

# *the* HINESBURG Record

DECEMBER 5, 2013

## Annual HAS Christmas Concert December 15

The annual Community Christmas Concert, presented by the Hinesburg Artist Series (HAS), will be held Sunday, December 15 starting at 4:30 p.m. at St Jude Church in Hinesburg.

Under the direction of Rufus C. Patrick, the South County Chorus and the HAS Orchestra will perform both traditional and contemporary Christmas songs, including selections by Patti Drennan, Lloyd Larsen, and Philip Kern. The program will also include a rousing choral adaptation of “Jingle Bells” by Mark Hayes and selections from Handel’s Messiah.

The HAS Orchestra will play a Bob Krogstad arrangement entitled “The Bells of Christmas.”

Featured guest artist is flutist Laurel Ann Maurer, who will be performing selections for flute and piano with pianist Claire Black.

***The concert is free, though donations are appreciated.***

Please also bring a non-perishable food item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

### Featured Artists

#### Flutist, Laurel Ann Maurer

Ms. Maurer began her musical studies in Seattle, Washington where she was a member of the Seattle Youth Symphony and a recipient of awards from the



Flutist, Laurel Ann Maurer

Seattle Young Artists Festival. She continued her musical education in New York City, studying with Julius Baker, Jeanne Baxtresser and Samuel Baron.

As an award winner from such organizations as the National Association of Composers – USA, the National Flute Association, the National Orchestra of New York, the Chautauqua Institute and the Utah Arts Council, Ms. Maurer has appeared as flute soloist throughout the United States and Europe, including performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center. She has appeared as concerto soloist with the Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra, the National Flute Association’s American Flutist Concerto Orchestra, the Salt Lake Symphony and the Long Island Chamber Orchestra.

At the forefront of Ms. Maurer’s career is her dedication to contemporary music. She has commissioned numerous works for the flute, compelling many fine composers to comment on her performance of their works.

Laurel Ann Maurer is the artistic director of Vermont Virtuosi, a concert series presented throughout Vermont dedicated to bringing compelling chamber music programs to the public free of charge.

#### Claire Black, Pianist

Claire Black, a recent addition to the Vermont classical music scene, is originally from Long Lake, NY. She has performed



Claire Black, Pianist

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## The Need for Affordable Housing in Hinesburg

BY ANDREA BRAINARD, HINESBURG AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

*With the proposal to include 21 affordable rental housing units within the Hinesburg Village Housing development west of Kinney Drugs, the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee (“HAHC”) wanted to provide the local community with some information about affordable housing in Vermont and in Hinesburg. This article does not address any of the planning, zoning and permitting issues associated with the proposed Hinesburg Village Housing development since the project is in the early stages of the permit process before the Hinesburg Development Review Board.*

As property values outpace income levels, many Vermonters, including Hinesburg residents, are becoming less able to afford

to own or even rent a house. The median price of a single family primary residence sold in Chittenden County in 2012 was \$270,000, according to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA). The annual income needed to afford a 2-bedroom apartment is \$51,200, requiring an hourly wage of \$24.62 in order to limit housing costs to 30% of income. VHFA estimated in 2012 that in Chittenden County the annual income needed to afford a median priced home is \$70,492, and that 11% of homeowners and 27% of renters spend 50% or more of their income on housing.

The commitment to affordable housing has been an important concern of Hinesburg planning and development authorities. Among the goals of the Hinesburg Town Plan is the goal “to en-

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## Iroquois Soccer Club “Sheds” One-Town Image

Nearly 20 years ago Iroquois Soccer Club was formed in Hinesburg by Meg Munson, Larry Parker and some other Hinesburg residents as a way to foster greater participation in youth soccer within Hinesburg at a level other than premier/year-round clubs. Other larger clubs were left to focus on premier youth soccer while Iroquois Soccer Club fostered town-based play in just the spring every year.

Now Iroquois Soccer Club is drawing participation from Charlotte and Shelburne as those communities’ non-premier soccer opportunities have become scarcer.

This summer Iroquois Soccer Club really “shed” it’s one-town image when it literally moved a shed from Charlotte to Hinesburg.

It began with a need for storage of gear. It turned into pleas to the community for a ‘spare’ shed. It became tangible with Todd and Julie Holmes donating their shed. The shed took on a life of its own as its roof was refurbished and new paint applied to siding. And when the shed actually journeyed via flatbed to its new home at Town Field in Hinesburg the project was complete.



*The Shed: outstanding in its field (Hinesburg Town Field, that is).*

Huge thanks to Julie and Todd Holmes of course, and Sadie, their daughter, for permitting them to give the shed away.

Tailhook Towing of Hinesburg also deserves a very big thank you. They provided the flatbed at a reduced rate.

***Registration for the Spring 2014 season is now open at [iroquoissoccer.org](http://iroquoissoccer.org) – scholarships available!***

Iroquois Soccer Club will welcome participation from Charlotte, Shelburne, Williston and any area town and, of course, from Hinesburg as well.

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*Hinesburg’s independent, non-profit community newspaper*

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

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# Letters

## Letter Policy

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*With these cautions, please keep these letters rolling in. Send them via email to therecord@gmavt.net, mail them to The Hinesburg Record, P.O. Box 304 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or deliver them to the Record drop box on Charlotte Road.*

## Appreciating Barbara Bissonette

Due to a lifetime of giving time, energy, land, and commitment to the town of Hinesburg by her and her family, Barbara Bissonette was chosen to be the Grand Marshall at the 2013 July 4th parade. She was accompanied on the horse-drawn wagon by her six granddaughters; Katie, Sarah, Jeanine, Emma, Erin, and Carrie. The one one missing was her soon-to-be-born, first boy in the next generation, Mason. The wagon was driven by Jennifer Lang, with the assistance of her daughter.

Barbara was born in Brandon, Vermont.

Soon thereafter, her family purchased a farm in Bristol. They farmed there until the Hurricane of 1949, which took the roof off their house and destroyed their barns. They then farmed in Monkton, and she attended grade school through ninth grade in Bristol, then graduated from Hinesburg High School in 1956. She was forced to withdraw from college and return home to help her mother run the family farm when her father passed away. They eventually sold their 210 acre farm for a whopping \$9,000 and moved to Winooski, where she, of course, continued to work a couple of odd jobs.

Barbara started dating Wayne when she was a junior in high school. They got married in the fall of 1957, and started their life together in the brick farmhouse. After giving birth to their two boys, Mike and Joe, and daughter Penny, she started working part time in 1965 at the Starksboro post office, going full time in the 70's, then switching to the Hinesburg branch in the early 80's. After putting in 33 years as a postal service employee, she retired in 1998.

Although Barbara was the Grand Marshall, that was also a long overdue salute to her late husband, Wayne, who passed away on October 13, 2012, after a two year fight with cancer. Wayne spent 73 years living in Hinesburg, in 3 different houses all within a half mile of each other, in the outskirts of the village. Wayne was a hardworking man, who adored his mother, and spent his whole life in the farming industry. He was a good father who raised his children the "old Vermont way", teaching them life's lessons while fixing fences and doing chores together. Wayne LOVED HINESBURG!! He would do anything for the town. Was elected as a Selectman for eight years, served on numerous committees, such as the CVU Planning, and the Town Conser-

vation. He also was a member of the the Historical Society and on the Town Forest Board. Even though the last 10 winters were spent in Florida, they couldn't wait to return to the place they called home. Throughout his life, Wayne was also active in numerous State farm bureau organizations, and in 2004 was recognized by the USDA (United States Dairy Association) for his 43 years of committed service.

The Bissonette family has given land on Gilman Road to the town, which is in the process of becoming a cemetery. They also purchased the Riggs farm land, part of which they have donated to the town for the the future Bissonette Recreational Fields, which will include two very much needed all purpose athletic fields and a little league baseball diamond.

So Barbara and family, a huge THANK YOU for all you all have done, and continue to do for the Town of Hinesburg.

Tom Giroux

## First Tuesday Organizations Wanted

On the first Tuesday of every month, the Hinesburgh Public House serves a four course meal for \$20 and then donates half of that money to a community organization. Now we are looking for partner organizations for our 2014 Community Suppers.

We are looking for grassroots non-profit organizations that either build and strengthen community or produce local food. We are limiting our search to Hinesburg and eight adjacent towns.

If you are involved in such an organization and are interested in participating in one of our Community Suppers, email us at info@hinesburghpublichouse.com or visit www.hinesburghpublichouse.com for more details.

Will Patten

# Town Trails

## Fall Foliage Tour and Trail Fixes

BY LENORE BUDD  
TRA ILS COMMITTEE MEMBER

A dozen hikers, new to the trails in Hinesburg's Old Town Forest, joined Trail Committee hosts on a guided walk on Sunday, October 13. Foliage color was at its peak, with gold and crimson leaves wafting down as the group traversed the Eagle's Trail, Passing the Horizon Trail, and International Trail – the last two maintained by the mountain biking group Fellowship of the Wheel. Several in the group indicated that they had been hesitant to explore the trails on their own because the trails are not well marked. The Trails Committee, aware of the lack of consistent trail markers, has posted an updated trail map on the Town website, is installing new trailhead kiosks, and is working with the Town Forest Committee and Fellowship of the Wheel to develop a clear, comprehensive trail marking system for all the permitted trails in the Old Town Forest.



Hikers enjoying fall foliage on Passing the Horizon Trail during a guided walk in the Old Town Forest.

Other recent fixes in the Old Town Forest include this summer's rehabilitation of the Maiden Trail, consisting of drainage improvements, new bridges, and trail armoring - all thanks to Fellowship of the Wheel and a Vermont Recreation Trails Program (VRTP) grant. The Maiden Trail and the Class IV portion of Hayden Hill Road comprise an easy two-mile walking or snowshoeing loop connecting the Hayden Hill Road east and west trailheads. If you head out to explore these or other trails in the Old Town Forest be sure to bring an updated trail map (available on the Town website), and wear bright colors since several hunting seasons extend into early December.

Walkers on the Russell Farm Perimeter Trail in Hinesburg Village will have noted the beautiful trail signs installed over the summer. The signs are largely the work of Ann Brush and former Trails Committee



Hiker traversing one of the many new bridges installed on the Maiden Trail in the Old Town Forest.



member Jason Reed. A VRTP mini-grant and a SCHIP grant paid for materials.

Geprags Park also has an updated trail map and new trail markers. The perimeter trail is marked with maroon and white, plastic HART blazes and interior trails are marked with red or blue, plastic blazes matching the colors on the new trail map. Because of the lack of trees at many trail intersections, some blazes are mounted on sturdy cedar posts paid for with another VRTP mini-grant.

The Trails Committee thanks Cathy Ryan, who recently stepped down from the Committee, for her years of spirited service. The Select Board has appointed George Dameron to fill Cathy's seat. Welcome, George!

Please get out and enjoy our wonderful HART trails this fall and winter. Updated maps for all the trails can be downloaded from the Town website.



Trails Committee member deploying new signposts in Geprags Park.



# Commentary

## Similarities Between Sour Cream and the Bus

BY CATHY RYAN

There have been various times in my life when I believed I didn't like a certain food even though I had never tried it. I don't think I've ever eaten pickles, but I know that I don't like them because I've had to pick them off my sandwiches on occasion, and I don't like the taste of the juice left behind, so I know I won't like the actual pickles.

I used to think I didn't like sour cream. Even the name sounds gross; who would eat something (especially a dairy product) with the word "sour" in its name? Whenever I ordered a burrito, I'd ask for no sour cream. Then one day I had a bur-

rito that tasted particularly good. I looked it over and saw there was sour cream in it. I had forgotten to ask for no sour cream. Huh. I guess I do like sour cream.

When I first heard about Hinesburg getting bus service, I was excited and decided to make a commitment to taking the bus twice a week. I figured it would be inconvenient and a bit of a hassle, and not always possible if I needed to do errands or go to the gym after work. But I wanted to support bus service, save some money, and help the environment. In short, I thought I would prefer driving my own car to taking the bus.

It turns out I was wrong (this is where the

similarity to sour cream comes in, in case you were starting to wonder). In general, I actually prefer taking the bus to driving myself. Because I live in the village, I can walk to the bus, so I don't have to scrape frost off my windshield or clear snow off it. Walking outside, rather than being in a car, is such a pleasant start to my day. As soon as I get to the bus, it's toasty warm (or nice and cool in the summer), and I can read, listen to music or audiobooks, chat with my fellow riders, or doze off.

Traffic jams, though still annoying due to the time delay, are much less stressful to me when I'm on the bus. For me, the most wonderful aspect of the bus is that I don't have to drive in snowy, icy weather. I always got very stressed out driving home from work in the dark when it was snowing. I'd worry about damaging my car and/or myself in a wreck,

and apparently I was more worried than most, because there'd be a line of impatient cars behind me and no place for me to safely pull over to let them pass. No more! Now, I listen to music and doze as the bus driver worries about all that.

Admittedly, on the coldest of mornings, it seems like it takes me longer to get dressed for the walk to the bus than it took me to get dressed for my wedding, but I think of it as an adventure.

I realize that the bus schedule doesn't work for everyone. But if there's any way you can give the bus a try, even just once, I encourage you to do so. As with my sour cream experience, you might discover that you actually like it.

The 116 Commuter bus schedule can be found here: [tinyurl.com/ride116](http://tinyurl.com/ride116).

# Town News

## Town Clerk and Treasurer's Office

BY MISSY ROSS

Election Day on November 5 included two Articles for consideration by the voters. The Town ballot question was whether to repeal the changes to the rural zoning ordinance approved by the Selectboard in September. The Article was defeated by a vote of 533 in favor of repeal to 626 opposed. The CSSU ballot was a proposed bond for 1.5 million dollars for improvements to Champlain Valley Union High School's athletic facilities. The proposal was for the construction of two turf playing fields, bleachers and lights. This ballot was voted on by all towns in the Chittenden South Supervisory Union, and the bond vote failed by a vote of 1856 to 1969. Hinesburg had a 32 percent turnout of registered voters which is actually quite high for a local election.

### Property Taxes

The due date for property taxes has come and gone. If you have taxes that are now past due, please watch for your first notice in the mail which will include an agreement letter for you to fill out

and return to the clerk's office indicating your plans for payment. You can opt for monthly payments to bring your account up to date. Feel free to call or stop by to discuss your payment plan. Thank you!

### Town Meeting

Town Meeting will be here before we know it, and this may be the last issue of The Record prior to the deadline for submitting petitions if you are interested in running for elective office or getting Articles for consideration onto the warning. The deadline for filing petitions for articles is January 23 at 5:00 p.m. and these petitions require signatures from five percent of the registered voters in the town. The deadline for nominating petitions for running for elected office is January 27. Nominating petitions require the signatures of 30 or more registered voters in the town. For more information or to obtain a nominating petition, please call the town clerk's office at 482-2281 Ext. 223.

### Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are up for their annual renewal between January 1 and April 1. If we have a current rabies on file for your pet, there is no need to bring another one with you. Four dollars of the fee goes to the State for rabies control programs and the remainder goes to the Town.

## Planning News

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING

### Rural Zoning Changes

On November 5, voters decided not to repeal the rural zoning changes approved by the Selectboard in September. As a result, the new zoning changes are now in effect. Updated versions of the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations will be made available on the Town website shortly (hopefully before this issue of The Record goes out). If anyone has questions, please contact me at the Planning & Zoning office. New uses are now allowed, and residential subdivision potential has been clarified for the Agricultural (west of Route 116) and Rural Residential 2 (east of North Road) zoning districts.

### Energy Efficiency Public Hearings

Both the Selectboard and the Planning Commission will hold public hearings in December related to energy efficiency standards for new homes. The Selectboard will hold a hearing on December 16 to extend special interim zoning provisions to allow the Planning Commission to complete its work. The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on December 11 in an effort to replace the interim zoning with a "permanent" solution.

Since May of 2009, section 5.23.2 #1 of the Zoning Regulations has required new residential structures to meet the Energy Star home standard. This Energy Star standard is designed to be 15-20% more efficient than the statewide, mandatory-minimum Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES). As of January 1, 2012, the Energy Star home program transitioned to more stringent energy efficiency standards. Meanwhile, the RBES were upgraded on October 1, 2011, and are nearly equivalent to the earlier Energy Star standards.

The Planning Commission discussed these increasing energy efficiency standards in 2011, and received substantial testimony that the new Energy Star standards may be too high of a bar to use as a mandatory requirement for all new home construction. As a result, the Selectboard adopted interim zoning to temporarily change the Energy Star requirement to the less stringent, State-required Residential Building Energy Standard. After further discussion in 2013, the Planning Commission formalized a proposal to make the interim zoning provision permanent.

The State RBES are now required to be updated every three years. A law passed in 2013 (Act 89) requires that the Vermont Department of Public Service also create a "stretch code" to be available for municipalities to adopt. Pursuant to Act 89, "Stretch code means a building energy code for residential buildings that achieves greater energy savings than the RBES..." The Planning Commission feels it makes

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sense to re-evaluate standards that go beyond the statewide mandatory-minimum only after the Vermont Department of Public Service formalizes the “stretch code”. According to the VT Department of Public Service, this “stretch code” should be finalized by January 1, 2015. Thankfully, we now have a Town Energy Committee. I’m hopeful that this committee will provide know-how and assistance as we continue to ponder local-level energy efficiency programs and regulations.

**Development Watch**

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

- Demolition of a historic barn/garage in the village area – 32 Silver Street – Applicant – Mike Skinner (Lang McLaughry Real Estate) - Landowner: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation – Village Zoning District. Reviewed on October 1 and APPROVED on October 15.

- Appeal of a notice of violation for noise – 852 Hayden Hill Road West – Appellant: Matt & Judy Laberge – Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed on September 17 and October 1. Appeal GRANTED (overturns notice of violation) on November 5.

- Transfer of Land to Adjoiner (93.3 acres) – 935 Lincoln Hill Road & 1201 Lincoln Hill Road – Applicants/Landowners: Barrie & Earl Anderson; Stephen & Robyn Lefler – Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED on October 15.

- 2-lot Subdivision Final Plat Review – 238 Place Road West – Applicant/Landowner: Steve & Kathy Giroux – Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED on November 5.

- PENDING - 38-unit + Subdivision Sketch Plan Review AND Conditional Use Review for development in a flood hazard area – west side of Route 116, north side of Farmall Drive (undeveloped field west of Kinney Drugs) – Applicant: Hinesburg Center LLC (Brett Grabowski of Milot Real Estate) – Landowner: David Lyman – Village & Agricultural Zoning Districts. Reviewed on August 20, September 3 and continued to November 19.

- PENDING – New Duplex, adding to a lot with an existing single-family home – Site Plan Review - 62 Charlotte Road – Applicant/Landowner: Travis Palmer & Valerie Thibodeau – Village Zoning District. Reviewed on May 21, June 18, July 2 and review continued to November 19.

- PENDING – 24-unit Planned Unit Development – west side of Route 116, opposite Buck Hill Road West – Applicant/Landowner: Alan & Nancy Norris – Residential 2 & Agricultural Zoning Districts. Reviewed on November 5 and review continued to November 19 and December 17.

- PENDING – Subdivision Revision due to erroneous building placement – Hinesburg Center project (new buildings along Farmall Drive, next to bakery and drug store) – Applicant/Landowner: Hinesburg Center LLC – Village Zoning District. Reviewed on November 5 and review continued to November 19.

**CSWD News**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

**How to Avoid Being Part of the Two-Billion-Pound Problem**

Uh-oh — The annual holiday mash-up is coming! Thanksgiving and Christmas occupy a lot of TV time, retail shelf space, cyber

space...and landfill space. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Americans generate 25% more landfill-bound trash. That may not sound like a lot from your household, but add it up and you get an extra million tons (that’s 2 billion pounds!) of waste.

Keep your holiday spirit out of the landfill with these easy, waste-busting tips:

1. Register with SoKindRegistry.org and let your peeps know that you prefer your gifts to be second-hand, hand-made, a donation to a favorite charity, durable, meaningful, and/or that you simply want your present to be their presence. SoKindRegistry.org offers a sweet way to enable thingless gift-giving.

2. Use recyclable or reusable wrapping paper. In Chittenden County, wrapping paper is recyclable UNLESS it’s printed with metallic inks or made of foil or plastic. The best material to use for wrap is something your recipient can reuse, such as a bandanna, a tea towel, a reusable cloth gift or shopping bag... the possibilities are endless.

Recycling tip: Speedy recycling starts on your living-room floor on the Big Day: Sort recyclable paper into your recycling bin (NOT in a plastic bag). Put trash — non-recyclable ribbons, plastic and metallic paper and wrappings — in a trash bag, and you’ll get ‘er done as you go!

3. Use recyclable, reusable, or biodegradable gift decorations. Ribbons and bows are big no-nos in the recycling bin. If you’re on the receiving end of bows and ribbons, reuse them if you can — otherwise, they must go into the trash can. Most are made of plastic and cannot be recycled. Better yet, tie on an ornament that can be used on your tree, a knick-knack that will be enjoyed for years, or plain pine cones that can be composted or returned to the forest after use.

4. Regift! Save gifts that aren’t quite what you need for someone who will appreciate them. If you can’t think of anyone you can pass it on to, bring it to a local charity or resale store, or a ReUse Zone at a CSWD Drop-Off Center and someone else will be glad to make use of it.

5. Send us your favorite waste-free way to celebrate the holidays! Email it to info@cswd.net and we’ll publish the best ones in the December edition of the CSWD email NewsFlash. You might win a cool recycling T-shirt!

**Federal Trade Commission Cracks Down on “Green-Washing” Claims.**

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has brought a big, green hammer down on six companies as part of the agency’s ongoing crackdown on false and misleading environmental claims. AJM Packaging, a paper products manufacturer, was levied a \$450,000 civil penalty for violating a previous FTC Order. Another company targeted in this round is ECM Biofilms, which markets an additive under the trade name MasterBatch Pellets that it claims makes plastic products biodegradable.

In September CSWD’s Business Outreach Coordinator advised an established Chittenden County business owner against purchasing plastic bags made with MasterBatch pellets. Our investigation determined that ECM and the company marketing the bags were making unsubstantiated claims that appeared to be in violation of the FTC’s Green Guides marketing requirements.

As consumers demand more sustainable products, more companies and salespeople are looking for ways to capture that demand. Unfortunately, the only green many of these sales pitches really target is the cash they want to extract from your wallet.

Don’t waste your hard-earned dollars on bogus claims. Contact CSWD first for unbiased, straightforward help navigating the greenwashing jungle: biz@cswd.net or 872-8100 x237.

# Legislature

## Legislative Themes Remain Familiar – Near & Far

BY REP. BILL LIPPERT

Recent newspaper headlines highlight familiar legislative & court concerns:

*Corrections Department - increased legislative oversight called for after recent disturbing inmate incidents;*

*Alcohol & drug treatment programs - gaps in treatment programs decried; advocates encourage support for prevention efforts.*

*Recycling - legislative goals set to increase recycling awareness and participation;*

*School safety - school safety concerns raised by high school students through social media campaign;*

*School construction - shortage of funds for necessary school repairs;*

*Crime - increasing number of home break-ins and home invasions raise concerns;*

*Agriculture - legislative grants support local farmers after heavy rains destroy crops;*

*Environment - illegal dumping prosecuted by Department of Environmental Protection;*

*Drunken driving - drunken driver sentenced to life following fatality;*

*Budget - Senators upset that inadequate computer systems failed to give info on budget surplus until after legislative session.*

These newspaper headlines, are all from from the last several weeks, and could easily come from the Burlington Free Press or other Vermont local papers.

Calls for increased action by the legislature and the courts are common this time of year as the January legislative session approaches.

These headlines, however, are from another Gannett newspaper, the *Pacific Daily News* of Hagatna, Guam.

My partner, Enrique, and I have just spent two weeks visiting family on the island of Guam. Enrique was born on Guam, and we have many dear family members living on the island.

Guam is a ‘territory’ of the United States, located in the Pacific Ocean, the largest in the chain of Mariana Islands. Three and a half hours by air south of Tokyo, 4,000 miles west of Hawaii, and 1,500 miles east of the Philippines, Guam is also across the International Dateline, with thirteen hours time difference from Vermont.

Being a news junkie, while on Guam, I could not resist buying the two local Guamanian newspapers each day. Being politically involved, I could not help but be struck, day after day, with the striking similarity in some political issues, involving either the Guam legislature or courts.

Truly, so many of these headlines, if not the particular specifics, could have been taken from our Vermont newspapers.

Differences and similarities between Guam and Vermont are apparent.

Guam temperatures were in the high 80’s F. during the day, with nighttime lows in the high 70’s F. (Our return to 12 degrees, wind and light snow at the Burlington airport was a shock to our systems to say the least.)

Vermont and Guam are geographically small. Guam is 30 miles north to south, and 4-12 miles wide at varying points of the island. Our populations are small: Vermont about 600,000, Guam 180,000.

Guam and Vermont depend on year round tourism for their economy. Guam is a tourist destination for Japan, Korea, and recently numbers of Russians.

Guam and Vermont depend heavily on federal government funds. The people of Guam, while being citizens of the United States, do not get to vote in US federal elections, and have a non-voting “Delegate” in the US House of Representatives, and no Senators.

Despite being small, Guam is home to several major United States military bases, as the geographic center of the US’s ‘Pacific strategy’. Indeed, just in today’s US headlines, two B-52’s flew into contested airspace in the seas around China. I checked the news accounts. Yes, the B-52’s had taken off from Guam’s Andersen Air Force Base, where they are permanently stationed.

Sometimes distance helps offer perspective. Guam was the only part of the United States attacked and occupied during WWII. Guam was liberated by US troops in 1944, after a brutal Japanese occupation from 1941-44. The issue of basing military planes is very close to home for those who still remember the island’s occupation and liberation.

As the Vermont legislative session approaches, I look forward to staying in touch about Vermont headline political issues.

During this holiday season, our trip to visit our Guam family reinforces the central importance of family and family ties, no matter how great the distance.

If you have a Vermont / Guam connection, or know of other Vermonters who have Guam connections, please be in touch and let us know!

Feel free to reach me by using my email: BillLippert@gmavt.net, or calling my home/office phone: 482-3528, or my cell phone: 734-0593. I always appreciate hearing from you.



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# Police

BY CHIEF FRANK KOSS,  
HINESBURG COMMUNITY POLICE

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

### Chief's Corner

Last month, I had the opportunity to attend the International Chiefs of Police conference in Philadelphia. Over 700 vendors displayed every cop toy invented. I attended numerous workshops focusing on special needs residents which includes mental health issues, Autism, Alzheimer's, and anyone of any age that requires special consideration when a police officer responds to a call.

The program called Children and Residents Encounter (CARE) was implemented by the Colerain Township Police Department in Ohio. It provides information collected from parents and caregivers that is stored and given to officers responding to an address. The information is confidential and only given out to officers when responding to a call. It is particularly useful for hot button issues, when an officer using certain words or displaying a certain demeanor can escalate the situation.

I believe this program could be very beneficial for our town and will begin exploring the feasibility of implementing such a program. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information as the program develops, please email me at frank.koss@state.vt.us.

### Winter Parking Ban

On November 1 the Winter Parking Ban began in Hinesburg. This means that any vehicle left parked on the roadway is subject to being towed. In reality, the police do not tow vehicles on sunny days and dry pavement. The problem occurs when vehicles are left parked overnight and the road crew comes along for snow removal. They have a strict schedule and do not have time to deal with vehicles left on the roadway. Do not try to second guess the weather. Don't forget to remind overnight guests of the parking ban.

### Drug Take Back

The Drug Take Back on October 26 in Hinesburg took in 60 pounds of expired and unneeded medication. When you think about how little a pill bottle weighs, it is a great achievement. There were over 3,000 pounds total for Chittenden County.

### Food Drive

The food drive on November 2 hosted by Hinesburg Police and Fire Departments resulted in over 2,000 pounds of food and over \$400 in cash going to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. I would like to thank Officer Brian Fox for coordinating this event for the third year. We cannot thank the public enough for their generous contributions and to all the workers at the Food Shelf for volunteering their time.

### Vehicle Break-In

On October 6 a vehicle break-in at Geprag Park was reported to the Hinesburg Community Police. The driver's side window was broken out and an iPhone, purse and wallet removed from the vehicle. Our neighboring communities have been experiencing a number of these crimes in recreational areas where people leave their vehicles and walk from the area.

These are crimes of opportunity initiated when a thief sees something they want. It is important to remember to keep valuables out of sight, or better still, not in the vehicle at all. When you look through your wallet or purse, think about the aggravation of having to cancel credit cards or get a new operator's license. Worse, what else was in there, including your address or Social Security number?

### Vehicle Fire

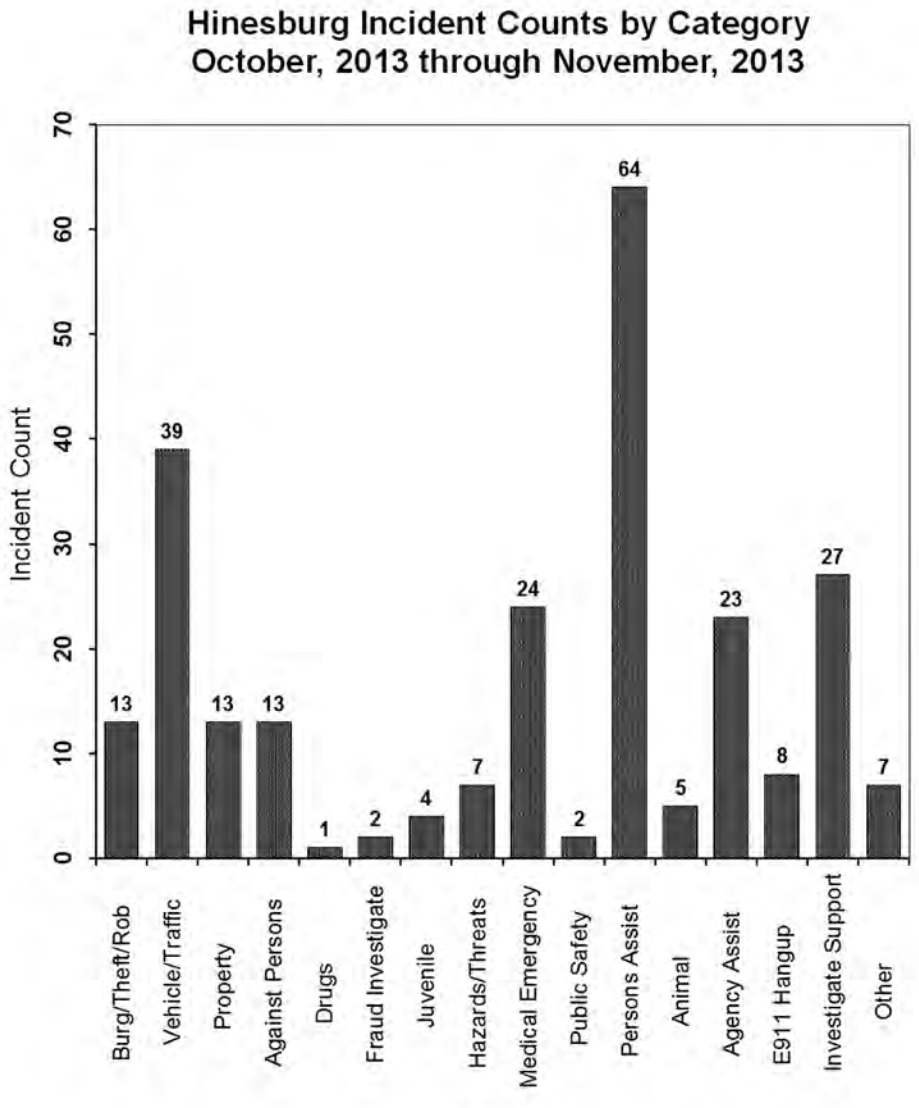
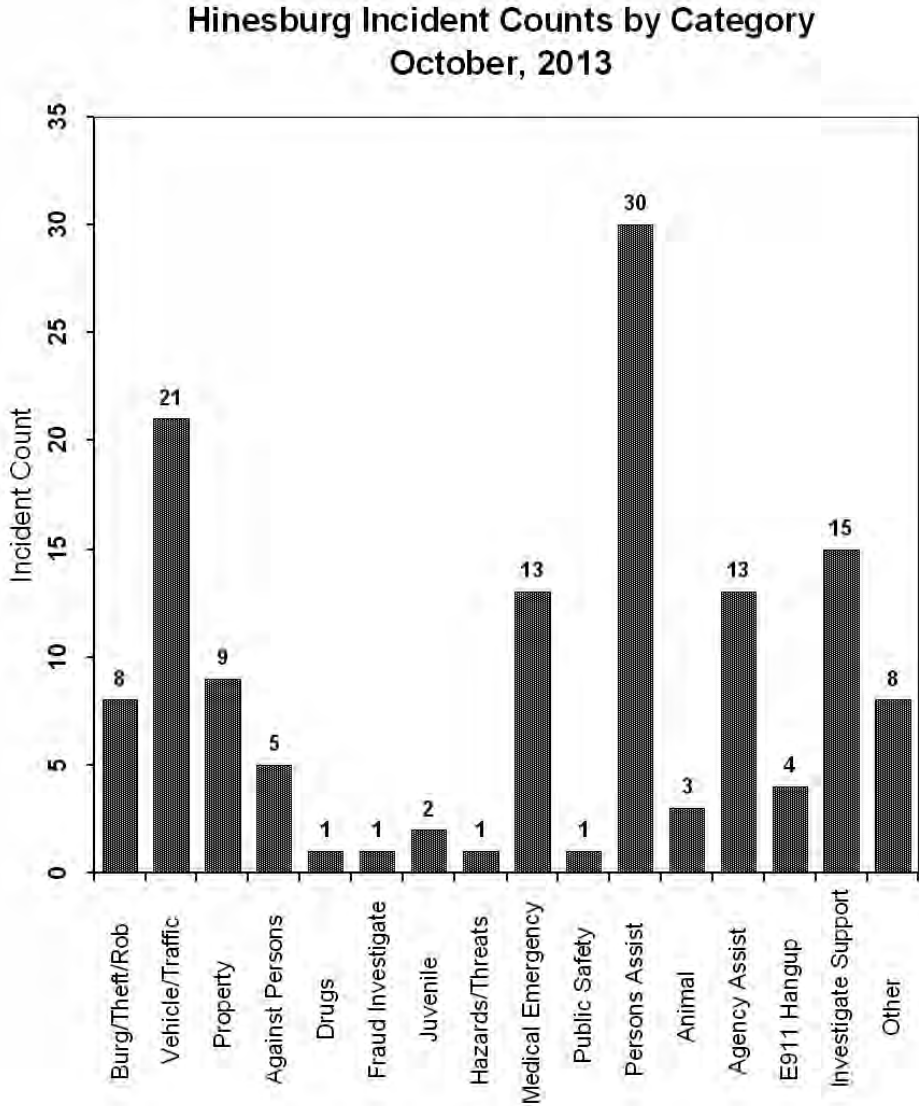
On October 10 Hinesburg Community Police and Hinesburg Fire responded to Sherman Hollow Road for a report of a pickup truck on fire. Responding person-

nel found a completely engulfed vehicle fire that left the truck totaled. The registered owner, a former Hinesburg resident, lives in Essex and subsequently reported the vehicle stolen to the Essex Police.


### Citizen Dispute

On October 12 officers responded to a residence off of Pond Rd for a reported citizen dispute involving an assault.

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► **Police,**  
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Officers contacted a very intoxicated female who changed her stories multiple times and she ended up being taken for detox when attempts to get a family member to pick her up were unsuccessful.

**Warrant Arrest**

On October 16, based on a tip, officers from Hinesburg and Shelburne responded to an address on North Road and arrested Michael Sweetser, 41 years old, of Hinesburg, on two warrants. Sweetser was transported to Chittenden County Correctional Center.

**Warrant Arrest**

On October 16 Hinesburg Community Police received a phone call from the Vermont State Police, informing us that Joshua Clark, 21 years old, of Hinesburg, had two warrants for his arrest. An officer went to the address on Hillview Terrace and Clark was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

**Domestic Assault**

On October 17 an officer responded to Jourdan St. for a reported domestic assault. The officer separated the parties, and after investigating the circumstances, arrested Brittany Zwynenburg, age 24, of Hinesburg, for domestic assault. Zwynenburg was taken to the station for processing and then transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

**Injury Accident**

On October 19 Hinesburg Community Police and Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to an accident on Vermont Route 116 near Friendship Lane. Two persons in one vehicle were transported to Fletcher Allen and the driver of the other vehicle, Andrew Place, 27 years old, of Bristol, was cited into court for Careless and Negligent Operation.

**Vehicle Burglaries**

On October 21 an officer received a report of three vehicles in a driveway on Lavigne Hill Road with the driver's side door open. A check with the resident resulted in a theft report for items taken from the unlocked vehicles. The same day another report of a vehicle burglary occurred on Lincoln Hill. On Tuesday the 22 a theft report was taken as the result of a vehicle burglary on Hayden Hill West and Gardner Circle.

**Have news? 482-2350 or  
news@hinesburgrecord.org.**

# Fire

BY ERIC SPIVACK

HFD responded to 35 calls during October.

Medical . . . . .	19
Motor vehicle crash, no injuries . . . . .	4
Motor vehicle crash with injuries . . . . .	3
Fire or CO alarm. . . . .	3
*Fire, non-structure . . . . .	3
Public assist . . . . .	1
Gas leak. . . . .	1
Mutual aid. . . . .	1

*\*An example of a non-structure fire would be a car or brush fire.*

**Here Comes Santa Clause,  
Here Comes Santa Clause**

Right down 116! And YES! He will be stopping at the Hinesburg Fire Station on Saturday December 14, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We received a postcard from the North Pole that he is looking forward to visiting the boys and girls of all ages.

**As Snow Piles Up**

Remember that as snow piles up, it can block exhaust vents for dryers and furnaces. The exhaust, which contains deadly carbon monoxide, will have no place to go but back into your house. When the storm is over, take a moment to clear the snow and ice from the vents.

If you have a garage under your residence, DO NOT warm your car in the garage. The exhaust has nowhere to go but directly into your home.

If your Carbon Monoxide detector sounds, leave the building immediately and call 911. Do not wait to call and do not stop to open windows. Waiting to call can result in occupants becoming nauseous, sick or worse. Opening windows allows the building to clear of any carbon monoxide and prevents us from finding the source.

Please be careful shoveling. Shoveling wet or heavy snow can lead to difficulty breathing or heart attacks, sometimes up to hours later. If you experience chest pain, shortness of breath, numbness or tingling your arm(s), contact your doctor or call 911 immediately.

**Be Careful Where You  
Place Ashes**

As we drive around this time of year, the smell of burning wood is in the air. Remember to please be careful when disposing of ashes. Be sure your stove or fireplace is completely out and cooled before cleaning. Ashes should be placed in a metal bucket. Even if the ashes appear to be cold and out, there could still be a warm ember or two. After the stove/fireplace is cleaned, place the ashes in a

safe place, away from your home and out of the wind. The wind can blow the ashes around which may cause a fire.

In the event of a chimney fire, close the draft in your fireplace or wood stove, call 911 and leave the building. By closing the draft you are cutting off the oxygen supply to the fire. When we arrive, we will set up inside your home and place roof ladders to access your chimney. Using our chimney equipment, we will make sure the fire is out, and also check for any extension within the chimney and walls.

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www.hinesburgfd.org.

# Business

## Young Farmers on the Move—Family Cow Farmstand Changes Hands

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

Lindsay Harris and Evan Reiss have operated the Family Cow Farmstand on Shelburne Falls Road in Hinesburg since the summer of 2008. Recently they purchased a 190 acre farm in Tunbridge, Vermont, appropriately named Mountain Home Farm. Evan said that their time in Hinesburg paved the way for the expansion in terms of both experience and reputation. Their plans for the new farm include organic pastured beef and pork and—new items for them—organic butter and buttermilk made from the milk their grass fed cows produce.

The land includes meadows, pasture and sugar maple trees. There is also a historic four-story barn approximately fifty to sixty feet tall, and a large, older home with two apartments. Both the barn and the house offer some unique challenges.

Stepping in as the new owner at Family Cow Farmstand is Kalyn Campbell of Hinesburg. Kalyn grew up in Bolton, Vermont, and left Vermont to attend Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. It was while attending Dickinson College that Kalyn started working at a dairy, became enthused with farming and even operated her own creamery. Six months ago Kalyn returned to Vermont, saw the posting for Family Cow Farmstand and felt it was a good fit.

Helping in this transition is Henry Cammack, a senior at the University of Vermont who has worked at Family Cow Farmstand for a little over a year. He will continue working for Kalyn until May when he will become a full-time employee at Shelburne



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Farms. Henry commented that Family Cow Farmstand is a great business and a really nice place to work. Coming to Hinesburg to work affords what he described as his “quiet time” that gets him out of the city.

Family Cow Farmstand has become well known for its raw milk, pastured pork and beef. It sells an average of 25 gallons of raw milk per day and is allowed, by law, to sell 40 gallons. It operates on a self-service basis, providing easy access for its customers. Family Cow Farmstand also offers market shares so customers can reserve products in advance.

On November 2, Kalyn celebrated the transition with an open “barn”, food and music. If you missed it, do stop in to meet Kalyn and enjoy another great place to purchase local products!

For more information, check out the website at Family Cow Farmstand or email Kalyn at kalyncamp@gmail.com.

## Hinesburg Family Practice Has Moved to New Building

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The practice, which serves Hinesburg as well as the surrounding communities, is now located just off Shelburne Falls Road across from Jiffy Mart. The new facility includes pediatric-friendly rooms and additional space for new providers. HFP providers and staff are primarily local, long-term community members who have strong ties to Hinesburg. Currently, all physicians at the practice are accepting new patients. Hinesburg Family Practice is a part of Fletcher Allen Health Care.

With the new expanded building and additional providers, Hinesburg Family Practice is able to offer more pediatric and family care services to Hinesburg, and surrounding area residents. The practice also provides occupational health for several area employers.



At over 5,000 square feet the new building is double the size of the HFP’s previous space. All eight patient rooms are large and designed to meet contemporary standards for patient care. The new facility also contains specially designed rooms for pediatric patients, which make for a more family and child friendly environment.

## Optimal Energy Moves Offices to Hinesburg

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Optimal Energy, Inc. has moved its offices from Bristol to Hinesburg. The move provides the firm with additional office space to better accommodate growth in its Vermont staff, and reduces commute distances for most of its eight local employees. In keeping with its belief and expertise in energy efficiency, the firm implemented several efficiency measures in renovating the nearly 130-year old Gilman Building, including increased insulation and air sealing of the building shell and efficient LED lighting in most spaces.

Founded in 1996, Optimal Energy provides energy efficiency consulting services to investor and municipally owned utilities, program administrators, state and federal energy offices, regulatory commissions, advisory councils, and advocacy groups. Optimal Energy has 11 employees, 8 of whom work in the new Hinesburg office.

# Recreation

JENNIFER MCCUIN

Greetings from the Recreation Department. Hopefully you’ve received your Hinesburg Recreation Department Winter Guide. If you missed it or it got recycled, there are extra copies at the Recreation Office or at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) under Recreation.

Youth Basketball is gearing up for another season, starting December 7. The popular discounted Smuggler’s Notch lift tickets, rentals and lessons are available again for five different Sundays this winter. The Family Swims at the Edge in Williston continue, along with more Zumba, yoga, and volleyball. The Hinesburg Children’s Choir returns for school-age students this semester, there are some piano lesson openings and still some room in the new guitar lessons with Tennessee Jed! A new Literature and Arts class taught by Susan Lepple makes its debut in January too. “So much to do...so little time.” On that note, enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

To register for the following classes please contact the Recreation Department at 482-2281, extension 230, or e-mail at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net).

### Family Play Group

For children from birth to 5 years old and their adult companion...toys, snacks, and fun activities. Start recreation at an early

age and connect with other new parents and the community. This is FREE and FRIENDLY! No registration is necessary. Come play, sing, and make new friends!

**Where:** Town Hall

**When:** Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. through the school year.

[hinesburgplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:hinesburgplaygroup@gmail.com)

### Gingerbread Houses with Wendy

Join everyone’s favorite baker Wendy Frink for her famous gingerbread houses!! Homemade gingerbread, icing, and candy decorations galore will make a special holiday treat. Please sign up soon...this will fill quickly!

**When:** Thursday, Dec. 19

**Where:** FCS Room at HCS

**Time:** 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

**Cost:** \$17

Class is limited to 15 students.

### Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple

With a Masters Degree in Expressive Arts, Susan brings her passion for children’s literature and the arts! Students can count on high quality literature being read aloud. Each week, there will be a new book to explore. Students will engage with the literature through the arts. Art experiences may include fine art, movement, and music. An incredible opportunity for students to develop a love for literature and the arts.

**Who:** first - fourth graders

**When:** Tuesdays - Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11 and 18.

**Where:** HCS Room TBA

**Time:** 2:45-4:15 pm

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## Trustee Meetings

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

## Ongoing Library Programs

### Toddler Storytimes

Toddler Story Time is offered for children ages up through three. Join us for age appropriate stories, songs and games on Tuesdays, December 17, January 7 and January 21 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Preschool Storytimes

Kids ages three to five are invited to Preschool Story Time every Tuesday from 11:00 to noon. Each week we enjoy stories, songs, snack and a craft. No pre-registration is required. There will not be a storytime on December 24

### Pajama Story Hour with Janet

Winter storytimes are especially cozy. Put some comfy jammies on, grab a favorite stuffed animal friend or blanket and come on down to the library. Join us on

Tuesday, January 28 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Together we will share in lots of fun as we listen to stories, watch a short video and do a seasonal craft. There will be yummy refreshments for all. This hour is geared to children age three to seven. Advance registration is helpful but not required. We host these PJ story hours on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 482-2878.

### Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Discussion

Children grades four through seven are invited to join a lively book discussion on Thursday, December 19 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We have chosen one of the nominees from the 2013-2014 DCF list entitled Summer of the Gypsy Moths by Sara Pennypacker. A foster child named Angel and 12-year-old Stella, who are living with Stella's great-aunt Louise at the Linger Longer Cottage Colony on Cape Cod, secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise unexpectedly dies and the girls are afraid of being returned to the foster care system. Books can be picked up at the Carpenter-Carse Library beginning November 27. Sign up soon and start reading this sweet book where you will find desperation, hope, adventure, self-reliance and a poignant friendship between two girls who are complete opposites. Pizza and a refreshing beverage will be served.

### Book Discussion Group

Have you been thinking lately of joining a book club? New members are welcome at the library's book discussion group for adults, where avid readers meet monthly in each other's homes. Plans for the December 12 gathering are for each person to bring a poem to read, and share reasons for their choice. The January book selec-

tion will be Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments are a bonus! Watch for posters or phone Sue at 482-5095 for meeting location and upcoming discussion details. Please note that the group does not meet at the library.

## Holiday Festivities at the Library!

### Holiday Card Making

You're invited to stop by Friday evening, December 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to create your own colorful cards or gift tags. Enjoy hot chocolate and goodies while listening to holiday music. Bring a friend! Adults and teens are welcome. Art materials will be provided.

### Holiday Cookie Decorating for Ages Five and Up

What better fun to get ready for the holidays than to come to your local library and decorate a variety of cookie shapes with Hinesburg baker Wendy Frink? Come along with a friend on Saturday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. and become a "cookie artist!" Use your imagination and be transported to a wonderful land of yummy goodness. Space is limited, so register soon by calling 482-2878. All the necessary supplies will be on hand.

### Writing a Memoir

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Stewart Pierson will read from his recently published memoir, "Once A Little Brother..." and lead a workshop on writing one's own memoirs. Saturday January 11, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the library.

Please call to reserve a spot - 482-2878.

## New Book Acquisitions

### Adult Fiction:

Atwood, Margaret, *Maddaddam: a novel*

Baker, Jo; Jane Austen, *Longbourn*

Brown, Carrie, *The Last First Day*

Cantor, Jillian, *Margot*

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**Quote of the Month**

*On Humour*

“Seeing the funny sides of situations and of oneself doesn’t sound very serious, but it is integral to wisdom, because it’s a sign that one is able to put a benevolent finger on the gap between what we want to happen and what life can actually provide; what we dream of being and what we actually are, what we hope other people will be like and what they are actually like. Like anger, humour springs from disappointment, but it is disappointment optimally channeled. It’s one of the best things we can do with our sadness.”

— *Alain de Botton, from: a list of 10 virtues that could apply to today*

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# Education

## News From CVU

BY LIA CRAVEDI, CVU BOARD MEMBER

### Good News

October 22 was the first meet of the year for the CVU mathletes. Out of the 12 teams that competed at BFA St. Albans, CVU placed fifth. Among the students participating in this event were: Sidney Prytherch, Sarah Nelson, and Eliot Heinrich from Hinesburg.

As part of EnAct’s good work at CVU, on November 7, four students, along with Katie Antos-Ketcham and Kurt Proulx, attended an awards luncheon with Rep. Peter Welch. The students attending were: Cameron Harris (Shelburne), Cally Braun (Charlotte), Miranda Selinger (Hinesburg) and Carmen Fisher-Olvera (Williston).

### More About Standards Based Learning

Recently, we wrote about CVU’s move toward Standards Based Learning (SBL). While CVU is at the forefront of this work in Vermont high schools, many schools, districts, and even states around the country have already transitioned to a standards-based system. CVU is paying careful attention to the successes and challenges faced in these places, and is using this information in their work tailoring a CVU-specific version of SBL to better track student learning, allow for more targeted intervention and achieve clearly specified standards for each student.

We thought our community might appreciate learning about the larger context of this educational change, so here’s a snapshot

of what’s happening around the nation.

**Maine:** In 2012, after a decade of research and exploration, legislators in Maine passed a bill requiring all schools to move to proficiency-based learning and graduation. High school students now graduate based on evidence of proficiency (or excellence) on agreed-upon standards rather than on seat-time and credit count. Last year, CVU visited a school in Maine that was at the forefront of this work. Valuable insight was gained from students, teachers, and parents—both about aspects of the system the CVU team loved and those that were unlikely to be a good fit for our community.

**New Hampshire:** There are many high schools in New Hampshire that have moved to competency or standards-based models, but two that have been watched closely are Sanborn High School and Spaulding High School. The state conducted detailed studies on the effects of SBL on learning and community in these schools and found decreases in discipline issues, increased engagement, decreased failure and dropout rates, and increased rigor. CVU will be visiting Sanborn High School in December to look closely at their report cards and transcripts, talk to teachers and students, and meet with the Special Education department.

**Kentucky:** The state of Kentucky has been a leader in standards-based report cards. They have gone to a statewide common reporting format, which builds consistency and provides much more calibrated information for colleges and universities. CVU has an exploratory report card committee working on creating options for faculty and community. The Kentucky model has been helpful in this process.

**Oregon:** Starting in the fall of 2013, all students in Oregon are supposed to receive grades based solely on academic factors. In order to support and encourage the move to standards-based learning, the Oregon legislature passed a bill in 2011 requiring the change. Teachers and districts are now figuring out how to define “academic factors,” and how to separate behaviors from achievement. There are many similarities between Vermont and Oregon, and CVU will be paying close attention to what can be learned from the state.

**Other States:** Colorado and Alaska are also ahead of Vermont in the move toward standards-based systems. Districts within both states have taken fairly radical approaches; some completely getting rid of traditional seat time requirements and basing graduation only on proficiency. This means some students are ready to graduate at 16, and others at 21. Obviously there have been many challenges to such extreme changes, but in each case, learning has improved. While CVU is not interested in making that type of move in the near future, there’s a lot that can be learned from looking at the extremes.

**Vermont:** Vermont schools are moving toward standards-based learning. Elementary schools around the state have been providing standards-based information to parents for decades, but until recently, that level of information has often stopped when students reach middle or high school, to be replaced by a single letter grade based on a variety of factors. SBL at CVU will bring meaning and consistency to grading and reporting, and more importantly, will help improve learning for all students. Educational and brain research supports a move away from traditional grading and time-based learning; while there is controversy at times around implementation and the difficulty of changing from a known system, mounting evidence indicates that this approach is right for student learning. Most colleges and universities are moving in the same direction, and we

are working very closely with admissions officers to ensure a smooth transition.

Dr. Robert Marzano, education expert and founder of the Marzano Research Laboratory, says, “Setting specific goals for student achievement and then tracking progress regarding those goals is one of the most powerful actions a teacher, school, or district can take.” Standards-based learning requires this care and attention to students’ achievement. CVU is excited to continue to apply what is known about learning to how our community’s students are educated. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities for feedback!

For a list of references used in the preparation of this article, please contact one of the CVUHS School Board Communications Committee members.

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## It Takes Our (HCS) Village... to Create a (Clay)Village

BY KATIE O’BRIEN, HCS ART TEACHER

Four years ago, an artist from Connecticut by the name of Denise Minnerly had an idea for creating an art installation that involved people from all walks of life—students from a number of schools, nursing home patients, kids from homeless shelters, pre-school students and even correctional inmates—creating little houses out of clay.

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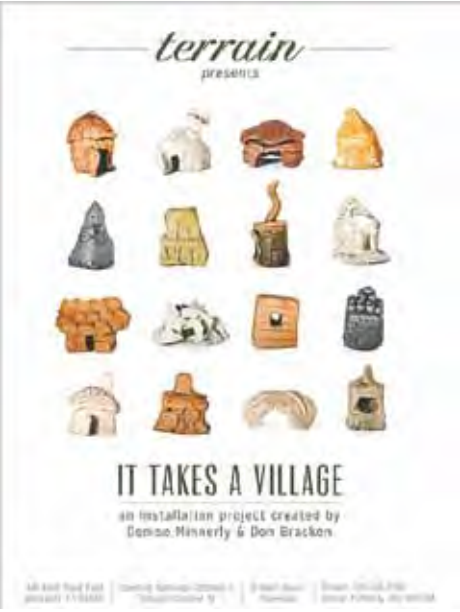
they would not get their houses back once I sent them away. Over fifty of my students agreed to make the houses that would become a part of the show.

On October 5, the installation was officially finished and the kids’ art pieces, along with hundreds of others, went on display at the Terrain Gallery in Westport, Connecticut.

Sometimes it takes just a little bit of effort to become a part of something bigger.

Congratulations and thank you to the following students for being a part of the Village Project:

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More than 50 current and former HCS students contributed clay houses to “The Village Project,” an art installation currently on display in Westport, Connecticut. As their teacher Katie O’Brien observed, “Sometimes it takes just a little bit of effort to become a part of something bigger.”

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You can check out the installation on Facebook at “It Takes a Village Installation Project.”

## HCS Celebrates Wellness with Spirit Week Festivities

BY LYNN CAMARA, SAP COUNSELOR

The HCS Student Council and Vermont Kids against Tobacco groups teamed up to promote awareness about making healthy and self-respecting choices. This event was part of the annual HCS Red Ribbon Week celebration that happens nationwide from October 23-31.

The Student Council and Vermont Kids against Tobacco students work on developing leadership skills and providing community services. This event allowed them to further develop those skills, bring important messages about wellness to their peers and provide some fun for the school as well.



HCS staffers get in the spirit of wellness by dressing in storybook-inspired costumes to reinforce the message: “Everything is good in moderation... I have fun and understand boundaries and limits.”

## Field Hockey Takes Root in CSSU

BY LAUREN GORACY, HCS SPECIAL EDUCATOR

Across Vermont, field hockey is on the rise at the middle school level. CVU has a competitive squad, and hopes to become more competitive by getting more girls (and boys) involved at younger ages.

Megan Maynard, a staff member at Shelburne Community School, and Lauren Goracy from Hinesburg Community School

are currently running a youth field hockey program for the schools of CSSU and the surrounding areas. The program is for boys and girls in grades three through eight. Maynard is head field hockey coach at SCS and Goracy is the JV B coach at CVU.

The next Youth Field Hockey Clinic Session will run on Thursdays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., from January 2 to February 13, 2014. A spring session will also run from March 6 to April 17, 2014.

More information can be obtained at vtyouthfh.blogspot.com or through the Shelburne Field House website at fieldhousevt.com/programs/field-hockey/.

## Helping and Halloween at Hinesburg Nursery School

BY SUSAN DRIVER

During the month of October, Hinesburg Nursery School held a food drive to benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Families brought an abundance of non-perishable donations to the school and numerous drop-offs were made to the food shelf. Food drives are a wonderful way to engage preschoolers in being helpers in their community. Thanks to parents Erin Walker and Margaret Tarmy for organizing the drive.

The week of Halloween was an exciting one at the nursery school. Some of teacher Wendy Frink’s pets came to visit the classroom. Fang, a California King Snake, and Phoebe, a tarantula, brought to life an exploration of creepy creatures. Students learned about the differences between spiders and insects and talked about what makes certain creatures creepy.

On Wednesday, October 30th parents hosted the annual Halloween Party where preschoolers and some younger siblings dressed up in Halloween costumes and participated in pumpkin-themed games and activities. It was a fun way to bring together the school community.

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## Buccaneer Cheerleaders Start an Old Tradition

BY JILL GORMAN

What is football season without cheerleaders? Whether in the stands or on the field, cheerleaders are part of our sports culture. For those of us in the over forty crowd, we most likely grew up having cheerleaders for our high school basketball

and football teams. I can’t tell you how many moms have approached me saying “I LOVE cheerleading!! I was a cheerleader in high school!” It’s a tradition that somehow has gotten lost over the past few decades in parts of the country. Maybe for lack of interest or societal changes in the “idea” of cheerleaders.

Have you ever been channel surfing and come across competitive cheer on television? Cheerleading is no longer a girly thing of the past. It is a strenuous, competitive, athletic and scary sport that, in many places around the country, includes guys as well. The strength, athleticism and coordination that cheer involves is astounding!

Michele Filardi, a teacher at CCS and a resident of Charlotte, grew up in Florida and, not surprisingly, was a cheerleader in high school. As her two daughters got older, she wanted them to have the opportunity to experience cheer in their high school. In 2010, Michele started a cheer team at CVU. Now in its fourth sea-

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► **Buccaneers,**  
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son, it is still going strong! The first two years it was a club team and there were between 15-24 girls involved. After two years at club status, cheer became a team with tryouts and strict guidelines for the participants. In an effort to build a base of girls that know something about cheer before they get to high school, Michele decided to try to build a cheer program to support the CSSU Buccaneer Football program. This Fall, ten girls from the CSSU district joined the inaugural team. They range from fifth eighth grade and represent every town in the district. We were thankful to have the support of the Buccaneer program not only through financial support to help us through our first year, but also their vocal support and compliments as the girls cheered on their team.

This Fall the team practiced three times a week and cheered at four games. In six

weeks, these girls learned 15 cheers, a short dance, and four stunts (like pyramids). They are runners, equestrians, gymnasts and ballerinas, and cheer incorporates parts of all these disciplines; agility, balance, strength, flexibility, and commitment. As two sixth graders lift a girl up by her feet to the height of their neck, then throw her up in the air and catch her, they will tell you “cheer is NOT easy!”

We hope to build this program next year in order to have a 5-6 team and a 7-8 team. We are looking for interested girls, boys and parents who would like to get involved and help. If we have enough interest next year, we will apply for grants to purchase uniforms. We currently have three coaches but would need a few more to help if the teams grows. Please contact me at jillgorman@gmavt.net for more information. For more information about Buccaneer Football, please visit eteamz.com/cs Buccaneers







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## What Makes a Child Want to Learn?

BY ANDREA SAMBROOK,  
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How does a parent know when their child is ready to learn new things? And what are the right things? As the child's first teacher, every parent tries to provide the best opportunities at each step of the way. It begins with knowing how the pitch of the first contented coo or giggle differs from a whine or cry, what signs indicate fatigue, what foods will comfort a sick child, and what is the song or silly game that is guaranteed to bring a smile when spirits are down or knees get skinned.

Children have simple but extremely important goals to achieve: to make meaning of their place in the world of objects and people (cognition), to develop safe and loving relationships (basic trust and language), get physical needs met (food, rest, shelter and exercise), and learn to cope when there is a delay in response (self-regulation). As they grow, a young child's social world widens, and meeting these goals becomes more complex and individualized. Research has confirmed that the brain becomes wired as a result of meaningful social interactions, motivating the child to respond to (or "return") each social invitation (or "serve") that they receive. Not unlike a friendly game of tennis! In turn, this is how sounds and words are practiced (over and over!) so that in the months and years that follow, more complex conversations develop, new problems get solved and new friends are made as a result of growing relationship skills.

While the influences of temperament, health, culture, school and caregiving all contribute in unique ways to a child's pattern of growth, there are established ages and stages of child behavior and development that all children mature through. Certain cognitive, physical, language and fine motor abilities emerge in sequence (and at times in tandem) with other capacities to create optimal windows of learning. While all children will have some abilities which precede others, (resulting in a unique profile at any point in time), all children develop through each stage sequentially. Knowing what to expect can help parents and early educators build shared expectations between home and school and support children in feeling "just right" in what they are learning and doing every day.

Psychologists have also found that optimal learning occurs when children are fully absorbed in and motivated to solve or master a problem, "I wonder if..." and "Why does this happen...?" all give a child a purpose for their inquiry, and a reason to want to try a myriad of outcomes. Vygotsky speaks of a zone of intense play where a child stretches him or herself cognitively because he or she is trying on a new role, relationship or unknown outcomes for

a new game or type of play. Vivian Paley has written many books about children's play, including one of my favorites, Bad Guys Don't Have Birthdays. She asks questions during the play despite the fact that it may not be logical to an adult, in order to help a child stretch their thinking skills to new levels. This intense play occurs when educators present experiences with just the right amount of difficulty, support and possibility for success. Mastery motivation is the term used when a child believes that he or she has the capacity to master a new challenge. Play is the natural place where children can believe in themselves. When a child believes in him or herself, then the natural motivation to succeed is exponentially increased!


The most important way to support a child's learning or readiness for new experiences is to provide opportunities that are in line with his or her developmental abilities. This enables a child to exhibit the motivation to master the next challenge because it is within their grasp. Early experiences that are too far beyond a child's capability (tracing letters and numbers for a 3 year old for example) may frustrate a young child whose visual perceptual skills cannot successfully navigate oblique lines (common in many English letters), regardless of how much practice is given. Research conducted by Gesell Institute of Child Development in 2010 has documented that a child's ability to draw a triangle is not a solid expectation for the majority of preschoolers until 5 1/2 years of age. Yet, many still believe that with enough practice, child younger than this can achieve this and possibly develop "better" or "faster".

What is important for parents to know is that there are many more important activities that promote "developmental literacy" on the road to reading and writing. In fact, in a study of the kindergarten readiness perspectives of nearly 650 Kindergarten teachers, the academic skills were trumped by social skills such as a child's self-help skills, ability to interact positively with peers and the ability to self-regulate when frustrated. These skills are the precursors to successful academic pursuits, not the result of them. So, our job as early educators and parents is to understand the typical stages of child development, providing the types of experiences that are not only appropriate to a child's developmental level, but are exciting, hands-on and inquiry based. A child's mastery motivation must be developed in the early years, so they will have it as an approach to life, a way to work with others to solve tough problems and tackle new experiences. It's the single most important contribution we can make to our future!

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BY BEV HILL, VOLUNTEER/SENIOR COMPANION COORDINATOR

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## Halloween at the Senior Meal Site

The Hinesburg Senior Meal Site meets every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Osborne Parish House, behind the Hinesburg United Church on Route 116. The photo shows the way we decorated for the Halloween season. We try to decorate for the season and any holiday that we can.

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For more information contact C.V.A.A. at 865-0360 or Debbie at 482-3058.



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Members of the Board of Directors of the Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Projects (SCHIP), a local non-profit, have awarded \$12,205 in grants to a variety of local organizations in their recent grant cycle, one of three annually. Since the first grants were given in April 2005, more than \$450,000 has been distributed from funds raised through the sale of quality used clothing and home goods at the SCHIP'S Treasure Resale Shop at 5404 Shelburne Road in Shelburne Village.

Grants in the current cycle were awarded to the following organizations:

- Charlotte Food Shelf for fuel supplies etc.
- Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout project for Shelburne's Davis Park pavilion.
- Hinesburg Community School for after school scholarships.
- Schoolhouse Learning Center for equipment.
- Shelburne Community School for Communication System.
- Hinesburg Community School for Literacy Program.
- Pastor discretionary funds for St Catherine's of Siena, United Church of Hinesburg, and the Vermont Zen Center.

The deadline for the next round of grant applications is Jan. 31, 2014. Grant application forms are available by emailing [schip-grant@myfairpoint.net](mailto:schip-grant@myfairpoint.net) or paper applications are available at the SCHIP'S Treasure Resale Shop, 5404 Shelburne Road in Shelburne Village or at the Town Clerk's offices in Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg.

## Hinesburg Cub Scouts

BY JOHN FERRARA, CUB MASTER

Hinesburg Cub Scout Pack 691 kicked off the year on September 12 with Scout Recruitment Night at St. Jude's. The event was well attended with almost a dozen new scouts joining the pack! Thanks to everyone who has supported Pack 691 with our annual popcorn fundraiser. A special thank you to Lantman's who allowed the Cub Scouts to sell popcorn on several weekend days during the month of September. The boys enjoyed meeting people from around town while selling at Lantman's and hearing stories from former Cub Scouts and Scout leaders. Popcorn was delivered to those who ordered in mid November.

The Scouts of Pack 691 participated in several other fun events this fall including the Haunted Harvest Festival at Camp Sunrise, a hike and campfire, and The Rain Gutter Regatta.

Cub Scout Pack 691 in Hinesburg, Vermont, is a family program for boys in the first through fifth grades. We emphasize learning about the local environment and

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► **Cub Scouts,**  
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community, leadership, character development, citizenship, personal fitness and, above all, FUN! For more information visit us on Facebook (Pack 691 Hinesburg) or contact John Ferrara, Cub Master, at ferraravt@me.com or 482-6303. Boys can join Cub Scouts at any time of the year!



Cub Scouts from Pack 691 were recognized with Achievement Awards on September 12. Photos by Jamie Cudney.

**Advertising and news deadline is January 1 for the next issue. Publication date is January 23, 2014. Call 482-2540 for more information. Material not received by deadline will be considered for next issue.**

**4H Activities**



Hinesburg 4-H Club members Corinna Hobbs (left) and Caroline Hobbs (right) putting up the club scarecrows for annual fall display in Hinesburg VT. Adult helpers Shelly Henson and Barb Spaulding not pictured. Photo: Trevor Hobbs



Hinesburg 4-H Club annual carving for the Fire Department's Town Halloween Party. Jack O' Lantern cleaving club members Claire Rocheleau, Eva Rocheleau, Caroline Hobbs, Cyrus Tyler and Corinna Hobbs are pictured with flaying friends Katie Wong and Chloe Kuhn. Pumpkin piercers not pictured are Dominik Kunst, Shelly Henson, Paul Rocheleau and Barb Spaulding. Photo: Trevor Hobbs

**Health**

**Over 50? Take the AARP Driver Safety Class!**

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

Thanks to Jennifer McCuin, the Recreation Department sponsored the AARP Driver Safety Class for drivers age 50 and older on October 29. Baird Morgan, an AARP volunteer, conducted the course in the conference room at the Town Hall. There were six participants, including myself and my husband. This is not the first time we have taken the course.

What we have found over the years is that this is a great way to stay up to date on rules of the road and we invariably pick up valuable driving/safety tips. If you have not taken the class, I urge you to consider it. The Recreation Department sponsors the class twice a year and there are also other dates and locations in Vermont that you can find by calling (877) 846-3299 or using the online Class Locator at [aarp.org/drive](http://aarp.org/drive). Another motivation or incentive for taking the course is the reduction in vehicle insurance premiums offered by some insurance companies.

**Sharing the Road with Large Trucks**

**Information, tips and reminders from those who work to keep Vermont drivers safe – From the Vermont State Police, VT Dept. of Motor Vehicles, VT Agency of Transportation, VT Sheriff's Assn. and the AARP Driver Safety Program.**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Nationwide, there are more than 250,000 crashes each year involving passenger vehicles and large trucks. More often than not, it was a passenger vehicle driver who caused the crash, and passenger vehicle occupants who were killed or injured. A better understanding of truck limitations and how to steer clear of unsafe situations can help motorists avoid crashes like these.

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- And needs more room to maneuver.
- It takes longer to stop a truck.
- And longer for you to pass it.

Stay out of the NO-ZONES. There are large blind spots (No-Zones) around the front, back and sides of large trucks.

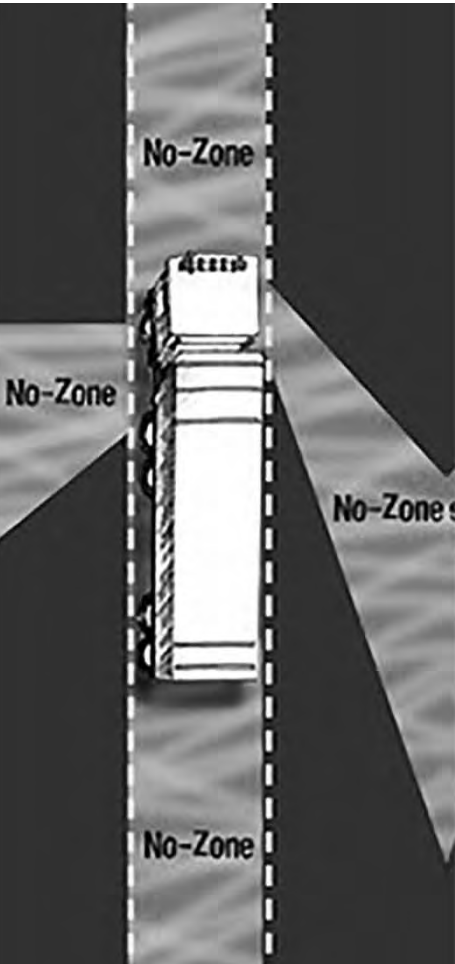
- Front: Don't pull over too soon after passing. Wait until you can see the whole cab in your rear-view mirror, then signal first and don't slow down.
- Rear: Don't tailgate. And never cross behind a truck that's backing up. The driver doesn't know you're there and you can't see around the truck.
- Side: Don't hang out on either side, where a blown tire, right turn or sudden lane change could get you into trouble.
- If you can't see the driver's face in the mirror, the driver can't see you.

Pay attention and stay alert.

- Watch for a truck's turn signals. Drivers often need to swing wide in order to make a turn. Don't try to squeeze in there.
- Make sure you have time to respond safely by leaving trucks plenty of space.
- Avoid distractions and never drive impaired by alcohol, drugs or fatigue.

Always buckle up.

You can't change the size and weight differential between cars and trucks, but wearing a safety belt is the single most important thing you and your passengers can do to save your lives in a crash. And always make sure kids are properly restrained in the back seat!



# Health Department Urges Testing for Childhood Lead Poisoning

FROM VT HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

One-year-old Emmett did not flinch or cry when his nurse pricked a big toe to take a small sample of blood to test for the presence of lead. The Health Department recommends the routine blood lead screening test for all children at age 1 and again at age 2.

You can watch a short video of Emmett's bravery at: [tinyurl.com/HRLead](http://tinyurl.com/HRLead).

"Lead is a leading environmental health threat for children," said Lori Cragin, who is the Health Department's director of environmental health and Emmett's mom. "We're working with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians to improve blood lead screening rates, and our 12 district offices are also working hard to encourage parents to make sure their children get screened."

Lead testing rates for one-year-old children increased from 80 percent in 2006, to 81 percent in 2012, and from 44 percent to 68 percent for two-year-olds. While the rates have improved, they still fall well short of the goal of 100 percent.

Approximately 300 children in the state are identified each year as having too-high levels of lead in their blood. Early detection and intervention, including preventing further exposure to the source of the poisoning, is vital to preventing children life-long health effects, such as lowering a child's IQ.

When a child has a capillary blood level between five to nine micrograms per deciliter, the Health Department sends educational materials, and an offer for a free lead dust wipe kit to test for lead sources in the home. When the level is ten micrograms per deciliter and above, a Health Department case manager will test the home and work with the family to reduce further exposure.

Lead-based paint and lead contaminated dust are the main sources of poisoning. Vermont has one of the oldest housing stocks in the nation. All homes built before 1978 are likely to contain some lead-based paint. Children can also be exposed to lead from jewelry, key chains, zippers or other things that they touch or put into their mouths.

There is no safe level of lead in the body. Young children are at highest risk for lead poisoning because their developing bodies absorb lead more easily. Lead

is an invisible threat, and it is common for children with unsafe blood-lead levels to show no obvious symptoms.

For more information and guidelines for blood lead screening for health care providers visit [healthvermont.gov](http://healthvermont.gov).

# Winter Driving Safety Tips

BY PATRICIA BERMON, AARP VOLUNTEER

Winter driving calls for extra caution, with more snow and ice to deal with, and less daylight. Stay safe out there with these annual winter driving reminders.

Ahead of time:

- Practice handling your vehicle on ice and snow in an empty parking lot.
- Make sure brakes, wipers, defroster, heater and exhaust system are in top condition.
- Check that antifreeze and windshield washer fluid are ready for colder temperatures.
- Put good snow tires (the same type) on all four wheels, and be sure they are properly inflated.
- Add winter items to your emergency kit: ice scraper/snow brush, shovel, non-clumping kitty litter or sand, warm clothing and boots, food and water, windshield washer fluid, candle and matches, blanket, non-freeze cleaner and paper towels to clean windshield and lights.
- Keep the gas tank at least half full.
- For the latest information on road conditions, dial 511 or check [www.511vt.gov](http://www.511vt.gov).
- Remember your cell phone but be

aware that you can't always depend on it.

- Clear all snow and ice from windows, mirrors, lights, wipers, hood, trunk and roof.
- On the road:
  - Watch out for ice, especially on bridges, ramps, and overpasses.
  - Slow down, minimize distractions and increase following distance to more than 4 seconds. Four- and all-wheel drive vehicles have better traction in snow, but not on ice. Be wary of over-confidence.
  - Don't use cruise control, and do use headlights.
  - Be extra careful near snowplows. Never try to pass on the right or when the snow cloud prevents you from seeing clearly, and always allow plenty of room.
  - Travel in daylight on main roads, don't go alone, and let others know your route and schedule.
  - To avoid skidding, take it slow and don't make sudden changes in speed or direction. To slow down with control, take your foot off the gas. If you need brakes, squeeze the pedal with slow, steady pressure. Don't pump anti-lock brakes, or remove your foot from the pedal when they vibrate.
  - To recover from a skid, steer in the direction you want the vehicle to go, correcting as needed to the right and left until you've restored control.

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If you're stranded:

- Pull off the highway, use flashers and call for help if you can.
- Remain in your vehicle. Don't leave unless you see shelter nearby, and be careful: distances can be deceiving, especially in deep snow.

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- For warmth, light a candle or run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour. Open a downwind window slightly while it's running, and keep snow clear from the exhaust pipe.
- Exercise for body heat, but avoid overdoing. In extreme cold, wrap up in extra clothing and blankets. Even road maps, seat covers and floor mats can add insulation. Huddle with passengers.
- Take turns sleeping, leaving someone awake to look for rescue crews.
- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration, but not alcohol.
- Try not to waste battery power. Balance the need for lights, heat, and radio with supply.
- Turn on the inside light at night so rescuers can see you.

**Health Department Launches “Make Your Moment Now” Campaign**

FROM VT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

Sheila Leno does not like to run and is now a runner, likes to eat but now is careful about how much, and likes to sleep but still wakes up many mornings at 4:20

a.m. to attend a free fitness boot camp. The result: Leno lost 73 pounds, and looks and feels like a new person. She's one of four Vermonters who tell about the moment they decided to make healthier choices for themselves and their families as part of the Health Department's new Make Your Moment Now campaign. The campaign features TV and online ads, longer video stories, tools and resources on the Health Department's website.

“Many Vermonters are not aware they are at an unhealthy weight and don't believe they have control over their health,” said Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD. “Sheila Leno is one example of someone who took control of her health and weight, and we hope stories like hers will inspire others to eat healthier and be more physically active.” “I can't even explain how much better I feel,” Leno said. “I am more confident. I couldn't even get on the floor and wrestle with my kids before, my knees hurt so bad, and now I can get down there and play. And I can keep up with them. I've finally found balance in my life.”

To learn more about Make Your Moment Now: [healthvermont.gov/mymoment](http://healthvermont.gov/mymoment).

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People

**Installation Service Held for Reverend Hamilton at United Church of Hinesburg**

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

On November 17, the Reverend Jared Hamilton was installed as the Pastor of the United Church of Hinesburg. Reverend Hamilton's ordination took place on November 3 at the First Parish Church in Manchester by the Sea, Massachusetts.

The Reverend Doctor Llewellyn Smith, retired Pastor, and the Reverend John Hughes, II, current Pastor, at First Parish Church participated in Reverend Hamilton's ordination and came to Hinesburg to

participate in his installation. The participants, a total of fourteen, were primarily from the Champlain Valley area, including both lay persons and ministers from the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Churches and the American Baptist Churches. Reverend Smith gave the sermon, Reverend Hughes gave the charge to the congregation and the Reverend Susan Cooke Kittredge gave the charge to Reverend Hamilton. Grace Cleary, the



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14. Antipasto morsel  
15. Biblical preposition  
16. Gloss  
17. George's aunt  
20. Calendar abbr.  
21. Puzzle  
22. Put something on  
23. Blast from the past  
26. Reduces friction  
27. Contradicted  
29. Arouse desire  
30. Bouquet  
31. “\_\_\_ No Sunshine”  
32. “A pox on you!”  
35. “Stony End” singer  
39. Numbskull  
40. Irritate  
41. Salsa, for one  
42. Mark  
44. Colorful bird  
45. Call a koala an elk, e.g.  
48. Chipper  
49. Secrets  
50. Arctic bird  
51. TV doc  
54. She beat Bo Bice  
58. And others, for short  
59. '80s rock band  
60. As such  
61. Gym set  
62. 1987 Costner role  
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- Down
1. Microsoft product  
2. African plant  
3. Stains  
4. Holiday lead-in  
5. “Losing My Religion” rock group  
6. Blender button  
7. Black stone  
8. “Yadda, yadda, yadda”  
9. Bear  
10. Ancient meeting places  
11. Floor coverings  
12. Newbie, of sorts  
13. Eye sores  
18. All fired up  
19. Aces, sometimes  
24. Arm or leg  
25. Abby address?  
26. Romance, e.g.  
27. Cake with a kick  
28. “-zoic” things  
29. Deed  
31. Line to the audience  
32. Needlepoint, e.g.  
33. Ancient Andean  
34. “Our Time in \_\_\_” (10,000 Maniacs album)  
36. Speech of old Syria  
37. Matinee \_\_\_  
38. Handel oratorio  
42. “St. Elsewhere” singer, \_\_\_ Barkley  
43. Eastern royal  
44. Tip for the dealer  
45. Court officer  
46. Fit to be tied  
47. Deep-six  
48. Disloyal one  
50. Cuckoos  
52. Cheat, slangily  
53. Lofty lines  
55. Fair \_\_\_ doctrine  
56. Engine speed, for short  
57. Chinese dynasty
- ANSWERS are on inside of back page



Champlain Association Moderator of the United Church of Christ, officiated at the Installation Service. In addition to members of the Hinesburg United Church, attendees included both lay persons and pastors from the United Church of Christ, Methodist, Baptist and Catholic churches.

The United Church of Hinesburg is delighted to welcome Reverend Hamilton as its settled Pastor.

**Hinesburg’s Newest Resident**

**Brian and Sara (Charbonneau) Provencher** are parents of a daughter, **Kayla Ann Provencher**, born September 19, 2013 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington.

(The Hinesburg Record is pleased to announce the birth of your baby. When you fill out a “Baby Notice to Media” following the birth, just add The Hinesburg Record in the space allotted for “Other Media.”)

**Robert Pelletier Receives Scholarship at Clarkson University**

**Robert M. Pelletier**, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering at Clarkson University, received the F. Carlton and Ethel B. Simpson Memorial Endowed Scholarship during the 2013-2014 academic year.

**► Iroquois Soccer Club, continued from page 1**

Tire and Munson Auto. Their generous support nearly pays in full the cost of Iroquois Soccer Club jerseys.

**Register online anytime or come to Hinesburg Town Hall at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 18.**

Iroquois Soccer Club Standing Meetings to the pubic are in the Town Hall on December 12 and January 9 at 7 p.m All are welcome!

**► Hinesburg Artist Series, continued from page 1**

extensively as a soloist and collaborator. Upon receipt of her Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, Claire worked as staff accompanist at Baldwin Wallace University in Ohio and accompanied a number of area choirs.

Her chamber music experience includes performing with the Cialde Quintet and touring with her cello/piano “Elegua Duo” throughout the Northeast.

In addition to performing, she is a highly sought after piano instructor. She previously taught at the Oberlin Community Music School and at the Cleveland Institute of Music Summer Sonato piano program.

Claire is currently the South County Chorus accompanist, maintains a private piano studio in Burlington and freelances as a choral and solo accompanist.

**► Affordable Housing, continued from page 1**

courage and support the development of a supply of safe and affordable housing in a variety of types and price ranges” as well as the goal “to maintain diversity in Hinesburg’s population.” While Hinesburg has a diverse population as reflected in the wide range of social and economic status, the diversity of housing opportunities has begun to narrow as rising property values have made more homes unaffordable.

**... many Vermonters are becoming less able to afford to own or even rent a house.**

In fact, as shown by the Housing Needs Assessment commissioned by the HAHC in June 2010, other than Kelley’s Field (a 24-unit rental development that provides subsidized housing for seniors and the disabled), there are no affordable family projects in Hinesburg. The Needs Assessment concluded “with the cost of renting and ownership rising faster than wages in the past decade, the burden on new renter households is growing. A strong argument can be made for promoting mixed-income rental development for families and individuals.” To address the increasing gap between rising property prices and stagnant wages, state agencies and local communities are trying to address the issue of providing more affordable housing in Vermont and across the country.

**So What is “Affordable Housing?”**

According to the State of Vermont definition of affordable housing, housing is affordable when households with incomes at or below the county median pay no more than 30% of their gross income on housing costs (mortgage payments, insurance and property taxes if the home is owned and rent and utilities if the home is rented). This 30% standard is the same standard used by banks in approving home mortgages. According to the June 2013 United States Census statistics, the median household income of Chittenden County from 2007-2011 was \$62,260.

The Hinesburg Zoning Regulations state that “affordable for-sale units shall be sold at an initial price that is affordable for a household with an annual income that is 80% of the median income for the Burlington Metropolitan Statistical Area, adjusted for household size” (Sec. 5.21.2). Similarly, “affordable rental units shall

be rented at a price that is affordable for a household with an annual income that is 80% of the median income for the Burlington Metropolitan Statistical Area, adjusted for household size” (Sec. 5.21.3).

Since the prices for which a developer of affordable housing can sell or rent a home are capped in this way, and the costs of development are increasing, it has become more and more difficult for developers to build “affordable” housing without losing money. In order for a home to be “affordable,” towns have had to create incentives for builders and have sought to create policies where the “affordability” of a house is established during the development phase.

**Public Incentives**

Hinesburg provides density bonuses, which allow a builder who includes affordable houses in the plan to build more homes in an area than would otherwise be allowed; a waiver of the DRB application per-unit fee for the affordable units; a reduction in the municipal wastewater allocation fee and the connection fee for the affordable units; and a reduction in the building permit fee for the affordable units.

Because these zoning incentives and cost-saving measures are not sufficient alone, developers need to seek and successfully obtain public funding to build affordable developments. The Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont are two non-profit groups that provide public funding for development of affordable housing projects. These organizations can accept minimal rates of return on the capital used, thereby enabling them to charge lower rents to make the homes affordable. Towns also give incentives by charging slightly lower property taxes on targeted affordable housing projects, as required by state statute. These measures are taken to keep the initial building costs and the overall costs low so that people with low to moderate incomes

can afford to own or rent a home.

**Who Lives in Affordable Housing?**

The residents of affordable housing developments have full-time jobs, typically earning entry level or moderate wages. These residents pay rent or mortgage payments just like other homeowners.

Some imagine that affordable housing means large, ugly projects that will increase crowding and social problems. But affordable housing projects go through the same planning and zoning process as any other project. The latest generation of affordable and mixed-income housing is based on good planning, minimal impact and assimilation into the neighborhood. Most affordable housing is no more crowded than the surrounding neighborhood. With affordable housing, families have more resources available to provide basic needs for their families. A stable housing situation allows families to flourish in a safe environment.

**For More Information**

For more information on affordable housing and housing in general in Vermont, please contact: The Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee, Rocky Martin 482-2281 ext 229; Champlain Housing Trust ([champlainhousingtrust.org](http://champlainhousingtrust.org)) 862-6244; Housing Vermont ([hvt.org](http://hvt.org)) 863-8424; Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition ([vtaffordablehousing.org](http://vtaffordablehousing.org)) 660-9484; Vermont State Housing Authority ([vsha.org](http://vsha.org)); Vermont Housing Awareness Campaign ([www.housingawareness.org](http://www.housingawareness.org)) 652-3449.

# NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Whether you are at home, at work, or in a public place, it's likely you are in an area served by natural gas pipelines. Like all forms of energy, natural gas must be handled properly. Despite an excellent safety record, a gas leak caused by damage to a pipeline may pose a hazard and has the potential to ignite. Natural gas pipelines are sometimes identified by signs that indicate their approximate location — but these signs should not be relied upon to indicate the exact position. As such, and because not all lines have signs, it is critical that you call **Dig Safe™ at 811** prior to any excavation.

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG —IT’S THE LAW!

- The greatest risk to underground natural gas pipelines is accidental damage during excavation. Even minor damage such as a gouge, scrape or dent to a pipeline or its coating could cause a leak or failure. **Digging into a pipeline is the largest single cause of pipeline failures.**
- To protect pipelines and other underground facilities, the law requires that before starting to dig for any excavation, landscaping, construction or demolition project, on public or private property, the excavator must call **Dig Safe™ at 811 at least 48 hours in advance** (excluding weekends and holidays) to notify them of the work.
- Dig Safe™ will contact member utilities so they can mark the location of their underground facilities prior to any excavation. This service is provided at no cost to you.

### USE YOUR SENSES TO DETECT A GAS LEAK

- SMELL:** Natural gas is colorless and odorless. A distinctive, pungent odor, similar to rotten eggs, is added so that you will recognize it quickly.
- SIGHT:** You may see a white cloud, mist, fog, bubbles in standing water or blowing dust. You may also see vegetation that appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.
- SOUND:** You may hear an unusual noise like a roaring, hissing or whistling.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK

- MOVE** immediately to a safe location.
- CALL** Vermont Gas at 1-800-639-8081 immediately, with the exact location.
- DO NOT** smoke or operate electrical switches or appliances. These items may produce a spark that might ignite the gas or cause an explosion.
- DO NOT** assume someone else will report the condition.



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# Religion

## United Church of Hinesburg

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**Pastor:** Jared Hamilton

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m.-noon.

**Location:** 10580 Route 116

**Phone:** 482-3352

**Email:** unitedchurch@gmavt.net

**Address:** P.O. Box 39

**Website:** ucofh.org

**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m.

**Choir practice:** 9:15 a.m. Sunday

**Sunday School:** Nursery and story time; Christian Education Kindergarten through 6th grade during academic school year.

**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.

## Lighthouse Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Reverend Ed Hart

**Church Phone:** 482-2588

**Home Phone:** 482-2588

**Email:** lighthousevt@netscape.net

**Website:** LBCvt.homestead.com

**Location:** Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

**Address:** P.O. Box 288

**Regular Services:**  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m., Nursery provided, Kids Corner (puppets and songs)

**Sunday Evening Service:** 6:00 p.m.

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

## Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

**Pastor:** Reverend David Cray, SSE

**Pastor's Residence:** 425-2253, dgcray@gmail.com

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

**Hinesburg Rectory:** 482-2290, Stjude@gmavt.net, P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, (10759 Route 116)

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

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

**Parish Council Chair:** Ted Barrett, 453-3087

**Finance Council Chair:** Doug Taft: 482-3066

**Buildings and Grounds Supervisor:** Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Andrew Driver, 802-310-5958.

**Weekend Masses:**  
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church, Hinesburg

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mount. Carmel Church, Charlotte

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church

Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Pastor for appointment

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

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

**Communion at Home:** Call Parish Office, 482-2290

**Confirmation Coordinators:** Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

**Religious Education Coordinator:** Marie Cookson, 434-4782

**Religious Education (CCD):** Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for

grades K-8. Registration is required. Classes begin Monday, September 9th.

**The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades (Confirmation Years) meet once a month. This is a two-year program. Watch Sunday bulletins for dates and times.**

Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish Office) or 434-4782 (home) for more information.

**Food Shelf Weekend:** Every third Saturday and Sunday (16th & 17th). Parishioners are asked to make an extra effort to bring non-perishable canned and dried food in weekly for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food Collection baskets are in the entry for your convenience.

**Senior Meals:** Will be served November 12th & 26th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. (the second and fourth Tuesday of each month). Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards, board games and door prizes. Cost is \$4.00 donation. Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (parish office) or 434-4782 (home). Caretakers are welcome. Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. For more information, call the parish office at 482-2290.

**Pancake Breakfasts:** We have resumed our monthly Pancake Breakfast. The next Pancake Breakfasts are scheduled for Sunday, November 10th and Sunday, December 8th beginning at 10:30 a.m. Cost Is \$7/adult; \$4/child and \$20/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome.

## Trinity Episcopal Church

**Address:** 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

**Rector:** Rev. Craig Smith

**Church phone:** 985-2269

**Church email:** info@trinityshelburne.org

**Website:** trinityshelburne.org

**Worship service:**  
Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

**Worship service and Sunday School:** Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

**Space for Grace program:** Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m.

## Community Alliance Church

**Pastor:** Rev. Scott Mansfield

**Phone:** 482-2132

**Email:** info@hinesburgcma.org

**Web:** hinesburgcma.org

**Address:** 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVUHS soccer fields)

**Sunday Services:** 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Children's programs, for nursery through elementary school ages, are available at both services. Middle School Students meet together during the second service.

**Middle School and High School Youth Group:** Meets from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. This is a great time to meet new friends, hang out and talk real life.

**Weekday Life Groups:** Various times, days, and locations throughout the week.

For more information, please contact the church.

Services on Sundays begin at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with children's programming during those services. For more information, call the church office at 482-2132, or visit hinesburgcma.org.

## Williston Federated Church

United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church

*An Open and Affirming Reconciling Congregation*

**Address:** 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

**Phone:** 878-5792.

**Website:** 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 a.m., Nursery/Child care provided; Sunday School during the service for pre-K through high school; Coffee/Fellowship after service in Fellowship Hall

## All Souls Interfaith Gathering Nondenominational Service

**Pastor:** Rev. Mary Abele

**Phone:** 985-3819

**Mailing Address:** 371 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

**Services:**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation & Prayer

Sunday 5:00 p.m.: Evensong Service (with programs for children & youth!)





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# Young Writers Project

BY SUSAN REID

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Special thanks this week to National Life Group

## This is Your Home

BY KATE SLEEPER, GRADE 5, SHELBURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

My baggy jeans rub on the ground as I walk towards the barn. To my left and right are two tall horses that seem to be looking at me as if I just made a loud noise. I walk past them like I don't even notice. I make my way past the barn, then across the road. I see a dog cuddled under a small wooden bench. I walk over to the dog and I start to pet it; its tail starts to hit the ground as if it would do anything just to let me know that it wants to stay with me. When I get up to walk back home it follows me, and I let it do that the whole way home. When we get to the barn it hikes up a big pile of hay and makes itself at home, and again I let it. Then I whisper to it, "This is your home."

## Halfway Halted

BY ERIN BUNDOCK, GRADE 10, CVU

You have that halting quality,  
and it's not because of your eyes,  
or the way you smile;  
those are just the stars that  
come with the moon.  
And we've heard of stars in eyes,  
and eyes that have crossed  
but cannot meet.  
And we've tuned out those  
oh-so-perfect smiles,  
and the ways that you can breathe the air  
into my lungs,  
or run your fingers through my hair.  
And it's not to say I don't  
mind those things.  
But my heart halts,  
and my breaths fall silent,  
because when I see you  
I see half a soul that's vibrant.  
I see fingers that tap on the strings  
of my feelings,  
and play me like a violin  
even if it's still screeching.

I see the other side of the moon,  
how it's black and unruly;  
and I see that I don't know that whole  
half truly.  
I see the floor of the ocean  
without any light  
because even though you're beautiful,  
not everything's right.  
And it's not the sky that cov-  
ers itself in blankets;  
it's the shades the stars pull.  
Because even to them,  
the glass is not always half  
full.

## My Sweet-sounding Tenor: a Sestina

BY NOA URBAITEL, GRADE 11, CVU

Long ago, in a land so far  
away, there was me  
Hoping, wishing, waiting for a per-  
son, just one  
To change my life, change  
the boring tenor  
Rip my heart from its hiding  
place behind my sternum  
Whisk me out of the  
rejected bracket  
Of girls looking for love  
And soon, Love  
You found me  
Searching for you in  
the rejected bracket  
It took only a single  
glance, just one

And my fingers flew up, press-  
ing against my sternum  
For I knew I had found my  
sweet-singing tenor  
And sing, you did, my tenor  
And with every note you  
sang, I fell more in love  
Sending shivers through my body  
all the way to my sternum  
Treasured lyrics and harmo-  
nies, directed towards me  
And you were the only one  
Who captured my breath between  
notes in a melodic bracket  
And when I left, you held my face,  
your hands creating a bracket  
Enough memories to last a lifetime,  
of your sweet-sounding tenor  
And I thought, no person, not a single one  
Had felt love like I felt love  
For even when I was gone, it  
would always be you and me  
But as I left, my heart went back to its

hiding place behind my sternum  
And yet by that time, my heart had grown  
so big, it no longer fit behind my sternum  
So my ribs made a bracket  
Protecting me  
And with my heart so vulner-  
able, I thought of my tenor  
The man who had my love  
And I thought, "I'll see you soon. A  
single month, week, day left. Just one."  
And soon that single month, week,  
day passed and we were one  
Your thumb pressing over my sternum  
Which had tried to shelter your love  
But instead composed a bracket  
Sheltering memories of your  
sweet-sounding tenor  
For months, weeks, days to sustain me  
One day, it will just be you and me  
No hiding behind my sternum, I'll get  
to listen to your sweet-sounding tenor  
Falling more in love each day  
with no ending bracket

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:

December 5 issue of The Hinesburg Record published

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7:

Pearl Harbor Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:

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

Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, contact George Dameron, Chair, 482-3269

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

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

Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., interested parties should call Ann Brush at 482-5656 or email [annbrush@gmail.com](mailto:annbrush@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11:

Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training, 7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15:

Hinesburg Artist Series’ annual Christmas concert, 4:30 p.m., St Jude Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16:

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:

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

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor, Town Hall

Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant, contact HBPA President Tom Mathews at 496-8537f or information or to make reservations

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:

Fire and Rescue/Business meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station

Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., lower level conference room, Town Hall, Stewart Pierson, Chair

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21:

First day of Winter

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23:

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

Christmas Eve

Lion’s Club Meeting, call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for alternate date due to holiday

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:

Christmas Day

Call for alternate dates due to holiday

Fire and Rescue/ Fire Training, 7:00 p.m., Hinesburg Fire Station

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:

Kwanzaa begins

Hinesburg Historical Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., lower level conference room,Town Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31:

New Year’s Eve

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1:

New Year’s Day

Advertising and news deadline for January 23 issue of The Hinesburg Record

Fire and Rescue/ Medical Training, 7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station, call for alternate date due to holiday

# Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 6:

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

Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM

Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting,, 4:30 p.m., Williston Town Hall, public invited

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7:

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

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8:

Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training, 7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 13:

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

Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, contact George Dameron, Chair 482-3269

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14:

Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

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Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., interested parties should call Ann Brush at 482-5656 or email [annbrush@gmail.com](mailto:annbrush@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15:

Fire and Rescue/Business meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station

Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., lower level conference room, Town Hall, Stewart Pierson, Chair

MONDAY, JANUARY 20:

Martin Luther King Day

Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall (Call for alternate date due to holiday)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21:

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

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor, Town Hall

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS

Town Clerk Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. E-mail: [hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net). Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer.

Town Administrattor Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment; Town Hall, 482-2096. E-mail: [jcolangelo@hinesburg.org](mailto:jcolangelo@hinesburg.org) Joe Colangelo.

Town Planner Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619. E-mail: [hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net).

Alex Weinhaven, Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail, [hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net). Peter Erb, Administrator.

Listers’ Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon, other hours by appointment. Town Hall, Contact Alex Weinhaven at 482-5594, [hinesburglister@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburglister@gmavt.net).

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.

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.; 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: [cswd.net](http://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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Monday through Friday 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: Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m.

WEB PAGES:

HCS: [hcsvt.org](http://hcsvt.org). Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

CVU: [cvuhs.org](http://cvuhs.org). Learn about CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.

CCL: [carpentercarse.org](http://carpentercarse.org). Learn about library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Town: [hinesburg.org](http://hinesburg.org). Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

Hinesburg Record: [hinesburgrecord.org](http://hinesburgrecord.org). Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town calendar.

[hinesburgbusiness.com](http://hinesburgbusiness.com) – FREE. POST NOTICE OF JOB OPENINGS. POST RESUMES. Sponsored by HBPA.

[seewhy.info](http://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.

[facebook.com/connectingyouth](https://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!

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](http://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](mailto:bstahl2@gmail.com) or at 482-3137.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN HINESBURG

**Hinesburg has always been a town of volunteers, stepping up whenever the call is put out for help. This column is a place for listing those needs.**

Do you need volunteers for a Hinesburg event or non-profit organization? Send us the information and we'll publish it here. The posting could be for continuing commitments or one-time events. Send any requests to **[news@hinesburgrecord.org](mailto:news@hinesburgrecord.org)**. Use "volunteer need" as a subject line. Supply a brief description of the duties, requirements and times needed and we will add it to this list.

### Mentoring

Make a difference in the life of a child. Become a mentor at HCS. No tutoring involved, just being a buddy to a child who would benefit from adult friendship. And only one hour a week during the school year. Contact Ginny Roberts at **[groberts@cssu.org](mailto:groberts@cssu.org)** or **482-6271** for more information.

### Meals on Wheels

Help out local area residents who cannot easily get out of their homes. Become a Meals on Wheels driver. Routes take anywhere from and hour to an hour and a half depending on the day. You need not commit to a weekly schedule. Contact Jane Gage at **482-6096** for more information

### Town Committees

Frequently there are openings on town committees. Here are some recent ones.

- **Affordable Housing Committee**
- **Agency Request Review Committee**
- **Conservation Commission**
- **Energy Committee**
- **Planning Commission:**
- **Recreation Commission**
- **Town Forest Committee:**
- **Village Steering Committee**

Check the town web site **[www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org)** for the most current committee openings, descriptions and instructions on how to apply. For more information contact Renae Marshall at **482-2281 ext. 227** or **[rmarshall@hinesburg.org](mailto:rmarshall@hinesburg.org)**.

### Help Publish *The Hinesburg Record*

This community newspaper is produced by volunteers who write, edit, and lay it out every month. *The Record* needs people to write and edit copy, take photos, and help with distribution and mailing. One-time or occasional submissions are more than welcome.

If you are interested, please contact us at **[info@hinesburgrecord.org](mailto:info@hinesburgrecord.org)**.

### Iroquois Soccer Club

The club accepts any level of volunteer participation and no special skills are required. From a one-time two-hour stint helping us during registration, to coaching three times a week during May, to sitting on the Board and attending the monthly meetings. It helps to like soccer and kids! Call Kevin Lewis at 482-4705 for more information.

### Visit a Senior

Hinesburg seniors need your help. Some seniors live alone with limited social contact and would love to share their gift of gab with you. Just an hour of your time can make a big difference in the life of one of the seniors in our town. CVAA is currently looking for volunteer visitors for two men in Hinesburg, one of whom would particularly enjoy a little male camaraderie. If you would be willing to help one of these seniors, contact Bev at 1-800-642-5119 for more information.