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Town Meeting

By Missy Ross

Town Meeting will be held on February 28 at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m., with voting by Australian ballot at Town Hall on March 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote in either of these gatherings is Wednesday, February 23, by 5:00 p.m. The town spending articles will be voted on at the meeting on Monday evening, while the officers are elected on Tuesday at the polls. We have only one contested race on the ballot for a three-year term on the Selectboard. Michael Bissonette will face off against Maggie Gordon in that race.

The Hinesburg Community School Meeting will be held on Monday, March 7 at the HCS gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. The last day to register in order to vote at the school meeting is Wednesday, March 2.

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars by reducing printing and mailing costs, the town and school reports will no longer be sent to every household in Hinesburg. You should have received a postcard a couple of weeks ago indicating that the report is available on-line at www.hinesburg.org, or you can pick up a paper copy at Town Hall and at the Hinesburg Community School office. If you would like us to mail one to you, please give us a call at 482-2281. Thank you.

Hinesburg Programs Benefit from Williston Concert

Paul Asbell will be performing on Friday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. to benefit Connecting Youth (CY). CY sponsors the Mentoring Program and the Student Assistance Program at the Hinesburg Community School and peer leadership and substance abuse prevention programs at CVU.

The concert is part of the Brick Church Music Series which takes place at the Brick Church in Williston. Paul Asbell will be performing his fresh take on blues and jazz as well as old-time country tunes and original pieces.

Connecting Youth is a community based organization whose mission is to promote a culture that develops in our youth the power and conviction to make healthy choices. To purchase tickets contact Christine Lloyd-Newberry at 383-1230, on line at www.town.williston.vt.us or in person at the Williston Town Clerk's office. Tickets will also be available at the door. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Local Rider Shines Locally and Nationally

Submitted by Paul Lasher, HCS Teacher

Cooper Willsey, an 8th grade student at Hinesburg Community School, excelled this autumn in cyclocross bike racing. Cyclocross combines the skills of mountain biking, road biking and cross country running in a fast paced race for about an hour.

Cooper won the New England Championship race series for his age group (13-14), winning all but two of the ten races.

After claiming the New England Championships, he and his family made the trek out to Bend, Oregon in December for the National Championships. Racing for the first time at nationals, Cooper placed an impressive 6th place overall. Despite the cold, wet conditions, he was able to stay with the lead group the whole time. Way to go, Cooper!



HCS 8th grader Cooper Willsey, middle, stands in a familiar spot atop the cyclocross podium.

Rebirth of the Cheese Plant

By Alex Weinhausen

Director of Planning and Zoning

On January 25, Redstone submitted an application to the Development Review Board (DRB) for two new users of the former Saputo Cheese Plant. The Green Mountain Organic Creamery (currently an on-farm operation in Ferrisburgh) is seeking to utilize approximately 10,000 square feet on the west side of the existing building. This creamery will process and distribute bottled, organic Vermont milk and other value-added products. They anticipate five or six employees in 2011, growing

to 15 employees in three years. Vermont Smoke and Cure (currently located in South Barre) plans to utilize 40,000 square feet in the center portion of the existing building. Vermont Smoke and Cure is a well known Vermont company, and will be coming to Hinesburg to expand their business as a smokehouse, processing, and distribution center for bacon, ham, and sausage. They anticipate 20 employees in 2011, growing to 40 in three years. The creamery hopes to be in the facility and operating by late spring, with Vermont Smoke and Cure to follow suit by mid-summer. The Planning and Zoning office will be working hard to help them get through the necessary permitting processes – both local permits and State Act 250 permits.

These two proposed uses will occupy just over half of the available space in the main building. That means approximately 40,000 square feet of space in the main building will still be available for other commercial and industrial uses. Hopefully, the two initial users will provide

additional momentum to attract other small and mid-scale businesses to get the building and the property fully renovated and occupied. Given the rising profile of Vermont's local food economy, this site has the potential to see more value-added processors and purveyors of agricultural products. Hinesburg is well positioned on this front thanks to our working agricultural landscape (and that of nearby Addison County), our proximity to the Greater Burlington market, our municipal

infrastructure (e.g., water, sewer, etc.) and history of public and private investments to support industrial uses, and our community's proactive planning to retain these kind of uses.

Beyond the main building, Redstone is still actively marketing the smaller building that is right up on the Route 116 road frontage, near the Canal. Redstone continues to think this building has a lot of potential for a destination use like a

restaurant or a brew pub. What we need now is an entrepreneur who can see the potential of this choice location, and who has the chutzpah (e.g., energy, good ideas, capital) needed to approach Redstone and give it a go! The time is ripe – will we see a locally owned/operated establishment? If you're interested or know someone who should be, Redstone can be reached at 658-7400 and on-line at www.redstonevt.com. The primary Redstone contact is Doug Nedde. You can reach him at 658-7400 ext. 11 or via cell phone at 343-4110 or via e-mail at dnedde@redstonevt.com.

“Hopefully, the two initial users will provide additional momentum to attract other small and mid-scale businesses...”

Hinesburg Artist Series Celebrates Fifteenth Anniversary

The Fifteenth Annual Hinesburg Artist Series concert will be performed Sunday March 20, 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Church Hinesburg, Vermont. Guest soloists are flautist Joy Zalkind, soprano Amy Frostman, harpist Grace Cloutier and cellist John Dunlop. The South County Chorus and the Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick will perform Rutter's Requiem, selections from Handel's Messiah Part III, and other choral selections. There will also be instrumental solos, ensembles and a performance of the first Movement of the Mozart Concerto in C major for Flute, Harp and orchestra.

Flautist Joy Zalkind is coming from Texas to perform in her first HAS Concert. She is currently a member of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, Juarez Symphony in Mexico, Las Cruces Symphony in New Mexico, and the El Paso Opera Company. In addition, she plays second flute for Santa Fe Pro Musica in Santa Fe, NM. We are pleased to have Joy joining us as one of our featured guest artists..

Harpist Grace Cloutier has performed in several HAS concerts as well as played for students at Hinesburg Community School, Charlotte Central School, and the Aurora School. She has been featured on Vermont Public radio as a soloist and continues to perform both in the United States and Internationally. Grace continues to share her amazing talent for this anniversary concert.

Soprano Amy Frostman has also been the featured artist in several HAS concerts and is a true friend of HAS. She has recently performed with the Vermont Mozart Festival and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra.

Cellist John Dunlop was a student of Rufus Patrick at Burlington High School where he played in the orchestra and was also a member of several All-State and New England Music Festival Orchestras. John was the cellist in the first Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra. He has been performing in the Northeast for over 20 years as Principal cellist with the Vermont Symphony, Burlington Chamber Orchestra, Opera North, Vermont Mozart Festival and the Green Mountain Opera Festival. He has performed as soloist with both the VSO and BCO.

Tickets are available from the Hinesburg Recreation Department by calling 482-4691 and at the Brown Dog Bookstore on Commerce Street in Hinesburg. Ticket prices: Adults \$15, students and seniors \$10

Please join us for this amazing anniversary performance!



Flautist, Joy Zalkind



Thank You Donors

Hinesburg and Community, you’ve done it again! The St Jude’s Blood Drive on January 11 was wonderfully successful. There were 89 people who came to us and 87 units of blood were obtained. That is fantastic, especially at this time of year. We are so thankful, first to those who came to donate. Without you, nothing.

Added “thankyou’s” go to those who worked on the Blood Drive. Mo Seemann at the front desk and our Taco Soup maker. Sue McGuire Co-Chair, who along with brother Tom Giroux helped Red Cross workers with errands. In the kitchen Peggy Cioffi, Charlene Vansleet, Allison Giroux and Joan Magnant kept the food hot and ready to serve when the donors were finished with the collection. Those who prepared food for us deserve a big round of applause. Sue’s tasty Corn Chowder, Judy’s beautiful cake and Paulette’s delicious sandwiches were among some of the nourishments offered to the donors.

One “last but not least” group who deserve a thank you are our local businesses. Everyone that I asked said YES! when approached regarding posting a notice of our Blood Drive. That is an important part of our effort. How else would donors know where and when to come.

Thank you so very much to all who helped us in any way to make this Blood Drive a success. You have helped save lives. Next time is May 18. Hope to see you there.

Carol King, Chairwoman

The Hannaford Issue

As I see it, the main principle behind all the meetings of the DRB regarding the Giroux property (Lot 15 on Official Town Map) is whether a community has the right of self determination in how the community is to grow and how it looks. The town gathered in 2006/2007 to draw up a vision of the village growth area and created an official document in 2009 (Official Map) which represents the “intent” of the residents for the controlled growth of Hinesburg.

We all have witnessed in Williston and across America the advent of “big box” retailing and it serves its purpose in the correct locations. Vermont and Vermonsters cherish the history of their land and the diversity of their residents. Hinesburg has chosen to remain a family oriented, small rural community with a mandated controlled growth area. We have zoning regulations and an official town map which are available for prospective businesses to peruse to see if they are in compliance with the town’s regulations and growth plans. In the case of the Giroux property, the prospective purchaser did not honor the wishes of the community by being transparent in their transactions with our town officials. As a result of that, we now are witnessing the potential of losing a beloved country market so that a “big box” store may take its

place and change the rural character of Hinesburg and Vermont forever. Are we willing to allow a foreign based corporation make Hinesburg an extension of Taft Corners? I sincerely hope not.

Lantman’s store has an 80 year history in our community with local ownership and management. The management is always available for positive or negative comments or assessments and goes out of their way to make our food shopping experience an enjoyable one with comparable pricing to larger stores. Last summer we had a surprise thunderstorm with a torrential downpour. Within minutes Brian had some of the young employees standing at the stores main exits holding umbrellas to escort the shoppers safely to their cars and dry in the process. I will always remember that act of thoughtfulness and kindness. Do you think Hannaford’s would do the same?

I do not want to see another part of Vermont vanish, I do not want to see Hinesburg’s wishes disregarded; I do not want to say goodbye to a beloved family owned and operated business and a wetland destroyed in the process. Please join with me in encouraging the DRB to deny the application, to support those elected and appointed town representatives who honor the land and its rural character, the community and its wishes.

Judith Chaffee

Just how much tax would a town green on Lot 15 generate? I hope that Natacha Liuzzi of Brown Dog and others will pay my share of the purchase price. Maybe the town plan and “the rule book” need to be reviewed and revised. If the purchase of lot 15 is a town expense, let’s have a town vote about taking property off of the tax roll. This feels a lot like the treatment plant expansion approach: taxes for all - services for a select few. Not to mention the approach to oust the police chief - a few spending the town’s money on their crusade. The planners in town appear to be confused about the difference between the public’s actual will to spend and their interpretation of that will. Another example of the few all too happy to have it their way. Perhaps a little choice and competition between food stores is not bad thing.

Richard Zybura

What a shame that an internationally owned company’s agenda is to divide the town of Hinesburg with their big box grocery store on a very fragile piece of land in the middle of our village. Hannaford, a subsidiary of a Delhaize Group based out of Belgium, owns 1,500 stores along the eastern seaboard, is the third largest supermarket operator by revenues on the east coast and is a 14 billion dollar “global food retailer.” And it is growing. Hannaford has systematically examined every parcel of land in and around Hinesburg in order to put up their parking lot, grocery store and drive-through pharmacy.

Our community grocery store is Lantman’s where both locals and non-locals shop and greet neighbors. It is the meeting ground of Hinesburg. Lantman’s is a family-owned business whose roots have been in the community for many years. Furthermore, there will be a pharmacy in Hinesburg that will serve our pharmaceutical needs. Hannaford does not need to be here.

There is no more crucial time than now to buy local and support our country’s economy. Hannaford and its mission are in direct opposition to the vision of our community. In its mission statement, Hannaford (the Delahize Group) writes that they “will achieve leading positions in food retailing in key mature and emerging markets.” In the body of this statement, they write that they want to achieve “superior value for our shareholders.” These “shareholders” are not likely to be Vermonsters.

Hinesburg is a town where we take pride in our rural setting and in the human scale of our businesses. The night



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sky is ours because we do not have the constant glare of night lighting that a Hannaford will need for a 125 space parking lot. We are fortunate that in a small town like Hinesburg we have the opportunity to voice our concerns and elect people to the Selectboard who will stand up for these issues. We need to channel our combined energy to fight this proposed takeover of our town by a company who cares about its profit above the needs of the people of Hinesburg, Vermont. Hannaford, just go away.

Mary Beth Bowman

I am opposed to the current Hannaford’s proposal for many reasons. I strongly encourage the DRB to deny the applicant based upon not showing they can accommodate the Official Town Map that was already adopted before this application process was ever started.

The Official Town Map was arrived at after a lengthy process over a few years of much citizen input into what we envision for the longer range character for Hinesburg. One of the things that was voiced loud and clear was to NOT have big box stores AND the need for and desirability of having public gathering spaces in town. Not just one space, but several spaces, for different purposes in various locations.

That meadow behind the Post Office was one of the ones selected because it was not seen as ideal for commercial development, PLUS it is geographically centered in Town and toward the most densely populated parts of Hinesburg (Creekside, Thistle Hill, residents along Mechanicsville Road and up the Richmond Road). It is also very convenient to the already existing pedestrian friendly areas, as well as the planned expansion of walk ways (along Mechanicsville Rd).

It is an ideal spot for a Central Park that does not exist, away from traffic noise, and near neighborhoods and some services. We will continue to have a rapidly expanding population of older citizens who would enjoy and benefit from safe, quiet, beautiful places to walk, observe nature, perhaps hear music, sit, and easily access the existing businesses in Commerce Park and Hinesburg center.

It is very important for us to look at the long range future for how we would like to be able to experience the Village. Once that green space is claimed by a “big box”, it cannot be reclaimed. It will be gone. We are wise to look long term, not just for immediate tax reasons. There are other values to be considered besides immediate tax pressure.

As citizens, we need to participate and be proactive for the Town’s unique rural character rather than reactive to a proposal.

Wendy Patterson

First, I would like to ask the rest of my question that I was unable to finish at the DRB meeting because I was asked to be seated so we could listen to a song. As a long-time resident

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3-ring circus



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and business owner I have two questions. How many of you shop your local businesses 100%; how about 50%? Perhaps if everyone or even most were willing to support their local community all the time, there would be no application from bigger businesses to move into town. They do not spend time and money unless they are sure of the business. Obviously enough locals shop the big store and they know it. It’s a basic economics equation. Something as a local small business we have to think about all the time because we could be next!

Secondly, this “Lot 15” is a pre-approved commercial building lot that is part of a commercial sub-division that has an association and protective covenants, similar to some of our local condo or housing developments. Is it OK for our town government to take that approval away without any due process after 24 years? Do we or can we afford another “community area” or are we just using this to keep out and/or stop growth? Who are we to decide who can “move to town” and who cannot? Perhaps if more of our residents spent the extra money shopping local that they are willing to spend for a park, this current development would not be upon us.

Our town government has made decisions over the years, good or bad, that directly impact our future. The combination of all of these decisions has landed us to where we are today. For instance, did the decision to allow a very large building to be built set the precedent for others to follow? In our free and fair country, I would think so. Instead of directing your anger towards people exercising their American rights, perhaps you should be looking at what has allowed this development to become possible.

I feel that if the rules and regulations are consistent and constant, only then can you be assured of the outcome. Otherwise you get Hannafords!

Veronica Estey

Morgante Runs for Re-election

I am writing to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Selectboard. I am grateful to again have the opportunity to serve the community that has been my home for more than 30 years.

I’d like to thank all the Hinesburg residents, volunteers and town employees who make it possible, year after year, for the Selectboard to succeed. The remarkable dedication, energy and our collective ability to engage in respectful dialogue are an inspiration to me, and I look forward to working with all of you for another two-year term.

I would especially like to thank Howdy Russell for his work on the board for the past six years. Howdy brought his lifelong knowledge of Hinesburg, his calm presence, and his well-thought-through ideas to our decision making process. It has been a privilege to serve with him and his contributions will be missed.

I hope you will attend the Annual Town Meeting Monday February 28 at CVU, and I ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 1.

Andrea Morgante

In Support of Andrea Morgante

I have lived in Hinesburg for 23 years, almost half my life. My husband and I have lived in four different Hinesburg neighborhoods over the years. And though we’ve changed houses we have never considered changing towns. I often think about why I love our Town. The town-wide annual events, the schools, churches, town hall, library, our beautiful dirt roads, the village businesses, and restaurants are all among the litany of reasons I am proud to call Hinesburg home. Yet none of these attributes mean as much to me as the quality of people who make up this community.

There are wonderful, dedicated and hard working people here. We don’t always agree on politics, but so many do care. I honestly believe our Town government is made up of people who want the best for the future of our Town. There will always be issues that are tough but I feel we need to assure there is respectful discussion and decisions made that are well examined. Andrea Morgante is up for reelection to our Selectboard Tuesday March 1. I want Andrea to continue in the conversations on the many issues our Town faces. Her dedication is proven and we have all benefited from her hard work over the years. Andrea is one of those reasons I am so proud of living in Hinesburg.

Beth Sengle

Andrea Morgante is running for re-election on the Hinesburg Selectboard and I am happy to support her in her efforts. There are many reasons I choose to live in Hinesburg with my family; the sense of community that comes with knowing who your neighbors are and the pleasure of being a part of each other’s lives is certainly one. As a longtime Village resident Andrea understands and lives this everyday.

Andrea is also very aware of the importance of promoting a walkable Village as well as the need for access to the trails, woods, and open spaces within the town. Additionally, Andrea is concerned about the town legacy we are handing down to the next generation of Hinesburg residents, often working without recognition or fanfare for the betterment and prosperity of the town.

Andrea understands the importance of keeping our town financially healthy while still balancing sustainable growth and smart preservation practices. She understands the importance of public service and community involvement, as well as being able to provide a positive voice of encouragement to those looking to add their voice to the conversation.

I invite you to join me in my support of Andrea Morgante for Hinesburg Selectboard.

Aaron Kimball

Eighteen years ago we moved to Hinesburg to raise our children in a healthy, supportive environment. And we love it. There have been some rocky moments, but overall we’ve found that people here value small-town life and the choices that allow children, the elderly, teenagers and adults to thrive.

We’ve got open land and forests, rivers and streams, hills and valleys. We also have great leaders who think about things that matter:

- Support for children of mixed socio-economic backgrounds in our schools.
- Sidewalks that keep growing, allowing us pedestrian access to stores, restaurants and more. (We look forward to the day we can walk to the library from the town center.)
- A trail system built on the goodwill of long-time and new residents.
- A town hall where concerns are taken seriously.
- A dynamic library that has helped people in tough economic times find the resources they need.

One constant in this town is the committed leadership of Andrea Morgante. On any given day you’ll find her planting saplings along Lewis Creek, working with experts to improve the town’s traffic patterns, and planning for the future of Hinesburg. That’s why we’ll vote again for Andrea Morgante for Selectboard. She cares passionately about conserving the agricultural landscape, the educational strength and the interpersonal dynamic of this town and we trust her to make the right decisions.

Most sincerely,

Allison Cleary and Richard Watts

I am writing to support re-election of Andrea Morgante for Selectboard. I love living in Hinesburg for many reasons: the diverse residents that give it a unique small town flavor, the mix of agricultural and residential land, the small, historic village, the town properties where I can hike and ski with my children. The community spirit embodied in both the Hinesburg Community School and the Hinesburg Nursery School makes me proud to send my children to these schools. Hinesburg has a history of promoting smart growth through planning, not unfettered sprawl - this is also very important to me. In the next two years, I would like to see enough improvements to the sidewalk system to allow citizens of all ages to walk safely from one end of the village to the other; to buy a coffee, mail a letter and meet friends in the park, all without endangering life and limb. Hinesburg is a wonderful small town and with all of our efforts, it can be even better.

In the past, Andrea has spent countless volunteer hours debating difficult issues and discussing how best to manage our precious small town. She has become experienced in listening to all sides and doing her best to keep Hinesburg the best small town it can be. I believe she is best qualified to help lead our town for the next two years.

Sincerely,

Catherine Lach Goldsmith

Whenever this Community gathers in public or private forum, a sense of what is important is reflected in our lives. We revere our town for what it is, what it was and what Hinesburg’s potential future can be.

In Chittenden County, we are somewhat unique in having been the last place to feel the pressures of sprawl and manic growth, in part because of our identity as a rural community. This identity is what many of us value so much as a place in which to live.

We are “Hinesburg Recognizable”, whether entering from east, west, north or south. We know where we are. The many local businesses, farms, stores and people in community services make rich resources upon which to draw for our daily needs. These attributes provide a sense of trust and place in our Hinesburg.

Our dream for Hinesburg is that our level of sustainability continues to grow. This growth will provide for more small businesses, clean industries, enhanced farming and as a result more jobs for residents. In the words of someone who loved this community so much, as many of us do, “Hinesburg is our Center of the Universe.” Much work will be needed to realize our dreams for the future of Hinesburg.

The candidate for Selectboard that we all need to support is Andrea Morgante. She will be most responsible, as she has been, for guiding Hinesburg to a future community that reflects our past but meets the needs of a rural town in our future green environment.

Johanna White

Maggie Gordon Announces Candidacy

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the three-year seat on the Hinesburg Selectboard being vacated by Howdy Russell.

Hinesburg is a wonderful town. In the 20 years I have lived here I have come to appreciate the strong sense of community that draws so many residents to volunteer their time on boards, committees, fire and rescue, and schools. I love the friendly, small town feeling of our village, where I have a chance to meet my friends and neighbors as I do my errands, shopping for what I need in stores owned and run by Hinesburg community members.

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A Hinesburg Community Resource Center Program

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As secretary and treasurer of the Hinesburg Historical Society I’ve come to learn the many colorful stories of Hinesburg’s past, and as a volunteer poll worker I have enjoyed greeting many of you at the polls on election day. Over the years, as I’ve become a more active participant in community forums, I’ve come to value the opportunity to listen to, and share opinions with, my neighbors on issues that affect us all.

I grew up on a small farm in New Jersey where my father worked evenings and weekends growing corn and soybeans and maintaining apple and peach orchards. We kept a large garden then, as I do now, and walking out the back door or down to the cellar to see what’s for dinner is important to me. College brought me to Vermont, and I have worked since then primarily as an adjunct language instructor at both UVM and St. Michael’s College. I live on Hayden Hill and frequently hike or snowshoe with my dogs in the Town Forest. When I’m older, I hope to downsize to a home in the village where I can walk to the post office, shops, and restaurants.

Here’s what I believe makes Hinesburg a wonderful place to live and will ensure it continues to thrive:

- A vibrant village center that is inviting and walk-able, and that combines residential housing with the shops, services, and gathering places that our community needs
- A supportive environment for local business
- A municipal infrastructure that will keep our residents safe and healthy
- Responsible fiscal management that accomplishes our goals while keeping Hinesburg an affordable place to live
- Trails, parks, and recreation fields that provide residents with recreational opportunities and increase the value of our town

All of these enrich our lives and make Hinesburg a place where people want to live and work, raise their children, retire, and enjoy their free time. A vibrant community will in turn attract business and services that will improve the quality of life for all residents. I believe strongly that carefully honing and adhering to a plan of what we want our town to be in 40 years will pay off handsomely in the long run, and will help to attract the innovative business and residential development that continue to make Hinesburg the terrific place that it is.

I’m seeking the opportunity to serve on the Selectboard because I want to add my energy and enthusiasm to a board that seeks input from all residents, deliberates seriously, then makes decisions that are based on the best interests of the entire community. I bring to the board the ability to listen respectfully to opinions from all sides, to consider the issues thoroughly, to speak thoughtfully, and to take action that will move the town forward.

I would like to thank Howdy Russell for his years of service to the Board and for sharing his talents and energy with the community. His thoughtful and respectful presence

has been an enormous asset as the Board has grappled with a number of challenging issues.

Finally, I ask voters to support my candidacy for the three-year term to the Selectboard by voting for me on Tuesday, March 1. I am eager to serve our community and to see that Hinesburg continues to be a wonderful place to live, work, shop, and play.

Maggie Gordon

In Support of Maggie Gordon

It is with pleasure and confidence that I am writing in support of Maggie Gordon for the three year term on the Hinesburg Selectboard. In the 25 years I have resided in Hinesburg I have known Maggie for the past decade. Maggie’s capability of successfully maintaining a Hinesburg homestead for more than 20 years, teaching as an adjunct professor at the University of Vermont and St. Michael’s College and participating as a prominent volunteer in her hometown of Hinesburg speaks to her strong sense of place, organizational skills, dedication and resourcefulness.

Over the course of time I know Maggie to have been involved in the Hinesburg community in many venues. As a coach for the Hinesburg Recreation Department, Maggie shared her athletic skills and love of competitive sports with a girl’s pre-teen soccer team. Lending her quilting talent to the Hinesburg Community Quilt Project was followed by her volunteer efforts at the two annual Hinesburg One Day History Museums offered in collaboration with the Hinesburg Community School and the local Historical Society. Currently she holds the dual position within the Historical Society as Treasurer and Secretary. Her civic duties also extend to working at the local polls during elections and attending and thoughtfully addressing the issue at hand at a variety of public forums in Hinesburg.

Maggie’s intelligence, calm demeanor, willingness to listen and strong work ethic make her an invaluable participant in Hinesburg’s events and organizations. As residents of Hinesburg we depend upon the members of the Selectboard to make insightful and sound decisions which impact not only our current quality of life but the future of Hinesburg as well. I trust Maggie Gordon with this responsibility and hope that you too will vote for her as the next member of the Hinesburg Selectboard.

Suzanne Richard

I’m writing this letter to support Maggie Gordon’s candidacy for the Hinesburg Selectboard. I met Maggie about ten years ago when she brought her dog to see the young new veterinarian at the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg (that was me!). Since then, I have enjoyed working with Maggie to keep her pets happy and healthy.

We have found ourselves in a critical time here in Hinesburg. We face many important decisions as our town grows. Increased development pressure has brought with it opportunities as well as challenges. Our leaders need to be focused on keeping our town in touch with its past while embracing smart but inevitable growth. Maggie believes that Hinesburg is a wonderful place and she’s dedicated to keeping it that way. I feel she will work to preserve our small town environment but won’t be foolishly naïve to the challenges that being a bedroom community to Burlington bring to the table.

As both a business owner and a volunteer with the fire department, I am invested in securing Hinesburg’s future with a strong business community, an attractive village center, and a municipal infrastructure that will keep our residents safe and healthy. I believe Maggie feels these things are also very important and will work to improve the quality of life of everyone that lives, works and plays in Hinesburg.

I would like to thank Howdy Russell for his years of service on the Selectboard. His deliberation on many important issues has helped make Hinesburg the great place it is today. You’ll be missed, Howdy, but my hope is that your successor will take up where you left off. Please join me in voting for Maggie Gordon for the Hinesburg Selectboard on March 1.

Rich Armstrong

Hinesburg Residents,

We urge you to vote for Maggie Gordon for Selectboard. Maggie is an intelligent, trustworthy person, who will listen to the opinions and concerns of Hinesburg residents. We have found her to be a strong supporter of local business and she values the community and character of the town. She is excited to face the challenges that come with being on the board, and we think she will make decisions that are best for the community as a whole.

James Donegan and Sara Armstrong Donegan

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am writing to express my support for Maggie Gordon’s bid for a three year seat on the Hinesburg Selectboard. Maggie has lived in Hinesburg for many years. She cares deeply about the kind of community that Hinesburg is becoming and, I believe, will help guide the town in a positive, forward thinking direction.

There are a lot of critical issues that the Selectboard will be facing in the coming months and years: updating our town plan, rural area zoning changes, floodplain and fluvial erosion regulations, decisions about public space and the kinds of businesses we want to be attracting to our town, personnel issues and management issues.

These decisions and others will determine the kind of community that Hinesburg will become into the future. My hope is that Hinesburg will grow into a community that values its open space, that concentrates its growth in a well-planned, livable village core, that values the diversity of its residents

and that provides many opportunities for us to grow together as a community that cares for all of the people who choose to make Hinesburg their home.

I would be very delighted to know that someone like Maggie Gordon is helping guide that thoughtful growth and development. I hope you’ll join me in giving her your support and in voting for her on March 1.

Sincerely,

Howdy Russell

I write on behalf of the candidacy of Maggie Gordon, a resident of our town for over two decades. She is committed to the development of a walk-able and safe village core in which local businesses thrive. This is a vision that I and many other residents of our town share as we face significant challenges to the civic health of our community. Having known Maggie several years as the secretary and treasurer of the Hinesburg Historical society, I have been impressed by the quality of her leadership and the effectiveness of her service to the society. She is a leader with a wonderful sense of humor, a willingness to listen to others, and a collegial approach to decision-making. She has my vote, and I hope she has yours as well.

Sincerely,

George Dameron

I am delighted to express my support for Maggie Gordon as Selectboard candidate. I have known Maggie both professionally, and as a fellow community member for over ten years. While we were colleagues at Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), Maggie proved herself to be intelligent, a creative problem solver, and a talented listener. Additionally, she is diplomatic during conflict, financially responsible, and shares a good sense of humor. I am confident that she has the skills needed to volunteer for our town on the Select Board.

In my opinion, Maggie is concerned about maintaining our community’s balance and character. She will work for our residents, schools, and local businesses. Please vote for Maggie Gordon on March 1. You will not be disappointed!

Heidi Simkins

Maggie Gordon has announced that she is running for a three year term on the Selectboard. I am pleased to support her candidacy. Maggie has lived in Hinesburg for more than 20 years and during that time has gradually immersed herself in community affairs. Her breadth of knowledge, dedicated work ethic and love of community will stand her in good stead as a Selectboard member. I find Maggie to be someone who listens to all sides of an issue, weighing the pros and cons, before taking the next step.

We have a very dedicated Selectboard and I believe Maggie will continue the tradition of her predecessor, Howdy Russell, of being a thoughtful and respectful presence on that Board. I urge your support.

Jean Isham

I would like to express my enthusiastic endorsement of Maggie Gordon for the Hinesburg Selectboard. I believe Maggie will bring a fresh view and unique perspective to this critical position. Maggie has spent many hours participating as a citizen and volunteer in Hinesburg’s working groups and public meetings. She understands the importance of actively engaging in our town’s governing process. I know Maggie will encourage every voice to be heard and considered. She will ensure our processes remain open and respectful. These are critical skills our Selectboard will need as we face an unknown future.

When Maggie describes Hinesburg’s values she speaks of community involvement, a welcoming and vibrant village center and its priceless working landscape. These are the values many Hinesburg citizens, including myself, cherish and want to protect.

Maggie also shares my concerns about Hinesburg’s future. She understands our town will not and cannot stand still. Maggie wants our future to be shaped and determined with the help of every community member, not imposed by outside forces. If elected, Maggie’s thoughtful insight and belief in our citizen-led government will ensure the Selectboard’s decision processes are always founded in respect and careful consideration.

I feel lucky to declare my support to a wonderful candidate. I encourage all voters to find an opportunity to meet and talk with Maggie and make an informed choice at this important up-coming election. See you at the polls.

Respectfully,

Phil Pouech

I support Maggie Gordon as a candidate for the Hinesburg Selectboard. I first met Maggie eight years ago walking our dogs at Geprags Park, and since then we have met often. I have gotten to know her, her views and her deep interest in the town of Hinesburg.

Maggie has lived in town over 20 years and is a thoughtful, caring person who will work hard to understand the issues facing our community. I am convinced she will listen to the concerns and hopes of all her fellow residents and do right by them. She has been involved in many community meetings, committees and events over the years and has always volunteered to help or has been willing to stand up to express her opinion and observations.

We would be fortunate to add her voice and energy to the Board’s job of guiding the town. Please join me in voting for Maggie Gordon for Selectboard on March 1.

Ginny Roberts

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Michael Bissonette Announces Candidacy

Dear Hinesburg Residents,

Please vote for me, Michael Bissonette, for Hinesburg Selectboard. I am running for this position after a lot of consideration for the welfare of my community. I am running because I care for Hinesburg. I grew up in Hinesburg, moved away to attend college and start a career. I moved back, with my wife Debra, to raise a family and become an active member of the community. Here is a list of some of the activities I have been involved in that help prepare me to be an excellent candidate:

- Schoolboard member: Hinesburg Community School and Champlain Valley Union High School. (15 years)
 - Town of Hinesburg Zoning Board
 - Hinesburg Recreation Board
 - Fourth generation Hinesburg resident
 - Coach – Multiple youth sports in Hinesburg
 - Board of Director: American Lung Association of New England and VT
 - Member: State of VT Asthma Advisory Committee
- There are many issues facing the future of Hinesburg:
- Commercial development: If any, what kinds, how much and where?
 - Town government: Administrator or Manager and what are the roles of each position? Is one better than the other?
 - Social economic issues of members within the community. What is the town’s role? What can we do to help families be successful?
 - Town and School Budgets: What can the town do to increase the Grand List and still reduce taxes?
 - Open Land: What do other towns do? Are there programs available that encourage land owners to keep their open land other than through regulation?
 - Development of Lot 1 including the Police and Fire Station
 - What is the plan on how the town will pay for development of the space? Is it affordable?

There are many issues that will need to be addressed by the Selectboard next year. If elected I will consider everyone’s opinion before making any decision. My family has a long history of involvement on town committees and groups. I would like to continue that tradition. Please vote for me, Michael Bissonette, for Hinesburg Selectboard.

Thank you

Michael Bissonette

In Support of Michael Bissonette

I am writing in support of Michael Bissonette for Selectboard. I have known Mike both professionally and personally for over 20 years and have found him to be approachable and compassionate. He works collaboratively. He is receptive to new ideas and willing to fully explore them with an open mind.

Mike has previously served our town through his 17 years on the Hinesburg Community School and CVU School Boards. He has served as Chair of each board. He has also served on the Zoning Board. He is an active Coach for the Hinesburg Recreation Department. He has served our citizens a bit more indirectly through his volunteer work as a board member of the American Lung Association of VT and New England and as a counselor at the Association’s summer camp for children with asthma.

Mike is interested in the best administrative processes for our town, responsible community development, providing the best education through our schools while mindful of costs, and appropriate preservation of Hinesburg’s natural resources. Working on our local boards has honed his skills in reaching consensus when emotions run high. This will serve our community well in the upcoming discussions that will come before the Selectboard.

In keeping with the current, national trend to end bipartisan bickering, Mike’s presence on the Selectboard will bring a collaborative way of work that will only benefit our Town. Please join me in supporting Mike Bissonette for Selectboard.

Terry Francis

Words Can Hurt

“Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me.” I wonder how many times I said that as a child. But words did contribute to the outcome in Arizona. The shock jocks, Limbaugh and other spewers of hate and Palin cross-hairs have all contributed to the constant roar that feeds their purse but flings filth at civility.

Why have the two major political parties been silent on this constant rant? Does their silence endorse this flow of sewage? Does the Fox network think the constant barrage of hate will be of no consequence or not result in any unfortunate outcomes? Is it not time to write to those corporations who underwrite the Fox mantra through their advertising and implore them to go somewhere else to promote their goods or services? Do you think it is time for our president and congressional representatives to make a bold statement condemning the rhetoric that has no reasonable place in a civil enlightened society?

What is a nine-millimeter Glock? It is a killing/maiming machine that can be loaded with a lethal 30-round clip. Is the

availability to purchase this weapon along with assault rifles a rational cornerstone of our society? Will we rational, concerned citizens confront the politicians, the NRA and the gun manufacturers and demand whatever it takes to regulate weapons of indiscriminate destruction?

Karl Novak

Record News Welcome New Volunteer!

The Hinesburg Record is pleased to add another volunteer to our staff. Julie Burger Pierson has taken on the assignment of proofreader, replacing Ginny Roberts, who will now be helping with copy editing.

Julie grew up in Burlington but moved away for school and marriage (to Stewart Pierson, 48 years ago!). In 1998 they decided to retire here because over the years while visiting her parents, Stewart came to love Vermont and its natural beauty. Returning home suited Julie just fine!!

She is a retired clinical social worker, now utilizing her skills in volunteer capacities with Habitat for Humanity, HomeShareVermont and the Affordable Housing Committee here in Hinesburg. Julie loves hiking in the woods with their two wacky dogs, exploring all the local trails, yoga and needlework. She and Stewart have two school-teacher children and seven adorable grandchildren.



By Missy Ross

Dog Licenses Due by April 1

Dog licenses are due by April 1, as I mentioned in the last issue of the Record. You can come in to get your new tag anytime between now and then. Fees are \$8 for spayed or neutered pets and \$12 for all others. Puppies are not required to be licensed until six months of age. If you have a new rabies certificate, please bring it with you when you come in so that we can update our records. Bring Fido or Fifi with you as we love doggie visits and have plenty of biscuits on hand!

New Vermont Income Tax Forms

If you have received your Vermont Income Tax Booklet you may have noticed that the forms have changed yet again. The old HS-122 or Homestead Declaration is no longer with us. As I mentioned in my last article, you are no longer required to file a Homestead Declaration on an annual basis. Your home will stay classified as residential until you either sell it or withdraw all or part of it based on a change of use. If you are a new homeowner, you must file form HS-131 to classify your home as residential. Form HS-132 is the Notice to withdraw your Vermont Homestead Declaration. All homeowners who qualify for Property Tax Adjustment must continue to file the claim form which is now called form HS-145. You cannot receive an adjustment without filing this form. It is due along with your income tax return. Claims are allowed up until September 1 but late filing penalties will apply.

As always, feel free to call or stop by with any questions you might have. Think spring!

Planning News

By Alex Weinhausen

Director of Planning and Zoning

Hannaford Review Update

When this issue of the Hinesburg Record comes out, the DRB will have spent four meetings (January and February meetings) reviewing the Hannaford supermarket application. The review was intentionally divided into bite size pieces with three or four different issues on each meeting agenda. More information about this application and the review process are available on the Town website at www.hinesburg.org. Initially, we hoped to wrap up the review at the February 15 DRB meeting; however, it’s quite possible that this review is still ongoing. In other words, if you’re interested in knowing the status of this review, please contact Peter Erb (Zoning Administrator) in the Planning and Zoning Office at hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net or 482-3619. From the start, this application raised a number of compliance issues with our local land use regulations. Major issues identified by the DRB and staff included: building design, lighting, conflict with future community facilities shown on the Official Map, parking location, landscaping, and traffic impact on surrounding roads. Once the DRB concludes these public hearings, they have 45 days in which to issue a written decision – e.g., approval, approval with conditions, or a (Continued on the next page.)

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denial. Appeals of DRB decisions may be made to the Vermont Environmental Court within 30 days of the decision date, but only by interested parties as defined in Vermont State Statute. Many thanks to our volunteer DRB members for putting in a huge number of hours reviewing the application materials, reading staff reports, listening to testimony at meetings, and sorting through substantial public feedback. Also, thanks to community members for showing up consistently in such large numbers to listen, learn, and provide feedback. The Town Hall was filled to capacity (85+ people) at both the January DRB meetings – certainly the highest attendance at a DRB meeting since I came to work here nine years ago.

Jiffy Mart Redevelopment

We’ve been working with the owner of the Jiffy Mart gas station and convenience store (owner is Champlain Oil) on a new plan to tear down their existing facility on Ballard Corner Road, and replace it with a new and expanded facility. Previously, Champlain Oil had been planning to relocate entirely and build a new Jiffy Mart across Shelburne Falls Road on undeveloped land currently owned by Wayne and Barbara Bissonette. Bissonette and Champlain Oil had been working collaboratively on a proposed subdivision to create three new building lots on the Shelburne Falls Road frontage. After garnering sketch plan and preliminary plat approval (two steps of a three step review process), Champlain Oil decided it would be more cost effective to try to redevelop their existing site. I anticipate an application from Champlain Oil shortly, such that this project might be reviewed as early as the March 1 DRB meeting. Traffic impact on the surrounding roads will be an important component of this review, and Champlain Oil intends to request a new access on to Shelburne Falls Road to help address the current congestion issues at their current access point on Ballard Corner Road. Regardless of Champlain Oil’s new plans, Wayne and Barbara Bissonette intend to complete their subdivision and have submitted their final plat subdivision application. The final DRB review of this subdivision will likely also be at the March 1 meeting. For more information, contact me at the Planning and Zoning Office at hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net or 482-3619.

Triple L Sale and VCDP grant

The Addison County Community Trust (ACCT - a non-profit affordable housing group) is in the process of purchasing the Triple L mobile home park at the corner of Richmond Road and North Road from Bob and Ann Audette. The future of the 65 homes in this mobile home park became a concern in July 2010 when the Audettes announced their



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intention to sell the property. With assistance from the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee and the Planning and Zoning office, park residents met to discuss their options, and decided to exercise their legal right to work with a non-profit to purchase the property. ACCT stepped up to the plate and signed a contract with the Audettes after a thorough assessment of the park’s existing infrastructure and improvement needs. ACCT has pulled together a \$1.9 million funding package from a few different sources to make the purchase and improvements possible. The Town is assisting by applying for approximately \$300,000 in State grant funds from the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), which will be passed along to ACCT for the project. ACCT currently owns and manages nine mobile home parks with a total of 351 lots. They work hard to improve housing available in all its parks. They will preserve this important piece of Hinesburg’s affordable, work force housing, and they hope to maintain rents at current levels, or even drop them slightly after acquisition.

Rural Area Land Use Planning

In January, the Planning Commission turned its attention back to planning for Hinesburg’s rural areas. The Planning Commission has been discussing ways to make our rural land use regulations more consistent with our Town Plan for ten plus years. On November 11, 2009, we held a public forum to explain the issue and get feedback on draft options. We got substantial public feedback from multiple view points, and the Planning Commission is now in the process of following up, and assessing where to go from here. This renewed effort is well timed given the recent release of the State’s “Farm to Plate” strategic plan (see www.vsif.org/project-details/5/farm-to-plate-initiative) and the Vermont Council on Rural Development’s statewide effort to retain Vermont’s working landscape (see www.vtrural.org). Keeping Hinesburg’s forests and farm land in productive use (per our Town Plan vision) requires more than just nice words. It requires innovative planning and tough decisions about how to balance working landscapes with ever present rural area development pressures. You don’t have to wait for the next public forum or hearing to be part of this conversation. The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

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, Laundromat, and on a special bulletin board inside Lantman’s Best Yet Market. For copies of Development Review Board (DRB) decisions or information on these or other projects, please contact the Planning and Zoning office.

STILL PENDING—Hannaford Supermarket Site Plan, Conditional Use and Sign Review, Commerce Street and Mechanicsville Road; Applicant: Martin’s Foods of South Burlington (dba Hannaford); Landowner: Giroux family; Commercial Zoning District. Reviewed on January 4 and January 18, and review continued to February 1 meeting.

STILL PENDING—Development on a Private Right of Way (access to an existing, undeveloped building lot), 642 Texas Hill Road; Applicant/Landowner: John and Sandra Veilleux; rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed on January 18 and review continued to February 1 meeting.

Update on Public Bus

By Karla Munson

It has been almost a year since the Town of Hinesburg voted to join Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) and approve \$12,796 towards the Town’s matching funding for six months of bus service. We had hoped service would start in 2011. Unfortunately, state and federal funding was not made available for new start-up bus routes this year. Two representatives from Hinesburg, Karla Munson and Jon Trefry, were appointed to serve on the CCTA Board of Commissioners. Hinesburg is still at the top of CCTA’s list to provide public transit and a priority of the CCTA Board of Commissioners.

CCTA has requested that VTrans include \$135,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding (80% share) in the SFY12 budget for the “Hinesburg Commuter” route. If this funding is approved, bus service could start as soon as February 2012. CMAQ funding is a competitive process for a limited amount of transportation funding throughout the state. We should know by May/June if CCTA’s request for funding has been approved. NRG Systems is still committed to provide 10% matching funds for capital expenditure to purchase two 28-passenger buses.

You, the voters, are being asked to approve \$10,000 matching funds at Town Meeting on February 28 to help fund the implementation of bus service as soon as state/federal funds are available.

Letters of support from various other organizations have been sent to VTrans in support of funding. If you would like to write, please address your letter to Brian Searles, Secretary of Transportation, Vermont Agency of Transportation, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001 with a carbon copy to Sue Minter, Assistant Secretary of

Transportation, same address.

If you have questions or need information, please contact Karla Munson at 482-2778 or email to karlamunson@hinesburgrides.org.

Hinesburg Rides Update

Hinesburg Rides (HR) is a program under the Hinesburg Community Resource Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We were established in 2007 to address the wide-range transportation needs of all Hinesburg residents, employees, and employers. HR has three components: Volunteer Driver Program, Rideshare Program, and Employer Partnership/Public Transit Program. Visit www.hinesburgrides.org for more information.

Volunteer Driver Program: Created to provide rides to doctors’ appointments, grocery store, post office, bank, etc. to those who have no other means of transportation or who are temporarily without transportation, no matter their age. We still have our ten dedicated volunteer drivers. During 2010, we provided 178 rides to 25 residents (multiple rides to same residents) and spent 220 hours driving 3,193 miles. We are receiving more and more requests for rides. If you would like to become a volunteer driver or need a ride, please contact Karla Munson at the above number or email as above. Rides are funded by SCHIP grants, Elder and Disabled (E&D) grants, Town support and donations.

Rideshare Program: Created to connect commuting residents in an effort to reduce carbon emissions, protect our environment, reduce traffic congestion and wear and tear on our roads. Our website and rideshare database has been online since December 2009. We have 90 people registered for ridesharing/carpooling with 11 groups in different areas. HR participated in Way to Go Week again this year but unfortunately did not win.



Trails Feedback Needed

By Colin McNaul

The Hinesburg Trails Committee hopes that you will stop by our table on Town Meeting evening, Monday, February 28 to find out what we are doing and to give us your feedback on our current trails system in Hinesburg.

We would like to get a more definitive view on the actual number of people/families that are using your trails, how often you use them, which ones you travel on, seasonal variation, how they are used, and what the Trails Committee can do to improve your experience. Have you visited us at www.hinesburg.org/trailscomm.html to download trail maps at www.hinesburg.org/hart.html or to find out more about what we are doing and where the trails are if you are new to our community?

We are continuing to roll out the results of our December 2009 town meeting that worked to get town input concerning our charge from the Selectboard and we are now in our final phase. One of our long term goals is to establish a network of routes that would form a wheel of paths including current trails, class 4 roads, dirt roads, and sidewalks that would be similar to the trail system in Middlebury. There would be spokes going into the town that would start and end at Town Hall. The basic elements are in place for some routes and there is the potential for more if private trail networks can be brought into the fold. We believe private individuals may see the public good of conditionally allowing public pathways across their land which will give them immediate access to the trails system. This is one reason for us wanting to find out how many people are using the current trails and which trails have the most usage.

As an example, if you and yours have a full day for an extended outing on foot, bike, or horse, you could make a circuit starting from Town Hall, or elsewhere to make the circuit easier. From Town Hall you could go to either the Thistle Hill entrance to the Russell Trails, get to Buck Hill West directly or via the Sullivan Trail connection to Lavigne Hill Road to Buck Hill West, then the class 4 road connection to Buck Hill East and on to the Eagle’s Trail in The Old Town Forest via Hayden Hill West. From here you can either return the way you came or for some members of the biking community you could go as far south as the Hollow Road before heading back to town. If you are on foot or on horseback, returning via Hayden Hill, you would have the options going south on the North Road and then taking a right on Beecher Hill Road, across to Gilman Road with the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest on your right, with the option of continuing south to enter the Copp-Welch trail network halfway down the road. Depending on your stamina and the time you could continue to Lewis Creek Road to head west, entering Copp-Welch thru a pleasing stone entrance way to eventually return to Lavigne Hill Road, Buck Hill West, and the Russell Trails, coming out at the ball field for a well deserved creemee or dinner at Papa Nick’s.

Although this expedition may not be for you, what route would you have in mind for a day of hiking/biking/riding around Hinesburg? Please stop by and give us your thoughts.

Repair and Reconstruction of Sewage Disposal System

Mountain View Mobile Home Park (East Buck Hill Road, Hinesburg, VT) was originally constructed in the late 1960's and houses about 150 residents. The existing septic disposal systems have suffered from numerous problems. The non-profit Housing Foundation, Inc. (HFI) has recently funded expensive rehabilitation of failed disposal areas in addition to the ongoing and costly maintenance of the systems. Odors, surfacing effluent, and potential harmful effects to the environment prompted HFI to hire an engineering firm to analyze the situation and propose alternative solutions to the fragile and failing septic systems. After consideration of the alternatives and exploration of the soils in a common area owned by the MHP, it became clear that a large mound system was the most prudent solution.

HFI approached the State of Vermont Facilities Engineering Division (FED) for inclusion in the priority list for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF, Title 24, Chapter 120 Vermont Statutes). As declared in the Statute, "the funds shall be used to provide loans to municipalities, state agencies...for planning or construction of certain privately owned wastewater systems..." A municipality is the only entity which may officially apply for these funds. HFI intends to use CWSRF funding to design and permit a new community system that will have capacity for and allow connection of as many of the existing systems as possible within the Mountain View Mobile Home Park. This will prevent further health hazards to residents and the greater community, lessen tenant complaints (often directed to the Town Health Officer), lessen potential harmful effects on the environment, and provide Mountain View with an efficient system for years to come.

HFI will guarantee the repayment of this loan. Furthermore, the administration and servicing of this loan and subsequent construction will not cost the town money or significant staff time. However, in order to meet the requirements of the Statute, a publicly warned bond vote must take place (see Title 24, Chapter 120, Section 4763). This is a time-sensitive issue for Mt. View MHP. Therefore HFI is hopeful an affirmative bond vote will occur on March 1, 2011.

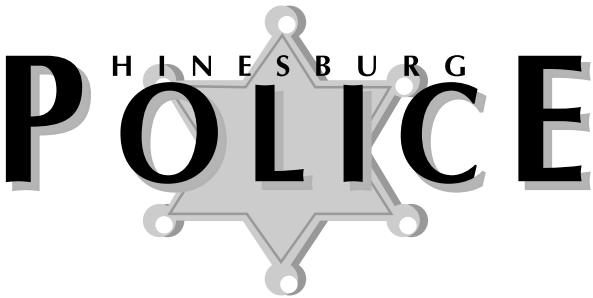
HFI was formed on July 11, 1986 under the Vermont Non-Profit Corporation Act. It exists to create, preserve and protect affordable housing in Vermont for low and moderate income families, the elderly and persons with disabilities. This is achieved by the development and/or rehabilitation of existing housing projects and mobile home parks or creating new projects to fulfill unmet low income housing demand throughout Vermont.

Mountain View Mobile Home Park provides essential affordable housing in an area of the state that is seeing substantial escalations in housing costs. It is critical that this property be improved and maintained in order to retain this as a quality, affordable, and livable community asset. We look forward to working with the Town of Hinesburg toward a successful project.

Informational Meeting

Topic: Mountain View Mobile Home Park, East Buck Hill Rd., Hinesburg, Sewage Disposal System Improvements.

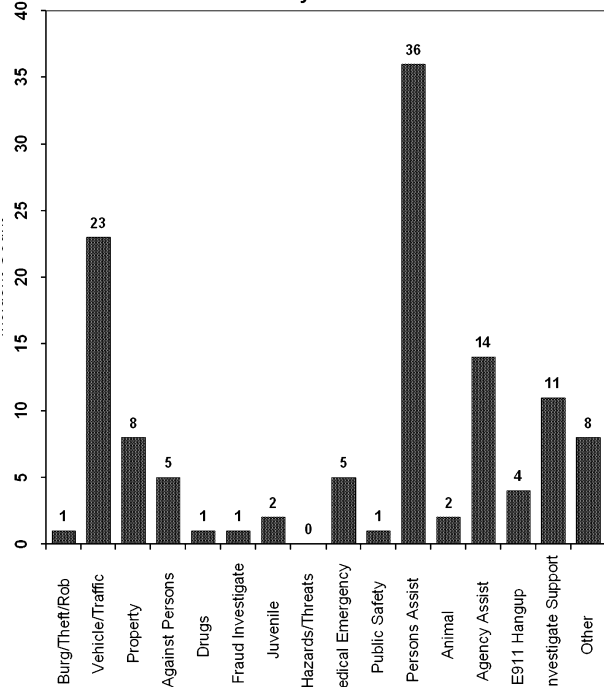
Meeting Date, Time and Place: Hinesburg Selectboard Meeting, February 21, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Town of Hinesburg, Route 116, Hinesburg, VT.



Submitted by the Hinesburg Community Police

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

Hinesburg Incident Counts by Category
January 2011



GRAPH PREPARED BY DOUG OLUFSEN

Hinesburg Officer Resigns

On January 11, allegations were made to the Hinesburg Police Department that Officer Robert Barrows had been involved in a domestic assault. In order to insure that a fair and impartial investigation was conducted, Chief Fred Silber contacted the Vermont State Police and turned the case over to them. As a result of their investigation, VSP arrested Barrows and charged him with Domestic Assault. Barrows was immediately relieved of duty by Chief Silber.

Barrows had been employed by the Department for only nine months and was still on probation. He considered his options in light of the domestic violence charge pending against him and decided to resign. Chief Silber accepted his resignation.

Hinesburg Woman Arrested for DUI

Hinesburg police were called at 9:20 a.m. on January 20 and told that a woman was leaving the elementary school and appeared to be intoxicated. A description of the vehicle she was driving was provided. Officer Brian Fox observed the car traveling north on Route 116 and stopped it at Lantman's. Fox approached the driver who identified herself as Cynthia Felch of Hinesburg. According to the police report, Fox smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from Felch. He asked her if she had been drinking and she answered that she had one glass of wine. Felch agreed to take a series of Field Sobriety Tests, all of which she failed. Felch was taken into custody and processed at the Shelburne Police Department. She was given an alcohol breath test and registered almost three times the legal limit. Felch was charged with DUI.

No Inspection Sticker Ends with Arrest

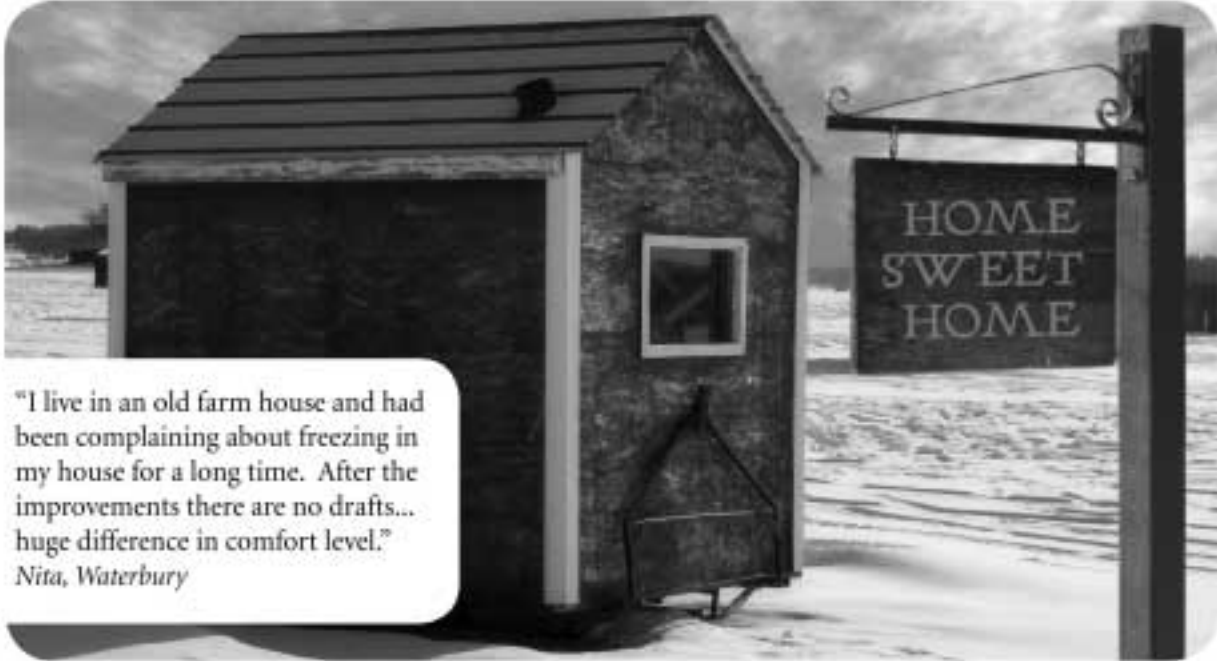
On January 17, Officer Brian Fox was participating in an Aggressive Driving Detail here in Hinesburg. He observed a vehicle on Route 116 with no inspection sticker and no front license plate. He stopped the vehicle and the driver, Starksboro resident Jamie Kilburn, was unable to produce a driver's license. A check of the status of his license showed that he was driving while criminally suspended. There were over 20 suspensions on his record. Kilburn was taken into custody and charged with Criminal DLS. His car was towed and the license plate, which was not assigned to that vehicle, was impounded.

Hinesburg Man Arrested for DLS

Officer Caleb Casco was on routine patrol on January 11 when he observed a car with an expired license plate. A computer check of the license verified that it was expired and also indicated that the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended license. Casco stopped the car and confirmed that the driver, Eric St. Cyr of Hinesburg, had a suspended license. St. Cyr was taken into custody and charged with Driving While Criminally Suspended.

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Man Charged with Bank Fraud

On December 31, Margaret Spivack, manager of the Hinesburg branch of the National Bank of Middlebury, reported that the bank had been the victim of a fraud. Chief Fred Silber responded to conduct the follow-up investigation. Spivack reported that three days earlier the ATM had been used to defraud the bank of \$2,414. Silber's investigation revealed that Aaron Meacham, formerly of Williston, had made three fraudulent deposits into his checking account using the ATM machine. Meacham subsequently made numerous withdrawals at various locations around Chittenden County, all in a ten-hour period, before the bank de-activated his account. A review of the video surveillance from the ATM machine enabled Silber to verify that Meacham made the fraudulent deposits.

Meacham was not difficult to locate. Several days after defrauding the bank he turned himself in to the Chittenden Correctional Facility to begin serving a 90 day sentence on a previous charge of Possession of Stolen Property. Silber interviewed Meacham in jail and obtained a written confession. Meacham was charged with felony fraud.




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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Eric Spivack

HFD responded to 15 calls during the period of January 1 through 26.	
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Smoke in building or structure fire	2
Motor vehicle crash, no injuries	1
Motor vehicle crash, with injuries	1
Gas odor or leak	1

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Change the Clock, Change the Batteries

March is almost here and we will soon be springing ahead. Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Be sure to test the units after changing the batteries once a month.

Do You Have Your 911 Address Sign?

The Hinesburg Fire Department would like to remind residents about their 911 address sign program. Signs are double sided and coated with high visibility reflective green material with high visibility and reflective numbers making address identification fast and easy for emergency services. The cost per sign is \$25 which includes a free five foot sign post if needed, as well as installation of your sign by a Hinesburg Fire Department member. For more information about our 911 address sign program, or to place an order for a sign, please feel free to stop at the Fire Station if someone is available, leave a message at the station, 482-2455 or email info@hinesburgfd.org

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A firefighter gives a thumbs-up to his partner to let him know

No, Hinesburg was not being invaded by green men from Mars on the afternoon of January 13. The members of the Hinesburg Fire Department were completing the practical portion of their HazMat Operations class. The class is 16 hours of classroom and eight hours of hands-on practice.

On Saturday, January 13, the class practiced setting up a decontamination line. Once the line was set up, the class was broken into two teams of six. Each team took turns putting on Level B HazMat suits and then walking around outside.

Since the suits are big and bulky, the person wearing the suit does very little work when putting one on. Wearing and moving around in the suits, which includes using a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for air, is difficult and tiring. If the person has to put the suit on without help, he would be tired even before entering the scene.

Each person wearing a suit is paired with a team member who is responsible for donning—putting the suit on. Donning the suit and SCBA is a step-by-step process that can take up to 30 minutes. The person starts by putting his legs in the suit. His partner pulls the suit pants legs up, and then folds the bottom into a cuff. The boots are then put on, the cuff pulled down over the boot, and the suit leg is taped to the boot using duct tape. This prevents hazardous materials from getting into the boot or suit.

The person then stands up so the SCBA can be put on and the waist and shoulder straps secured. The suit is then pulled up over the waist and he sits back down. The breathing mask is put on, the straps secured and mask checked for proper fit. A hard hat is then put on and secured to the top of the face piece with tape. This keeps the hat from falling off while working.

The member then places his arms into the sleeves and gloves, and the suit is pulled up around his neck. The air pack is turned on, regulator attached to the face piece, and the suit is pulled up over their head and zipped up in the back. Once zipped, duct tape is placed over the seam.

After the suits were on and secure, the members, joined by their teammates, went outside and did three circuits around

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the front of the station. Once back inside, members went through decontamination procedures. Each decon station is manned by at least two firefighters. The person wearing the suit first scrubs his gloved hands; the entire suit is hosed down, followed by a good scrubbing with brushes, and hosed off again. Finally he goes over to the bench where one person removes the suit and another assists him by handing him his street shoes and coat.

Meet Ed Waite

Ed Waite grew up in Hinesburg. He graduated from CVU in 1995 and went to work in manufacturing. In 2007 he accepted a position at UVM as a Life Safety Technician. This position is responsible for monthly inspections of safety equipment in the campus buildings.



Ed Waite

Shortly after graduation, Ed moved to Vergennes for a year. While living there, his sister Jessica introduced him to her best friend, Becky. Ed and Becky married in 2002. They currently own a home in town where they are raising their three children.

Like all boys, Ed was fascinated with fire engines. His grandparents lived down the street from Burlington Fire Station 2. Whenever he visited his grandparents, they would go to the station to see the apparatus, and were allowed to climb on the engines. As Ed grew up, there was another draw. His brothers Bill and Sean were firefighters in their towns, and his brother Mike, uncle, and cousin were members of the Hinesburg Department.

In 1999, Ed joined the Hinesburg Fire Department. In his time with the department, Ed has taken several classes through the Vermont Fire Academy. He obtained his certification at the Firefighter 2 level and is an EMT-Basic. He served as a Lieutenant of the Fire Department for two years, and in 2003 was awarded the Beyond the Call of Duty by his fellow department members. Ed assists in the planning of department trainings for current and new members. Ed also holds the position of Hinesburg Town Fire Warden.



Veterinary Practice Grows

From Press Release

Hinesburg Veterinary Associates (HVA), owners of The Animal Hospital of Hinesburg and Bristol Animal Hospital, announced the long awaited opening of Bristol Animal Hospital's new facility on December 6, 2010. The new hospital, located at 167 Monkton Road, replaces the considerably smaller former facility in Bristol. It is similar in size and function to the hospital in Hinesburg. The new clinic has a larger and more comfortable waiting room, an upgraded surgical suite, digital x-rays, and many other amenities.



Tammy Russell

In addition, Tammy Russell has joined the HVA family as practice manager. Russell came to HVA in November after working for 15 years at CBA in South Burlington. She has extensive training and experience in human resources. Russell lives with her husband and daughter in Monkton. She works primarily at the Hinesburg hospital.

Also, Dr. Rich Armstrong became a partner in ownership of Hinesburg Veterinary Associates in 2010. Armstrong has been an associate veterinarian with the practice and a resident of Hinesburg since 2000. He joins owners Drs. Julie Moenter, Marv Greenberg, and Betsy Meinhardt.



By Jennifer McCuin

It's February. The days are getting longer and we're on the downside of winter, looking toward sugaring and mud season. Please think about Spring Sports and register to play. A lot of planning goes into our six-week Spring Sport season, so prompt registration is much appreciated. Interested in coaching or assisting? We need you. Please contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department.

There are still two Sundays left for discounted Smuggler's Notch lift tickets! Take advantage of the snow and the bargain prices of \$13 for youth and \$25 for adult lift tickets. See the Smuggler's Notch information below. Enjoy the longer days and the promise of another season.

2011 Spring Sports Tentative Schedule

Spring sports start the week of April 25. Please note our tentative schedules are subject to change due to coaches' availability and enrollment. Final practice times and locations will be e-mailed to participants prior to start of the program. Direct your questions to the Hinesburg Recreation Office at 482-4691 or contact us at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Lacrosse

Lacrosse takes place for most young athletes at Lyman Park and Charlotte Central School (CCS). Here is the tentative schedule:

- Co-ed Kindergarten, first, and second Graders play on Mondays and Wednesdays at Champlain Valley Union Field C from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Boys Grades three and four play on Mondays at Charlotte Central School (CCS) and Wednesdays at Lyman Park from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Girls Grades three and four—dates and locations to be announced.
- Boys Grades five and six play on Mondays at Lyman and Wednesdays at CCS from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Girls Grades five and six—dates and locations to be announced.
- Boys Grades seven and eight play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Girls Grades seven and eight play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tee Ball

Kindergarteners and first Graders play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Champlain Valley Union, Field D, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Farm League Baseball

Children in Grades two and three play on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Community School.

Spring Sport Fees:

Tee Ball is \$25 by March 25 and \$35 beginning March 26.
Farm League is \$25 by March 25 and \$35 thereafter.
Kindergarten/One/Two Co-ed Lacrosse is \$25 by March 25 and \$35 thereafter.
Three/Four Grade Girls, Five/Six Grade Girls, and Seven/Eight Grade Girls Lacrosse are \$65 by March 25.
Three/Four Grade Boys, Five/Six Grade Boys and Seven/Eight Grade Boys Lacrosse are \$65 and include US Lacrosse membership. Deadline is March 25.

Smuggler’s Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

Enjoy full-day, discounted lift tickets at Smuggler’s Notch Resort on two more Sundays in March.
Youth (Age 6-17) Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$13 each.
Adult Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$25 each.
Checks are payable to Hinesburg Recreation Department When: March 6 and 13.
Register and pay through HRD by Thursday at noon for each Sunday. Lesson time is noon, unless otherwise noted. Children must be at least six years old for a lesson through this program. You must complete a rental form, which is available on the table outside of the Recreation Department or it can be

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Zumba

There is room to join this next Zumba session! Taught by Hinesburg resident Jeanne Neu, Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music with dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system. The routines feature aerobic and fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms, designed to tone and sculpt the body. Zumba utilizes the principals of fitness with interval and resistance training to maximize caloric output. A great workout with great music—spice up your winter!
When: Thursdays—March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7
Where: Town Hall
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$60
Register through Hinesburg Recreation at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Jumpin Jacks Pre-School Dance

Come dance, tumble, tap, move and groove with Miss Annie on Friday mornings. Pre-schoolers will tumble and roll on the mats, move across the balance beam, and tap their toes on the Town Hall floor. Participants enjoy lively music, singing and lots of creative movement, plus plenty of room to move around. Come join the fun!
Who: Children ages three and four
When: Fridays—March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8
Next session: April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3.
Where: Town Hall
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$60 per session. Register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

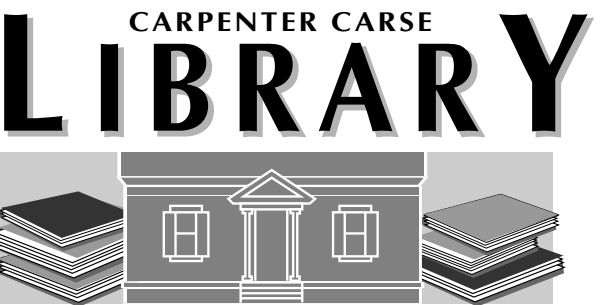
Bring your family to swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge, located at 10 Wellness Drive in Williston. Come swim and play with your family in a heated indoor pool.
Who: Hinesburg residents
When: Sundays, February 27 and March 27.
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15 for a family of four.
Please sign up at Hinesburg Recreation Department by Friday at noon. Make your payment at the Sports and Fitness Edge.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Students learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Through interacting with one another, they find out how to safely adjust their driving techniques to compensate for age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. There are no tests, just supportive information. Many insurance companies offer discounted premiums when people take this course. For questions, or if you want to register, contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691.
Who: People 50 years and older
Where: First floor conference room in Town Hall
When: April 5
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Make checks payable to AARP.
To register: Contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

Are you ready to babysit? Here’s an opportunity for the perfect start. This certified American Red Cross class covers growth and development, toy selection, safety issues, and basic first aid. Designed for students 11 years and older, we recommend participants have the maturity and interest to make this a beneficial experience. Participants receive a textbook, an emergency reference guide, and a CD Rom of useful tools and games to take home. Please pack a snack.
Who: Students 11 years and older
When: April 14 and 15
Where: Hinesburg Community School classroom TBA
Time: 2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Cost: \$55 payable to the Hinesburg Recreation Department (HRD)
To register: Contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-4691.



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Trustee Meetings

The February Carpenter-Carse Board of Trustees meeting has been rescheduled to March 2. Trustee meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned. All meetings are held at the library at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Ongoing Library Programs

Toddler Story Time

Now starting at 9:30 a.m., Toddler Story Time is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Join us for age appropriate stories, songs and games for ages up through three. Dates: March 1 and March 15.

Preschool Storytimes

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

Pajama Story Hour with Janet

On Tuesday March 22, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. wear your favorite jammies to the library and celebrate the arrival of spring with some special springtime stories and activities. Kids ages three to seven are encouraged to bring along a special stuffed animal friend, doll or blanket. Yummy refreshments will be served. Preregistration 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 February meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 3. The featured title is *The Siege* by Ismail Kadare and David Bellos. The group will meet for another discussion on Thursday, March 31; the selection: *The Last Breath* by Peter Stark. 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.

YA Group

Middle school students in grades six to eight get together to talk, recommend books and DVDs for the collection, plan library programs, play Wii and hang out. Come on Thursday, March 17 (3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and bring a friend! Snacks are provided.

Special Events

Share the Fun of Reading at the Children’s Book Swap

Attention all kids! Are you getting bored with some of the books on your home book shelf? It’s time to trade some of your books for books that are new to you. It won’t cost you a penny to make an “even swap” with other readers. Just come to the library any time during school vacation, between February 21 and 26. You’ll find an exciting variety of books to choose from. Now’s the time to get going and spruce up those book shelves with some new reading material! You’ll be smiling and others will be glad you shared.

Reading Comes to Life with Yoga

Join us Saturday, February 26 for a FREE yoga class with Melanie Cote. We will bring to life Dr. Seuss’s book *My*

Many Colored Days and we'll explore colors, animals and yoga poses that relate to a variety of emotions. You will enjoy this playful approach to learning yoga poses that develop flexibility, strength and balance.

- First Session: 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Parents and their children ages six to ten
 - Second Session: 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Children ages 11 to 14.
- Please wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats will be provided. Space is limited, so register at the library or call 482-2878. A yummy snack will also be provided.

Maximizing Our Nutrition Dollars

The Library recognizes National Nutrition Month with a presentation by Louise Brunelle of the UVM Extension Service's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Louise will provide us with information on how to plan nutritious meals, illustrating how to spend smart and eat smart. Designed to inspire, the program will include delicious dishes to sample. This evening will brighten your outlook and you will return home equipped with ideas for tasty, healthful meals to create on a modest budget. The program is free and open to the public. Please register by calling 482-2878.

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Ooh-la-la! Ladies and gentlemen, ages four to eight, get dressed up in your fanciest attire and join us for a posh tea party. We'll read a Fancy Nancy story, have fancy treats and make something fancy to take home. As Fancy Nancy would say, everything is better when it's fancy. Please call 482-2878 to register. The party will be on Saturday March 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:

- Brown, Eleanor, *The Weird Sisters*
Brown, Sandra, *Rainwater* [LARGE PRINT]
Clancy, Tom, *Dead or Alive*
Cray, Robert, *The Sentry*
Evans, Nicholas, *The Brave*
Fforde, Katie, *Love Letters*
Genova, Lisa, *Left Neglected*
Hunter, Stephen, *Dead Zero*
Kalotay, Daphne, *Russian Winter*: a novel
Katz, Jon, *Rose in a Storm* [LARGE PRINT]
Kelly, Erin, *The Poison Tree*
Martin, Steve, *An Object of Beauty*: a novel
Melzer, Brad, *The Inner Circle*
Moore, Graham, *The Sherlockian*
Pullinger, Kate, *The Mistress of Nothing*
Shaw, Rebecca, *Barleybridge novels: Country Wives and A Country Affair* [LARGE PRINT]
Vreeland, Susan, *Clara and Mr. Tiffany*

Adult Nonfiction:

- Armstrong, Karen, *12 Steps to a Compassionate Life*
Brinkley, David, *The Quiet World: saving Alaska's wilderness kingdom 1879-1960*
Dederer, Claire, *Poser: my life in 23 yoga poses*
Deutscher, Guy, *Through the Language Glass: why the world looks different in other languages*
Greene, Brian, *The Hidden Reality: parallel universes and the deep laws* [On Order]
Grennan, Conor, *Little Princes: one man's promise to bring home the lost children of Nepal*
Herz, Rachel, *The Scent of Desire: discovering our enigmatic sense of smell*
Kimball, Kristin, *The Dirty Life: on farming, food and love*
Morris, Edmund, *Colonel Roosevelt*
Passman, Donald S., *All You Need to Know about the Music Business*, 7th ed.
Sachs, Harvey, *The Ninth: Beethoven and the world in 1824*
Shawn, Allen, *Twin: a memoir*
Stark, Peter, *Last Breath: the limits of adventure*

New Youth Books

Picture Books:

- All the Things I Love About You*, Leuyen Pham
All Things Bright and Beautiful, Ashley Bryan
Everything but the Horse, Holly Hobbie
Nini Lost and Found, Anita Lobel
The Greatest Snowman in the World, Peter Hannan
Up and Down, Oliver Jeffers
Wonder Horse: the True Story of the World's Smartest Horse, Emily Arnold McCully

Non-Fiction:

- Cool Robots*, Sean Kenney
Cool Cars and Trucks, Sean Kenney

Chapter Books:

- Because of Mr. Terupt*, Rob Buyea
Happy Birthday Sophie Hartley, Stephanie Greene
Keeper, Kathi Applet
Moon Over Manifest, Clare Vanderpool
Spaceheadz, Jon Scieszka
The Danger Box, Blue Balliett
The Wonder of Charlie Anne, Kimberly Fusco

Teen Books:

- Forge*, Laurie Halse Anderson
Matched, Allyson Condie
The Odyssey: A Graphic Novel, Gareth Hinds

Exciting New Additions to the Vermont Online Library

The Vermont Department of Libraries recently informed us that the Vermont Online Library with its wide range of full-text newspaper, magazine and journal articles has some exciting new products from Gale. There is also an expanded selection of e-reference books. The new Gale databases are:

Gale Biography in Context: Biographies of more than 500,000 individuals gleaned from periodicals and reference sources and multimedia content. (This product replaces the biographical databases from H.W. Wilson that were included in the Vermont Online Library in past years.)

Career Transitions: An online career guidance center that walks users through the job-search process from beginning to end. Discover career interests, prepare a resume and cover letter, brush up on networking, interviewing and negotiating skills, find job listings. Patrons set up an individual account and can save their work.

Powerspeak Languages: An entertaining and effective way to learn a new language. Currently you can learn Spanish, French, Mandarin, German, and ESL Spanish, with more languages to come in 2011. Patrons set up an individual account.

Small Business Resource Center: Search this database to learn how to start, finance or manage your small business. Resources include sample business plans, "how-to?" guides, articles and websites.

Opposing Viewpoints in Context: Provides video, audio streams and podcasts, an image gallery, daily news updates, and interactive maps to accompany the popular Opposing Viewpoints databases.

Gale also offers guided tutorials for every product and you can use these at your convenience. See the link <http://www.gale.cengage.com/guidedtour/>

Quotations of the Month

Theme: Participation

"The bosom of America is open to receive not only the Opulent and respectable Stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all Nations and Religions; whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges, if by decency and propriety of conduct they appear to merit the enjoyment."

George Washington, Address to the Members of the Volunteer Association of Ireland, December 2, 1783

"Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

Abraham Lincoln



Trucks Towed Out of Lake Iroquois

In January a Hinesburg resident took these interesting photos of two truck being hauled out of Lake Iroquois near the beach.





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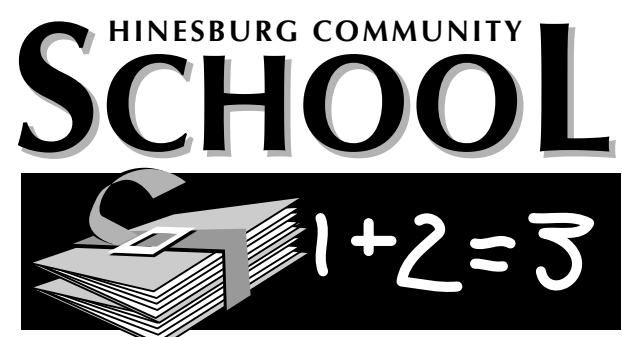
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Hinesburg Community School News

Compiled by Jen Bradford

Hinesburg School Board Update

By Keith Roberts

The Hinesburg School District Board of Directors has completed its budget process for the 2011-12 school year and is ready to present a budget of \$7,499,582 to the voters at the Hinesburg Community School Annual School Meeting.

This amount represents a decrease of \$141,340 from the 2010-11 approved budget and results in a per pupil spending amount of \$13,893—a \$255 decrease from the 2010-11 per pupil amount. The budget also reflects meeting the State’s Challenges for Change target for our school.

Seven Budget Buddies from the community assisted the board this year in budget deliberations and provided valuable contributions to the process. We thank Bill Baker, Diane Barber, Patty Drew, Betsy Knox, Paul Lasher, Tina Specht, and Larry Telford for their participation in the budget process.

During the school district’s Annual Meeting, the School Board will expand a discussion that it has undertaken for the past several years about the future of the “White Building”. With decreasing enrollment, the administration and the board have considered ways to move students out of the White Building and into other spaces at HCS.

An emptied White Building presents opportunities for other uses, including renting it to suitable tenants. One such tenant has appeared as a possibility, making this discussion more urgent. In order to make the space ready for a tenant, money will need to be raised and expended to renovate the building. The board would like the community’s input in considering this path.

Finally, a word about the teacher contract. At the time of this writing, we continue to hope for a resolution with the Chittenden South Education Association on a responsible contract. Our most recent discussions were for a two-year contract that would cover the current year and the 2011-2012 school year. The Chittenden South Supervisory Union press release of January 21 summarized the status of negotiations as of that date and can be found at the following web address: http://www.cssu.org/cssu/lib/cssu/January_2011Negotiations_Status_Update.pdf. The CSSU website will also have further updates as they develop.

Annual Meeting, Budget Vote to be held March 1

The Hinesburg School District Annual Meeting will be held in the Hinesburg Community School gymnasium beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7. Childcare will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Register for Kindergarten on March 10, 11

The Hinesburg Community School will hold its annual kindergarten registration on March 10 and 11. Children are eligible to register for entrance to kindergarten as long as they turn five years of age prior to September 1, 2011, and have at least one parent or legal guardian who is a resident of Hinesburg.

If you have a child you wish to register, please call 482-2106 to schedule a time on March 10 or 11 to complete the registration process.

When you come to registration please bring copies of your child’s birth certificate and their immunization record. Should you have any questions please call Bob Goudreau at 482-6299.

VKAT Makes “Quit Smoking” Valentines



HCS Vermont Kids against Tobacco members make Valentines that really show how much they care—by encouraging the recipients to be healthy and quit smoking. The valentines were handed out through Lantman’s Market grocery bags.



Family Literacy Playtime

Family Literacy Playtime is an opportunity for three-to five-year-olds and their parents or guardians to explore activities and play games to help create building blocks for literacy. Come join us for pizza and fun, Thursday, March 24, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Community School Library. Please *rsvp* by calling Hinesburg Community School Literacy Coordinator Betsy Knox at 482-6281, or emailing her at bknox@cssu.org.

Annie Get Your Gun

Hinesburg Community School Drama presents “Annie Get Your Gun” on April 1 and 2. Seating starts at 6:30 pm and show begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale at Hinesburg Community School’s Main Office, Hinesburg Recreation Department, Town Clerk’s Office, and Brown Dog Books and Gifts. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. Don’t miss the show featuring HCS Drama and the Hinesburg Community Band.

Stars Honored at Banquet

By Jen Bradford, Behavior Specialist

“When someone is playing alone, I invite them to play with me,” says HCS second grader Ellie Baker.

“Showing belonging and following the rules” are the most important parts of Being a STAR, observes first grader Jake Potter.

When adults at the community school see students like Ellie and Jake making our core concepts of Belonging, Sharing, Trust, Accepting Responsibility and Respect (a.k.a. Be a STAR) come alive, they use the simple gesture of giving the kids a star to show them just how much they appreciate their efforts.

For our youngest students, those in preschool through grade 4, we keep a tally of how many stars each student has earned—a number that the kids delight in seeing grow and grow... When these students reach the 50 star mark (25 stars, for those in half-day preschool), they are invited to one of our Be a STAR Banquets. Together with their families, they enjoy an evening of celebration, recognition, and good food.

At our first banquet this year, in late January, nearly 30 students were honored.

Ellie knows that she is a star because “I share with my friends and I help them with their work when I am done with mine.”

“I stand up for myself, too. If someone tells me I should do something, I usually use my words with them,” adds her



HCS Principal Bob Goudreau and school psychologist Katey Wisse help prep food for our recent banquet honoring students who have earned 50 stars this year.



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Ellie and Julia Baker are two of the students whose contributions to the school community were celebrated recently.



HCS Associate Principal Jeff O'Hara (along with daughter Alexis, who apparently did not think he was tall enough already) addresses the banquet's honorees.

sister, Julia Baker.

Lest you worry that our older students are missing out on the fun—know that students in grades 5 through 8 pool their stars together as teams to earn celebrations that are fun for them. Teams have gone ice skating, watched movies, and had parties to celebrate their success at making HCS the kind of school that people look forward to coming to.

Middle Schoolers Use Recess to Help Younger Students

By Jen Bradford, Behavior Specialist

Since the start of school this year, nearly a quarter of our students in grades six through eight have chosen to help HCS's younger grades over other "rec time" offerings such as basketball, soccer, and arts and crafts. In fact, "Be a STAR Mentor" has become such a popular option that we have had to cap participation.

Kindergarten teacher Miranda Johnson says, "I am lucky enough to have four wonderful middle school students spend their daily rec time in my kindergarten classroom. Each day, they arrive with smiles on their faces, ready to do whatever I may ask them to do, whether it is sitting and reading with a couple of students, running small groups during center time, or helping me prepare materials for future lessons. Not only do these middle school students complete those things that I ask them to, they also are incredibly self-motivated and are able to look around my classroom and find something that they know needs doing. It has been incredibly helpful to have these great students come into my room this year, and the relationship that they have built with my students is so exciting. The kindergartners report to me daily how they saw Hannah, Maddie, Shianne, or Jamie in the cafeteria or the hallway or the library to wave to and my students always look forward to the time when the 'big kids' visit us in our classroom."

These older students help kids in EEE get their lunches, read with first graders, help out in second grade math, and—at this time of year—do a lot of coat-zipping and mitten-fixing before their young friends go out to recess. Middle schoolers are also helping keep the peace at recess for grades 3 and 4, assisting our busy main office staff, and lending a hand at the



Eighth grader Delaney Thomas helps students in Mrs. Stanton's second grade class get ready for recess on a cold, sunny, January day.



Montana West, a sixth grader, reads with first grader Vivi Babbott during Be a STAR rec time.

Hinesburg Nursery School.

Kindergarten teacher Eunice Branch observes that the middle school students have "helped with whatever I needed them to do. They might read books with the children, help with games or puzzles, take them to the library or whatever the child needed help with. My children love having them help in the class."

And just as importantly, our Be a STAR mentors love having the opportunity to be a big buddy and make a difference.

My Class Earns 50 Balloons

By Harper Mead, HCS 4th grader

Mrs. Behun's 3-4 grade class always has a goal to earn 50 balloons on a balloon poster. One way we earn balloons is by walking quietly in the halls. Another way we earn them is

by working quietly in the classroom. A third way we earn them is by getting good reports from our specials.

Once we earn 50 balloons we get to celebrate. Usually we pick computer lab, root beer floats with music, or a movie.

So far this year, we have picked computer lab and root beer floats with music. We all like to earn 50 balloons for the party and Mrs. Behun likes it because we are being good.

The parties we have are fun and exciting—we have fun and Mrs. Behun gets a break from teaching. Parties and balloons are fun in Mrs. Behun's class!

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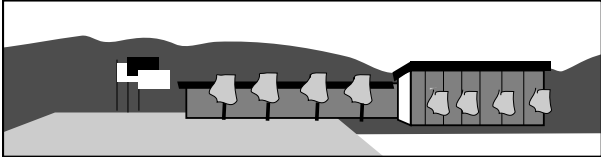
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START saving lives...
Anonymous START TIP Line
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By Christine Lloyd-Newberry, Director, CY

Underage drinkers 16-20, are more than twice as likely to be involved in a fatal car crash as impaired drivers 21 and older. In Vermont, 40% of ninth to twelfth graders report consuming alcohol in the last 30 days and an additional 23% report riding with a driver under the influence. Chittenden County’s Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team (S.T.A.R.T.) has rolled out the latest in its efforts to save lives and prevent underage drinking. The TIP line is a new resource for youth and adults to utilize when they are concerned about underage drinking that may be taking place in Chittenden County. This anonymous call or text line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with all responses handled locally. The team hopes that people will program this number into their phones to use when they need it. “It only takes one text to save a life; anyone can make a difference” says Sgt. Al Fortin, Chittenden County’s START Coordinator.

Using the line is as easy as texting or calling 363-TIPS. Callers will have the opportunity to leave an anonymous voicemail and are requested to provide as much detail as possible in their message. A local law enforcement officer will respond to the tips and then follow up on the information. Whether you are a teen at a party who is worried about friends drinking, a teacher who has overheard where a party is happening, or a parent or community member with information on underage drinking, the tip line is easy to access and your identity will be kept confidential.

Each Vermont County has a START team comprised of police officers from the area’s law enforcement agencies. First and foremost, the goal of START is to prevent underage drinking and save lives. In Chittenden County, this team works in close collaboration with local prevention coalitions (Burlington Partnership, CY-Connecting Youth, Essex CHIPS, Chittenden East Partnership and Milton Community Youth Coalition) to plan and implement many of their initiatives. The team coordinates multi-agency responses to reports of underage drinking events which are going to occur or are in progress. Since June, the Chittenden County START Team has issued four citations to adults for furnishing alcohol to minors and 211 citations to minors for possession of alcohol.

For more information on START or other prevention activities in your area contact Christine Lloyd-Newberry, Director of Connecting Youth at (802)383-1230 or by email at cnewberry@cssu.org.

CY - Connecting Youth is a community based organization whose mission is to promote a culture that develops in our youth the power and conviction to make healthy choices. Our primary purpose is to encourage a “no-use” community norm around alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by young people. Operating out of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union, CY serves the communities of Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne, and Williston and is located online at www.seewhy.info and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/connectingyouth.

Vermont Students
on the State of the Union

Sanders Announces Essay Winners

By Will Wiquist

More than 225 Vermont students wrote about the declining middle class, climate change and health care reform in a State of the Union essay contest sponsored by U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.).

The winner, selected by a panel of Vermont teachers, was Keenan Villani-Holland of Richmond. He is a senior at Vermont Commons School in South Burlington.

Sanders announced the selection and congratulated the dozen finalists one day before President Barack Obama was to present his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress.

“What happens in Washington impacts every American and all of us, including young people, should be thinking about these issues. That’s what democracy is all about,” Sanders said. “I’m very pleased that 225 students, from 20 different schools throughout the state, submitted their own ‘State of the Union’ essays for this contest, and I want to thank the teachers who acted as judges.”

“The top dozen essays will be placed in the Congressional Record so that the entire country can see the excellent work that Vermont students are doing,” the senator added.

The essays were submitted by high school students from throughout Vermont. The contest was judged by four Vermont social studies teachers: Jennie Gartner from Rutland High School; Elizabeth Lebrun, of Poultney High School; Joe Maley of South Burlington High School; and Terri Vest of Twinfield Union High School in Plainfield. The panel of teachers scored the submissions and narrowed the entries to 12 finalists. In addition to Villani-Holland, the others, in alphabetical order are:

- Iain Axworthy, Essex High School
- Emily Berk, South Royalton School
- Molly Burke, Champlain Valley Union High School
- Jonah Cantor, Champlain Valley Union High School
- Molly Cantore, St. Johnsbury Academy
- Kristen Donaldson, Champlain Valley Union High School
- Susannah Johnson, Vermont Commons School
- Ingrid Klinkenberg, Edmunds Middle School
- Ezra Mount-Finette, Champlain Valley Union High School
- Lisa Ogorzalek of Rutland High School
- Bryn Philibert, Champlain Valley Union High School

“This was a great way to get kids to think outside of their ‘teenage bubbles’ as I call them – to look at their families, their communities and beyond and really think about the problems facing our country,” said Gartner, a social studies teacher at Rutland High School who was one of the four judges.

“We cannot expect our young people to come up with solutions to the problems facing our country and even our world if they are not given the opportunity to confront them from an intellectual standpoint,” she said. “I am so happy that Vermont students were able to pose their ideas to someone like Senator Sanders, who will take their ideas into consideration.”

CVU’s Holocaust and Human
Behavior Class Symposium

By Amy Wardwell,
CVU Social Studies Teacher

The Holocaust and Human Behavior class is an interdisciplinary English and Social Studies course which has been running at CVU for over 15 years. This semester long course teaches students about historical instances of genocide including the Holocaust, Rwanda and Darfur. It also challenges them to examine the human behavioral and societal forces that allow for genocide and other humanitarian crises to happen. Each semester students end the course with “The Symposium”, a series of short public presentations that reveal their most powerful learning from the semester. This year students were asked to share this learning with the community beyond CVU in some way. Some students posted videos to YouTube, some published articles in the CVU school newspaper and some chose to publish their learning in the local newspapers.

Standing up for Others

By: Geoff Matthews

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing” – Edmund Burke (1729–1797)

We would like to think that there is one big secret solution to all the world’s problems, but in reality the only thing it takes is a little help from everyone. Here in the United States we live a very comfortable life, however just because we are comfortable doesn’t mean we can forget about others. In today’s society we often get caught up in our own wants and we forget about others’ needs.

Edmund Burke put it simply: s if good people do nothing then evil will triumph. Many people interpret this quote literally, meaning that they must stand up to dictators such as Hitler or Pinochet. However, evil comes in many different forms such as starvation or extreme poverty. Even though these forms of evil are very different they are all aided by one common thing: the inaction of good people.

According to the *United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization*, in 2010 an estimated 925 million people suffered from hunger. World hunger is a problem that we can no longer do nothing about. Every 3.6 seconds someone dies from hunger and 75% of those deaths are children. World hunger may seem like a problem too big for us but together we can all make a difference.

According to the UN World Food Programme it cost: 25 cents to feed a child for one day. It costs less than a gallon of milk to feed a child for one week in a developing country. We all recognize that problems like world hunger are too big to tackle alone and because of this we often get bogged down by the enormity of the problem. However, even the smallest actions can make a huge difference in one person's life. You don't have to solve the problem in one big step; piece by piece we can make a difference.

When you finish reading this and you return to your everyday life I ask you to take away one thing. In doing nothing you allow evil to triumph. In simply setting aside one dollar a week you are saying I will not stand by and allow evil to triumph. Remember not to get bogged down by the enormity of the world's problems because your actions could save a child's life.

For more information you can go to <http://www.wfp.org>.



News from the Hinesburg Nursery School Ships

By Meri Charney, HNS Parent

I asked my five-year-old what the Titanic had in common with Stuart Little's canoe, "Summer Memories," and he told me quite succinctly, "leaks." You may be wondering where a preschooler gets his knowledge about such things.

For one, we had just finished reading *Stuart Little* at our house and two, on any given morning, you can find a few of these preschoolers enjoying a little reading time in the library at the Big School (that is what we little school people call the Hinesburg Community School). Quite a few of our preschoolers have older siblings at the Big School and after seeing them off to class have a little extra time to spend with Mom or Dad in the library before their school day begins next door.

On the morning of the day we had finished reading *Stuart Little*, I had the pleasure of witnessing my little boy and his classmate in the library with not one but five books about the Titanic spread out on the table. They were pointing to the pictures and exchanging facts with excitement. You could tell this wasn't the first time these two had seen these books. Some of these books had already made the trip home and back. Especially fun were the comments about which ship picture was the "new" ship and which ship picture was the "old" (sunken) ship.

Here in the library, these two had little need for Mom or Dad, though. Their familiarity with this place is the same as yours and mine. The librarians know them all by name and are just as helpful and kind to these young readers as they are to all the kids at the Big School. You can often see the librarians, Ms. Stanley and Ms. Epstein, helping these young readers find books on all sorts of subjects ranging from mice who drive cars to sinking ships and everywhere in between.

It is quite a sight to see them inquiring about books and getting help from someone other than Mom or Dad. What independence! They stand in line waiting behind the big kids to check out their books. What patience! Who knew they were growing up so fast?

But not too fast; they still need little reminders on etiquette and you can usually find one or two of them running around and talking too loudly. Did I say "running?" I meant walking—we all know there is no running in the library. And did I say "talking too loudly?" "Shhhhhh...we're in the library."

And what a wonderful place it is.

Hinesburg Dines Out March 31

Please mark your calendars for March 31, for our next event, "Hinesburg Dines Out." On this day, participating local restaurants donate a portion of their proceeds to the Hinesburg Nursery School. Take the day off from cooking and cleaning the kitchen and dine out or order a pizza (or two) and dine in. Either way, it supports a good cause.

Other Education

2011 NEFCU Nursing Scholarships Announced

New England Federal Credit Union (NEFCU) is accepting applications for its 2011 Nursing Scholarships. Each year, NEFCU awards three scholarships of \$3000 each to qualified applicants.

Applications are available online at nefcu.com, at any branch, or by calling 802-879-8790. Applicants must be members of NEFCU who are applying to or are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate nursing program. Requirements include submission of the application form; high school transcript, or college transcript, or General Education Degree; and a description of related work experience. Applicants must also submit an original 250-word essay describing how they will use their degree to contribute to community success.

Applications must be either postmarked or dropped off at any NEFCU branch by February 28th, 2011. The mailing address is Scholarship Committee, NEFCU, P.O. Box 527, Williston, VT 05495. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 15, 2011. Membership in NEFCU is open to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Washington, Lamoille, and Addison counties. For more information about membership requirements and benefits, visit nefcu.com.

Organizations

Friends of Families Events

Save the dates for these upcoming Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Friends of Families events. Both are fabulous and free! Watch for more details to follow as the dates approach.

The Annual Children's Clothing and Book Swap is coming on Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Town Hall. For now, please save gently-used children's clothes (up to size 12) and young children's books to be delivered to the Town Hall on Friday, April 1, between noon and 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Welcome Baby Brunch will be held this year on Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall for all of Hinesburg's newest residents and their families.

For more information, please call Friends of Family Coordinator, Heather Purinton at 482-4061.

CVAA Bowl-a-thon

The First annual Champlain Valley Agency on Aging Bowl-a-thon to Strike Out Senior Hunger will be held on March 26 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Spare Time in Colchester. Space is limited so if you are interested in registering your team go to cvaa.org or call 865-0360. Teams of four will raise pledges of \$400 to help end senior hunger. Prizes include a cruise to the Bahamas and four tickets to the Red Sox. Event t-shirts and a free buffet will be provided.

Finding your Canadian Ancestors Using PRDH

PRDH is a 40-plus year research project conducted by the University of Montreal that is a veritable gold mine for any genealogists tracing their families in the St. Lawrence Valley. Janet Allard will explain this valuable resource and how to start using it. The public is welcome to join us at the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society Library on Saturday, February 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donations are appreciated for the class. We are on Hegmen Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester (across from VT State Police Building). Questions? Please visit our website [Http://www.vt-fcgs.org](http://www.vt-fcgs.org), or e-mail mail@vt-fcgs.org.

Winter is long. If you're curious about your heritage and want help in getting started the library is open for research Saturdays 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come check out the resources we have to help you find your ancestors!

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross, Northern New England Blood Services Region will hold blood drives in cities and towns throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Donors are needed every day to make sure there is an adequate blood supply for patients in need.
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a.k.a. "The Chunky Monkey Free Press"

We have renamed this issue of *The Viking Voice* "The Chunky Monkey Free Press". Republished here is the second issue of Mrs. Behun's 3rd and 4th grade class newspaper, which the students named (you guessed it...) *The Chunky Monkey Free Press*. Each student wrote and edited an article about their life at school.

Enjoy this peek into their world!

Interviews

By Codi

In Mrs. Behun's class we interviewed classmates and teachers. I interviewed Nicole and Nicole interviewed me. I got to ask her questions and she got to ask me questions. I love to interview Nicole!

Music

By Grace

Do you like music? Music is a fun activity. When you are in music you get to sing, play piano, and lots of other fun activities. My favorite thing to do in music is sing. We mostly sing "Do A Deer" and "Rocky Mountain". I hope we sing some more!

50 Balloon Celebrations #2

By Hunter

We earned our second 50 balloon celebration. We voted between computer lab, pizza party and music with root beer floats. I voted for music with root beer floats. We listened to Black Eyed Peas. The root beer floats were Huge!!! We also got to play on computers. That's why our class loves the 50 balloon celebrations!!!

Math with Ms. Hinsdale

By Ryan

In math we are learning about symmetry and angles. A right angle has 90 degrees. An acute is smaller. An obtuse angle is bigger than a right angle. I like math.

Typing Stories

By Emaleigh

Last quarter we went to the computer lab to type our stories. Some of us already did their stories. They would do Type to Learn 4. I thought typing was fun.



Mrs. Behun works with one of her students in the classroom.

Bridges Math Games

By Kale

This quarter we learned about a new website. This website is called Bridges math games. In this website you are able to pick from nine different games. Some games are fun and some games are boring. Bridges math games website is a fun way to learn.

Math with Mrs. D'Andrea

By Maddie

In math we were working on snowflakes. We had fun doing snowflakes. We cut out a bunch of shapes and then we made up some types of snowflakes. After that we tried to find the lines of symmetry in the snowflakes. None of the snowflakes were the same. It was fun to create our own snowflakes.

Shiloh

By Nick

Our group book was *Shiloh*. Shiloh is a dog that gets hurt a lot by its first owner. Sometimes Shiloh runs away from his real owner, Judd Travers. Shiloh's new owner's name is Marty. The book is sad, but it is a good book because of Shiloh. He is a really good dog and enjoys Marty's attention.

Art

By Addison

Art is fun because we make many projects. In art we made things out of clay, like owls. We also made paper calendars for 2011. I like art when we get to do free time because then we can do whatever we want. I am glad that we have art every week.

We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes

By Ben

This quarter we read an awesome book called *We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes* by Patrick Jennings. It's about a gopher snake that gets captured and is trying to escape and becomes a pet and makes a friend mouse and they try to escape. That's what I read this past quarter.

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Sometimes learning happens at a desk. Sometimes it happens other places...

Library

By Brennan

In library we are learning about the Dewey Decimal System. It is a way to organize books in the library so you can find them more easily. It uses numbers to organize the books. It was created by Melvil Dewey. Our librarian showed us a Dewey decimal rap that was really fun. If you don't want to be unproductive and search the whole library, use the Dewey Decimal System.

Audubon

By Bronwen

Do you like birds? I do, and that is what made the Audubon program so much fun for me. We learned how to use binoculars. After that we went outside to practice. There were toy birds outside for us to find. I think the Audubon program was a lot of fun and can't wait for the next one.

Mrs. Behun's Math Class

By Gavin

This quarter in math we played a game. The name of the game is Remainder Wins. The way you play is you circle a multiplication problem. Then you roll a die. The last step is to divide the product by the number on the die. Whoever gets the biggest remainder wins.

Writing Narratives

By Harper

Last quarter our class wrote narratives. The narratives we wrote were about all different things. We got to pick if the narratives were true or false. Narratives are stories with characters, settings and

maybe problems. My story was about a dog stealing a soccer ball and not giving it back. Writing narratives was fun for me because I like to write. I like writing because you can usually write what you want. I also liked it because it's peaceful and quiet. We got to pick what our narratives were about. Narratives were fun for me last quarter.

P.E.

By Lucas

I think P.E. is awesome. That's because we play all sorts of games. One game is racquetball. Racquetball is a really

fun game. You hit the ball in the outfield and try not to get tagged by the outfield people. I am really glad I have P.E. twice a week.

Guidance

By Luke

Our guidance teacher is Mr. Rast. He is the person who tells us what not to do like bullying and how to solve problems between two kids. Mr. Rast tells us not to bully because it can hurt others and get you in trouble. He also tells us the steps to stop two kids from fighting. This is what Mr. Rast taught us this quarter.

Spanish

By Moriah

Last quarter in Spanish we colored paper dolls. Then during the next class we cut them out and did an activity with them. It was really fun. I like Spanish a lot. I think Spanish is good to learn because if you go somewhere and they only speak Spanish you can talk to the people. That is why I think Spanish is important and fun.

Electricity

By Ethan

In December and January we did an exciting science unit on electricity. Sometimes we wrote and sometimes we did experiments. We worked with light bulbs and motors. We talked about circuits, D-cells, and wires. That is why I wrote about electricity.



Mrs. Behun's 3rd and 4th graders created their own newspaper, coming up with everything from their article topics to the paper's name.



One writer says she likes writing time because it is peaceful and quiet.

Poppy

By Julia

Have you ever read or heard the book *Poppy* by Avi? *Poppy* is about a mouse and her family. There is an owl whose name is Mr. Ocax. Mr. Ocax protects them from porcupines. My opinion is if *Poppy* was on a scale of one to ten, I would pick eight or nine. That is why I like *Poppy*.

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

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

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In these tough economic times, it may be difficult for many to heat their homes this winter. Winter is also a traditionally challenging time for blood collections. Inclement weather coupled with school vacations can put a strain on the blood supply throughout the Northeast. Blood donors are needed to make sure supplies are adequate for patients in need.

A local upcoming drive will be held on February 21 at Richmond Rescue from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free Spaghetti Supper

There will be a free Spaghetti Supper with dance music by Fox and Friends on Saturday, February 26, 6:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the LaPlatte Chapter #64, Order of the Eastern Star Hinesburg. The supper will be held at the Masonic Hall located next to the Hinesburg Community School. Donations are appreciated. For more information call please call Wilma Preston at 425-2643 or Ellie Carpenter at 985-2779

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Children of Alcoholics Week

By Lynn Camara

“Don’t Talk. Don’t Trust. Don’t Feel.” This is what children growing up in alcoholic families learn and often carry with them into adulthood. Most people are aware of the devastating impact alcoholism has on the alcohol-dependent person. However, many do not recognize the harm done to children who live in families where there is alcoholism or drug dependency. Children in homes in which there is alcoholism are more likely than children from homes without such problems to develop serious problems of their own. For example children of alcoholics are two to four times more likely to develop an alcohol or drug problem than others. Research shows that a combination of factors accounts for the increased alcohol abuse risks for COA’s including the following: possible inherited genetic vulnerability to addiction; poor family communication; poor role modeling; and the stresses of living in a family lacking stability, predictability, and clearly defined, appropriate, and consistent roles for all family members. An estimated 25 percent of all children in the U.S. (about 27.8 million) are affected by or exposed to a family alcohol problem. All these children are at increased risk of problems, including physical illness, emotional disturbances, behavior problems, lower educational performance, and susceptibility to alcoholism or other addiction later in life. Their needs frequently go unaddressed, but it doesn’t have to be that way!

During the week of February 13-19, people and organizations nationwide will celebrate Children of Alcoholics Week, an annual celebration of hope and healing, honoring recovery and creating awareness of the needs of children. “All too often, the silent suffering endured by children whose parents are dependent on alcohol or illicit drugs goes undetected,” says Charles G. Curie, administrator of the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). But Curie and other experts say the plight of these children can change dramatically if appropriate actions are taken by the caring adults in their lives. Sis Wenger, executive director of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA), says one particularly difficult feature of family addiction is that “many of the children hide their suffering quite well. ‘Well’ meaning adults often compound the problem by saying nothing. But by appearing to ignore their situations, adults give children the message that their feelings and concerns are not real or important, increasing their sense of isolation and confusion.”

According to NACoA, support groups are one way to help. Chittenden County resources include Student Assistance Program (SAP) Counselors at all of the CSSU middle schools and CVU High School, whose jobs are to help students who may have an issue with their own or someone else’s alcohol or other drug use. CY SAP Counselors include Lynn Camara at Hinesburg Community School and Tim Trevithick at CVU HS. Other local resources include Howard Center’s Centerpoint Adolescent Treatment at (802) 488-7711 and Spectrum Youth and Family Services at (802) 862-5396. you can also visit CY’s website at www.seewhy.info to learn more.

CY - Connecting Youth is a community-based organization whose mission is to promote a culture that develops in our youth the power and conviction to make healthy choices. Our primary purpose is to encourage a “no-use” community norm around alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by young people. Operating out of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union, CY serves the communities of Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne, and Williston and is located online at www.seewhy.info and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/connectingyouth.

Hunger Free Vermont

Vermont’s leading anti-hunger advocacy organization, the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, has launched its new name—Hunger Free Vermont. Since 1993 the organization’s outreach and advocacy have significantly enhanced Vermont’s nutrition safety net and broadened access to healthy food for Vermont’s children and families. Marissa Parisi, Executive Director of Hunger Free Vermont, remarks “While we will continue to focus on feeding Vermont’s kids, we wanted our name to also reflect our work and commitment to the nutrition needs of Vermont’s adults and seniors.”

Hunger Free Vermont advocates for policy that expands and improves meal programs in school, after school and summer programs, and in child care. Additionally, Hunger Free Vermont works to improve the 3SquaresVT benefit (formerly Food Stamps) so that more Vermonters are eligible and that those that are eligible have the tools necessary to enroll. In order to improve the nutrition of all Vermonters, Hunger Free Vermont advocates for improved quality of the

food in all meal programs, including incorporating fresh, local foods, as well as offering The Learning Kitchen program which teaches low-income youth and adults how to prepare healthy meals on a budget.

Vermont is ranked ninth hungriest state in the nation, with 1 in 7 Vermonters of all ages living in food-insecure households. “The effects of hunger are devastating for vulnerable Vermonters,” Parisi remarks. “The name Hunger Free Vermont reflects our work and vision as advocates and educators who believe in solving hunger not just for today, but for a lifetime.”

For more information call or email: Marissa Parisi at 865-0255 or MParisi@HungerFreeVT.org

Vermont School Breakfast Programs Lead the Country

Vermont schools continue to see record participation in the school breakfast program, compared to other states in the nation. More than 15,000 low-income children eat a free school breakfast on an average school day across the state, according to the annual report issued by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). In 2009 Vermont saw a record 15.5 percent increase over the previous school year which moved Vermont from ninth to third in the nation for participation. In 2010, Vermont saw a slight increase in breakfast participation and maintained its national participation ranking. This is likely the result of both increased need and a bill passed in 2008 by the Vermont State Legislature that allows all low-income students to access free school breakfast.

In November the USDA reported that 1 in 5 children in Vermont experience hunger. Vermont’s school breakfast participation rates show that families are relying on this important nutrition safety net in tough economic times. “Vermont’s strong participation in school breakfast among low-income children reinforces that the school breakfast program is more important than ever – especially in this sluggish economic recovery,” says Marissa Parisi, Executive Director of Hunger Free Vermont. “School meals provide an ongoing source of good nutrition for Vermont’s children and we will continue to encourage participation among eligible families,” says Parisi. Despite Vermont’s relatively high breakfast participation rates, only 60 percent of low-income students that participate in free or reduced price lunch eat breakfast on an average day.

School meals are provided at 93 percent of public schools in Vermont. “We see hungry children every day, who rely on school breakfast,” says Kathy Alexander, Director of Addison Northeast Supervisory Union Food Service Cooperative and President of School Nutrition Association of Vermont. Alexander also notes, “Increased access to school breakfast for low-income children has made a big difference in school meal participation as well the overall health of the children served. Expanding this effort to include school lunch would have an even bigger impact.” Hunger Free Vermont would like to see the state build on the success of the 2008 breakfast expansion and is working with state legislators to provide free school lunch to all low-income children.

For more information on school meals visit http://www.hungerfreevt.org/school_meal.php. You may also call or email Marissa Parisi at 865-0255 or MParisi@HungerFreeVT.org

Health and Safety

Ten Winter Driving Tips to Stay Safe on the Road

Julie Lee, Director, AARP Driver Safety Program

No matter how many years of driving experience you may have, Vermont’s winter weather always presents a wide variety of driving challenges. Snow, ice, fog and early nightfall are a few of the dangerous conditions you’ll have to prepare for in the winter months.

Understanding how to drive safely in harsh weather conditions can protect you, your passengers and your vehicle. Stay safe on the road by following these winter driving tips, as recommended by the AARP Driver Safety Program.

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Stop gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.

Turn on your headlights to increase your visibility to other motorists, and keep your lights clean and free of ice or debris.

In unfavorable driving conditions, reduce your speed and increase the distance between your car and the one in front of you. Remember that it takes more time to stop on icy roads.

Stay alert. Look ahead to give yourself more time to react safely to situations without suddenly braking or skidding.

Before driving, clear all snow and ice from your vehicle's hood, windows and roof.

Use snow or all-season tires or chains for better traction and smoother slowing. Remember that even with snow tires, you should use extra caution while driving in inclement weather — no tires allow you to drive on snow or ice at normal speeds.

Take extra precautions on bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas, which can freeze first, and remain icy longer than roadways. A road on which ice and snow are completely frozen is pretty slippery, even though it provides more traction than a road with melting ice.

In wet driving conditions, do not drive faster than the windshield wipers can clear water from the windshield. Make sure your wiper blades are in good shape, and replace them yearly.

Equip your car with emergency supplies, such as blankets, food, water, spare fuses, a flashlight with batteries, an ice scraper, flares and a first-aid kit.

Changing seasons bring new and different driving conditions, so consider registering for a driver-improvement course, such as the classroom or online courses offered by the AARP Driver Safety Program (www.aarp.org/driving45) to learn valuable safety tips to keep you and your passengers safe all year round.

Flu Now Widespread in Vermont – Get Vaccinated!

Flu is on the rise, with influenza-like illness now widespread in Vermont, as it has been in New York and other parts of the country. All three strains of the flu seen nationwide have been detected in Vermont.

The Vermont Department of Health continues to urge everyone age six months and older to get vaccinated.

“Our concern throughout the flu season is those Vermonters who are unprotected and need to be reminded — flu is a serious but preventable illness,” said Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD.

Vermont had one of the highest vaccination rates in the nation last year (nearly a third of the state's population) in response to the emergence of H1N1 flu. Even if you were vaccinated against H1N1 flu last year, you still need to be protected again this year.

“Getting vaccinated is still the best way to keep from getting and spreading flu,” said Dr. Chen.

The Health Department also provided guidance this week to Vermont health care providers about who should be tested for flu and the use of anti-viral medication to lessen the severity and duration of illness.

Vaccine supply is plentiful in Vermont and nationally, and one dose protects against all three strains of influenza. An estimated 160 million doses of flu vaccine have been distributed in the U.S., more than has ever been available in a single season.

In addition to being vaccinated against the flu, taking the following simple precautions can help keep illness from spreading:

Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away.

Wash your hands often, especially after you cough or sneeze.

Use alcohol-based hand wipes and gel sanitizers if soap and water are not available.

Stay home from work or school if you are sick.

The Vermont Department of Health provides influenza vaccine to health care providers for children six months through 18 years old.

For more information about flu, dial 211 or go the Health Department's website at www.healthvermont.gov, where you can also link to the Health Department's Facebook page, YouTube channel, Twitter feed and more.

What do you get when you mix a group of unique thirteen and fourteen year-olds, a love for song and theater, and an unfinished basement to practice in? “Thirteen—the Musical!” And it's coming to a theater near you! Mark your calendars. This teen-centered Broadway musical will be performed on March 5 and 6 at the Vergennes Opera House by the Stage Left Theater Company. “Thirteen,” a musical enjoyed by any and all who are, or have been thirteen themselves, captures the angst of...well...being thirteen! Evan Goldman is about to have his coming of age Bar Mitzvah. Meanwhile, his parents divorce, and he has to move from NYC to small town Appleton, Indiana. Here he explores being the new kid in school, who are the cool kids versus the “geeks,” first kisses, and what a real friend is. “Thirteen” captures the essence of nearly all teens; the choices they make, the circumstances they find themselves in at a time of extraordinary change and growth in their lives.

The Stage Left Theater Company is a grassroots acting group comprised of teen thespians from the Champlain Valley area. Students Gianna Kiehl and Darcy Talbott, of Shelburne and Charlotte, founded the group and are directing and choreographing the upcoming show. Gianna and Darcy began to invite other teenagers to sing and practice the script together. Before they knew it, there were eleven thirteen and fourteen year-olds from four different schools meeting in a basement every Saturday afternoon. These students love acting and singing, as well as the story line and music of this particular Broadway show. “I see myself in bits of the characters. There's teen drama that is interesting because I can

relate to it,” exclaims Casey Spicer Renaud of Charlotte.

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The Stage Left Theater Company is primarily self-directed and has focused on the process of the rehearsals as well as the outcome of the production. Gianna's mother, Bert Nubile, offered her production support when she saw the passion this acting troupe demonstrated for playing out the story. “Teenagers can relate to this musical and love the themes that emerge from it. Acting is a way for teenagers to hang out together. They are self motivated and I am doing all that I can to have this show be theirs, without an adult agenda.”

Bert has rallied adult support to purchase the copyright for the musical, so that “Thirteen” can be publicly performed by the Stage Left Theater Company. “I am excited because we thought we were doing a ‘backyard performance’ but now this is a ‘front yard performance’ in a beautiful theater,” joked Vergennes resident, Sarah White. The students have invited one guest voice coach to their basement rehearsals and hope to invite other theater and storytelling coaches, as well. The well-known Vermont pianist, Peter Krag, of Shelburne, will begin rehearsing with the actors this month and will play for the March performances.

Dates and show times for “Thirteen—the Musical,” performed at the Vergennes Opera House in Vergennes, are Saturday March 5, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday



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Schubart’s *Fat People*

Brown Dog Books & Gifts invites the public to an author event on Friday, February 18 at 7:00p.m.. Local author Bill Schubart will present his newest book, *Fat People*, a collection of short stories about people whose lives are overwhelmed by compulsive eating — their feelings, their anxiety and loneliness as well as the pressures exerted by society. Bill will speak candidly of his own experience and how it became a book.

Bill Schubart has lived with his family in Vermont since 1947. He writes about Vermont in fiction, humor and opinion pieces. Mr. Schubart is also the author of *The Lamoille Stories*, a collection of stories from his childhood growing up in Vermont.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided. If you can’t make it, let Brown Dog know and they will have a book signed for you. This event is free and open to the public. Brown Dog Books is located in Firehouse Plaza next to Estey Hardware. For more information please call 802-482-5189.

Jean Carlson Masseau Photography at National Bank of Middlebury

Through March 18, the National Bank of Middlebury in Hinesburg is hosting an exhibit of photographs by local artist and photographer Jean Carlson Masseau. The large color photographs are from a Vermont landscape collection including summer and winter scenes of Lake Champlain, and horticultural and local farming subjects. Most of the images are “Giclee” reproductions meticulously printed on smooth watercolor paper with archival inks. Jean is an illustrator, painter and photographer working for a variety of clients locally and nationwide. For questions or to schedule a studio visit, you may contact Jean at 482-2407.

Seventeenth Annual Sugar Makers’ Tour in Huntington

For a quick cure to those “Mud Season Blues,” join your neighbors and friends for sweet treats during Huntington’s Annual Sugar Makers’ Tour. On Saturday March 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., many Huntington sugar making

operations will be open to the public. Sugar makers from one end of town to the other will be boiling that day (weather permitting) and invite people to check out their facilities, sample this year’s crop, enjoy sweet treats and purchase a variety of delicious maple products. Maps with directions to participating sugar makers will be available after March 3 at the local store. Or contact Margaret Taft at 434-3269 for more information.

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

Did you know the following maple facts?

- Vermont sugar makers produce an estimated 375,000-400,000 gallons of syrup each year.
- Vermont is home to an estimated 2,200 sugar makers.
- There are an estimated 2 million taps in Vermont.
- Vermont sugar making contributes more than \$110 million to the state’s economy annually.

Source: *George Cook and Larry Myott, UVM Extension Maple Specialists*

Snow Shoe Event

The 5th Annual Pittsfield Snowshoe Marathon is the East’s most challenging snowshoe event. It is a full marathon of 26.20 miles through 7,200 feet of elevation change. It begins at 8:00 a.m. on March 5 at Amee Farm on Route 100 in Pittsfield, Vermont. This race is for, as Race Director Andy Weinberg puts it, “normal” people who may be able to finish the marathon in the allotted 10 hours. A half-marathon will also be offered.

In addition, a 100-mile snowshoe race will begin at 4:00 p.m. on March 4. This is the second year of this particular trial by snow. Weinberg says that in 2010 eight racers entered and three finished this toughie, with a best time of 30 hours.

Last year there were 150 who signed up for the marathon and half-marathon. The best time for the full marathon last year was about 4 hours; for the half it was just under 2 hours.

There are registration fees for all events. Early registrants get a price break. The weekend includes a post-race pasta feed, awards ceremony and video presentation. The snowshoe weekend is one of a full calendar of ultra running, competitive cycling, adventure racing, mountain biking, and other races under the auspices of Peak Races, www.peakraces.com.

For information please contact Race Director Andy Weinberg at andy@peak.com. For sophisticated overnight accommodations at the 12-room “green” Amee Farm Lodge please visit www.ameefarm.com. There are also limited bunk-style accommodations available at \$25 a pillow, first come first serve.

Sports

Little League Registration Underway

The Charlotte Little League, which welcomes Hinesburg players, is gearing up for the 2011 season. The registration deadline is March 11. The league has teams in four divisions: TeeBall, Triple A, Minors and Majors. Players will need to complete registration and medical release forms, and will need a copy of their birth certificate. More information is available at CLL’s web site (<http://www.eteamz.com/charlottetv>). Click

the “Handouts” link to find downloadable forms.



Calling All Friends and Family of Frederick Webster

Friends and family of Frederick Webster are invited to share a social afternoon on February 26 at the Coventry Community Center, 168 Main St, Coventry, VT

The Meet and Greet begins at 1:00 p.m. The family hopes you can share time with them. In lieu of attendance, if you would like, send notes to Frederick and Vivian Webster, 378 Webster Road, Orleans, VT 05860. If folks have questions they can email Paulette Webster, webwhit@earthlink.net, or call 770-573-9518 for Paulette, (oldest daughter of Frederick) 702 Avalon Avenue, Brunswick, GA 31523.

Fred’s first teaching job, fresh out of UVM (around 1941), was at Hinesburg High School replacing Mr.Tenney as the Vocational Agriculture (VoAg) teacher. Roosevelt had mandated that VoAg teachers assume the responsibility of feeding the nation during wartime, so Frederick visited farmers around the area in an effort to coach them about planting, soil conservation and the like.

When he returned from military duty, in the early 50’s, he moved his family back to Hinesburg, and farmed here while he served as Overseer of the Poor, Tax Collector, and, at some point, Sheriff. He has strong connections with many older Hinesburg residents. His brother, Charles Webster (teacher and milkman), was a long time resident.

Fred participated in at least two Hinesburg 4th of July parades, one with his Conestoga Wagon drawn by Mr. Cote’s oxen and another with his stagecoach. He is a collector of old farm equipment in Coventry (you can Google him). He has been recognized by several publications over the years: *Vermont Life*, AP news, and every area newspaper at one time or another.

VHB Welcomes Jeanne Wilson to VT Office

Jeanne Wilson recently joined Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) as the Administrative Manager for the firm’s Vermont Office. A graduate of Syracuse University, Jeanne comes from the field of municipal management, having served as Town Administrator for the Town of Hinesburg for the past ten years.

In addition to providing administrative oversight and support to VHB’s Vermont Office, Jeanne’s expertise and experience in municipal government will support the firm’s expanding service to Vermont’s municipalities. Having played a key role in municipal project management on a number of Hinesburg projects, including transportation planning, scoping studies, infrastructure construction, stormwater and wetland permitting, and sustainability planning, Jeanne can provide a strategic understanding of the municipal client’s challenges and perspective.

VHB’s North Ferrisburgh office is the firm’s second northern New England office. The firm also has an office in Bedford, New Hampshire. Together the Northern New England team comprises nearly 100 employees.

Watertown, Massachusetts-based Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. is a 900-person firm that provides integrated transportation, land development and environmental consulting services from 20 offices along the east coast. Engineering News-Record ranks VHB 82nd of the Top 500 U.S. Design Firms and among the Top 50 Transportation Firms in the Nation. CE News magazine consistently ranks VHB among the Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For in the U.S. For more information, visit www.vhb.com.

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Jeanne Wilson

David Nichols has over 24 years experience satisfying customers in the HVACR service industry. Nichols was self-employed as a HVACR Management and Operations consultant (DN Consulting, LLC) for three years and prior to that was Vice President of Climate Systems.

Hinesburg Area Students Excel on College Campuses

The following students from Hinesburg and nearby have been honored on their college campuses.

At the University of Vermont, Dean's List honorees include **Kristin E. Blumen**, junior, Communication Science; **Isaiah R. Cory**, first-year student, Business Administration;

Tegan M. Mahoney, first-year student, Undeclared; **Cameron J. Powden**, senior, Athletic Training Education; and **Ellen E. Reinhardt**, first-year student, Psychology. Undergraduate students with grade-point averages of 3.0 or better and who are in the top 20 percent of their classes qualify for the deans' lists at the schools and colleges of the University of Vermont.

The following area residents have been named to the 2010 Fall Champlain College Honors list. They are: **Katelyn Bean**, majoring in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, **Elisabeth Muroski**, majoring in Public Relations and **Lee Martin**, majoring in Accounting. Being named to the Dean's

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List requires a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or more as a full-time student.

Jeanne M. Stark earned placement on the President's List for the 2010 fall semester at Vermont Technical College. To be recognized as a President's or Dean's list scholar, students must be seeking a degree, carrying at least 12 credit hours, and may not have received a failing or incomplete grade in any subject during the semester. Both lists recognize high academic honors. The President's List recognizes the college's highest academic achievement.

Kathryn Bennett has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College. Katie is studying at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, this semester.

Kevin Ford, class of 2011 at Connecticut College, has been named to the Dean's Honors list for the 2010 fall semester.

Johanna P. Fay, a student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, is pursuing her academic studies, Political Identities in Slovenia, in an international program offered through the Office of International and Off-campus studies at St. Olaf.

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during the 2010 fall semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses. Castonguay, a member of the class of 2011, is a Studio Art major.

Molly K. Parren is participating in St. Lawrence University’s International Study Program for the spring 2011 semester. Parren, a junior at St. Lawrence, is studying in Kenya. Amnesty International is among the activities that Parren has participated in on campus. She is majoring in Conservation Biology. Parren graduated from Mount Abraham Union High School in Bristol.

Leanna Muroski achieved high academic honors and was named to the Dean’s List at the University of North Carolina Wilmington for the Fall 2010 semester. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Muroski.

Casey Lee was named to the dean’s list for the fall 2010 semester at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh. To be eligible for the dean’s list, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 semester grade point average with at least 12 credit hours.

Robert Pelletier, a sophomore majoring in Aeronautical Engineering, was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2010 semester at Clarkson University. Dean’s List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 GPA and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Other News

Wildlife Officials Seeking Reports of Bat Activity

As in to past winters, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department asks Vermont residents to report unusual bat activity—the result of White Nose Syndrome, which has afflicted hibernating bats throughout the state. Bats with the syndrome may awaken from hibernation, leave the caves and mines apparently in search of food, and end up at residences, buildings, and other structures in an effort to escape the inhospitable winter temperatures.

“As a result, citizens living in regions near caves or mines with affected bats may witness unusual levels of activity and mortality of these animals”, says Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department wildlife biologist Scott Darling. “Although the disease has decimated populations of some bat species, citizen reports of dying bats help us monitor the spread of the disease throughout the state. Last year, citizen reports of dying bats shifted northward as the disease moved to the Canadian border. It will be very interesting to see if the disease is continuing to infect bats, or if bat populations are now so low that there are few bats left to become sick.”

To assist in the monitoring of the disease, the department is soliciting citizen reports of sightings of dead or dying bats, as well as unusual observations of bats flying in the daytime. Citizens can most easily report their observations on-line by visiting the department’s website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Click on Report Sick-acting Bats.

Alternatively, citizens may call (802) 786-0055 to report the information.

Because of the syndrome, you may see erratic, low-flying bats out in the daytime. Darling states, “these bats pose no more of a threat to humans than healthy bats - they simply are looking for food and warmth.”

People having dead or dying bats on their property should not handle the animals unless necessary and parents should advise children not to pick up any bats. All bats should be handled with gloves or tools.

“The people of Vermont have been so helpful and supportive of our investigations into the spread and causes of White Nose Syndrome,” says Darling. “It is a reflection of the interest and concern Vermonters have for our wildlife.”

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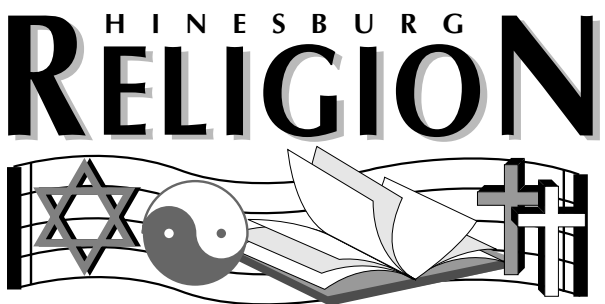
There is no more powerful way to give back to what you love than with a gift of your time. If you love to hunt in Vermont, there’s few better ways of giving your time than becoming a volunteer hunter education instructor.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Hunter Education program has scheduled a New Hunter Education Instructor Training for Saturday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Waterbury State Office Complex.

The application process includes providing personal references and a criminal history background check. You can still take the instructor course if the background check has not been completed, but you will not be certified until passing it.

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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

Ash Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m., March 9. A service of music & prayer, with ashes to mark the beginning of Sunday 9am Morning Meditation and Prayer.

Help Wanted!

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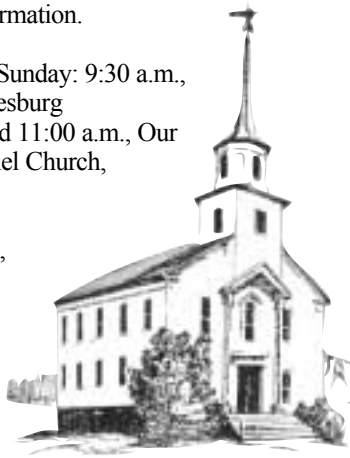
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Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast

There will be a Youth Mass on Sunday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m.
This will be followed by a Pancake Breakfast (about 10:30 a.m.) in the Parish Hall. The cost of the breakfast is \$6/adult; \$3/child; \$16/family (two adults and two or more children.)

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, March 9, Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Charlotte and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude Parish in Hinesburg.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Fish and Chips Dinner

St. Jude's Parish will be hold a Fish and Chips Dinner every Friday during Lent from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude Parish Hall. Cost is \$8/adult; \$5 per/child or senior; and \$25 for a family of four or more. Dine in or take-out orders are available. All are welcome.

Food Shelf

Parishioners are asked to be generous in bringing non-perishables, canned, and dried food for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food collection baskets are in the entry for your convenience. On the third Sunday of each month (February 20, March 20 and April 17) parishioners are asked to make an extra effort to bring donations for the Food Shelf.

Senior Lunches

The Senior Lunches continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (February 23, and March 9 and 23). 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: \$3.00 donation.
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Note: Need a ride? Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. Caretakers are welcome.
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Catholic Financial Life Award

On January 23, 2011, Gary Payea (right), Pastoral Assistant at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Hinesburg was presented a Catholic Financial Life matching grant check in the amount of \$500. This grant matches profits from the November and December breakfasts held at St. Jude's parish hall. George Bouffard, Catholic Financial Life Winooski Chapter #35 secretary presented the check. The plan is to use the money to help defray some of the Church's heating costs.



Gary Payea (right) and George Bouffard.

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Email: info@hinesburgcma.org
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVUHS soccer fields)
Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
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

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495
Phone: 878-5792. **Website:** www.steeple.org
Pastor: Rev. Joan Newton O'Gorman, cell phone: 345-7953
Lay Pastor: Rev. Charlie Magill
Activities: Junior and Senior High Youth Groups; Men's Bible Study; Women's Book Group; Junior, Senior and Contemporary Music Choirs; Friendship Suppers; Opportunities for mission and outreach in the community, country, and world
Service: Sundays 9:30 am, Nursery/Child care provided Sunday school during the service for Pre-K thru High School
Coffee/Fellowship after service in Fellowship Hall

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Nondenominational Service

Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele **Phone:** 985-3819
Mailing Addr: 371 Bostwick Farm Rd, Shelburne, VT 05482
Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation and Prayer.
Sunday 5:00 p.m.: Evensong Service (with programs for children and youth!)
Wednesday 12:00 p.m.: Healing Circle (bring a bag lunch, meditation to follow.)



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Family Literacy Playtime

Family Literacy Playtime is an opportunity for three-to five-year-olds and their parents or guardians to explore activities and play games to help create building blocks for literacy.

Come join us for pizza and fun, Thursday, March 24, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Community School Library.

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HINESBURG CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

February 17 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* published
Fire and Rescue/ Business meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg
Fire Station

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

President’s Day
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Sewage Disposal System Improvements Mountain View
Mobile Home Park, East Buck Hill Rd., topic at the
Selectboard meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

CVU Annual Budget Informational Meeting, 5:00 p.m.,
CVU, (Voting on CVU budget, Tuesday, March 1 at
Town Hall)
Hinesburg Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m. CVU auditorium
CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU room 106, (may
be rescheduled)
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town
Hall (may be rescheduled)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1:

Voting for town issues and officers and the CVU
Budget, Town Hall, polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00
p.m.
Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2:

Advertising and news deadline for March 24 issue of *The
Hinesburg Record*

THURSDAY, MARCH 3:

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

MONDAY, MARCH 7:

Hinesburg Community School Annual Meeting, 7:00
p.m., HCS
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, MARCH 8:

Lion’s Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant,
call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information
Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
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, MARCH 9:

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

**HINESBURG BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION OFFERS
FREE JOB SEARCH AND POSTING SERVICE**

By Jean Isham, HBPA

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA) has added to its web site space for area businesses to post employment openings and for area residents to post requests and/or resumes when seeking jobs. The service is free of charge to members and non-members. The Association encourages area businesses and job seekers to use the site. Expanded usage will enhance the value of the site to the community.

To access this service simply go to the HBPA web site, hinesburgbusiness.com, and click on the appropriate option: Seek A Job; Post A Job; Search Resumes; Post Resume. We think you will find the application easy to use. If you do not have ready access to a computer, access may be available through your local library.

If you have any questions about this site or its use, contact Robert Stahl at bstahl2@gmail.com or at 482-3137.

Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 10:

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13:

Daylight Savings Time begins – “spring ahead”

MONDAY, MARCH 14:

CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU room 106
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town
Hall
Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town
Hall, contact George Dameron, Chair. 482-3269

TUESDAY, MARCH 15:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16:

Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., lower
level or second floor of Town Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 17:

St. Patrick’s Day
Fire and Rescue/ Business meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg
Fire Station

SUNDAY, MARCH 20:

First day of spring

MONDAY, MARCH 21:

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 22:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23:

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 24:

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Huntington Sugar Makers Tours

MONDAY, MARCH 28:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Advertising and news deadline for April 21 issue of *The
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from
11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. 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.
Henry Lambert, Interim Administrator.

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

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

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

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

Buy Local/Specialty Farming Task Force. Meetings on the
second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., top floor of
Town Hall. Contact Bill Schubart (bill@schubart.com
482-3287) or James Donegan
(doneganmaple@hotmail.com 482-3245) with questions.

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
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www.seewhy.info – The official website of CY -
Connecting Youth - the Chittenden South community
based organization dedicated to creating a safe and
healthy environment for young people.

www.facebook.com/connectingyouth – The CY -
Connecting Youth Facebook Fan Page - for parents
and teens to become fans and connect with others in
the CY community!

The Hinesburg Record

Advertising Deadline
Mar. 2 for the Mar. 24, 2011 issue.
Call 482-2540 for information.

News/Calendar Deadline
Mar. 2 for the Mar. 24, 2011 issue.
Call 482-2350 for information.

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