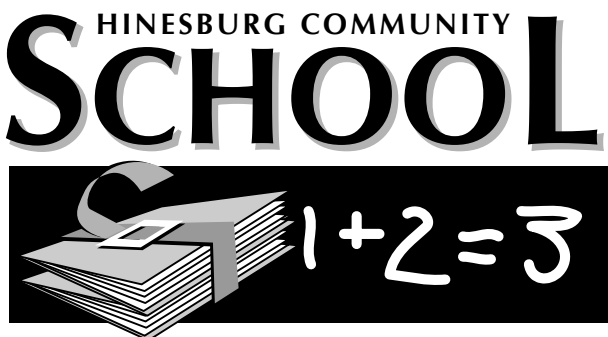
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Hinesburg Community School “Vermont Kids Against Tobacco” March to State House

By Lynn Camara, SAP Counselor

Students from the Hinesburg Community School Vermont Kids against Tobacco (VKAT) group joined each of the 51 VKAT groups from all over the state to participate in the bi-annual State House Rally in Montpelier on January 27. The event celebrates youth empowerment and the success throughout 2009 of VKAT programs in reaching more than 21,000 Vermonters with tobacco prevention and education activities.

This year sixth and seventh graders Hannah Martin, Tiffany Larrow, Megan Morits and Elizabeth Ramstrom represented the HCS VKAT group at the rally.

“I had a really great time because I got to go into the State House chambers,” said Hannah Martin, HCS sixth grader. “I got to meet the Governor and meet VKAT students from other schools.”

Thousands of youth have taken part in VKAT since it began in 1995 and Hinesburg Community School has had an active group since 2005. These efforts have resulted in consistently lower smoking prevalence rates at schools, with a decline in the smoking rates happening more quickly and earlier in schools with a VKAT presence.

VKAT is a statewide initiative for students in fifth grade through eighth grade, and has grown from ten to 51 schools over the past 15 years. Participants in VKAT, with help from

guidance counselors, student assistance professionals (SAPs), teachers, school nurses and community organizations have worked together to help decrease smoking rates among Vermont’s youth.

According to the Health Department’s 2009 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, seven percent of eighth graders smoked one or more cigarettes during the past 30 days. Overall, smoking rates for Vermont youth have been cut in half during the past decade.

Having peers teach peers about the dangers of smoking, drugs and alcohol has been extremely successful. Locally, zero percent of our Chittenden South seventh graders reported smoking in the past year, according to the 2009 Swisher survey. The peer to peer approach has been lauded at the state level.

“The Vermont Kids against Tobacco members are dedicated to informing their peers about the risks of tobacco use,” said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD. “We have to continue to encourage a new generation of Vermonters to make healthier choices, like being smoke-free.”

Prior to the group march down Main Street to the State House, VKAT members had breakfast with legislators and listened to a brief presentation by Chittenden Representative Bill Frank and Rebecca Ryan, director of Health Communications and Policy for the American Lung Association.

The VKAT program is sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health, with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For more information about VKAT, go to www.goVKAT.org.

Kinderquotes: As Heard in Kindergarten

By Alyssa Lasher

The following article is part of a regular series in which one of our HCS Kindergarten teachers shares the priceless things that can come out of young kids’ mouths. Don’t worry, parents, names have been changed to protect the innocent...

“Hey you guys, listen, I can sing Oprah!” (Opera...)

One day I was talking to my students about my upcoming evening story hour and how they could wear their pajamas when attending. One of my students laughed and said, “Well, my dad is bringing me so I guess he’ll actually have to put some clothes on!” Man, did I laugh; though, boy, that dad would love to know that his son shared that with me!

Mrs. Hoepfner was working with one of my students on upper and lower case letters. While he wrote his name, she reminded him that only the first letter of his name was capitalized and the rest were lower case. He responded by saying, “Oh, I only use lower case letters on Tuesday and Thursdays!”

Mrs. Lasher’s Kindergartners Make a Difference!

By Alyssa Lasher, HCS Teacher

On Friday, December 18, Mrs. Lasher’s kindergartners “shopped” for the food shelf at Lantman’s. You might have seen the article about this event in the “Hometown” section of the Burlington Free Press.

Here is a description written by the class as to what they did to make a difference.

“So we got a lot of money from Sachi’s dad (Darrel Depot and his company Puroclean). We also got money from the Brown Dog Bookstore and from Lantman’s. Mrs. Lasher does story hours at Brown Dog Bookstore.

Mrs. Lasher told us we were going to use the money to buy food for the food shelf. The food shelf helps kids get food

when they don’t have any at their houses. We made shopping lists of all the stuff we like to eat. We took the lists and walked to Lantman’s. There was some ice on our walk there so we had to be careful.

We shopped at Lantman’s with Mr. Goudreau, Mr. Babbot, Mr. Depot, Mrs. Hoepfner, and Mrs. Lasher. We picked out lots of food for the food shelf. Our shopping carts were really full. We picked out juice boxes, cereal, fruit, pasta and juice bottles. Then the people at Lantman’s gave us cookies and we looked at the toys. Then the man from the food shelf put all the food into his truck. We had fun and we helped people.”

Mrs. Lasher’s class would like to thank Darrel Depot and Puroclean for their generous donation. We would also like to thank Brown Dog Books and Gifts, as well as Lantman’s Best Yet Market, for their contributions.



Big Leaps

By Rebecca Cook

“Mommy, what’s the planet with the big red spot on it?” Ummmm.... Oh, boy. “Is it Saturn?” “No, Saturn has rings around it.” “Oh, right. I knew that. Is it Jupiter?” “Yes! That’s it! Jupiter has a big red spot that’s really a storm!”

And so begins my re-education. This storm on Jupiter isn’t new. It’s been raging for hundreds of years. Did you know that? I don’t recall learning about that 30 years ago. It was storming on Jupiter back then, way back when poor Pluto was a full-fledged planet.

We made a trip to the library and checked out every book we could find that had planets in it. Our boy was very excited to have all this new information to read together and I was determined to be smarter than a preschooler.

We continue to be thrilled by all the great information, artwork and songs he brings home from school. This past month’s lessons have focused on Earth and the other planets in our solar system, space and the moon. The children have eaten Moon Biscuits, painted planets and created a lunar surface. They are even experiencing craters and gravity first-hand — on sleds.

The exciting sledding-hill behind the school has been packed to perfection, and it’s slippery, bumpy surface is a source of great entertainment for all those riding down, as well as for those watching. For a people-watcher such as me, it’s a great time to see the children interact with each other as they ride together, take turns, and learn to bail out and watch out for others. Parents come dressed to join in the fun and I have found it a great time to get to know the other moms and dads at HNS. Rather than gather our kids and head out the door, time seems to slow down a little as we all watch our little ones help each other up the hill, only sometimes after running into one another.

Although everything that goes on inside that little building is very important, I can’t help but be glad these kids get outside every day to laugh, slide and learn how to share four sleds among ten children. This is so much a part of the education we were hoping for when sending our little guy off to school. He is gaining confidence and learning when to step forward, and when to step back and give a chance to others.

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Sometimes they are big leaps, like on the moon, and other times they are difficult ones, loaded with gravity. And every day that our little boy learns a new lesson, we are right there, re-learning beside him.

I'm not sure what's coming next, but you can bet I'm going to the library as soon as I find out. Apparently, I've got some studying to do.

Other Education

Free Course for HS Students at CCV

This spring semester, high school students in the Burlington area will have the opportunity to take the Community College of Vermont's free course *Introduction to College Studies* (ICS). Students who successfully complete the course become eligible to apply for a voucher to take an additional course, tuition-free, at any of the Vermont State Colleges.

"Introduction to College Studies is a great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors, even if they aren't currently considering going to college," says CCV's Director of Secondary Initiatives Natalie Searle. "The course is flexible and allows students to explore their options regarding college, their possible major and the steps involved in transitioning from high school to college. It covers everything from the application process and financial aid, to time management and note-taking."

Registration for the course is currently under way. Those interested may visit www.ccv.edu, call 865-4422 or stop by the office at 119 Pearl Street.

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Courage, Consistency and Love

One Dad's Voice on Parenting in a Challenging World

By Rahn Fleming

"It's the toughest job you'll ever love." With all due respect to the Peace Corps (and I hold that organization in very high esteem), whoever coined this phrase could never have been a full time parent. Parenting is, hands down, the job this phrase best describes.

In my life I have played many rewarding roles: substance abuse counselor, public speaker, personal trainer, educator and coach. Of these, none has offered anywhere near the challenge nor the joy of the role I treasure most - father to my two sons. Of all the degrees and titles bestowed upon me, all

the satisfactions and successes I've known, none is even in the same stratosphere as the simple word "Dad." There is nothing in the world that I do, or have done, that means more to me. Nothing.

That said, parenting is tough. It is a daunting task, rife with challenge and paradox. It comes to us with no prior experience, no preparatory classes, no supervisory oversight, no peer support network and no instructional manual. We navigate supercharged situations on best-guesses, instinct and the seats of our pants. Often, we feel unsure about what to do or say. And, because the outcomes mean so much, we can find ourselves sleepless with self-doubt and free floating insecurities.

Parenting is not for the faint of heart. And no one should attempt it alone. We need the support, the courage and the collective experience of one another. (After all, the kids have all that - why shouldn't we?!)

If there is a recipe for success, my fellow parents, I'd guess it includes these three items: courage, consistency and communication. The results of this blend are well documented. In the 2008-2009 PRIDE survey taken of over 122,000 middle and high school students, those whose parents communicated "clear rules" for them "a lot" were four times less likely to use alcohol or other drugs than those whose parents never set and maintained clear rules and consequences (12% and 49% respectively). Pretty solid reinforcement, eh?

On a per-household basis, though, the surveys become moments and the 122,000 become the "one" sitting across the table. Here are some thoughts about surviving those moments, along with some hard learned tips and strategies.

"Right now, I care more about you than I care about your opinion of me." In case of resistance, this phrase is a courage provider. Ask the important, if unwelcomed, questions: where they'll be going, what they'll be doing, who they'll be with and when they'll be back. Be certain to set an expectation that, in case of change of plans, they'll call you. Let them know in advance that, should this **not** occur, there will be conversation and consequence.

"I just want you to know that you can trust me to keep my word." If you've set a consequence, enforce it. Our kids, after all, need to know that we can be trusted to keep our promises! Much of the teenaged experience seems to have to do with "bouncing off the walls" of parental and societal norms, defining themselves in a world of too many choices. Our task is to set the walls closely enough together to minimize the available damage (they'll do themselves less harm, learn important cause-and-effect lessons and we'll know greater peace of mind!). It is an ongoing and exhausting task, one that requires more patience than we believe we have, or can muster. Ah, but it's worth it.

"You are my priority. I love you." To paraphrase, there is no greater love than the giving up of one's life. Simply defined, our life is the time we spend on this Earth between birth and death. So every chance I have to give of my time is a chance I have to express love in the world. Use your time to make sure your child knows that they are loved. Then, when it doesn't feel very warm and fuzzy between you, the foundation will have been laid. Time not only heals all wounds; given early enough, and in sufficient doses, time can serve to prevent many wounds, too. By giving our children the gift of knowing that they matter, we increase the likelihood that they will treat themselves accordingly.

Because fast comes the time when we'll be sending them off into a world that is as laden with hidden dangers as it is inviting to exciting new experiences. We are the starting blocks off of which they push as they venture into that world. A solid relationship based on courage, communication and consistency will help them to thrive and to succeed.

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Trek Leader to Give Presentation on Nepal and Mustang

On Sunday, March 14, Steve Conlon, owner of **Above the Clouds Trekking, Inc.** of Hinesburg, will be sharing his experiences at the Planet Huntington series of travel talks. For several years now residents in the Huntington area have fought cabin fever in the winter months by sharing pictures and stories of their travels to exotic places. When Rebecca Ryan, one of the organizers, heard about Steve’s travels to the Himalayas she thought what could be more exotic and invited him to do a presentation.



The Kingdom of Mustang in Nepal

Steve explained: “Since 1982, Above the Clouds has taken small groups of travelers to a few carefully chosen places, like India, Nepal and Patagonia, where the modern adventure traveler can still connect with a pristine landscape and its indigenous people. Mustang (pronounced Moo-stang) is a former kingdom within Nepal, but in terms of landscape and culture it is purely Tibetan. In fact, it wouldn’t be an

overstatement to say that there is more Tibet in Mustang today than there is in Tibet, due to the Chinese influence in the latter. While the king no longer has any real power, he is still the most influential person in the region, and our groups usually will have an audience with him in his palace while there. The capital, Lo Manthang, is a fifteenth century walled fortress, the walls being about three stories high and several meters thick. The landscape is reminiscent of the Grand Canyon, with similar colors and sheer sandstone cliffs. The trek we do there takes place between 9,000 and 13,500 feet. The total population of the area is less than 6,000 people, most of them living in small villages. Farming is difficult (annual rainfall is 2 inches) so herding yaks and goats, and trade are critical to their survival.”

This **free** event starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Huntington town library just north of Beaudry’s General Store. For more information on Above the Clouds, Inc., go to www.aboveclouds.com.

Music Night at Brown Dog Books and Gifts!

Friday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m., old friends Rik Palieri, Ricko Nestler, and Rich (aka Ricky) Bala, will take the stage as a trio for the first time for an evening filled with songs both old and new, familiar and obscure and from poignant to just plain zany! Playing individually and together in various combinations on guitars, banjos, mountain dulcimer and perhaps even the Polish bagpipe, there will plenty of chances for singing along, foot tapping, knee slapping and belly laughing!

Rik Palieri has performed with his friend Utah Philips as a member of the Rose Tattoo and is featured on the Grammy Nominated CD *Singing Through The Hard Times* He also hosts and produces an award winning TV program called *The Songwriter’s Notebook*, now archived at The Library of Congress, and is the author of a book about his musical trips around the world, called *The Road is My Mistress, Tales Of A Roustabout Songster*

Ricko Nestler wrote the Hudson River anthem, *The River That Flows Both Ways*. One of the long time members of Hudson River The Sloop Singers, Ricko has often played in concerts with Pete Seeger, Tom Chapin, Tom Paxton, Richie Havens, Guy Davis, Rambling Jack Elliot and too many more mention. Ricko has a song bag that would have made Alan Lomax green with envy.

Ricky Bala performs solo and in the folk trio The Barefoot Boys and with storyteller Jonathan Kruk as The Hudson River Ramblers. With an encyclopedic knowledge of New York folklore, he is a favorite at many historic reenactments, festivals, libraries and concert houses such as the legendary Café Lena and well known Hudson River Revival.

Together the “3 RIX’s” create an atmosphere of not only fun but they also tap into a rare glimpse of a part of American folk lore that is slowly disappearing. These three travelers all learned from the masters. They are from the true vine so catch them while you can!

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served! Call 482-5189 for more information.

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 Sixteenth Annual Sugar Makers’ Tour. On Saturday March 27, 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.

The tour is sponsored by the Huntington Conservation Commission. It is intended to raise awareness and appreciation for local agricultural enterprises in 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.

Maps with directions to participating sugar makers will be available after March 3 at local stores or contact Laura Hill Bermingham at 434-5812 for more information.

Sign Up Now for Summer Camp at Shelburne Museum

Join the circus. Go on the hunt for dragons. Travel through time. It all happens this summer at Shelburne Museum LEAP! (Learn + Play) Summer Camps.



Shelburne Museum offers six weeks of camps that explore the museum’s diverse collections and beautiful grounds through engaging and creative activities, providing insights into America’s traditions. The day camps are limited in size, tailored to children ages five to ten and are designed around the museum’s renowned collections and beautiful grounds.

“Summer camps at Shelburne Museum bring art to life for campers through fun-filled interactive experiences in a beautiful and enriching setting,” said Karen Petersen, director of education at the museum.

Here’s a listing of camps:

Artisan Apprentice: Explore the work of nineteenth-century artisans and artists and visit the museum’s blacksmith, printer and weaver to gain inspiration for art projects.

Art Travelers: Set your time machines for “way back when” and come explore more than 200 years of art.

Mystical Creature Feature: Meet the museum’s resident mermaids, dragons and centaurs, and troll the galleries to build an enchanted world full of creatures from myth and legend.

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Mountain Lake PBS Launches PBS Kids GO! Writers Contest

Mountain Lake PBS is launching the PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest, a national competition designed to promote the advancement of children’s reading skills through hands-on, active learning. The effort encourages children in grades K-3 in communities across the country, to celebrate the power of creating stories and illustrations by submitting their own original stories and illustrations.

“We know from research that there is an important connection between writing and the development of early literacy skills, critical cornerstones for school readiness and achievement,” said Lesli Rotenberg, Senior Vice President, Children’s Media, PBS. “PBS KIDS GO! uses the power of media to open up the worlds of letters and words for all children, encouraging them to explore ways to communicate more effectively.”

Mountain Lake PBS will actively partner with schools, public libraries and other literacy organizations to implement the Contest. Children will be encouraged to write and illustrate stories and submit them to Mountain Lake PBS, which will select winners and award prizes. First place local winners will be entered into the national level of the Contest where a renowned panel of judges will identify the national winners. Winners will be announced and national prizes, including laptops, digital cameras and MP3 players will be awarded this summer.

Applications and additional information are available at www.mountainlake.org. Entries must arrive at the station by March 19. In addition, a new PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest Web site at pbskids.org/read will launch soon. It will include the winning stories in each of the Contest categories, as well as a searchable archive.

Free Lunchtime Concerts in Burlington

First United Methodist Church of Burlington announces the third annual series of free Thursday noon concerts.

February 18 - Organ recital by Mr. Matthew Jr., director of music of FUMC playing works of J. S. Bach and Russian composer Georgi Muschel.

February 25 - Organ recital by Mr. Matthew, playing works of the Bavarian composers Georg Muffat and Gottlieb Muffat, and American composer Frank Stewart Adams.

March 4 - Piano recital by DaWeon Ryu, student of Diana Fanning at Middlebury, performing works by Beethoven and Debussy.

March 11 - Organ recital by Lynnette Combs, organist of First Baptist Church of Burlington and a founding member of Arc Angelo, a chamber group specializing in music of the Baroque period. She will play works by J. S. Bach, Johannes Brahms and Richard Dubra.

March 18 - Organ recital by Mr. Matthew playing works by Scottish composer Rory Boyle and Russian composer Sergei Liapunov.

March 25 - “Old Fashioned Hymn Sing” directed by Dr. Charles Pippenger accompanied by Mr. Matthew. Requests welcome.

April 1 - Maundy Thursday: an organ recital entitled *Orgelgebet* (Organ Prayers). Mr. Matthew will play works of Harald Genzmer, Jeanne Demessieux, Ronald Amatt, Gardner Read and Egil Hovland, which commemorate the solemnity of the day.

April 8 - Elisabeth von Trapp will close the series with a joyous program featuring her own works.

Benefit Concert to Feature “Songs for the Earth”

The Institute for Spiritual Development is offering a benefit concert on March 6 featuring “Songs for the Earth” from the Celtic Mass for Peace with music and lyrics by Sam Guarnaccia and J. Phillip Newell. These songs were penned on the shores of Lake Champlain and give voice and sound to the earth’s deepest yearnings for peace.

The concert will be performed by local musicians and
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Shelburne Players Prepare for New Production

Rehearsals begin for the Shelburne Players’ spring comedy “*Born Yesterday*” as actors go over lines and blocking during rehearsals at Shelburne Town Center. Written by Garson Kanin, the play is about how uncouth, corrupt, tycoon Harry Brock, after arriving in Washington D.C. to bribe a congressman, decides his showgirl mistress Billie Dawn is more a liability than as asset. Brock hires a journalist to educate her, but in the process, Billie realizes how corrupt her boyfriend is and begins to interfere with his plans. The critically acclaimed comedy ran on Broadway from 1946 to 1949, and was made into a movie in 1950 and again in 1993.

While most roles are filled, Shelburne Players is still looking for someone to fill the “Eddie Brock” character to help round out the cast. Eddie Brock is Harry Brock’s cousin, can be any age, glad to serve Harry, knows Harry inside and out and is afraid of him. There are also a couple of walk-on roles to be filled and some behind the scenes volunteers needed including someone to help with costumes. Please go to www.shelburneplayers.com for any updates on the play and character descriptions.

If you would like to volunteer to help either behind the scenes or onstage contact Beth Curtis, who is directing the play, at 999-7782, or send an email to bcurtis5440@yahoo.com. You can also contact Sue Martin, who is producing, at 985-2225, or email her at smartin455@yahoo.com. The show will be performed at the Shelburne Town Center stage on April 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 24.

Organizations

Farmer’s Market 2009: All the Seasons

By James Donegan

Members of the Hinesburg Lions Club and Hinesburg Farmer’s Market Vendors got together in mid January. The group enjoyed a pot luck dinner, reflected on the past season and discussed improvements for the coming year.

Last year, 2009, was the sixth season that members of the Hinesburg Lions Club have volunteered their time to manage the farmer’s market, the sixth year that local vendors have assembled to sell their products, and the sixth year that local residents have supported the market as customers. Thanks to all who participated. (In case you aren’t familiar with the market, it is held each Thursday, June through September, at the United Church on Rte 116.)

During this season, 26 different vendors participated in the market. Some came every week, others just a few times. On average there were 18 vendors on any given Thursday.

Hinesburg’s sixth year of farmer’s market began with “Rainy Season.” It rained on many of the Thursdays in June and July and a couple of the storms were real gully washers! Managers, vendors and customers donned their rain jackets and umbrellas and went about their business.

In addition to Rainy Season, the summer of 2009 could also be called “Construction Season” in Hinesburg Village. The VTrans project at the Rte 116-Silver Street intersection and Vermont Gas pipeline installation added significant congestion to the afternoon traffic. Thursdays were no

exception and Hinesburg Farmer’s Market organizers, vendors and customers took deep breaths and went about their business.

Being the “Off Season” market organizers and vendors can now look back at 2009 and laugh about some of the challenges. While not much can be done about rainy seasons or construction seasons, plans can be made for improvements to “Next Season” and with you, the customer’s help, maybe 2010 can be the “Best Season?”

If you have suggestions regarding how 2010 can be the Hinesburg Farmer’s Market’s Best Season, organizers and vendors would appreciate them. If you do attend the market, what brings you there? Are there products that you would like to purchase at the market but aren’t available? How could the flow of the market improve? Do you have any tricks for dealing with the traffic? If you don’t regularly come, what prevents you? Are there things that vendors or organizers could do to make coming to the market more appealing? More efficient?

Please look for more information about the farmer’s market in the coming months. Contact James Donegan @ doneganmaple@hotmail.com or 482-4139 with your input. *For a portrait of one Famer’s Market regular, see “The Farmstand at the Cobble” in the business column.*

Vermont Beekeepers Association Offers Classes

If you keep bees, or are thinking about starting in this rewarding and sweet pursuit, instruction is being offered at several locations around Vermont in conjunction with the Vermont Beekeepers Association this winter. Most courses are geared towards beginner beekeepers, but even experienced apiarists will gain knowledge.

The classes are being offered in Waitsfield, Hinesburg, Lincoln, Manchester, Bennington and Hartland. Detailed information, including course contacts and registration information, can be found at the “updates” section of www.vtbeekeepers.org.

The courses are being offered by experienced Vermont beekeepers as a way to share knowledge and provide practical information about starting right with bees. Besides meeting other beekeepers, attendees will learn:

- Basic hive components
- Bee biology
- What and when to feed, medicate
- How to raise healthy bees
- How to ensure winter survival of bees
- Where and how to purchase bees and equipment

The Vermont Beekeepers Association currently has 250 members and was founded in 1886 - bringing beekeepers together ever since. In the last few years, there has been a surge of interest in Vermont in beekeeping. In 2008 there were 1758 registered beekeepers in Vermont, with 10,173 registered hives, reflecting an increase in the number of hobbyist beekeepers in Vermont, as well as an expansion of hive numbers among commercial beekeepers.

Sports

CVU Wrestling: Essex Classic

CVU sent five varsity wrestlers to Essex for the Michael J Baker Invitational Wrestling Tournament on January 22. Against a field that included almost 30 teams from four New England states, RedHawk Captains Ryan Stearns and Sam Fortin claimed spots on the podium. Stearns (junior, Williston) took sixth place at 135 pounds. Fortin (sophomore, Hinesburg) took fourth in the 171-pound weight class. Seniors Bryant Grey (Shelburne, 125#) and James Dattilio (Williston, 285#) were joined by sophomore Tucker Austin (Williston, 160#) to complete the squad. CVU finished twenty-fourth in the team standings.

“The Essex is one of the toughest tournaments of the regular season,” according to Coach Rahn Fleming. “We’re not all that disappointed, just determined to keep improving. We’ll be back, and we’ll be better.”

RedHawk Wrestlers Successful in Two Tourneys

On Saturday, January 9, the CVU Wrestling RedHawks all headed south: the Varsity to the Otter Valley Invitational and the Junior Varsity to the Middlebury JV Team Classic. The RedHawks were successful in both locations.

The Varsity sent three wrestlers to Otter Valley, two of whom achieved medal status. Sam Fortin (sophomore, Hinesburg) pinned his way to the 171-pound championship match, where he lost an 11-1 decision to his opponent from Mount Anthony to earn second place. Sam is 13-2 on the year. Ryan Stearns (junior, Williston) battled in the tough 135-weight class, pinning his way to a third place finish. Tucker Austin (sophomore, Hinesburg) displayed both talent and promise in a 12-2 victory before finishing out of the running.

In Middlebury, nine novice wrestlers faced opponents of similar skill and experience. In this arena, the younger RedHawks showed their metal, earning second place as a team behind host Middlebury. Seven of the nine placed, with four earning medals. Harvey Ottinger (160#, sophomore, Shelburne) and Ryan Fleming (171#, sophomore, Charlotte) both wrestled to second place silver medals in their weight classes. Liam Bowley (96#, freshman, Williston) and Shane Haley (119#, freshman, Williston) finished third to get bronze. Patrick Shea (119#, freshman, Charlotte), Schuyler Himberg (125#, sophomore, Williston), and Evan Sturtevant (171#, junior, Williston) all finished in the fourth slot.

“I’m happy with our progress so far,” said Coach Gunnar Olson of the team’s two performances, “we’re definitely headed in the right direction.” Coach Rahn Fleming added, “All we ask our wrestlers is to be a little better, to have learned something every time they step off the mat – in practice or in competition. So far, I think we’re accomplishing that. We’re proud of these guys.”

Fourth Annual Pittsfield Snowshoe Marathon

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At 6:00 p.m. on March 5 Peak Races in Pittsfield, VT, sends snowshoers out on a 100-mile snowshoe course, the only such race in the nation that undertakes 100 miles. This is followed on March 6 with three events beginning at 8:00 a.m.: the 2010 Pittsfield Snowshoe Marathon, 26.20 miles; a half marathon, 13.10 miles; and a 6.5 miler.

Organizers anticipate over 150 competing in what is quickly emerging as the East’s most challenging snowshoe event (the full marathon) that sets a ten-hour limit to traverse terrain moving through 7,200 feet of elevation change.

Race headquarters is Pittsfield’s Amee Farm (one-fourth mile north of Pittsfield Village on Route 100).

The snowshoe weekend is one of a full calendar of competitive cycling and other races under the auspices of Peak Races, www.peakraces.com.

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Contact Vermont Gas if You Smell an Odor. Natural gas has an odor similar to that of rotten eggs. If you smell a gas odor, leave the area immediately and call Vermont Gas at (802) 863-4511.

Additional winter weather safety tips can be found at Vermont Gas: www.vermontgas.com/winter/index.html And at the Vermont Division of Fire Safety: www.vtfiresafety.org

Grants to Support Local Tobacco Control Programs

The Vermont Department of Health will issue grants beginning in July to fund community tobacco control initiatives statewide. The Department of Health issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for grant applicants on January 14.

The two-year grants will fund local efforts to prevent youth tobacco use, reduce adult tobacco use, lessen exposure to secondhand smoke and decrease tobacco-related health disparities among Vermonters, the core goals of the Tobacco Control Program. The community RFP is developed to ensure that local efforts support statewide initiatives.

Tobacco control grants have been made available to communities since 2001, through the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) dollars awarded to Vermont each year by tobacco manufacturers.

"Funds distributed to communities in the past have clearly contributed to the significant reductions in the youth

and adult smoking rates in Vermont," said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD.

The Health Department will work to align the tobacco objectives with other programs like the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive grants, Coordinated Healthy Activity, Motivation and Prevention Programs (CHAMPPS) and the Blueprint for Health.

The overall goal is to use the RFP process to fund local organizations statewide that can address tobacco issues and strengthen tobacco cessation and prevention initiatives already underway.

Organizations eligible to apply include coalitions and community partnerships, public and private not-for-profit organizations and municipalities.

Proposals will be due to the Department of Health on March 5. The grant period is July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with a 1-year renewal option.

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Tobacco community grant applicants are encouraged to attend an optional applicant training session to be offered via webinar on January 28 at 10:00 a.m. Registration for the webinar is required and can be done at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9HCTJSG>.

For the RFP, application forms and details regarding the applicant training, visit the Tobacco Control Program Community page of the Vermont Department of Health web site: [http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/tobacco/ community.aspx](http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/tobacco/community.aspx).

Senior News

Help Fight Medicare Fraud

By Anita Hoy, Vermont SMP Director, Community of Vermont Elders

An article, *Senior-Citizen Volunteers Fight Against Medicare Fraud* by Matt Sedensky of the Associated Press described some of the ways that seniors are scammed and how many are now volunteering to help their peers avoid becoming victims. It's all part of a program called **Senior Medicare Patrol** (SMP) and it relies on more than 4,700 volunteers across the country. Together, these wonderful individuals protect older people and fight health care fraud, leaving more money in the system for everyone. Here in Vermont we have 32 volunteers, who assisted us in educating more than 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries last year about how to avoid becoming victims of health care fraud. We also intervened on behalf of many Medicare beneficiaries with complicated problems, including fraud and identity theft, related to their Medicare benefits.

We at the Vermont SMP need your help. If you'd like to become a volunteer, contact us toll-free at (888) 865-2683. We have a number of interesting volunteer opportunities available. Contact us also if you are interested in attending one of our educational events or if you would like more information about how to avoid becoming a victim of health care fraud or identity theft.

More information about SMP and health care fraud is available at the national SMP website: www.smpresource.org. The article referred to above can be located on the web at <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=9442119>

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Hinesburg's Newest Residents

A baby boy, *John Thomas (Jack) Miner*, was born January 10 to Patrick Miner and Heather Heitkamp at Fletcher Allen Health Care (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 The Hinesburg Record in the space allotted for "other Media.")

Campus Honors

University of Vermont

The following Hinesburg residents made the Dean's List at the University of Vermont for the Fall 2009 semester:

- Kristin E. Blumen, sophomore, Communication Science
- Evan J. Karge, sophomore, Biology
- Michael J. Mainer, senior, Environmental Engineering
- Jefferson I. Parker, senior, Business Administration
- Gregory M. Soll, senior, Environmental Studies

In order to qualify, undergraduate students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and be in the top 20 percent of their class.

Community College of Vermont

Nicole M. Christman achieved honors status for the fall 2009 semester at the Burlington location of the Community College of Vermont. The President's List includes full-time students with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA).

Skidmore College

Two local students earned honors for the fall semester at Skidmore College. They were Zelig Dunn-Morrison, Class of 2010, the daughter of Victor Morrison and Patty Dunn and Aaron Miller, Class of 2012, the son of Geoff Miller and Beth Buttles-Miller. Honors are awarded for a grade point ratio of 3.4 to 3.669.

University at Albany

Taryn Couture and Rebecca Paskiet were named to the fall 2009 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement at the SUNY University at Albany.

Keene State College

Keene State College has released the Dean's List for the fall semester 2009. Among the 1,400 students named to the list are Kelsey Jane Lea and Celeste Johnston Veilleux. To qualify for the Dean's List, Keene State undergraduates must be enrolled in a degree program and must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn Dean's List honors.

Blood Donor Recognized

The American Red Cross recently recognized Hinesburg resident Paul Emmons for donating 21 gallons of blood.

Jim Gelber Leaves for Afghanistan

By Stewart Pierson

While most of us think of February as Presidents' weekend, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, for the Gelber family February is when Jim flies to Kabul to spend 12 months in a most unusual "nation building" project. He will be taking a leave of absence from his job as a prosecutor with the US Attorney's office in Burlington.

In the aftermath of 9/11, nation building became an urgent

Summary Charts of Town Expenditures and Revenues.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY				
	BUDGET 08 - 09	ACTUAL 08 - 09	BUDGET 09 - 10	BUDGET 10 - 11
Selectboard	\$ 35,997	\$ 40,227	\$ 36,227	\$ 37,339
Legal Expense	6,500	14,283	6,500	10,000
Town Administrator	76,544	76,879	83,702	85,261
BCA	638	11	638	638
Elections	8,000	5,251	2,700	6,615
Town Clerk / Treasurer	121,302	121,757	124,710	127,079
Delinquent Tax Collector	6,278	6,512	7,267	6,709
Planning Commission / DRB	201,019	194,472	195,988	188,870
Fixed Costs	191,023	195,194	213,242	214,199
Listers	59,329	59,590	49,145	45,567
Computers / Copiers / Fax / Web Site	28,425	24,745	25,635	25,635
Public Health	800	-	800	800
Buildings & Facilities	107,158	132,482	124,937	120,631
Recreation Path	50,000	2,300	50,000	-
Recreation	85,008	77,114	75,855	83,819
Animal Control	3,295	1,890	2,399	2,849
Volunteer Fire Department	121,845	350,277	119,645	131,645
Fire Warden	700	-	350	350
E-9-1-1	1,699	175	-	-
Cemeteries	27,608	26,444	28,715	28,715
Conservation Commission	7,000	1,973	6,300	5,900
Total General Expense	1,140,168	1,331,577	1,154,755	1,122,621
Highway Department	906,181	851,571	830,134	828,619
Library	164,100	164,100	170,800	174,000
Police Department	492,944	498,694	504,502	487,702
Land Preservation Fund	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Hinesburg Land Trust	5,000	5,000	3,000	2,000
Lake Iroquois Beach Commission	600	600	600	600
Agencies	28,192	30,464	29,100	28,700
CCTA	-	-	-	12,796
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,744,685	\$ 2,882,005	\$ 2,700,391	\$ 2,664,538

FY10-11 Town of Hinesburg Expenditure Summary

program for NATO member nations. While American troops were driving the Taliban from Afghanistan, NATO planners devised programs to fill the vacuum left behind. They covered a range of needs such as health or education or infrastructure. The niche which fell to the USA was the promotion of the rule of law in Afghanistan. A similar project began in Iraq. While Jim works for the Department of Justice, the State Department provides the logistics and training.

The particular focus of the six (soon to be 12) American lawyers is prosecution of drug trafficking and corruption in government, as well as other major crimes as they arise. Jim will work side by side with Afghan attorneys as a mentor, and will be doing hands on prosecuting. Afghanistan has two major languages: Pashto and Dari. Interpreters will always be available although he has begun learning Dari for his own use.

Afghanistan is very mountainous, a highly divided country of many tribes with their own unique life styles. It is two thirds Sunni and one third Shia. From 1975 to 1989 the then Soviet Union attempted to govern, after which the Taliban took over until 1999. Although a legal system exists



Jim Gelber

with courts and a judicial branch, everything is unsettled. There is not even agreement on the country’s boundaries. President Karzai hopes to unite these tribes with a functioning central government (also the objective of the Taliban), and an established rule of law is a key element. President Karzai supports this project for his country.

Jim has volunteered for this posting, and is no stranger to volunteer community service. When Vicky and Jim and their two children moved to Silver Street in 1989, Jim joined the Hinesburg Elementary School Board. He served for 12 years and as its president for ten of those years, long after his own children had graduated.

Once at Kabul, Jim will move into his new home: a converted container box (measuring 8X20 feet) on the grounds of the American Embassy. It will have full utilities, access to email and high speed internet plus Skype. Most of his time will be in Kabul but he will travel to outlying communities. Friday will be his day off.

“I am looking forward so much to this” Jim commented. “Except...” his eyes moved towards Vicky “leaving you behind, Vicky.” A tender silence fell upon us.

Vicky will continue her job at FAHC. Their son Luke lives at home preparing for admission to graduate school in economics. Their daughter Ruthie is a marketing specialist in Florida. Jim will have two home leaves plus opportunities for them to travel together in greater Europe.

Jim: we wish the absolute best!

Other News

Earned Income Tax Credit Qualifies Working Families for 3SquaresVT

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can make life a little easier for working Vermonters struggling to make ends meet with a credit up to \$5,657. In addition, any family with dependent children who receives the Vermont EITC is *(Continued on the next page.)*



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Property Tax, Interest	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,567	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
State Land Payment	6,400	7,350	7,000	7,000
Liquor Licenses	600	600	600	600
Dog Licenses & Fees	3,000	3,510	3,300	3,400
Zoning Permits & Fees	52,000	34,940	32,000	38,000
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses	300	220	250	250
Motor Vehicle Renewal Fees	1,000	1,105	1,000	1,000
Sale of Zoning Regulations	-	-	-	-
Planning Grant	-	-	-	-
Park & Ride Grant	-	-	-	-
Streetscape Grant	-	5,267	-	-
Ancient Roads Grant	-	2,575	-	-
Wind Turbine Grant	-	17,350	-	-
LaPlatte Headwater Town Forest Grant	-	10,597	-	-
Development Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
HAVA Grant	-	-	-	-
Recording Fees	32,000	37,569	25,000	45,000
Record Restoration Fees	5,000	5,472	3,570	6,000
Photocopy Income	5,500	5,517	5,000	5,500
Miscellaneous Clerk Fees	1,200	1,065	1,200	1,000
St. George Contract	20,095	20,095	22,959	26,417
Recreation Fees & Registrations	45,000	49,882	42,350	47,350
Town Hall Rental Fees	1,500	435	1,000	1,000
Wild Fire Reimbursements	-	-	-	-
Investment Interest	55,000	11,716	20,000	4,000
Cemetery Income	2,000	1,767	5,000	2,000
Fire Department Grants	-	20,141	-	-
Bond & Note Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Insurance Claim Reimbursement	-	190,501	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	3,614	500	500
Current Use Payment	35,000	45,317	40,000	45,000
Act 60 Reappraisal Payment	15,600	16,484	15,800	16,400
Act 60 Listing Payment	1,850	1,892	1,900	1,900
Total General Revenue	299,045	511,547	244,429	268,317
Highway State Aid	133,677	127,703	120,309	132,588
Highway Grants	-	12,890	-	-
Highway Miscellaneous Income	150	225	150	150
Total Highway Revenue	133,827	140,818	120,459	132,738
Police Judicial Fines	20,000	15,946	16,000	16,000
Police Grants	-	32,090	-	-
Police Reimbursements	1,000	1,050	1,000	1,000
Police Crime Prevention Donations	-	-	-	-
Total Police Revenue	21,000	49,086	17,000	17,000
Total Non-Tax Revenue	453,872	701,451	381,888	418,055
Property Tax, Town Share	2,290,813	2,222,037	2,318,503	2,246,483
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,744,685	\$ 2,923,488	\$ 2,700,391	\$ 2,664,538

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automatically income eligible for food benefits through 3SquaresVT. The IRS estimates one in four eligible taxpayers could miss out on this valuable tax credit because they don't check it out.

"Many people qualify for EITC for the first time this year because their income declined, their marital status changed or their families grew," says Angela Smith-Dieng, Senior 3SquaresVT Policy Specialist at the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger. "With the connection to 3SquaresVT, these same families not only save money with the tax credit, but also put more nutritious food on the table. The average monthly benefit is over \$300 for a family with children. I encourage anyone who earned \$48,279 or less from wages, self-employment or farming in 2009 to see if they qualify."

For more information about EITC, go to www.irs.gov or call 1 (800) 829-1040. For help preparing your taxes for free, call 2-1-1 to make an appointment in your community. For information about 3SquaresVT, go to www.vermontfoodhelp.com or call 2-1-1.

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Student Pastor: Paula Gil

Activities: Junior and Senior High Youth Groups; Men’s Bible Study; Women’s Book Group; Junior, Senior and Contemporary Music Choirs; Friendship Suppers; Opportunities for mission and outreach in the community, country, and world

Service: Sundays 9:30 am, Nursery/Child care provided
Sundays school during the service for Pre-K thru High School Coffee/Fellowship after service in Fellowship Hall

United Church of Hinesburg

Pastor: Reverend Bill Neil
Church Phone: 482-3352
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Parsonage Phone: 482-2284
Parsonage E-mail: billandfaithneil@gmavt.net
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: Tuesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m

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 the month) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House

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

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10:00 a.m..... Worship (Nursery and Children’s church provided)
6:00 – 8:00pm Youth Group grades 6-12 (Sept-May)
“Crocodile Dock” - Vacation Bible School
Date: July 13th-17th
Time: 9:00 a.m - 12:00 noon
Ages: Pre-K- Entering 5th Grade
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Register at : www.hinesburgcma.org

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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

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Pastor’s Residence: 425-2253, email dcse@aol.com
Mailing Address: 2894 Spear Street/P. O. Box 158, Charlotte, VT 05445

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

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon.
Parish Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, cell 373-8037
Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290, marietcookson@aol.com

Parish Council Chair: Ted Barrett, 453-3087
Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff, 482-3066
Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522
Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 434-4782
Religious Education: Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish Office) or 434-4782 (home) for more information.

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.

Masses and Events

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 17.
Services will be held at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, March 14 there will be a Pancake Breakfast following the 9:30 a.m. Mass (about 10:30 a.m.). The cost of the breakfast is \$6/adult; \$3/child; \$16/family (two adults and two or more children.)

Senior Lunches

St. Jude Parish will be offering Senior Lunches on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The next dates are February 24, March 10 and 24.

Lunches are served from noon until 3:00 p.m. Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards and board games and door prizes. Cost: \$3 donation.

Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. Need a ride? Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. Caretakers are welcome.

For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (Parish office) or 434-4282 (home).

Friday Fish and Chips

There will be a Fish and Chips Dinner every Friday during Lent (February 19 and 26, and March 5, 12, 19 and 26) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude’s. The cost will be \$8/adult; \$5/child or senior and \$25 per family for four or more. Dine-in or take out orders will be available.

This is not a church event. These dinners are a fundraiser for Justin Boutin, a 12 year old student and parishioner of St. Jude’s, and all proceeds raised from the dinners will directly benefit Justin’s trip to Europe with People to People Student Ambassador Program.

For information and tickets, please contact Lisa or Justin Boutin at 879-2896. Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations please call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (Parish office) or 434-4782 (home).

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Temple Sinai Events for Children

Temple Sinai is holding a series of events throughout the school year geared for Jewish children ages three to six.

Tuesday Morning Story Time with Rabbi Glazier: 10:30-11:30 a.m., 17; December 1, 15; January 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 9, 23; April 6, 20..

Sunday mornings once a month story hour using books from PJ Library followed by a project: December 6, January 24, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2.

Friday Night Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner: Decemberr 18, January 8, February 12, March 19, April 16, 5:30 p.m. followed by catered dinner.

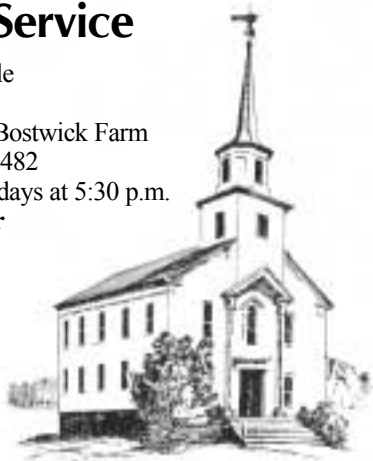
RSVPs are requested, particularly for dinner. For information and to register: 802-862-5125 or www.templesinaivt.org

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Website: www.trinityshelburne.org
Worship services: Sunday mornings at 8 and 10.

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Hinesburg Winter Carnival

Photos from Saturday, February 13 at the Hinesburg Community School.



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

February 18 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* published
Fire and Rescue/ Business meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
Hinesburg Fire Station

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Washington’s Birthday
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Town Hall
CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 106,

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

Fire and Rescue/Fire Training, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg Fire
Station
Hinesburg Historical Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00
p.m., ground floor conference room in the Town Hall.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

Rik Palieri, Ricko Nestler, and Rich Bala perform, 7:00
p.m., Brown Dog Books and Gifts

MONDAY, MARCH 1:

Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., CVU Auditorium
Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
UVM Waterman Building, room 413
Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting, 4:30 p.m.,
Williston Town Hall, public invited

TUESDAY, MARCH 2:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3:

Advertising and news deadline for March 25 issue of *The
Hinesburg Record*

THURSDAY, MARCH 4:

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

MONDAY, MARCH 8:

CVU board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 106
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 9:

Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant,
call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information
Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
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)
Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., 3rd floor Town Hall,
interested parties should call Ann Brush at 482-5656
or email annbrush@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10:

HCS Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 101
Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
CSSU Board meeting, 5:00 p.m., CVU, room 104,

THURSDAY, MARCH 11:

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Daylight savings time begins, spring ahead
Steve Conlon of Hinesburg, who leads treks in exotic
locations, talks on the kingdom of Mustang in Nepal,
7:00 p.m., Huntington town library

MONDAY, MARCH 15:

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 16:

Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Business and Professional Association (HBPA) meeting,
5:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant, contact HBPA
President Tom Mathews at 496-8537
(tmathews@gmavt.net) for information or to make
reservations. For information about the HBPA or
Hinesburg businesses, check out the HBPA website at
www.hinesburgbusiness.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17:

St. Patrick’s Day
Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., lower
level or second floor of Town Hall, Colin McNaul, Chair

THURSDAY, MARCH 18:

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

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 20:

First day of Spring

MONDAY, MARCH 22

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 23:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 25:

March 25 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* published
Fire and Rescue/Fire Training, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg Fire
Station
Hinesburg Historical Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00
p.m., ground floor conference room in the Town Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 27:

Huntington’s Sixteenth Annual Sugar Makers’
Tour. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., contact Laura Hill
Birmingham at 434-5812 for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28:

Palm Sunday

TUESDAY, MARCH 30:

First Day of Passover

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31:

Advertising and news deadline for April 22 issue of *The
Hinesburg Record*

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from
11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. E-mail:
hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net, Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer.
Town Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00
a.m. to 4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment; Town
Hall, 482-2096. E-mail: hinesburgtown@gmavt.net.
Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Administrator.
Town Planner Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619. E-mail:
hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Alex Weinhausen Planner.
Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and evenings as needed. Town
Hall, 482-3619, E-mail, hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net.
Peter Erb, Administrator.
Lister’s Office Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8:30
a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619.
Hinesburg Recreation Director’s Office Hours: Monday,
Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Leave a message anytime. Jennifer McCuin, Director.
482-4691, Town Hall, P. O. Box 13.
Buy Local/Speciality 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.
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 Kathleen
Patten at 482-2716. 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

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.
hinesburgbusiness.com – FREE. EMPLOYERS – POST
NOTICE OF JOB OPENINGS. EMPLOYMENT
SEEKERS – POST RESUMES. Sponsored by HBPA
www.seewhy.info – The official website of CY -
Connecting Youth - the Chittenden South community
based organization dedicated to creating a safe and
healthy environment for young people.
www.facebook.com/connectingyouth – The CY -
Connecting Youth Facebook Fan Page - for parents
and teens to become fans and connect with other’s in
the CY community!

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By Jean Isham, HBPA

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to members and non-members. The Association encourages area
businesses and job seekers to use the site. Expanded usage will
enhance the value of the site to the community.

To access this service simply go to the HBPA web site,
hinesburgbusiness.com, and click on the appropriate option:
Seek A Job; Post A Job; Search Resumes; Post Resume. We
think you will find the application easy to use. If you do not
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