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Hinesburg Town Forest Forum

By Pat Mainer

The large size of the Hinesburg Town Forest (HTF) and connections to the surrounding landscape support wide-ranging wildlife like black bears which rely on access to large forested areas as part of their habitat. They, along with wild turkeys and other species, make good use of fruit- and nut-producing trees on the HTF, like beech, oak, apple and black cherry. Have your say about how the Hinesburg Town Forest is managed! Come learn about the Hinesburg Town Forest, and share your ideas about how to manage it.



Just a nice forest and trail



Wood frogs and salamanders rely on the vernal pools on the property for successful breeding.



Bear claw marks

The Town Forest Committee is now in the process of writing a new management plan for the Town Forest and is seeking public input regarding all aspects of the forest. If you are a hiker, walker, runner, mountain biker, bird watcher, hunter, horseback rider, ATV user, neighbor, or just a person who cares that the forest is there, committee members would like to hear from you.

Public input was important in 2008 for creating the management plan for the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest. The “original” Town Forest management plan is now being rewritten for the first (Continued page five.)



Northern goshawks have been nesting up in the pine plantations for several years; beware of territorial adults who will dive bomb hikers during breeding season.



An Audubon Vermont Foresters for the Birds educational workshop field session held at the HTF in spring 2009. The HTF has been used as an educational site for all types of audiences from school children to adult for many years!

Save the Date for the HAS Christmas Concert!



PHOTO BY DAVID YANDELL

One of the best traditions kicking off the year-end holiday season in Hinesburg is the annual Community Christmas concert at St Jude Church, presented by The Hinesburg Artist Series (HAS). This year’s event will be held on **Sunday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m.**

Under the direction of Rufus C. Patrick, the South County Chorus and the Hinesburg Community Orchestra will perform both traditional and contemporary Christmas

songs, movements from Handel’s *Messiah* and a wonderful arrangement entitled “Grinch.” A community favorite is the end-of-concert carol sing where the audience gets to join in the celebration.

This concert is free, with donations greatly appreciated. Keeping in the spirit of the season, please also bring non-perishable food items for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. See you there!

Heads Up to Blood Donors

By Carol King, Chairwoman

Our next Blood Drive at St. Jude Church will be on Tuesday, January 11. Please mark your calendars. Being winter, our “snow bird” donors will have gone south. So those of you who join me in staying north to enjoy the

season are most important at this time. Hinesburg has had great response in the past. Let’s keep our numbers up. Looking forward to seeing you. As always, good food will be waiting. Remember, the date - January 11!

Hinesburg Community School Proudly Presents: Vincent Van Gogh’s “The Starry Night”

This beautiful bottle cap mural was created by students in grades one through eight. This collective project involved help from the community, collecting bottle caps of all shapes and colors. The classes in kindergarten through fourth grade sorted the bottle caps by color. Next the seventh and eighth graders painted the design onto the boards. Finally, groups of students from grades three through eight glued the bottle caps into place. What a wonderful way to recycle!



Farmers’ Market December 18

Join your neighbors at the Farmers’ Market to be held **Saturday, December 18**, rain or shine, indoors at the Hinesburg Town Hall, Route 116 on from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stock up on delicious, locally grown fall produce. Look for vegetables, eggs, meat, flowers and much more. Choose gifts for the

holidays from local weavers, potters, knitters and craft vendors. Treat yourself to prepared foods, hearty breads, decadent pastries or relive summer with great pickles, relishes and jams.

Come join us and support your neighbors! For more information, call James Donegan, 482-4739.



Thank You Letters

I want to thank all those who exercised their civic responsibility by voting in this election, especially those who entrusted me with their confidence. I also want to thank Ed Stone and Robin Reid for their hard work and willingness to serve the citizens of our district. A special thank you goes to all those who supported my campaign. I will work hard in Montpelier to justify your confidence in me. I hope that every citizen of District 1-2, Charlotte-Hinesburg, will not hesitate to contact me at any time with their concerns or opinions, either by phone (425-3960) or via email (myantachka.dfa@gmail.com). If you see me anywhere, please make it a point to say hello and introduce yourself. I look forward to the challenge of the next two years and to the progress we hope to achieve.

*Mike Yantachka
State Representative-elect
Charlotte-Hinesburg*

I want to say thank you to all for helping make this run for State Representative possible. To those who helped with the mailings, phone calls, letters to the editors, put up signs, financially supported my campaign and helped in so many other ways, your support and words of encouragement meant so much to me. We ran a great campaign, knocked on all kinds of doors and made a great showing. I couldn't have done it without you. I also want to congratulate Bill on a civil campaign and on his win. We may meet again in two years. Until then, let's keep the lines of communication open. My facebook website, Monique Breer for State Representative, will remain open and I would love to hear back from you.

Sincerely,

Monique Breer

Dear Hinesburg friends and neighbors,
I am pleased and honored to be asked once more to represent our wonderful town of Hinesburg in the Vermont House of Representatives. Together we have created a very special community, one in which we can share and appreciate our differences, while working together for the benefit of everyone.

I want to acknowledge the commitment and hard work that Monique Breer put in to this campaign, as she contacted folks throughout town, seeking this special opportunity to serve. As I shared with Monique yesterday (as we stood together at the polls for 12 long, cold hours) only someone who has become a candidate, and knocked on many doors throughout the community, can appreciate the level of hard work required to seek public office. I salute Monique for her hard work and civility throughout our campaign.

For me, one of the best parts of campaigning and serving Hinesburg, is the opportunity to meet and get to know so many of you as new friends and neighbors. If we have not yet had the opportunity to say hello, please feel free to seek me out. I remain eager to know each and every one of you.

January will be here very soon, and with that, the new legislative session. As a state, we face daunting challenges, but we can also look forward to exciting new possibilities.

Feel free to contact me by phone, email or regular mail. My contact info remains: 2751 Baldwin Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, BillLippert@gmavt.net or 482-3528. I look forward to staying in touch. Again, thank you for your support and this renewed opportunity to serve Hinesburg and Vermont.

Sincerely,

Rep. Bill Lippert

I would like to thank the citizens of Hinesburg for their support for me as one of your Senators representing Chittenden County. This was a good race, with a slate of excellent choices, and I feel honored to be elected.

I pledge to be accessible and responsive to your needs, and I hope that you will feel free to contact me with any concerns or issues you have with state government.

Sincerely,

Sally Fox

A very sincere thank you to the many Vermonters that provided support to my family and me during the race for State Auditor. It is an honor to serve Vermont in this capacity. I will continue to rise early each day with a focus on improving the lives of others.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Salmon CPA

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I would like to thank the town of Hinesburg for its generosity and support of the American Cancer Society "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk. Hundreds of walkers and volunteers participated, and we raised more than \$190,000 to fight for every birthday threatened by breast cancer in every community.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a chance to celebrate survivorship. I want to applaud the many survivors who led the way. These women are heroes. They are our mothers, sisters, daughters, wives and friends. They are the reason we continue the fight and they remind us all of a very important message - together with the American Cancer Society, we are fighting breast cancer and saving lives.

Again, thank you for supporting your American Cancer Society in our efforts to create a world with less breast cancer and more birthdays. Funds raised by events like Making Strides Against Breast Cancer are critical in meeting the needs of breast cancer in the community. If you have outstanding donations or would like to make a contribution, it's not too late. Contact your local American Cancer Society office or make a gift online at www.cancer.org/stridesonline. You can also contact us anytime, day or night for cancer-related information, support and resources at 1 (800) 227-2345, or visit cancer.org.

Sincerely,

*Chelsea Place
American Cancer Society Volunteer
Making Strides Against Breast Committee Member*

On October 8 my sister, Ann Baines, and I stopped to get gas in Hinesburg on our way back from Shelburne en route to Lake George. We were in a rental car and had one set of keys that I inadvertently locked in the car. The Mobil gas station attendant called the Hinesburg Community Police, who came to our rescue.

Ann and I are so grateful to Deputy Chief Frank Koss and to Officer Rob Barrows for their patient persistence in getting the car unlocked. It was not an easy task! Kudos must go to the officers and to the Hinesburg Community Police Department for their willingness (and exceptional courtesy) in assisting stranded travelers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katharine S. Richards

Thank you everyone from Vermont Respite House for all your donations throughout the year.

We had two very successful yard sales. When needed, the Vermont Respite House is a wonderful place to be.

Don't forget us in the spring. We will start taking donations in early April. Again, thank you.

Audrey Horton and Mary Fortin

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.

All letters must be signed. Addresses and phone numbers must also be provided for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but reserve the right to edit based on available space. 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.

Record News

Hinesburg Record Membership Meets, Re-elects Board Members

The Hinesburg Record's Annual Meeting was held on Friday, November 12, at the United Church's Osborne Parish Hall. Board members Kevin Lewis and Lisa Beliveau, whose terms were expiring, were elected to new terms. Other board members are June Giroux, Mary Jo Brace, and Michael Patterson. The board, in turn, re-elected as its officers Kevin Lewis, President; Michael Patterson, Vice President; Mary Jo Brace, Treasurer; and Lisa Beliveau, Secretary.



Hinesburg Record volunteers met for dinner and the organization's annual meeting on November 12.



Town Clerk and Treasurer

By Missy Ross

Recent Elections

The election is now behind us and we can all be relieved that we no longer have to listen to a constant barrage of radio and television advertising. We had a large voter turnout with almost 2000 people voting. Approximately 500 people opted for early voting which now begins 45 days before the election. This is a very convenient option for people wishing to avoid the crowds and traffic on Election Day.

The contest for the House of Representatives for Chittenden 1-1 was lively with both candidates working hard and providing a choice for voters at the polls. Bill Lippert, the incumbent candidate, was re-elected to another two-year term as Hinesburg's representative. Lippert received 1205 votes and his opponent, Monique Breer, received 638. Congratulations to both candidates for running a positive and informative campaign. Hinesburg also voted for Shumlin over Dubie for Governor by a margin of 1110 to 834. For full election results, please visit the town website at Hinesburg.org.

The contest for Chittenden 1-2 had three candidates running for a seat in the Vermont House. Two small sections of Hinesburg are included in a district with Charlotte. Democrat Mike Yantachka faced Republican Ed Stone and Independent Robin Reid for a single seat and Yantachka emerged victorious from the three-way race.

With new census data coming out next summer, district boundaries may change depending on population figures. The Boards of Civil Authority across the State will be meeting next summer and fall to determine district boundaries with guidance from the legislature. It should be an interesting process.

There were a lot of signs that popped up overnight at the polling place. Many parties and candidates call me in the week before the election to ask permission to place signs and to ask what the rules are in terms of placement. I tell them that I do allow for signs at the polling place as long as they don't obstruct the view for drivers, but that I do appreciate them picking them up after the election. Individuals, candidates and others may also carry signs and campaign for issues of importance to them as long as they do not accost voters or block entrances and exits and are respectful in their conduct. This is an issue of free speech.

Dog Licenses

This is the last issue of the Record prior to the January issue. Dog licenses must be renewed on an annual basis anytime between January 1 and April 1. Please don't forget to come in and get your dog tag. If your rabies certificate is still valid and your dog was registered in Hinesburg last year, we will have the certificate on file and you don't need to bring it with you. If you are unsure if we have it, please feel free to give us a call at 482-2281. The fees are still \$8 for spayed or neutered animals and \$12 for all others. Four dollars of this fee goes to the State for spay and neuter programs and for rabies eradication. Please keep in mind that the reasons for licensing your pet are two-fold. The most important is to protect the public from the threat of rabies from unvaccinated animals, and the second is so that we can return your pet if it gets lost and someone calls with the license number. This happens many times each year!

Town Meeting Elections

It may seem premature to be thinking about elections that will be held in March of 2011, but there will be no other issue of the Hinesburg Record in December and the following issue doesn't come out until late in January. For those people wishing to run for local offices, petitions are due on January 24 by 5:00 p.m. You must gather 30 signatures on a petition in order to be included on the ballot as a candidate for office. I usually suggest that you get several extra signatures in case some of them are not registered voters. If you wish to have an article included on the warning for town meeting, you must submit a petition with 5% of the registered voters on the Hinesburg voter checklist. The deadline for filing petitions for articles on the warning is January 20 at 5:00 p.m. Hinesburg currently has 3425 registered voters, so you would need a minimum of 172 signatories. Again, I would submit many more than the minimum as there are invariably some people who believe they are registered to vote, but in fact are not, and these signatures would not be considered valid. If you have questions, or need a petition, please call or stop by the clerk's office.

Planning News

By Alex Weinhausen,
Director of Planning and Zoning

Saputo Area Rezoning

For the last few months, the Planning Commission has been discussing and developing a new zoning framework for the Industrial 3 zoning district and its surrounding area – the site of the former Saputo Cheese facility. There will be a hearing at the Town Office at 7:30 p.m. on December 8 in order to get public input on the Planning Commission’s draft zoning proposal. Please attend and give your feedback! To get the details and read what is actually proposed, see the Town website at www.hinesburg.org, or contact me at the Planning and Zoning office – hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net or 482-3619. Here’s the short version...

First, shrink the Industrial 3 district by putting the Route 116 frontage area into the surrounding Village district, which allows for a greater mix of uses. Future uses for the Route 116 frontage area are uncertain, but more flexible village zoning at least allows for some “destination” businesses (e.g., retail shops, restaurant, farmers coop, etc.) as well as some residential uses.

Second, substantially revise the purpose of the Industrial 3 district and allow quite a few new uses to encourage redevelopment of the site and the existing 84,000 square foot main building. In addition to light manufacturing/industrial uses, the new zoning would also allow for offices, limited warehousing, restaurants/taverns, health clubs, business incubation facilities, and even limited retail if it is accessory to a primary use (e.g., creamery with a retail cheese outlet).

Third, leave the southern portion of the Saputo/Redstone property in the Village district (no change from previous zoning), again to allow for a wider array of mixed uses, including residential.

The purpose of these changes is to replace current interim zoning for a 15.4-acre area in the village (Saputo/Redstone property) with new, permanent zoning. Changes include: zoning district boundaries; dimensional standards (Table 1); purpose and allowed uses for the Industrial 3 district (section 3.13); Planned Unit Development (PUD) standards (section 4.5.7 and 4.5.8); new/revised definitions (section 10.1) and related changes to “restaurant” and “tavern” uses in certain districts (sections 3.5, 3.6, 3.8). The geographic area affected is primarily the 15.4-acre area formerly owned by Saputo Cheese and now owned by Redstone; however, certain related changes will affect other zoning districts and will be applicable town-wide.

Development Watch

Notices of Planning Commission and Development Review Board meetings are posted on the Town website, 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 Lantmans 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:

- Expansion of a Non-complying Structure (shed/garage) – Conditional Use Review – 38 Old Pump Road (at end of Southwest Shore Road) – Applicant/Landowner: Dwight and Jacqueline Bissonette – Shoreline Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED on October 19.
- Revision to a Previously Approved Subdivision (Building Envelope Change) – Lot 1B from the 2009 Hinesburg Land Trust 3-lot subdivision – Gilman Road (west side, at end of unnamed private road) - Applicant/Landowner: David and Rachel Methot – Agricultural Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED on November 2.
- 8-lot Subdivision Sketch Plan Review – Texas Hill Road – Applicant/Landowner: George and Jan Bedard – Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed on September 21, October 5, October 19 and APPROVED on November 2. First step of a three-step review process.

Hinesburg Housing Needs Assessment

By John Bethune

This article is part three of a series of articles from the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee (HAHC), presenting summaries of The Housing Needs Assessment Document Commissioned by the HAHC in June.

Senior Demographics

Hinesburg’s senior population (65 and older) is growing fairly rapidly at present. From 1990 to 2000 the number of residents 65 and older has increased by 31%, that growth has nearly doubled over the last ten years to 2010. The largest growth in the past decade is in the 75 to 84 age group. There is a total 376 persons approximately over 65 now and. it is estimated that number will double over the next ten years.

According to the 2000 census 75% of seniors in Hinesburg own their own homes. This is a little higher ratio than for the whole county, but pretty much standard for the state. In that same report 24% of those seniors reported some form of disability and of these 13% reported self-care disability, which is significantly below county and state levels.

Only 25% (49) of seniors were living in rented housing in 2000. Of these 80% would qualify for subsidized rental housing based on income, in fact half of these were living in such housing. Only 10% (about 40) of homeowners would have qualified for any form of assistance.

Subsidized and Age-Appropriate Housing

The only truly designated housing for seniors in Hinesburg is the Kelley Fields project, which has 24 units of subsidized rental housing for seniors and handicapped individuals. There is as much as a two-year waiting list for Kelley fields presently. There is no other such housing in Hinesburg. There is no age appropriate designated housing community either in Hinesburg, presently. Most Chittenden County senior rental housing is full, yet they have fairly short waiting lists as long as you want to move out of Hinesburg.

Conclusion: It is apparent that Hinesburg will have a need for greater age-appropriate senior living and assisted living housing should residents choose to stay in Hinesburg once they reach senior age distinction in the imminent future, especially if they are low-income renters or cannot manage living in their own homes any longer. The interest in developing the village center for this need should be a natural focus to make it easier for senior residents to still feel an integral part of the community and have ease of access to the community amenities. The initial scale of demand for age-appropriate housing for seniors may be in the range of 25 to 35 units with further growth required as needs are re-assessed.

Special Needs Housing/Demographics

In 2000 a total of 167 persons reported having some form of mental disability; 25% of them were seniors. Mental disabilities among those over 65 were significantly more concentrated in Hinesburg (18.1%) than in Chittenden County (9.1%).

- 203 residents had physical disability, 25% were seniors, again higher than the county.
- 58 residents had self-care disabilities, 50% were seniors, again higher.

For public disability, 62 households reported receiving SSI, that is 4% of all local households. Only seven local owned households lived in substandard housing.

Conclusion: There is no special needs or supportive housing in Hinesburg. As there is a clear need for this situation to change in the future, there will be a need to adapt or to build new/or existing homes to suit such needs in Hinesburg.

The HAHC is a volunteer committee of town residents whose mission is to gather, generate and prioritize ideas and plans which will help increase the availability of affordable housing in the Town, as well as to assess the quality and quantity of current affordable housing in the town, and to bring these ideas and information forward in an advisory manner to the Selectboard, the Planning Commission, the Development Review Board and Town staff. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. at Hinesburg Town Hall. Committee Chairperson, Rocky Martin can be reached at 482-2096

Shall Hinesburg Shift to a Town Manager Model of Governance?

By Stewart Pierson

At the request of the Selectboard, Jim Barlow, Senior Staff Attorney, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, made a presentation at an open meeting. While a Town Administrator (our Jeanne Wilson) assists the Selectboard in carrying out its work, a Town Manager would have authority over certain aspects of the Town’s business: purchasing, buildings, road commissioner, accounting, spending, and supervision of police, fire, septic, lighting highways and bridges, parks and playgrounds, and tax collection.

The Town manager would be supervised, controlled, and appointed by the Selectboard to carry out the policies of the Board. The Selectboard would make policy and the Town Manager would implement it. A Town Administrator does not have line authority, but assists the Select Board in doing its work.

There is not a one-size-fits-all philosophy behind this discussion. Vermont has both forms, in towns of wide varieties of size and complexity. Towns which value participation in the political process favor Town Administrators. Towns which value efficiency and responsiveness favor Town Managers.

The Selectboard will continue to research this idea before presenting it to the Town Meeting.

(Planning News continued on the next page.)

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December 1

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The news and calendar deadline for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010. We prefer electronic submissions if possible. Please send your article as an attached file (Word document preferred; .jpg files for images) to: therecord@gmavt.net.

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

Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 (junegiroux@aol.com) if you have questions. You may call her at 482-2350.

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A Hinesburg Community
Resource Center Program

(Planning News, continued from the previous page.)

Lake Iroquois



Vermont Fish and Wildlife has contracted Champlain Construction of Middlebury to dredge the boat launch area at Lake Iroquois and renew the ramp. Work began in late October.

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Trail Maintenance on the
Copp-Welch System

By Jane Sheldon

On a sunny Saturday morning in early October several members of the town Trails Committee and their families met at the Gilman Road parking area of the Copp-Welch trail system. Their mission was to check on the condition of the trails in that section of the Hinesburg Town forest. Carrying saws and loppers two work crews set out to clear the paths of any fallen trees or branches, and to make sure no other obstacles would hinder fall hikers and/or winter cross country skiers.

After two and a half hours of hauling debris off the trails and adding paint to some of the faded blazes, the work crews met back at the parking area for well-earned cider and donuts. The committee encourages anyone with interest in helping maintain the town’s trails to look for announcements of work parties on the town web site and Front Porch Forum. It’s a great way to get exercise and fresh air, meet new Hinesburgers and to contribute volunteer time to your community.

This trail system is well-marked by white blazes and easy-to-spot signage. The paths are more often wider and gentler than those on the Eagle’s Trail. As a result less experienced hikers may find an outing to this area more to their liking.

If you’ve never explored this system before, start at the parking area on Gilman Rd, 1.3 miles south from Rte 116. Head across a large meadow and enter the woods by the metal gate. In 0.37 miles you will have the option of turning right onto the Bissonnette Loop which follows the contour of a hill for .55 miles. If you opt to bear left instead you will soon come out of the woods into Hidden Meadow. You have now connected with the Copp-Welch Loop (1.48 miles around). A shortcut via the Ravine Trail will reduce the length by about



Ralph Budd, Stewart Pierson, Colin McNaull, Julie Pierson, Jane Sheldon, Percy and Daisy gather before starting their trail maintenance.



Colin McNaull clears away a log which has fallen across one of the paths.

a quarter mile. Look for white blazes to complete the loop. There will be posts painted white on the top at intersections with connecting trails.

There are other entrances, one another half mile farther south on Gilman Rd where you need to park on the road. Access to this trailhead is via a driveway so please respect the privacy of the residents living close by. Lewis Creek Rd has a second entrance but with very limited parking so the best place to start is the first Gilman Rd area. Be sure to print out the map from the town web site www.hinesburg.org before you go.

The Trail Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall lower level meeting room. If you’d like to attend, the next meeting will be on December 15. All are welcome!



Submitted by the
Hinesburg Community Police

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

CVU Student Arrested

On September 30, three officers from the Hinesburg Police were dispatched to CVU in response to the report of an in-progress fight. Officer Brian Fox conducted the follow-up investigation. One of the students involved, Jah Robertson, a 19 year old Shelburne resident, had to be physically separated by staff when he attempted to assault a younger student. It was determined that the two had an ongoing disagreement and that Robertson started the altercation. It was learned that Robertson was currently facing an additional charge stemming from a previous incident on July 26. One of his conditions of release from that case was that he not be charged with any additional crimes. Robertson was charged with Violating his Conditions of Release and Disorderly Conduct.

Single Car Crash Ends
with DUI Arrest

Officer Rob Barrows responded to a single car crash on Silver Street on October 9. Barrows determined that the driver, Davyd Shmotz (also known as David Goulette), a Monkton resident, was southbound on Silver Street when he lost control and went off the road striking a pole. Shmotz sustained head injuries and emergency crews had to extricate him from the vehicle. His passenger, Lynn Michalski of Colchester, was also injured. Both were transported to the hospital. It was determined that Shmotz was driving with a criminally suspended license and was charged with Criminal DLS. This is the third time he has been charged by the Hinesburg Police with DLS in the past five months. Subsequent blood analysis indicated that Shmotz was also driving under the influence of alcohol. Officer Barrows additionally charged Shmotz with DUI.

Huntington Woman Charged
with Passing Bad Check

On October 13, Colleen Stokes of Huntington was cited by Officer Brian Fox for passing a bad check to the Hinesburg Animal Hospital. Fox also determined that Stokes had been

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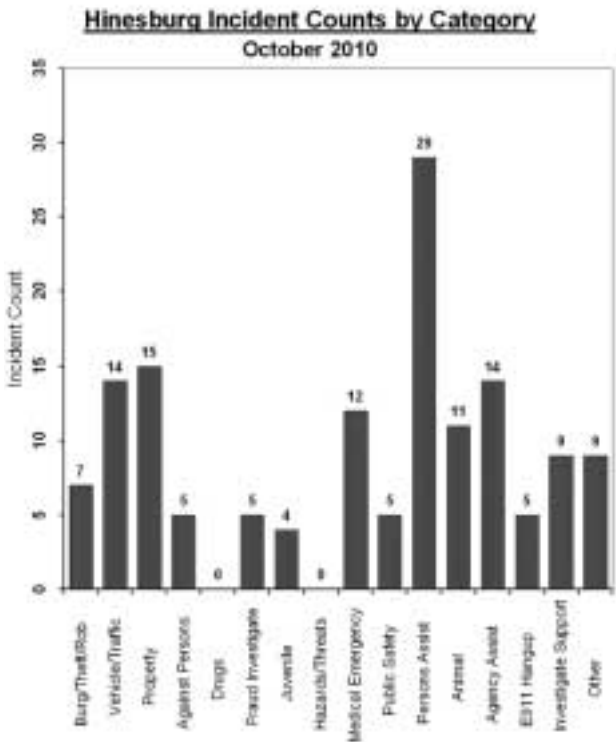
Hinesburg Town Forest Forum

time since 1986. Town Forest Committee members need to know what townspeople want or don't want for the Town Forest in the eastern, hilly, part of town.

A public forum is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Committee members will share their working draft of the vision, mission and goals for the forest and seek community input for the new management plan. Refreshments will be served and your voice will be heard!



The large size of the HTF and connections to the surrounding landscape support wide-ranging wildlife like black bears which rely on access to large forested areas as part of their habitat. They, along with wild turkeys and other species, make good use of fruit- and nut-producing trees on the HTF, like beech, oak, apple and black cherry.



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arrested in September and charged with Forgery. She was instructed by the court not to be charged with any additional crimes. As a result of the new charge, Stokes was in violation of her release conditions. Officer Fox charged her with Passing a Bad Check and violating her conditions of release.

Credit Card Fraud Leads
to Arrest

A Hinesburg man, Jake Pyper, was charged with Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card after ringing up charges on his brother-in-law's credit card. The victim, Mark Domingue of Franklin, reported that he received bills for charges he had not made. The charges were to an adult sex line in California. A total of five calls were made and the charges came to several hundred dollars. Chief Fred Silber investigated the complaint. A recording of Pyper posing as Domingue and using the credit card has been obtained. Pyper was confronted by Silber on October 10 and confessed to the crime.

Charlotte Woman Passes
Bad Check

Amy Belisle of Charlotte ordered \$577 in Heating Oil from Hart and Mead and then stopped payment on the checks after the oil was delivered. Hart and Mead attempted to resolve the problem with Belisle, but were unable to do so. Officer Brian Fox located Belisle at her residence and cited her for passing the bad checks. Belisle will answer the charges in court on December 13.

Beware of Auto Scam

Hinesburg has its fair share of snowbirds and one of our residents recently fell victim to a scam that almost caused her to lose her car..It's sometimes inconvenient to drive our car to a far off place so we may turn to a company that offers to deliver our car to our destination. BE CAREFUL! A woman in Hinesburg went on the internet and found a company, A-Blue Knight Car Transport out of New York and paid them \$880 to have her car brought up from Florida. Four months later, the car still had not arrived. The company picked up her car and placed it at a storage lot. The storage lot then put a lien on the car for unpaid fees and tried to get the title transferred into their name for lack of payment. Their plan was to sell the car.

Our victim contacted the Hinesburg Police and Officer Chris Bataille conducted a lengthy and complex investigation. He found that our victim was not alone. The New York State Attorney General's Office identified 400 people who were victimized by the same scam. Chief Silber contacted some of his colleagues in South Florida and was able to have the car released to our victim just as the storage facility was attempting to get title for the vehicle. The car had already been placed on Craigslist for sale. The information developed by Bataille has been turned over to the FBI for follow up.

If you are thinking of having your car moved from one state to another, make sure you are dealing with a reputable company. Get a recommendation from a friend and check the company out on line or with the Better Business Bureau where the company is headquartered.

Local Businessman Charged
with Bad Checks

The owner of the now closed Hinesburg Auto Sales, Paul MacCluskey, was charged with six counts of writing Bad Checks. The victim, Jiffy Mart, received six checks from MacCluskey, all of which were returned from the bank. Jiffy Mart gave MacCluskey the opportunity to take care of the matter, but ultimately had to turn the matter over to the police. Chief Silber investigated the allegation and located MacCluskey on October 6 at which time he was cited.

Man Jailed for Animal Abuse

Clinton Cramer, formerly of Hinesburg, was sentenced to jail time after pleading guilty to Aggravated Animal Abuse. Cramer was arrested earlier this year after police responded to his residence to investigate the report of a domestic assault. While on the scene, Officers found out that Cramer had been involved in an argument with his girlfriend. During the course of the argument he repeatedly stomped his girlfriend's kitten until it was dead. Cramer was charged with Aggravated Animal Abuse.

On November 2, Kramer pled guilty in court to the charge and was sentenced to six months in jail followed by two and a half years of supervised probation. Cramer was immediately taken into custody to begin his sentence..

Cop Talk

In this issue we will be taking a look at our Department volunteer, Doug Olufsen. Doug is a retired IBM engineer. He became involved with the Department several years ago when questions as to the need for additional officers were raised. Doug volunteered to gather the data so that the Selectboard could have the information they needed to make an informed decision as to the personnel needs and future growth of the Department.



Doug Olufsen

The next thing we knew, Doug was using his engineering skills to help us determine how our resources were being used. He worked hard with the officers to develop a "friendly" program that could capture the data showing how we were using our time and resources. Now when we are asked questions as to how our time is spent, there is no guess work in providing the answer.

Doug is not just a numbers guy. He is a hard working contributing member of the Department. He pitches in wherever he is needed. Whenever something needs to be done around the office or when the speed cart is on the fritz, you can count on Doug to get it fixed. We've threatened to send him to the police academy so we could have another trained officer around, but he said he would quit first..

So, if you see his "Tractor Time" SUV parked in front of the station, you can bet that Doug's inside working on another project for us. Feel free to stick your head in and say hi..

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Volunteers Needed for Community Justice Program!

The Hinesburg Community Justice Program is a program for the disposition of certain offenses that keeps offenders away from traditional court proceedings. Offenses are referred to the program directly from the Hinesburg Community Police and the program offers the offender the opportunity to avoid any formal charges. In order to successfully complete the program, offenders must first meet with a Board of community members and satisfy obligations set forth by the Board such as counseling, community service, letters of apology, etc.

We are currently seeking members from our community – residents or people employed here in Hinesburg – to volunteer for the Community Justice Board. Volunteers will attend two training sessions (one for our partners at the Vermont Department of Corrections and one with the Hinesburg Community Police), and then will be needed for Board meetings. Board meetings are expected to occur on a monthly basis, for about two hours per night.

This program is an opportunity for members of the Hinesburg community to have a direct impact in the handling and disposition of criminal cases here in our town. If would like to consider becoming a volunteer Board member, or if you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Officer Chris Bataille at cbataill@dps.state.vt.us. We hope to be up and running before the New Year!

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FIREHOUSE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Eric Spivack

During October, HFD responded to 24 calls.	
Medical	13
Motor vehicle crash with injuries	4
Fire – non-structure*	3
Motor vehicle crash, no injuries	2
Fire/CO alarm	1
Mutual Aid	1
*an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car or grass/brush fire.	

Fire Department Welcomes Young Visitors

During Fire Prevention Week, the HCS Kindergarten classes visited the Fire Station. The following week, as part of their Community Awareness program, we welcomed Grades 1 and 2 to the station for a tour. The purpose of the visit is to



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show the students some of the fire and rescue equipment used by the department. The students see a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Jaws of Life, rescue tools and the fire apparatus up close. They also have an opportunity to see how heavy some of the equipment, such as an SCBA, really is. After the tour, and a climb through the cab of one of the engines, a Fire Fighter puts on his bunker pants, coat, helmet, SCBA and mask slowly. Each piece of gear is explained to the students and some of the smaller items we carry in our pockets are shown. This allows the students to see that, in the event of an emergency, there is nothing to be afraid of.

The students received fire prevention materials and helmets. We also used the opportunity to remind the students about getting out to a meeting point if there is an emergency, practicing fire safety and not hiding from a fire fighter who may be searching for him/her.

Fire Station Receives Annual Makeover

Halloween has come and gone and so has the annual Halloween party. Chopper came out of the graveyard for the second year to open his “snack bar” of fresh goodies. Everything is made at the bar and is nice and fresh. It doesn’t even cost an arm or a leg to stop in.

We had a lot of visitors this year. Cowboys, Red and the Big Bad Wolf, Raggedy Ann.....even Santa stopped by to check things out.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up; the boy scouts for helping with the games and then everyone who helped clean up. Special thanks to Dave and Ronnie Estey and Estey’s Hardware for sponsoring the party.



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Meet Me!

Hi. I am Eric Spivack and I have been writing this column for just over two years now. I grew up in Stoughton, MA, which is south of Boston. After graduating high school, I attended Bentley College where I majored in accounting and graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science. My first job after college was as an Office Manager/Bookkeeper. After a couple of years, I accepted a position in credit management, a field in which I am still employed.



Eric Spivack

After graduating college, I moved to Fairhaven, MA. It was shortly after moving there that I became interested in firefighting. The Fairhaven Fire Department is a combination Career/Call Department. I joined the department as a call firefighter in November 1986.

While with the department, some members of the call force saw a need for a vehicle extrication team. The original team consisted of eight members, of which I was one. We trained every Sunday on our own time for over a year before we were ready to respond to calls. Once we were cleared to respond, we were automatically paged for any motor vehicle crash.

In 1998, I accepted a credit position with a company in Williston. When I was looking for a place to live, I wanted to be sure the town had a volunteer fire department. Hinesburg fit the profile and I became a member of the department in June 1998. In 2001, when Iroquois First Response disbanded and Hinesburg started responding to medical calls, I attended the EMT course at U.V.M. and received my certification as an EMT-Basic. I now hold the position of EMS Lieutenant.

My wife Margaret and I met at work in 2001 after she joined the company in another department. We became friends, started dating and were married in 2003. It was during this time that we started looking for a home. My one criterion was that we stay in Hinesburg. I was active with the Fire Department, had made friends in town and did not want to leave. We eventually found the home we are in, near the center of town, where we are raising our two boys.

In addition to writing the articles for the Record, I have been active in Public Education by teaching fire safety in the Hinesburg Community School, to groups who tour the station and have coordinated open houses held at the station.

HFD Supporter T-Shirts

Show your support for the Hinesburg Fire Department by purchasing a Supporter T-Shirt. Shirts come in men, women and children sizes and look just like the t-shirts the department members wear. Prices are \$10 for children's and \$15 for adult. Please contact Ed at k5@hinesburgfd.org or stop by the station.

Home and Holiday Safety

As I sit and write the article this month, it is hard to believe it is the beginning of November and you will be

reading this around December 2. The year has flown by and the holidays (and winter) are fast approaching.

Safety needs to be practiced all year. This time of year we have extra precautions to keep in mind. If snow starts to pile up make sure outside furnace vents are kept clear to prevent Carbon Monoxide from backing up into your home. If you rely on a generator in the event of power loss do not run the generator in the house or garage or near any doors or windows where the exhaust may get into your home. Make sure you have changed the batteries in all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, tested them and continue to test your CO detector monthly.

Use caution running your holiday lights. To prevent an overloaded please do not connect too many strands together or into one outlet. Check your light strands before putting them up for any splits in the wiring. Plug it in to make sure all the lights are working and there is not a short.

If you have a real tree, check the water in your stand daily and check the tree regularly to make sure the needles are not getting dry. Dry trees strung with holiday lights are a leading cause of fires this time of year.

Do you have a chimney or wood stove? Did you have the chimney and flue checked? Are they clear of blockages such as creosote which could cause a chimney fire? When cleaning the ashes, please wait until you are sure they are out and cold and then place them in a metal pail. Do NOT use a paper bag or cardboard box which a hot ember could ignite. Do NOT place the pail outside on the porch where the wind may cause ashes to re-ignite.

If you have any emergencies, whether a CO or smoke alarm is sounding, or you think you smell smoke and cannot find the source, do not hesitate to call 911 and have us respond.

Santa is Coming! Santa is Coming!

That's right. Santa has sent word that instead of riding around town on the engine this year, he is stopping by the Hinesburg Fire Station. He said to let all the girls and boys (big and small) know that he will be at the station on December 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to say hello and make sure he has your list. Kids, don't forget your cameras so you can take pictures of mom or dad sitting on Santa's lap.

Thanks

The Hinesburg Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support during the year and wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday season. Be sure to visit our website www.hinesburgfd.org



Shopping Hinesburg for the Holidays

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Now is the time to finish that holiday shopping! Hinesburg businesses offer great gifts for everyone on your list, and it's good for our community to keep your business local. Plus, you don't have to burn a lot of gasoline or brave the crowds in the malls! Here are a few suggestions, and I'll bet you can think of more.

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For the reader on your list from the youngest to the oldest: books from Brown Dog Books and Gifts or a gift certificate. If the book you need is not in stock, they will order for you and have the book within a week! Did you know that this local store offers items from over 130 Vermont vendors including art prints by Jean Masseau, handmade jewelry by Jody Albright and Deborah Stearns, products from Daily Chocolate in Vergennes, hand knit hats for babies and adults, Vermont made baby booties as well as many other unique and carefully selected gifts? There is a great selection of 2011 calendars and boxed cards. You will find all of these and more at Brown Dog Books and Gifts.

For pet lovers and those who feed the birds: at Estey Hardware you will find an assortment of accessories along with dog food, cat food, bird seed and bird feeders.

For the handyman: check out the assortment of tools at Estey Hardware.


A special gift to enjoy after a hectic holiday season: a gift certificate for a massage from EveryBody’s Massage or Hinesburg Healing Arts.

For the teenage drivers: Bet they would love gift certificates from one of our local gas stations.

Surprise your spouse with a new kitchen – design services available from Jenny Volk of Dovetail Designs and locally crafted cabinets by Vermont Green Cabinets.

Put together a basket for an individual or family and stock up on produce and specialty items for the holidays. Check out the December Farmers Market where you will find produce from Wendy Ordway; pasture raised poultry, produce and decadent desserts from Kristin Needham; Llama yarn from Deb Gaynor; a great selection of pottery from Warren Dixon; handcrafted jewelry and yarn from Lee Findholt; baked goods, delicious granola and preserves from Sam and Sandy Rifkin; fresh meat from Alison Purcell; crafts and hand knitted items from Linda Palmer; unique knitted sweaters for young and old, as well as baby clothes, from Kathy Hill; handcrafted bird houses from Charlie Palmer; outstanding breads and baked goods from Good Companion Bakery; produce and preserves from Karl Novak; baked goods from Jay Gradzio; produce from Gregg Sol; handcrafted bags from Ann Rush; dried flower arrangements from Toby Shulman; honey, crafts, candles and other bees wax items from Pedro Salas of Bee Happy Vermont; tamales from Rob Blount; paper gifts, cards and handcrafted bags for all purposes from Donna Constantineau; an eclectic collection of pickled items from Vermont Pickle; and delicious Greek foods from Bonnie Dattilio of Euro Market.

It’s great to support our local businesses that in turn support our community. Have fun with stress free local shopping!



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Vermont Green Cabinets, a Local Hinesburg Business that Lives up to Its Name

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Vermont Green Cabinets is the brainchild of local cabinet maker Tim Downey. For several years Tim installed cabinets for national-brand cabinet companies. What he saw in that process was poorly constructed products and tremendous amounts of waste. It is common knowledge in the cabinet industry that styles change, people move and renovations happen in roughly a seven year cycle. The commercial cabinet industry builds cabinetry to last through this cycle but not much longer. In addition, when the cabinets were shipped they came packaged in enough cardboard to fill a large dumpster and that cardboard was not recyclable.

Tim says his grandfather would have been perplexed at the way people purchase their kitchens today. A typical residential cabinet starts its life in the woods of Northwest Canada. Plywood is fabricated in the western or southeastern parts of the United States, shipped back out to the Midwest for fabrication, and finally the cabinets are shipped to their final destination, your kitchen in Vermont, a distance upwards of 10,000 miles from forest to kitchen.

Tim believed that there would be a market for a locally produced, environmentally friendly, durable product line. He has not been disappointed. Tim has produced a model that combines the durability and local nature of his grandfather’s generation and the use of today’s technology. Technology has produced dramatic changes when it comes to products that are toxin free. For example, high quality cabinet finishes that were once only possible with the use of extremely toxic sealers and lacquers are now being produced with no volatile organic compounds (VOC), through the use of ultra violet lights. Tim uses locally produced, sustainably grown hardwoods, and plywood with a low VOC content and without formaldehyde in the glue.

Tim said he has a very loyal client base for both residential and commercial products as well as repair work. In the not too distant future, he will have a display kitchen at Dovetail Designs by Jenny Volk in its location in the recently renovated Cicero Goddard Peck house on Mechanicsville Road.

At present Tim does much of the design work in addition to installations, offering clients free computer 3-D design that is easy to work with to produce the cabinetry that is best suited for the individual client’s needs. Before the downturn in the economy, Tim employed six or seven people. He currently has four employees, is seeing an upswing in the economy and is planning to add additional employees.

Tim says he grew up all over the world as his father was a test pilot for the Air Force. His grandparents, however, were from Addison County. His mother was a graduate of Goddard College and worked as a newspaper reporter. Following his parents divorce, his mother moved the family back to Vermont. Tim has lived in Hinesburg for 26 years. His family consists of his wife, Patty, their older daughter Lucy, who now lives in Warren, Ella, a freshman at Champlain Valley Union High School and Alice, a student at the Hinesburg Community School.

Tim’s hobby is music. He plays the dobro, mandolin and guitar. He was producer and host of the long running folk show “Crossroads” on “THE POINT” until last year when he retired to devote more time to his growing family, playing music and, of course, the business.

The best way to contact Tim is by e-mail: tim@vermontgreencabinets.com.



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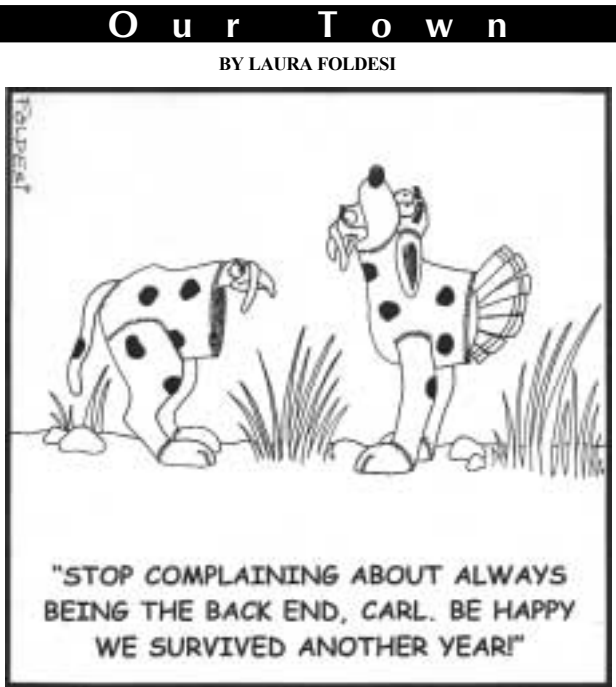


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Stone Wall Workshops Announced

(From press release)

A series of stone wall building workshops has been announced for this fall and winter in Hinesburg. Participants in the one-day 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 and hosted by Red Wagon Plants on Shelburne Falls Road in Hinesburg.

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

Upcoming workshop dates are December 11 and January 8, 2011, and the workshops continue through March 2011. 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.

HINESBURG RECREATION

DEPARTMENT NEWS



By Jennifer McQuin

Happy November. Frost and flurries remind us that winter is on its way and it’s fun to think about all that brings. Our winter recreation brochure should hit your mailboxes right before Thanksgiving, but you can check it out online, too, at www.hinesburg.org under Recreation. Basketball gears up for another season, starting on December 4! Our discounted Smuggler’s Notch lift tickets program will be available again with five Sunday options. Zumba Dance continues. Future Einsteins for preschool and school age children begins, along with Robotics for middle-school students. The rink behind Hinesburg Community School looms with skating possibilities, based on Mother Nature, of course. Hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and get ready for the snowfall!

Youth Basketball

The youth basketball program emphasizes the basics of the sport, along with good teamwork and sportsmanship. This program, held in the Hinesburg Community School (HCS)

gymnasium, is open to children in Kindergarten through grade six. Our Kindergarten, first and second grade teams are coed. We separate girls and boys for grades three and four teams and grades five and six teams. Grades three through six players have one scheduled practice each week and one game on Saturdays. Games begin the first Saturday in January and continue until the February break. Grades three through six compete against other Town Recreation teams with the Champlain Valley Recreation Association. Games will be home and away. Children are grouped by age, not ability. All abilities are welcome!

Kindergarten: Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Grades one and two boys and girls: Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Grades three and four boys: Saturday 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grades three and four girls: Saturday 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grades five and six boys: Saturday 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Monday evening 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grade five and six girls: Saturday 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday evening 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please note that practice times are subject to change. You will be notified via e-mail prior to the season regarding any schedule changes. Thanks for your patience. We still need coaches and helpers. Please make a note on your child's registration form if you would like to help or contact the Recreation Department.

Dates: December 4 to February 5, 2011 for Kindergarteners, first and second graders
Dates: December 4 to February 19, 2011 for third through sixth graders
There will not be any youth basketball for Kindergarten, first and second grade players on Saturday, February 12, 2011 due to Winter Carnival.

Recreation Department Classes

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

Family Play Group

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

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

Holiday Cookie Decorating with Wendy Frink

Kids will join Wendy Frink of Blackberry Hill Bakery for this Holiday Cookie Decorating extravaganza. In addition to cookie decorating, kids will have the opportunity to personalize their own holiday container that will house their cookie creations. Kids can count on bringing home personally decorated cookies in a custom-made container. What a fun and creative way to spend an afternoon and get into the holiday spirit!

When: Friday, December 17
Where: Living Arts Room at Hinesburg Community School (HCS)
Time: 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Cost: \$12
Please register early. This class fills up fast!

Strength and Fitness for Mind/Body Health with Lee Hulsebos

Strengthen core muscles supporting your spine. Increase your flexibility and balance your tension areas with simple yoga, strength training, stretch and relaxation.

Who: People ages 15 years and older. Any fitness level welcome, but not geared toward active injuries.
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Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
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Future Einsteins Computer Class for Preschoolers

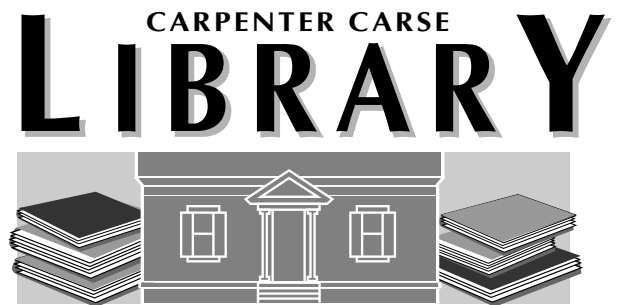
The "Imagine Tomorrow Program" is for children ages two to five years. The children become computer detectives on learning adventures to places such as Email Trail or Laptop Lagoon! Class structure provides the perfect mix of group interactivity and individual computer time where children work on their own laptop. The class teaches keyboarding, computer basics, digital communications, and Internet communication. (No actual Internet needed. We only pretend to go on the Internet!) The program focuses on thinking, problem solving, early reading and writing, listening, and comprehension. Our program adjusts to a child's level. If we detect a child is having a difficult time, we stay at the lower level of the program and if a child is exceeding at the program, we challenge the child and present more difficult tasks.

Who: Children two to five years old
Where: Hinesburg Community School classroom TBA
When: Mondays – January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14; March 7 and 14, 2011. (eight classes)
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$90
Please register with Hinesburg Recreation Department.

Future Einsteins Computer Adventures After-School

This class presents a computer program for children ages six to ten years old. The program brings characters from Scooby Doo and Freddi Fish to the classroom for new detective adventures! It involves critical thinking and problem solving for the child. Programs include: Phantom of the Knight, Showdown in Ghost Town, and Missing Kelp Seeds. Children dive into these fascinating adventures, helping save the day.

Who: children six to ten years old
Where: Hinesburg Community School, classroom TBA
When: Tuesdays – January 11, 18, 25; February 8, 15; March 1, 8, and 15, 2011 (8 classes)
Time: 2:55 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.
Cost: \$90
Please register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department.



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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 Area Agency on Aging 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. Please note that the next regular meeting has been rescheduled to December 15.

Ongoing Library Programs

Toddler Storytimes

Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays December 7 and 21, and January 4 and 18 for books, songs and stories especially for children up to three years of age. Walk-ins are welcome.

Preschool Storytimes

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

Pajama Story Hour with Janet

Children ages three through seven are invited to Pajama Story Hour on Tuesday, December 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wear your favorite jammies to the library and snuggle up for fun and festive stories. Together we will enjoy additional activities such as a short video, a simple craft and yummy refreshments. Pre-registration is helpful, but not required. Call 482-2878.

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers' homes. The featured title for December's gathering is *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaul at 482-3347 for location and other information. Please note that the group does not meet at the library as a rule.
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Special Programs at the Library

Survive and THRIVE the Holidays: Using Self-Hypnosis to Reduce Stress and Boost Joy!

Would you like to feel more joy and less stress this holiday season? This workshop series will teach you how to reduce stress and feel happier by building up positive thoughts and beliefs. The process will increase your ability to relax and manage stressful situations. It will also help you identify some specific ways to alleviate tension when your buttons get pushed.

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- Learn how to “speak the language of the subconscious” so that you can create positive suggestions to reinforce the changes you want for your life.

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- Tuesdays: November 30 and December 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Space is limited. Free program. Call 482-2878 to register.

Homeschoolers Connect at the Library

Homeschoolers from ages eight to 12 are invited to make Greek Myths come alive on Tuesday, December 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn more about Greek Myths and create skits to share with the group. Open to homeschoolers from Chittenden County and beyond. Please call 482-2878 to register.

DIY Holiday Crafts for Teens

Need to come up with some gifts without spending a lot of money? Kids in grades six and up join us on Thursday, December 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to make crafts and cards you can give as gifts. Drop in, no registration required.

Easy Cookie Cottages for Families

Learn how to make tiny and tasty cookie cottages with graham crackers, icing and candy on Saturday, December 4 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Kids ages three and up and parents will have fun building and decorating miniature “gingerbread” houses for the holidays. Please call 482-2878 to register.

Kids’ Holiday Crafts with Janet

Looking for some fun activities on Tuesday, December 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The place to be is at the Carpenter-Carse Library where you will be able to make several crafts to take home and share with your family. These merry creations include: a beaded snowman necklace, a handprint reindeer, a button wreath ornament and a snowman photo frame. You will have a jolly good time! The crafts are geared to children ages five through nine. Space is limited, so sign up early either by stopping in at the library or phoning 482-2878. This is a free program and includes holiday music and a yummy snack!

Recent Acquisitions

ADULT FICTION
Cannell, Stephen J., *The Pallbearers*
Cannell, Stephen J., *Runaway Heart*
Connelly, Michael, *The Reversal* [LARGE PRINT]
Grisham, John, *The Confession*
Isaacs, Susan, *As Husbands Go* [LARGE PRINT]
Jen, Gish, *World and Town*

Karon, Jan, *In the Company of Others*
Mawer, Simon, *The Glass Room*
Mountain, Fiona; Josephine Bailey, *Lady of the Butterflies* [audiobook]
Parker, Robert B., *Painted Ladies: a Spenser novel*
Sedaris, David, *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: a modest bestiary*
Smith, Martin Cruz, *Three Stations* [LARGE PRINT]
Sparks, Nicholas, *Safe Haven*
Stirling, S. M., *The High King of Montival: a novel of the Change*

ADULT NONFICTION

Bryson, Bill, *At Home: A Short History of Private Life*
Hawking, Stephen W. and Leonard Mlodinow, *The Grand Design*
Imrie, Diane & Richard Jarmusz with photos by Andrew Wellman, *Cooking Close to Home: a year of seasonal recipes*
Isay, Dave, *Listening is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American life from the Storycorps Project*
Leavy, Jane, *The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of America’s childhood*
Reich, Robert B., *Aftershock: the Next Economy and America’s Future*
Roach, Mary, *Packing for Mars: the curious science of life in the void*
Shell, Ellen Ruppel, *Cheap: the high cost of discount culture*
Woodward, Bob, *Obama’s Wars*

ON ORDER:

Brown, Mike, *How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming*
Brown, Sandra, *Rainwater* [LARGE PRINT]
Deaver, Jeffrey, *Edge: a novel*
LeCarre, John, *Our Kind of Traitor: a novel*
Schiff, Stacy, *Cleopatra: a life*

YOUTH BOOKS:

Picture Books:
Becker, Bonny, *A Bedtime for Bear*
Birdsall, Jeanne, *Flora’s Very Windy Day*
Bunningham, John, *There’s Going to be a Baby*
Cosentino, Ralph, *Superman: The Story of the Man of Steel*
Karas, G. Brian, *The Village Garage*
Kleven, Elisa, *Welcome Home Mouse*
McMullan, Kate and Jim, *I’m Big*
Chapter Books:
Barrows, Annie, *Ivy and Bean: What’s the Big Idea?*
Kessler, Liz, *Emily Windsnap and the Siren’s Secret*
Springfield, Tricia, *What Happened on Fox Street*
Non-Fiction:
Beiber, Justin, *First Step 2 Forever*
Brown, Bobbi, *Beauty Rules: Fabulous Looks, Beauty Essentials and Life Lessons*
Scholastic Almanac: *Facts and Stats 2011*
Teen Books:
Green, John and David Levithan, *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*
Kluger, Steve, *My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins and Fenway Park*
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds, *Alice in Charge*
Werlin, Nancy, *Extraordinary*

Library Facility Improvements

Carpenter-Carse has always been a cozy, welcoming place and now we are staying warm by heating with natural gas. The conversion from propane went smoothly. The work was completed in October by Alliance Mechanical. A large-scale carpeting project planned for this fall will more likely occur next spring; testing has revealed that the building’s concrete slab is taking on moisture. Further steps will be taken to assure that the project is a success. We thank all visitors to the library for their patience.

Quotation of the Month

“The most important function of the public library is to provide a place and an incentive for children to progress in reading. The library is a compounding device: it allows a child to multiply the efforts of parents and the school, and provides the materials to make this process possible.”
—Michael McGrorty, *Library Dust*, June 14, 2005.
http://librarydust.typepad.com/library_dust/2005/06/moving_librarie.html

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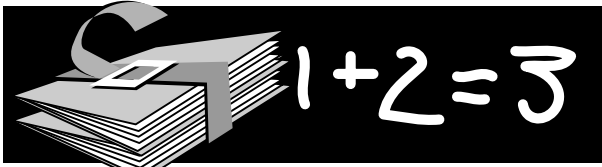
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New K-2 Wing Opens to Delighted, Grateful Students and Staff

Last spring, Hinesburg Community School’s youngest students and their teachers began a journey which has shown both how flexible and resilient they are - and how patience pays off in the form of beautiful new classrooms. Major renovations to the PK-2 wing, originally built in 1969, began last June, resulting in the whole school community banding



Second grade students settle into their new classroom in HCS’s beautifully renovated K-2 wing.



Decked out in construction hats, students make their way for the first time to their new classroom.



together to get creative about which rooms our preschool through second grade students could use as their home bases.

Students and teachers returned this fall to temporary quarters and continued to approach the first ten weeks of school with an adventurous, we-can-do-this attitude. All of them now, though, are breathing a giant sigh of relief to be moving in to their new classrooms.

Walk into the new wing and the first thing you may notice is the beauty of the new facilities—but it won’t take you long to realize that the most incredible thing about the completed construction is the effect that it has had on students. Children are smiling and relaxing into their new spaces; and experiencing a peacefulness to their learning that they have missed during the hectic months of construction.

As part of the project, our Main Office has also moved to the front of the building (near the bus loop), and our new Guidance Suite has taken residence in the area which formerly housed the main office.

Open House and Dinner

Please note that our Open House was rescheduled and will now be happening on December 8. A spaghetti dinner will be available starting at 5:00 p.m. A small fee will be charged and will be used as a fundraising effort for our new playground. The Open House portion of the night will begin at 6:00 p.m. and finish at 7:00 p.m.

Young Mathematicians Hard at Work

By Nancy Pollack, HCS Math Coordinator

On Thursday, November 4, the Hinesburg Community School cafeteria was full with more than 30 families making and rolling dice, stringing objects into patterns, sorting all kinds of stuff, creating bumpy or fuzzy numbers and much, much more. These families were participating in the ninth “Family Math Playtime,” a program developed for parents and their children (ages three- to five-years-old).

The event was truly one of food, fun and learning. Following a pizza dinner, the participants had the opportunity to work with any of the 38 activities and “Make and Take” stations. These activities were designed to help create a foundation for future success in mathematics.

Parents and guardians learned about mathematical language and discovered activities which can help their children meet the Early Learning Standards in all four strands of mathematics. They also learned ways to maximize everyday opportunities to build mathematical sense-making, using simple materials from home.

Raffle prizes included goody bags filled with great math items to use at home. Everyone who attended was given a resource book filled with directions to recreate the activities at home, literature supports for mathematics, and more. The cafeteria was abuzz with laughter, the noise of dice, counting voices and cheer.

This spring, Hinesburg Community School will be hosting a similar event with a focus on literacy for three- to five-year-olds. For more information about this spring time event, you may contact Betsy Knox, HCS Literacy Coordinator, at 482-6281.

Award Winning Author Shows HCS Middle Schoolers How It’s Done

By Katya Marsh, HCS Sixth Grader

Thanks to the generosity of NRG Systems and the Flying Pig bookstore, award winning author Laurie Halse Anderson came recently to Hinesburg Community School and spoke to students in grades six, seven and eight. Anderson put together a slide show and talked about her books, her life as an author and the experience of being a finalist for the national book award.

“It was like making the winning goal at the World Cup” said Anderson. She explained that as an experienced author, it takes her at least seven drafts before she has a copy she is happy with.

Anderson went to Onondaga Community College for two years and later went on to Georgetown University. She (Continued on the next page.)

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studied linguistics and described it as the “most nerdy” subject. Some of her books are *Speak*, *Chains* and *Fever 1793*.

Jill Lamberson, a sixth grader at HCS, said “Laurie Halse Anderson was fun and enthusiastic.” Not your typical author. Anderson was very outgoing and funny.

She also talked about her new book, *Forge*. Before writing the novel, she did research on the battle at Valley Forge. This battle took place in the winter, and Anderson learned that the soldiers had to trek through the snow with only socks on their feet. In order to really feel what the soldiers experienced, Anderson decided to walk in the snow,

with only socks on her feet. Anderson said her feet were so numb, her husband had to drag her back into their house. This is just one of many adventures Anderson shared with HCS.

For more information on Laurie Halse Anderson, visit her website madwomanintheforest.com.

Anderson’s visit was made possible through the sponsorship of the Flying Pig bookstore and a generous donation from NRG Systems. The HCS community is very grateful to both of these fine local businesses for their support of this special event.

Hinesburg School Board Update

By Keith Roberts, School Board Member

The focus of our work at this time of year is on developing a budget for the 2011-2012 school year. We begin with a “baseline budget” which is created by estimating the costs of providing in the next year the same program that is currently provided. The baseline budget for education spending for 2011-2012, as of November 3, is anticipated to be \$6,533,125, which represents a 2.7% increase from the 2010-2011 school year budget.

Last year, we reduced \$641,171 from the baseline budget and anticipate further reductions this year as part of a multi-year process to reduce expenses, in response to declining enrollment.

In addition, this year as part of the State of Vermont’s Challenges for Change initiative, the Commissioner of Education has issued a challenge to all school boards to reduce their school budgets by 2%. That challenge is a 2% reduction to the previous year’s school budget, not to the baseline budget. Because we would have to make the 2011-2012 baseline budget equal the 2010-2011 budget before implementing that 2% reduction, we anticipate a 2011-2012 school budget equating to around 5% less than the 2010-2011 budget. That means cuts of approximately \$320,000 will need to be made from the 2011-2012 baseline budget in order to meet that challenge.

In order to achieve that budget goal, we must examine possible reductions in programs and staffing levels. We would very much like to include the community in the budget process to hear concerns while we address these challenges.

Regular board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at CVU in Room 160. Budget meetings began on November 22 and will be held at HCS in the library conference room starting at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: December 6, December 20, January 10 and January 17. All meetings are open to the public.

October, HNS parents and children gathered at the school for our town beautification service project, a Bulb Planting Party. As an end cap to our fall bulb-sale fundraiser (thanks to everyone who supported the school and made it such a success!), we took the opportunity to give a little something back to the community we so love.

What better than a springtime bloom of daffodils and narcissus? Parents wielded shovels, augers and buckets, kids donned gardening gloves and happily set to work in the dirt with their trowels. All told we planted over 200 bulbs at three sites around town: in front of the Hinesburg Community School, across the street at the veterans’ memorial and at the Nursery School.

In addition, with the help of Andrea Morgante, we set a commemorative stone to honor long-time former teachers Yvonne and Natalie, under a tree dedicated to them last year. After our work was done, families recharged at the school with cider, donuts and lots of outdoor play. Think of us in Spring when you see those flowers bloom!

At school, the kids have been learning about creepy crawly critters, including a tarantula, scorpion and snake, courtesy of teacher Wendy and her son. The creatures, especially Fang the snake, were a huge hit with the kids.

Continuing our theme of celebrating harvest time, we took two field trips - to Shelburne Orchards for a morning of apple picking, and to Isham Farm for a hay ride and tour of the maple sugaring house. The kids had a fantastic time – thank you to our gracious hosts.

We also enjoyed the bounty of our home gardens. Liz and Wendy and the children were busy in the kitchen, making apple butter, homemade bread and butter, and stone soup with vegetables children brought from home. And speaking of great cooking, congratulations to Liz and Wendy for the blue ribbon their fabulous homemade chili earned at the first Hinesburg Community School Chili cook-off!



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By Renee Carrico

Enjoying Autumn, Planning for Spring

The leaves were turning, frost was in the air, and Hinesburg Nursery School families had Spring on their minds. On a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon in late



Hinesburg Nursery School families plant spring bulbs around town.



Other Education

Hinesburg Student Featured in Young Writers Project’s Second Anthology

Skye Golann, a Hinesburg resident and CVU student, was selected to participate in the Young Writers Project’s second publication of student work, *Anthology 2*. The book features the best writing and photography of more than 100 students from around the state.

Golann’s poem, “*I’m Falling from the Sky*,” was written while she was a student at the Hinesburg Community School. (Link to poem for publication: <http://youngwritersproject.org/node/17951>)

Young Writers Project (YWP), founded in 2006 by Geoff Gevalt, is building a generation of better writers by connecting students throughout Vermont with peers and mentors, publishing their best work online and in newspapers, and providing them with needed tools to thrive in the digital age. The nonprofit encourages students to write, helps them

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improve their skills and finds audiences for their work.

Since its inception, YWP has developed training in digital instruction and leading-edge digital writing classrooms: private, fully-supported websites used by teachers and after school programs throughout the state to help teach writing techniques and related skills.

FairPoint Communications is a proud sponsor of the organization and the anthology, and a strong believer in the power of online digital media to provide students with a comfortable space to write, edit and share their work.

Please visit <http://youngwritersproject.org> for more information about the Young Writers Project.

CSSU Offers Tuition Rebates for Annette’s Preschool Students

By Megan Vespa

It is safe to say that throughout the past several years we have all been affected in one way or another by the tough economic times. Prices continue to grow while employment rates plummet. Many members of the community are forced to cut back living expenses and small luxuries to accommodate these tough times. It may be relatively easy to cut back the minutes on your cell phone plan or get rid of your cable television to save some money, however many agree that one thing that shouldn’t suffer is the one thing that seems to threaten your weekly budget the most—child care services and pre-kindergarten programs for your children.

Luckily for us, our Vermont business leaders and government officials have acknowledged this issue and are considering investments in early education as the first and foremost economic development strategy—the key to future success. Vermont School Districts, through Act 62, are now able to provide publicly funded pre-kindergarten education for three to five year old children by establishing partnerships with qualified early care and education programs. Annette’s Preschool right here in Hinesburg saw this opportunity and immediately jumped on board to create a partnership with Chittenden South Supervisory Union (CSSU), thus, offering a quality pre-kindergarten program to children ages three to five at a low cost.

What does this mean for the parents, children, and educators of Hinesburg?

It means a publicly funded pre-kindergarten program that guarantees high quality early learning experiences. In order to maintain this partnership with CSSU, the early education center must meet high quality standards for both curriculum content and assessment using the mandated “Creative Curriculum Goals and Objectives Rubric.” Annette’s Preschool staf has attended many hours of training to ensure best practice using the Creative Curriculum which instructs, observes and assesses many different components. These components include sense of self, responsibility for self and others, pro-social behavior, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, learning and problem solving, logical thinking, representation and symbolic thinking, listening and speaking, reading, and writing. Observations are made daily and plugged into a Creative Curriculum computer program weekly, and educators produce bi-annual reports of progress using a very comprehensive assessment. This helps to provide both enriching and goal-oriented education for the little ones.

It means affordable education for our children to ensure a brighter future. In 2009 the parents of the children enrolled in this program received two rebates on their child’s tuition -

one refund in December for \$1300 and one refund in March for \$1300. As long as tuition was paid in full, these families eceived a total of \$2600 back. This initiative has strengthened the desire and motivation to choose an early education center based on the quality of care and education, rather than how the tuition fits into your budget. There is no income eligibility standard, therefore all parents have an equal chance at receiving these funds. Sometimes the amount of children allowed is based on a cap or a lottery, however this year every single parent at Annette’s Preschool that applied to enroll their children received enrollment.

It means an expected decrease in child retention in the first years at the community school. The children receiving an early education under the Pre-Kindergarten Program enter Kindergarten with ‘student skills’ that enable them to learn more right off the bat. As a result of this readiness, students have higher confidence levels and self-esteem. Also, educators are given a comprehensive view of their new students’ strengths, weaknesses and goals in the areas of cognitive, social, emotional and physical development prior to their first day at kindergarten. Collaboration among the educators in this community ensures best practice at an individual level.

Student Competition Opportunity

The 2010-2011 LifeSmarts season is underway. LifeSmarts is an educational competition run by the National Consumers League that tests high school students nationwide on real-life consumer issues through online quizzes and live contests. Topics include personal finance, technology, health and safety, the environment, and consumer rights and responsibilities. The Vermont JumpStart Coalition is coordinating the competition in Vermont and is currently enlisting teams.

LifeSmarts is a team competition. To enter the 2010-2011 competition, form a team of four or five students with at least one adult coach. A coach can be a teacher, parent, scout leader or any responsible adult. The top six scoring teams in the online competition will compete in the live state competition. The winning state team is eligible to compete in the national LifeSmarts championship, where winning teams and individuals are awarded academic scholarships and prizes. The national championship will be held in Los Angeles, CA from April 30 to May 3, 2011.

Vermont JumpStart hopes to assist the state champions with travel expenses. To make a tax-deductible donation to Vermont JumpStart, please send your check to: VT JumpStart, c/o GHP Advisors, 131 Main St, 8th floor, Burlington, VT 05401. Please reference the LifeSmarts program when making your charitable contribution.

The online competition runs until January 15 and the six highest scoring teams will compete in the state competition in Montpelier on February 10 (snow date March 4).

For more information, call Lynette Kemp or Deb Behm at Vermont JumpStart (877) 242-8550 or E-mail vtjumpstart@comcast.net.

Organizations

Lake Iroquois Association Completes Study

Thanks to the efforts of the Lake Iroquois Association and the generosity of the State of Vermont Better Backroads Grant Program, Lake Iroquois is on its way toward a more secure future. The Better Backroads Program is supporting efforts by the Lake Iroquois Association to protect Lake Iroquois from pollution caused by storm water run-off. The principal source of pollution in Lake Iroquois is phosphorous entering the lake in the form of dirt, either because of erosion from within the lake, or erosion from roads and development around the lake. Phosphorous causes rapid proliferation of weeds and algae. Concerned citizens from the four towns which share Lake Iroquois have now come together to work toward improving the water quality in the lake.

Lake Iroquois is accessed by a series of dirt roads ringing (Continued on the next page.)



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the perimeter of the lake. These dirt roads were constructed and developed decades ago and are maintained largely by the individuals who own camps and houses along the shore of Lake Iroquois. The Lake Iroquois Association has stepped in to try to assist with the maintenance of some of these roads so that erosion can be curtailed, and water quality improved. The Better Backroads Program contributed money, in the form of a Category A grant, toward hiring an engineer to assess the many areas of concern. It is hoped that a Category B grant will contribute toward the correction of these problem areas. The Lake Iroquois Association will be applying for this next level of grant funding, along with a number of other grants to various State and private agencies, as the Association continues to move forward in its efforts to protect the water quality of the Lake. The Lake Iroquois Association welcomes any support, and concerned citizens should contact the Association through its President, Roger Crouse at: 878-5953.

The “How” of How to Talk to Your Teen

By Christine Lloyd-Newberry,
CY Program Director

Research shows that parents are the number one influence on teen decision-making around alcohol use. CY encourages parents to take steps to influence those decisions. Our advice is. Talk with your teen on a regular, on-going basis and create a dialogue about alcohol use. As a parent you can lead by example developing clear no-use policies and understanding the potential risks and consequences of underage drinking. By incorporating actions and knowledge into teachable moments you can be the best defense against underage drinking.

While parents often understand the need to talk to their teens about alcohol use, many are unsure of how to go about it. A group of CY teens and parents recently created these tips:

- Try to avoid lecturing. Really listen to your teen’s casual comments and build upon those. Conversations need to happen naturally when your teen is open and that means you need to be ready to put other things aside and talk when it’s convenient for them.
- Find teachable moments to talk about underage drinking – scenes from TV/movies, You Tube clips, current events, etc.
- Share information by leading with a question – ask them what they think about an issue or a news item.
- Read and have background materials and information available for when conversations come up – make conversations a part of normal, day-to-day activities
- If teens use third party examples focus on the conversation, not finding out who the third party is or making sure your teen doesn’t hang out with them. Remember – they could be talking about themselves and are testing the waters about what they may be willing to share with you. But, don’t assume they are talking about themselves!
- Set a date each month to talk to your teen about alcohol and other drugs. Share things you have learned, dialogue about issues, avoid lecturing.
- Still unsure? To read about the most recent research and trends in prevention visit CY online at www.seewhy.info or www.facebook.com/ConnectingYouth.

Hinesburg Historical Society

Photos of HCS Site

By Ann Thomas

The Hinesburg Historical Society has several photos in its collection that show the houses that used to be where the primary wing of the Hinesburg Community School is now. These are worth sharing, since the renovation of that wing has just been completed.

The children in the street scene photo are standing in front of the “white” building and we are looking east down “Friendship Avenue” toward Buck Hill. You can see that there were quite a few houses across the street, too.



The house next door to the school was the McKenzie house, with its peaked roof. It burned down around 1921.



East of that was the Coburn and Pierce house. Between the two were some barns and outbuildings. The primary wing at HCS was originally built in 1969 and the current renovation has just been completed, in November of 2010.



Just a reminder - the Hinesburg Historical Society meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the downstairs meeting room of the town hall. Everyone is welcome. Visit our website at www.HinesburgHistoricalSociety.org.

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Health & Safety

Teen Drivers

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Distracted driving comes in many forms, from texting and talking on a cell phone, to eating and playing with a radio, CD player, iPod, or MP3 device.

Eighteen percent of the more than 3,750 teenagers ages 15 to 19 who died in automobile crashes in 2008 were involved in some form of distracted driving, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Most teenage deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are preventable, with 48 percent of the fatalities related to accidents. Eleven of 28 Vermont deaths (ages 15 to 19) in 2008 were motor vehicle fatalities, the leading cause of death for that age group.

“Actions that are perfectly safe in the right context can be deadly when performed behind the wheel of a car,” said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD. “Distracted driving has become a significant public health danger for all of us, especially for young people, but it’s easily solved.”

Nationally, one of every three teenage drivers has texted while driving, according to the Pew Research Center. Vermont was among 30 states that passed legislation outlawing texting while driving this year.

“The new law is designed to both educate and save lives,” said David Dill, Secretary of Vermont’s Agency of Transportation. “Teenagers are more likely to text while driving than any other age group. The new law allows us to work not only with police to curb texting as it happens, but also to work with schools and other youth organizations to help prevent texting and driving from happening in the first place.”

Awareness programs like National Teen Driver Safety Week are helping to educate both parents and teens, according to Education Commissioner Armando Vilaseca.

“The push to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving among the students has been effective, and we should leverage that awareness to include messages about the dangers of distracted driving as well,” Vilaseca said.

For more information about teen driving safety, please visit www.nhtsa.gov; www.distraction.gov; or www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teenbrief.

Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

On those rare occasions when parents tell pediatrician Lou DiNicola, MD, that their child does not need to be screened for lead poisoning, he will continue to encourage them to do the test.

“What I tell them is, there is no environment where there is no risk,” said Dr. DiNicola, of Gifford Medical Center in Randolph.

Even in a new home with a brand new water system, he says, there can be possible exposures to lead poisoning. At his practice, nearly every one and two year old child is tested. The Health Department also recommends testing all children ages 36 to 72 months who have not previously been tested.

“I had one case where the parents lived in a brand new house with a new water system and the child had a high lead level, and we had to look for the source of exposure,” said Dr. DiNicola. “We figured out that they had bought a chair at a lawn sale that was newly painted but had old layers of paint, and the child was teething on it out on the front porch. I effectively get zero resistance to testing after we talk about the hazards of lead.”

New homes tied into old water systems can also have high lead levels, Dr. DiNicola said. Lead can cause serious health problems for infants, including developmental issues and lower IQ. Children can get lead poisoning in their own home, apartment or day care. Lead is most common in older buildings (in paint, dust, drinking water and in the dirt

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In 2009, 83 percent of the state's one year-old children, and 61 percent of two year-old children were screened for lead poisoning in Vermont. The Health Department is committed to universal screening and testing. If fewer than 85 percent of one year-olds and fewer than 75 percent of two years-olds have been screened in Vermont by January 1, 2011, the secretary of the Agency of Human Services will require a rule that health care providers ensure the screening.

"Lead poisoning is preventable. With the efforts of health care providers such as Dr. DiNicola, and expanded outreach and education, we consistently have removed barriers to screening every young child in Vermont," said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD.

Vermont was the first state in the nation to lower the elevated blood lead level of concern from ten to five ug/dL (micrograms per deciliter). A simple finger prick blood test is all that is needed to screen for lead poisoning.

"At every one and two year old well child visit we test for lead, my other partners know it's important and the nurses know it," Dr. DiNicola said. "It is very rare that a kid slips through. This should be the standard."

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Social Band Presents: Deep Midwinter

Songs from Winter's Heart

Social Band is a group of over 20 singers based in Burlington but their voices ring from Hinesburg, Burlington, Bakersfield, Lincoln, St. Albans and Moretown. Directed by Amity Baker they also have a strong tradition of commissioning and performing new works from local composers or arranged works by Vermont composers Billy Drislane, Betsy Brigham and Thomas L. Read, as well as a selection of English medieval carols, traditional wassails, and more.

Come and enjoy a wistful night of traditional choral works, lively new arrangements, and brand new a cappella compositions that capture the many moods of a Vermont winter! Plan a night out at the Hinesburg United Church on December 20 at 4:00 p.m. and share the music. Admission is by suggested donation of \$15, or \$10 for students/lower income individuals.

Other performances on December 12 at the Richmond Free Library at 7:30 p.m., December 13 at the Bristol First Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m., and December 19 at the Burlington Unitarian Church at 7:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.socialband.org, find them on Facebook, or call (802) 658-8488.

Richmond Holiday Market and Silent Auction

The Richmond Area Business Association (RABA) and the Town of Richmond will be hosting the seventh Annual

Richmond Holiday Market on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This annual event has grown over the years and is being held in three locations, including the Richmond Free Library, the Richmond Congregational Church, and the Richmond Town Hall. The event is presented in the style of a European Holiday Fair.

This year again there will be roughly 40 vendors with festive booths for the holiday season displaying and selling their crafts and gifts. Also, Santa Claus arrives by horse and cart at 10:00 a.m. and will visit with families in the library until noon. During that time wagon rides are offered, plus, all day there will be delicious homemade food served at the Congregational Church, live music by local musicians in the Town Hall, and RABA's Silent Auction in the Town Hall to benefit the RABA Scholarship Fund. Also, wreaths will be sold in front of the library. There's something for everyone!!

The Richmond Holiday Market Silent Auction transforms the second floor meeting room of the Town Hall into a delightful place to shop for special items and gifts donated by local businesses and RABA supporters. The Silent Auction raises money to support several college bound seniors from MMU. With over 90 items to choose from, last year's Silent Auction raised \$3000.

Everyone is welcome at this fun and festive local community event. Those who would like to donate to the Silent Auction should contact Jody Cole at 434-5261. For more information, contact members@richmondvermont.com or call Sherry Daniels at 434-3979.

Celebrate with the VSO Pops and Brass Concerts

Glory Hallelujah! The Vermont Symphony Orchestra rings in the holiday season again this December, bringing two joyful programs to music halls around the state.

The annual Holiday Pops concert, under the direction of Robert De Cormier, joins the VSO Chorus with the Orchestra for a festive program entitled "Glory Hallelujah!"

This traditional holiday concert will celebrate the season in three locations: Barre, Burlington, and Rutland. The program sparkles with two Glorias, two Hallelujahs, three spirituals, music from the court of King Henry VIII, excerpts from "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and the time-honored audience sing-along.

Guest soloists include mezzo-soprano Amy Frostman of South Burlington and soprano Susanne Peck of Middlebury College, with Robert De Cormier and Dawn Willis conducting.

Performances are Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Barre Opera House, Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Flynn Center in Burlington, and Sunday, December 12:3:0 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, Rutland (the first of the three concert Sunday Matinee Series).


Again this year, holiday audiences may also enjoy VSO music at home, on CD. The VSO offers the brilliant brass and voices of "Christmas in Vermont," with organist David Neiweem. The popular CD presents a captivating blend of rarely heard gems and seasonal favorites. It's available at concerts and through the VSO office for \$15 with a \$3 handling and shipping charge.

Join the VSO for festive celebrations you'll remember long after the plum pudding is gone! For tickets or additional information, please call 800-VSO-9293, ext. 10, or visit online at www.vso.org.

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Performances start at 12:15 p.m. Dates and programs are listed below:

Thursday, December 2 - Hanukkah for Grownups (Rabbi Jan Salzman of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue)

Thursday, December 9- Songs for the Journey of Advent (Merryn Rutledge, soprano and Martin Poppe, tenor)

Thursday, December 16 - Music of Advent (Linda Radtke, contralto and George Matthew, Jr., organist)

Thursday, December 23 - A Christmas Organ Recital (George Matthew, Jr., organist)

For more information regarding the concert series call George Matthew, Jr., Minister of Music at the First United Methodist Church at 862-1151.

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From Press Release

Every Tuesday night in December for the fourth consecutive year, University Mall plays “GIFT...or NO GIFT,” a holiday give-away game show hosted by Jamie Polli. Shoppers can win as much as \$1,000 in U-Mall gift cards and we play twice each Tuesday night. The game is high-suspense, with 26 “gift boxes” on the board, each with a different dollar amount inside ranging from \$.01 to \$1,000. Instead of a “banker”, our show uses the “Mall Manager,” who sits on the roof looking down through the skylight.

To become a contestant, show up to University Mall any Tuesday in December before Christmas. Two games are played at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in front of IHOP. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. All players must be at least 18 years of age.



Elise Guyette of the Chittenden County Historical Society recently won An Award of Excellence from the Vermont Historical Society for her book “Discovering Black Vermont,” about African American Farmers in Hinesburgh, Vermont from 1790–1890. Left to right are Sarah Dopp, Vermont Historical Society board president, Elise Guyette and Mark Hudson, Vermont Historical Society executive director.

NAMES In The NEWS

Robin Hart Headed to France

Robin W. Hart, class of 2012, is participating in St. Lawrence University’s International Study Program for the fall 2010 semester. Hart graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School.

St. Lawrence, a coeducational liberal arts and sciences institution of 2,000 students in Canton, New York, operates programs of study in Australia, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Spain, Thailand, and Trinidad/Tobago. Hart is studying in France.

Brittany Baker Selected for Chapter of National Catholic Honor Society

Brittany Baker, daughter of Russell and Robin Baker of Hinesburg, was selected for induction into the Saint Michael’s College chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Catholic Honor Society. Baker was inducted into DES in ceremonies held September 18, on the campus of Saint Michael’s.

Baker, a senior mathematics major, graduated from Mount Abraham Union High School before coming to Saint Michael’s.

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a national scholastic honor society for students, faculty and alumni of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition. It was founded in 1939 to recognize academic accomplishments, to foster scholarly activities and to encourage a sense of intellectual community among its members. National recognition is accorded through the college or university chapter. Over 100 colleges and universities have received charters to establish chapters of Delta Epsilon Sigma.

Jackson is Vermont Historical Society Trustee

Penrose Jackson of Hinesburg has been installed as a trustee of the Vermont Historical Society. She is the Director of Community Health Improvement at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Her education at UVM in historiography and historical research has provided her with the ability to look at “old problems in new ways.”



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A Lighter Moment

Shade-Grown Milk

By Bill Schubart

When this reporter was young in the middle of the last century in Morrisville, Greaves Dairy delivered two scratched glass bottles filled with delicious opal-colored cream, floating on fresh whole milk twice weekly.

Today, I stop at Lantman's in Hinesburg and grab a plastic jug of Booth Brothers "bgh-free" milk and split. Occasionally, when we have city slicker guests, I snatch a waxed carton decorated with op-art Holsteins and filled with organic milk.

There is, however, a new trend coming to Vermont's dairy industry, about which I suspect you have heard little... shade-grown milk.

Much to the surprise of Vermont biologists and even a few hunters, it turns out that farmers on some of the hill farms that died out in the '50s and '60s simply left their small herds to saunter off into the wild rather than selling them at auction. As a result, here and there in Lamoille and Caledonia counties, hunters and hikers have come across individual cows or small herds of Guernseys and Jerseys living in the wild. These long-haired, feral cows are very rare, but their existence has been confirmed by state biologists.

An enterprising entrepreneur from the town of Hardwick has gained their trust and begun taming the long-haired cows by hand-feeding them organic grains and wheat grass in a specific place, at a specific time of day, and has only recently succeeding in making them comfortable enough to be hand-milked.

Todd Tingley, a self-described "naturalist"—we suspect Mr. Tingley meant "naturalist" as he was fully clothed the day we interviewed him—who has spent many of his adult years living off the land, has formed the "Fair Trade Wild Milk Company" to capitalize on the extraordinary quality of the milk he manages to harvest from the few cows with whom he has made contact.

"We prob'ly won't never be able to commoditize th'operation," notes Tingley's wife and partner Milky Whey. "There's simply too few animals living in the woods for us ever to increase production beyond the high-end markets where people will appreciate the flavor quality of shade-grown milk."

Eminent chefs in Stowe and Woodstock seem intrigued with the concept and compare the arrival of shade-grown milk to the renaissance of artisan goat cheeses being extruded from goats around Northern Vermont.

Explaining the phenomenon, Milky Whey Tingley, often alludes to *terroir*, the French epicurean concept of flavor being influenced by the land on which animals graze or the soils in which grapevines are grown. "*Le terroir*" is often confused with the non-epicurean French term "*La terreur*," which refers instead to the human abattoir that Paris became during the French Revolution.

Not everyone is enthralled, René Leclerc of Lowell, who milks 650 cows in his free-range, open barns, scoffs at the idea of shade-grown milk. He rejects the idea that milk from these feral woodland cows is any more flavorful than milk from his own herd of Holsteins. "My cows is inna goldang shade all damn winter," he noted huffily.

Mrs. Tingley describes the milk's flavor in language similar to that used to describe honey. "The ruminant diet of these cows has a subtle, but very evident impact on the flavor of the milk they produce," she insists. Chefs who have tried the milk agree. "Cows foraging on ferns, brackens, moss and lichens yield a distinctly spicy flavor in their milk," notes The Food Network's star Sino-Polish chef, Hai-lee Abramovitz.

Shade-grown milk is expected to be available late this summer in gourmet shops. It will not be for everyone at \$14.95 a pint.

Other News

Some Things to do Before the Snow Falls

Winter is right around the corner. There are several things you should consider doing before the weather gets really cold and the snow comes down. The first is winterizing your house. That consists of checking your storm windows and exterior doors for cracks, openings, etc. Seal any cracks and openings and weatherproof where needed. Add insulation where needed. Have your furnace cleaned and change the furnace filters. Make sure there no flammable materials near your furnace. If you have a fireplace, have it inspected to make sure it is safe. Also, clean your gutter and downspouts, and inspect your roof for any missing or worn shingles. Insulate any exposed pipes to prevent water in them from freezing and drain the garden hose. Service or tune-up your snow blower, make sure you have a good snow shovel, stock up on driveway salt, candles, flash lights, extra food and water.

Next, winterize your car. Check the tires for wear and check the tire pressure. Also, check the battery, belts, hoses, lights, heater, defroster, brakes, antifreeze, etc. You should change the oil and wiper blades and fill the wiper reservoir. You should also make sure you have a blanket, a first aid kit, tool kit, flares, cat litter, jumper cables, a snow brush, an ice scraper, a shovel, water and some food in your car. If you are not confident that your car will not get through the winter, now is a good time to consider replacing it with a more reliable one.

If you do decide to replace your car, there are many ways you can deal with your present car. You will receive a valuable tax deduction if you donate your car to charity. Your car donation will also help a very worthy cause. For details on how to donate car, please call Cars4Charities at (866) 448-3487 or visit their website; <http://www.cars4charities.org/>.

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United Church of Hinesburg Welcomes New Pastor...

..and Pursues Redefinition of Its Role in the Community

The Rev. Michele Brigham has accepted an invitation from the United Church of Hinesburg to serve as its interim pastor, replacing the Rev. Bill Neil. She moved into the church parsonage last month after brief visits to friends and family on the East Coast. Her installation service was November 7.

The United Church of Hinesburg congregation recently adopted a statement defining the church as “an open, welcoming, and affirming church and a reconciling congregation, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person.” The statement explicitly “welcomes persons of every race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, and faith background.” It affirms and celebrates “all loving and committed relationships” and commits itself “to work diligently to end all oppression and discrimination.”

The United Church of Hinesburg has ties to the American Baptist, United Church of Christ and United Methodist churches.

“Pastor Bill, who has transferred to a church in Massachusetts, led the congregation in its consideration and passage of the ‘open and affirming’ revision to its by-laws,” said Sharonlee Trefry, chair of the new-pastor search committee.



Reverend Michele Brigham

“We’ve asked Pastor Michele to guide us as we search for a permanent pastor and move forward to become a more truly inclusive congregation than we have been in the past.”

Dr. Brigham moved to Vermont from Wisconsin. She is the mother of two adult children: Paul, 31, who lives in Massachusetts with his wife and daughter, and Ann Martha, 21, who lives in Los Angeles with her friend Bill Rieger. Her husband, Bill, died in 2008.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Mississippi College in Clinton, MS, a master’s of divinity from Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY and a doctorate in ministry from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton, MA with a concentration on pastoral psychology. “I am delighted to be a part of the United Church of Hinesburg and the Vermont Conference of the UCC,” said Dr. Brigham, who described the Hinesburg church as one that “emphasizes our ecumenical relationships.”

Dr. Brigham was raised, educated and ordained Southern Baptist. She spent her early years of ministry in Miami, FL and as a missionary in Bangkok, Thailand, where she was a campus minister, college lecturer and youth minister.

She transferred her ordained ministerial standing to United Church of Christ in 1989 and served as Protestant Chaplain at Bentley College in Waltham, MA, and pastor of the Montvale Congregational Church in Woburn, MA. In 1993, the family moved to East Walpole, MA where she served as pastor of the Union Congregational Church.

Another move in 1999 took the family to East Orleans, MA where Dr. Brigham was senior pastor of the Federated Church of Orleans. She also became a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counseling, had a small private pastoral counseling practice and served in leadership positions with the Nauset Clergy Association, Barnstable Association, and Massachusetts Conference. She had served as pastor of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, in Plymouth, WI since 2007.

The United Church of Hinesburg is on Route 116 in the heart of Hinesburg village. Sunday worship services are at 10:00 a.m. except in July and August, when services are at 9:00 a.m. A Sunday School program, recently revitalized

under the leadership of Grace Farley, operates during services.

Interim Pastor: Michele Rogers Brigham

Pastor Phone: 482-4898

Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9-12 noon

Church Phone: 482-3352

Church email: unitedchurch@gmavt.net

Church address: P.O. Box 39

Church Website: www.ucofh.org

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Choir practice: 9:15 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: Nursery and story time; Christian Education Kindergarten through 8th grade; youth program for high school age

Food Shelf: Tuesday 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday 9-12 noon

WIC Clinic: First Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Senior Meal Site: Every Friday 11:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. (except first Friday) Osborne Parish House

AA Gratitude Group: every Monday 7:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House

Christmas Eve Services: 6:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

E-mail: lighthousevt@netscape.net

Web Site: www.LBCvt.homestead.com

Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P. O. Box 288

Regular Services:

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

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

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

Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, Stjude@gmavt.net

P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, (10759 Route 116)

Parish Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, cell 373-8037

Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290, marietcookson@aol.com

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Parish Council Chair: Ted Barrett, 453-3087

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Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

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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 Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mount 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 Mount Carmel Church in Charlotte.

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Senior Lunches

The Senior Lunches continue on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (December 8 and 22; January 12 and 26). Lunches are served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 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.

Note: 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).

Pancake Breakfast(s)

There will be a Pancake Breakfast following the 9:30 a.m. Mass (about 10:30 a.m.) on December 5 to benefit the Fuel Fund. A pancake breakfast is also plumed for January 9. The cost of the breakfast is \$6/adult; \$3/child; \$16/family (two adults and two or more children.)

Holiday Schedule

The schedule of Holiday Masses:

December 8: Immaculate Conception
OLMC at 7:00 a.m. (Charlotte)

St. Jude at 7:00 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve
Old Lantern at 4:00 p.m.

St. Jude at 7:00 p.m.

OLMC at 10:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Day
St. Jude at 10:00 a.m.

(No Saturday mass at 4:30 p.m.)

December 31: New Year's Eve
St. Jude at 4:30 p.m.

January 1: New Year's Day
OLMC at 10:00 a.m.

(No Saturday mass at 4:30 p.m.)

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Rector: Rev. Craig Smith

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Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

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Then, join us for our Christmas Eve service, at 5:00 p.m. on December 24. Hear the joyous songs of our children's choir and watch the children perform the nativity scene. Sing along with some of your favorite Christmas music. We'll light up the Silent Night as one candle flame is passed to the next. It's a time of peaceful anticipation of the wonder of Christ's birth.

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Community Alliance Church

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Nursery, preschool, elementary, and middle school programming during 10:30 a.m. service.

Middle School and High School Youth Group 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Weekday Life Groups (making friends): Various times, days, and locations throughout the week.

For more information, please contact the church.

**Williston Federated Church—
December Events**

The month of December brings many opportunities for worship and fellowship at Williston Federated Church.

• **Saturday, December 4,** 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hanging of the Greens. Come and join in friendship, decoration, and music as we prepare for Christmas by making wreaths and decorating the church. This is a family-friendly event for all ages and great refreshments are served.

• **Sunday, December 19** at 9:30 a.m. A Christmas Pageant with children of all ages will be celebrated.

• **Tuesday, December 21** at 7:00 p.m. The Longest Night Service. Designed especially for those who are feeling the loss of a loved one or the grief of divorce or a broken relationship. You are not alone. Together we will share our prayers, music, and hope.

• **Christmas Eve** 5:00 p.m. Children's Service - A briefer service especially designed for young children. 7:00 p.m. Family Service - a Family service with carols, blended choral music, scripture and brief reflection. 9:00 pm Traditional Service - A traditional service with choirs, carols, sermon and candle-lighting. 11:00 p.m. Community Service at the Old Brick Church. This service includes lessons, carols, special music and candle-lighting.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
December 2 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* published
First day of Hanukkah
Fire and Rescue/medical training, 7:30 p.m.,
Hinesburg Fire Station
Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student
Center, all welcome
Iroquois Soccer Club, Board Meeting, 5:30,
Hinesburg Community School, Coordinator’s Office

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
UVM Waterman Building, room 413
Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting, 4:30 p.m.,
Williston Town Hall, public invited

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Hinesburg Community School Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00
p.m., Open House 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
HCS School 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, DECEMBER 9
Fire and Rescue/ Heavy Rescue Training, 7:30 p.m.
Hinesburg Fire Station

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
Hinesburg Artist Series Christmas Concert, 4:30 p.m., St.
Jude’s Church, bring items for the Hinesburg Food Shelf

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
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, DECEMBER 14
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
Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., interested parties should call
Ann Brush at 482-5656 or email annbrush@gmail.com
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)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., lower
level (or second floor) of Town Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
Fire and Rescue/Business meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg
Fire Station

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
Farmer’s Market, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.n., Town Hall,
vendors wanted, for more information, call James
Donegan, 482-4139

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
First day of winter
Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30
p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant, contact HBPA President
Tom Mathews at 496-8537 (tmathews@gmavt.net) for
information or to make reservations

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC
Library

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
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, DECEMBER 25
Merry Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
Kwanzaa begins

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 106
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant,
call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
Advertising and news deadline for January 20 issue of
The Hinesburg Record

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
New Year’s Eve

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
Happy New Year

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
UVM Waterman Building, room 413
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Williston

H I N E S B U R G

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
Fire and Rescue/Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg
Fire Station
Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center, all
welcome

MONDAY, JANUARY 10
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, JANUARY 11
Blood Drive at St. Jude Church.
Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant,
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Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., interested parties should call
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Hinesburg Town Forest Forum, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Town Hall
HCS School 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, JANUARY 13
Fire and Rescue/ Heavy Rescue Training, 7:30 p.m.
Hinesburg Fire Station

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., lower
level (or second floor) of Town Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
January 20 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* published
Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg
Fire Station

MONDAY, JANUARY 24
CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 106
Conservation Commission Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Town hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25
Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant,
call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
Advertising and news deadline for February 17 issue of
The Hinesburg Record
Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
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If you have any questions about this site or its use, contact Robert Stahl at bstahl2@gmail.com or at 482-3137.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
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.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR

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 Weinlagen Planner.

Zoning Office Hours: 8:00 to 4:00, Monday to Friday; we
are occasionally out of the office so please call 482- 3619
or email hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net ahead if possible,
other hours can be arranged for your convenience

Lister’s Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30
a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Town Hall, 482-5594

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 Laura Hoopes at 482-3203.
Heather Purinton (482-4061) is the contact for Friends
of Families.

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Open Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m.
to 12:00 noon. Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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
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