# the HINESBURG

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## The West Side Sidewalk **Project and its Opposition**

**BY CATHY RYAN** 

aron Kimball worries about his family's safety. Every school day morning, his wife and 7-year-old son stand on the shoulder of the road in front of their Silver Street townhouse. Hand in hand, they watch the cars, waiting for a break in the traffic, and hoping they won't get hit when they hurry across. They don't cross at a cross walk because there isn't one. They don't walk up to Route 116 before crossing because there is no sidewalk along Silver Street, nor on 116, nor a crosswalk there, either. Plans are well underway to provide all of this, but the Hinesburg School Board has expressed opposition.

#### How the plan came into being

n 2005 the Selectboard, after taking input from several boards and commissions, prioritized the next sidewalk segments to complete as 1) a short connecting piece from H&M Auto to Papa Nicks: 2) west side of 116 from Charlotte Road to Hinesburg Community School (HCS); 3) east side of 116 from Mechanicsville Road to Commerce Street. In 2006, a feasibility study of all three segments was completed and the Selectboard made the decision to apply for grant funding for the section from Charlotte Road to HCS. The Town applied for and received two grants for the project. A "Safe Routes to School" grant has paid for 100% of engineering, permitting and right-of-way acquisition. An Enhancement Grant will pay for 80% of the construction of the project with a 20% Town match.

Engineering began in late 2008, plans were developed, submitted to VTrans, changed as needed, and slowly wound their way through the permitting process for approval. Currently, construction plans and specifications are being prepared to get the project out to bid for construction during 2014.

Funding was also provided by developer Alan Norris when the Silver Street Town Homes were built, for a sidewalk connecting the development to Route 116. Construction of that sidewalk has been postponed until there is a sidewalk on Route 116 for it to connect to.

#### School Board raises safety concerns

t the joint Hinesburg School Board and Selectboard meeting on December 9, several people expressed concern for the safety of having students cross Silver Street in a crosswalk. A school board member stated that rather than have students cross Silver Street in a crosswalk, he'd prefer students cross Route 116 near St. Jude's or walk north along the west side of Route 116 and then cross at the Charlotte Road light. School board members, as well as Selectboard member Tom Ayer, objected to the project being built as it is currently designed.

Selectboard member Andrea Morgante responded, "We want to move ahead with the project as it's designed because we feel that there are other possibilities in terms of control of 116 and how we can begin to address some of the safety issues...Because



it takes so long to construct one of these federally-funded projects, it really is imperative that we move ahead and not jeopardize the funding because it is a need, to have a sidewalk on that side of 116." She added, "We also need to consider that it's part of a network of sidewalks and it's not just the school population that will be using this sidewalk, and we should consider the connectivity throughout the village."

At this point in the project development, if the Town decided not to do the project for some reason, the Town would have to pay back the money spent on engineering and other costs.

At the Hinesburg School Board meeting on December 16, concerns about safety were raised again, and Principal Jeffrey O'Hara stated that the sidewalk would increase their need for crossing guards by three-one for Silver Street, and one

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Grace Cloutier, Harpist



Toni Dolce, Soprano

## **Hinesburg Artist Series Presents Its Eighteenth Anniversary Concert**

BY RUFUS C. PATRICK, MUSIC DIRECTOR

inesburg Artist Series' Eighteenth Anniversary Concert will be held Sunday, March 16 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg. The performance will include the South County Chorus and Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra. Guest artists will be soprano Toni Dolce, Harpist Grace Cloutier and flutist Laurel Maurer.

The concert will include Te Deum by Mark Hayes; Feel the Spirit, (a cycle of seven spirituals) adeptly arranged by John Rutter; Loch Lomond arranged by David Lanz; Skylark, a wonderful Hoagie Carmichael tune, also arranged by Rutter and accompanied by pianist Claire Black and Flutist Laurel Maurer.

Toni Dolce, our featured soprano, comes from New York City. She will perform with the South County Chorus and the HAS Orchestra, and will join with Grace Cloutier to perform Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen. Other selections include O Mio

Babbino Caro from Gianni Schicchi by Giacomo Puccini, I Could Have Danced All Night from My Fair Lady and the stunning Nella Fantasia by Ennio Morricone.

#### Toni Dolce will join with Grace Cloutier to perform Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen.

Harpist Grace Cloutier has performed on several occasions with HAS and is returning for this anniversary concert. Her new album with Etherea Vocal Ensemble, "Hymn to the Dawn," recently made the Amazon.com Hot New Releases in Opera and Vocal Music list and was top five on iTunes. In June of 2014 Grace will be performing at Carnegie Hall. Toni Dolce will perform as well.

Tickets for the performance are \$18 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased through Flynntix at 86-Flynn (1-802-863-5966) and at Brown Dog Books in Hinesburg.

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#### **Hot Music** On a Cold Night

My friend Wendy called me on Friday afternoon asking if I was free to attend a concert in the CVU auditorium in Hinesburg. She had a spare ticket and probably knew that I wasn't doing anything. Despite the prospect of going out on another frigid evening, I gratefully accepted. It felt like a potluck dinner. I didn't have a clue as to who the performers were but I was ready to take my chances. I put on my special

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earrings and slipped into my grubby Uggs and headed over from my digs in Shelburne to her place in Hinesburg.

We arrived early and had a chance to admire the gigantic model of the proposed Hannaford's market and gaze wistfully at the alternative images of pastoral trails and wild marshes. I've been following the efforts of the people of Hinesburg to try to keep the community on a less commercial more human scale and appreciated the effort these organizers put into keeping us up to date.

I suppose whenever you put 400 members of a community together you'll get a party atmosphere. This event was no exception. But all of the preliminary folde-rol was nothing compared to the treat waiting for us inside the auditorium.

Immediately the place started to heat up. I was drawn to the performers, the music, their skills as musicians, and the electrifying energy between these performers. After the first group, Pete Sutherland with Oliver Scanlon and Tristan Henderson, I wondered if the following act could live up to their predecessors, and then after the second act, Michael Chorney and Maryse Smith, well, you get what I'm saying. The final group, Jamie Masefield with Doug Perkins, Tyler Bolles, and Jon Fishman, was the perfect finale. What a treat for us to be the recipients of so many great performers. And based on their easy way with each other, it was clear that they were having at least as much fun as we were.

OK, lets face it, performers usually have much more fun than the audience. But here, we had our share. The energy from the audience and the perfomers seemed to be criss-crossing back and forth, creating this warm and wonderful bubble of, well, hot music on a cold night.

Thanks to Responsible Growth Hinesburg and the many who volunteered to bring this special event to our area!

Leslie Anderson

#### Hinesburg Concert

I feel compelled to write and let the Hinesburg community know how impressed and entertained I was by the concert at CVU on January 24 sponsored by Responsible Growth Hinesburg. The music was great, of course. Added to that, however, was the communal spirit of the audience in the sold out auditorium as well as the commitment of volunteers from the community who pulled together such an awesome evening. Once a Hinesburg resident and now of South Burlington, I truly appreciate the efforts of this group to grow the town in a thoughtful way, balancing the needs of its citizens, the beauty of the landscape and care for the environment. The benefit concert was definitely a fun way to bring people together for this higher purpose.

Karen Ryder

#### Local Legends Benefit Concert

I would like to express my appreciation for the absolutely wonderful benefit concert of Local Legends held at CVU January 24. The musicians accepted only a small stipend for travel expenses. I felt their support and their caring for the RGH cause and was very grateful for their wonderful talent, energy, and—if I might say it-love. And when I walked into the lobby that evening and saw so many of our community there, that too was a real joy, and I felt connected to our town.

Our community is indeed a very special place, and its surroundings are worth fighting for. I was really moved by the picture display about different possibilities for Lot 15, and the monolithic model of Hannaford situated on Lot 15 made the alternative all very real.

What the concert said to me is that when we work together, each giving of his or her talents, the outcome is a form of music. The music the other night was a metaphor of the music we all have been making together these last several years. It is the music of a common cause that unites people, and it is the music of caring for the community in which we live and the land that sustains us. It has been shown over and over and over that a corporation, situated far from the local arena, can never care for the land in the same way that those who live on or near it can, provided they have the will to do so. In all of this there is the message that, if we love the land and respect it, it will love us back and give back to us a hundredfold in so many different ways.

I hesitate to make the claim that the cause of Responsible Growth Hinesburg is just and right because so many "just and right" causes in the past have turned out to be anything but. That said, to care for and protect the land does seem right and just. And sometimes to protect the land is at least to allow it to remain open until our conscious efforts can catch up enough to figure out how really to care for it in the midst of so much development-rampant or sustaining. Mostly, what we have seen over so many years in so many places is rampant development with only the short term goal of profit in mind.

A good definition of beauty would be "a harmony of contrasts." In this the Local Legends created beautiful music, a harmony of contrasting vocals and instruments. Many questions still remain with regard to the proposed Hannaford project, but one stands out for me. Given its size and footprint, given the smallness of Lot 15, given the amount of fill needed (38,000 cubic yards), to convert this wetland area into a building site for this store, and given the storm water containment and purification issues involved and still unresolved, can this proposed project have any hope of achieving a harmony of contrasts on this site? Does such a project have any hope of achieving beauty here when so much will be destroyed, only to be replaced by a big box and a paved parking lot:

Again, I want to thank Responsible Growth Hinesburg, the great musicians, and anyone else who made this concert happen.

**Bob Thiefels** 



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#### **Editor's Note:**

The following three letters were submitted by supporters of a recent petition effort to bring the new zoning regulations to a second town wide vote this Town Meeting Day. The vote will not be held because under state law the authority to issue or change zoning regulations (in towns like Hinesburg) lies with the Selectboard, not Town Meeting. The town-wide vote last November was held, as state law also provides, because a petition was submitted within 20 days of the adoption of the new ordinance. At that time the voters chose not to overturn the new regulations.

Those who would like to overturn the ordinance do have some options open to them; see "How Zoning Regulations are Adopted and Changed" under Town News on page 4 for more information.

#### My Rural Hinesburg

It was nearly fifty years ago that my father decided to raise me and my siblings in Hinesburg. Purchasing a farm and starting a job with the UVM extension service. It was his dream in the making that we often lived out on the farm as he worked at the university to provide for us. His teaching style led all of us to use our minds, not just the immediately available facts, to learn. These lesson were applied to our everyday social life too. Sometimes sucking us into a harmless conversation. Only to turn antagonistic and show us the "other side of the coin". I remember one such conversation when I was young. Our neighbors and friends of the Fletcher farm on Baldwin road had sold (1973 ish). I lamented to my dad that I now had no where to play, other then our small hundred acres. He joined my misery for a while. Then slowly questioned me about the people that had moved in and taken away part of my "playground". He asked me if I knew of their dreams. Did they have kids? Could it be they liked Hinesburg as much as me? If they dreamed differently then me, could they still be alright people? Could it be they had a right to their dreams too?

Well he was right. They all had dreams and hopes. They may not have been hay fields and cows. But they became my neighbors. People that I have now known for over thirty-five plus years. I could not imagine them not being my neighbors. Hinesburg had changed but these people seemed to have added to it. Not stolen it.

So a couple of years ago when Hinesburg sent out the questionnaire. "Would you like to see Hinesburg retain its rural character. Yes or No?" (That quote is to the best of my memory.) Because of my dad. I was a little skeptical. But I liked the phrase in the plan. "To encourage a pattern of development that maintains open spaces and scenic resources". (Once again to the best of my memory.) Well to me that sounded like it was on the right track. I wanted to see what this was all about. Many neighbors and myself started attending planning committee meetings.

Immediately at the November 2009 Hinesburg Rural Areas forum. A devastating map of Hinesburg without new rural area zoning was shown to all attendees. The map displayed a blanket of homes on the rural Hinesburg land scape. The report explained this was the option 3, do nothing approach. The map was terribly inaccurate. The map was there, I thought, just to scare the Hinesburg residents. In later meetings where twelve people not hundreds were present. It was agreed that the map was a misrepresentation of the facts. When road cuts, sewage availability, wetlands and etc were considered. In fact the real amount of viable building lots was a small fraction. It was agreed the map was inaccurate for the statement it was supporting. Nothing could be done about

the misrepresentation. Done was done.

This was only the beginning. Many of my neighbors begged for what was their life savings, their land. In the end, the town asked Hinesburg residents to remove up to seventy five percent of their neighbors development rights or "land savings". Without spelling it out. They asked Hinesburg residents to reach into their neighbors life savings and extract millions of dollars. I am not sure if voters really knew what the implications of this vote meant.

To draw full circle. I do not believe the select board approved this with an impartial view of the town residents. They did not place themselves in their neighbors shoes. Rather they choose to rally residents around their personal dreams. This is a large step towards a select board trend. Hinesburg is closed to those who dream. Just sign up for a preplanned dream at the town hall.

My dad knew that Hinesburgs rural character was just as much about the people as land. Please don't take our land just to make a museum. Let dreams grow here. Vote to remove the rural zoning changes.

Chris Nielsen

#### Rural Property Owners Deserve Better

The Selectboard recently passed new regulations that take many rights away from rural property owners. A vote to repeal these changes was held in November, but many people expressed their confusion after the vote. As a result, residents have petitioned the Town requesting a vote to restore the rural property owners rights be held via the Town Meeting Day Australian ballot.

Letters placed in the Hinesburg Record in October, written almost exclusively by Planning Commission and Selectboard members, only told part of the story.

The 1/2 Acre Confusion: People were told that property can be subdivided into half-acre lots thereby giving the property owner more options. What they failed to mention is that a minimum lot size of 20 acres (and in some areas 30) is needed to "subdivide" to get an additional 1/2 acre lot. Not confusing at all, right? That is because they now treat land by "Allowable Density" rather than by minimum acreage subdivision (thus people's confusion).

For example, using a 30 acre lot on a class 3 road, the property owner could put at most two dwellings on that 30 acres (12 acre per dwelling minimum density on class 3 roads). The minimum 1/2 acre lot size means they could cluster the two houses together, but if one person owned 1/2 acre the other property owner must own the remaining 29 1/2 acres (or hold it in common), and it can never be developed further.

The goal of the smaller lot size is to provide the ability to cluster houses on subdivided land leaving more open space. One problem here is many people purchase land in a rural area because they do not want to live in clustered housing but want to have "their own" open space around them.

A scare tactic used during the public hearings was showing what would happen if the maximum rural buildout happened with a house every 2 acres (dots on a map). This is absurd as they know much of the rural land is not developable due to topography, wetlands, existing Town/ State regulations, etc. It would also assume not one person in Hinesburg would want to live on more than two acres.

What they don't seem to stress is that. in contrast to the excessive restriction placed on properties outside the village core, the village area regulations in place allow a maximum build-out of 923 dwellings on the 129 acres of open land left in the village core (see Hinesburg Village Visualization Project Density Diagram). Does that fit in with people's idea of a rural town character? You would certainly expect the village to be more dense than the rural areas, but 923 dwellings/129 acres? A property owner with 129 acres on a class 4 road can build a maximum of 8 dwellings (15 acre per dwelling minimum on class 4 roads). Sound crazy? 923 versus 8... I urge you to go read the regulations for yourself on the town web site.

For many people their land is their life's savings, having purchased and paid taxes each year for decades. For many, the new regulations can potentially take 50% or more of their land's value from them so other people can look at it! Doesn't sound like too much to ask? If I asked for 1/2 of your retirement savings so that I could look at it any time I wanted you would say I was crazy. However, it seems perfectly fine to say that to the property owners who have made/kept Hinesburg a rural town for over 200 years.

If the new regulations are such a good thing for property owners, why the need for a concentrated marketing campaign by the Planning Commission and Selectboard? Six letters to the Hinesburg Record, a town-wide mailing four days before the November vote, signs printed up to hold out front on Election Day ... If they are so advantageous for landowners, shouldn't people have been lining up to vote to keep these restrictions? I urge you to vote to restore the Rural Property Owner's rights on Town Meeting Day.

Scott Brunetto

#### Property Ownership Should Mean Something

New rural zoning/subdivision regulations adopted in September by the Selectboard severely restrict the development potential of Hinesburg land parcels outside the immediate village core. The restrictive nature of these regulations devalues these properties with no compensation to the

landowners and it is not voluntary; the landowners have no say in the matter. In addition, unlike the situation where they voluntarily donate part or all of their development rights to the Land Trust, in this case, there is no tax benefit (income or property) to the landowner who has now lost the value of an owned asset.

While public meetings were held, it doesn't appear to me that the voices of the landowners of this town were heard. I feel mine wasn't. It isn't enough to just hold meetings and hearings, you must incorporate the feedback you receive, especially from those most affected.

Most folks, especially rural landowners, want to preserve or enhance the rural character of the town, and most have, to date, done so voluntarily. This regulation rewards that responsible stewardship by forcibly removing monetary value from the real estate owned by these same the Hinesburg residents.

In this country, unless we've suddenly become a communist nation, we believe in the private ownership of property. While we like to think of the land in our town as a resource of the Town, it is important to remember that the property is privately owned by individuals who purchased, or whose families purchased, the land - and to keep it, they must pay taxes on that property every year.

I recognize that we put zoning regulations and guidelines in place to try to protect citizens of the Town from misuse, abuse or irresponsible/negligent behavior of potential neighbors; but those safety and related concerns are a long way from legislating the maintenance of your view by making a farce of private ownership of property and essentially stealing that view from the value of your neighbor's land.

Please vote to return property owners rights to the levels that existed prior to September 9, 2013 and urge the Planning Commission and Selectboard to work WITH landowners. Working together they can propose changes that achieve the expanded use goals of the Town, but put/leave in place more reasonable guidelines, allowing for the flexibility to adapt to the needs of individual landowners and properties.

Marianne Incerpi Brunetto

#### **Correction:**

The blogger quoted in last month's article about Haystack Crossing is Craig Chevrier, not Chevalier -- we regret the error.

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#### **Missed Connections**

Opinion on the "West Side Sidewalk"

BY CATHY RYAN

s several Selectboard members stated in their January 27 meeting (see "School Board opposes west side sidewalk project, starting on the front page), moving ahead with the funded project as-is doesn't mean we, as a community, won't strive to make the Silver Street intersection safer for everyone.

I believe that this is the key point of the discussion. If the prospect of bringing more pedestrians to a certain intersection raises safety concerns, the solution is not to ban pedestrians from the intersection. The solution is to make it safer for pedestrians. We can accept the generous state and federal funding, build the sidewalk and crosswalk, and continue to work, before during, and after the construction to make that intersection-and all roads and intersections in Hinesburg-safer for pedestrians and people on bikes. Safer routes will encourage more people to bike and walk, which will reduce traffic, and this benefits walkers, people on bikes, and drivers.

A crossing guard is one way to make the planned crosswalk safer for children going to school. The school board said it won't pay for one-that even if they had the money, they'd rather put it towards teaching. A crossing guard, working two hours a day

for 180 school days at \$15/hour would cost \$5400 a year—a drop in the bucket of the \$8.8 million school budget. Yet they are so concerned for the safety of their students that they are trying to prevent this entire project. I believe \$5400 could be found, and that it would be money well spent.

It is also possible that volunteer crossing guards could be recruited. Abby Mattera, State Outreach Manager at the Vermont Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Resource Center (saferoutes.vermont.gov), says that some schools do utilize volunteer crossing guards, but she's not aware of any that "work" every day. Most of them cross children during special "walk to school" days or during other special events. But that doesn't mean that Hinesburg can't make it work-it would just take some organization and planning. I myself am willing to rearrange my schedule and volunteer two mornings per month.

As the name implies, the SRTS Resource Center has many resources for helping schools and communities develop safer routes for children to bike and walk to school. I challenge the school administration to make HCS a "Safe Routes to School Partner School". Information can be found at saferoutes.vermont. gov/partner. SRTS's January newsletter can be read at tinyurl.com/HRwalk3.

Every day should be a "walk to school" day. Walking to school is the environmental choice, it helps make children (and parents who walk with them) happy and healthy, and reduces traffic-which will put a smile on all of our faces.

## Town News

#### **How Zoning Regulations Are Adopted And Changed**

BY JOE COLANGELO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND RECORD STAFF

he procedure Hinesburg follows to adopt zoning and subdivision regulations starts with the Planning Commission, which vets new proposals, holds necessary public hearings, and forwards its recommendation to the Selectboard for additional vetting, additional public hearings, and, ultimately, adoption or rejection. The Selectboard has the power to adopt zoning and subdivision regulations on its own, or to place the proposed (new) regulations on a Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting Warning as an Australian ballot item. In the case of the recently adopted Rural Area Zoning, the Selectboard itself passed a motion to adopt the regulations, on a 3-2 vote, on September 9, 2013.

Zoning changes adopted by the Selectboard are subject to a 20-day petition period, during which a valid petition can force a town-wide vote. In this case, such a petition was received, and the vote was duly held on November 5, 2013. Voters voted against repealing the action of the Selectboard, by a margin of 626 to 533. That completed the process and the new zoning went into effect.

Recently, another petition was submitted to Town Hall, asking for the following item to be warned for the 2014 Town Meeting: "Shall the Town of Hinesburg return rural property owner rights by returning to the Zoning & Subdivision Regulations as they existed prior to September 9, 2013."

However, under Vermont case law a municipality is under no obligation to warn an article for Town Meeting if the petition is for a matter that is "not within the province of the Town Meeting to grant or refuse through its vote." Since zoning regulations are outside of the jurisdiction of Town Meeting, a vote on this item one way or the other would have no impact. The power to adopt zoning regulations (or put them before the voters) lies with the Selectboard. A vote would be no more binding than a "Doyle Poll."

#### Change is Possible

Hinesburgers interested in amending the Town's zoning and subdivision regulations do have options. They can bring a proposal to the Planning Commission for its consideration. They can submit a petition for a proposed change to the Planning Commission, which would require the Planning Commission to forward that proposal to the Selectboard for consideration.

They could even, through town-wide votes, eliminate the Selectboard's authority to adopt zoning and subdivision regulations on its own. This could be done by a vote to become a "rural town" under Vermont

law, followed by a vote to adopt all zoning regulations by Australian ballot. A "rural town" is defined as a municipality with fewer than 2500 people (Hinesburg is larger), or as one, having a population between 2500 and 5000 people, that has voted to adopt that designation. So as long as Hinesburg's population remains below 5000, voters do have the ability to require all future zoning and subdivision regulations be adopted only via Australian ballot.

If you have additional questions you can contact Town Administrator Joe Colangelo at 482-2281 ext. 221 or jcolangelo@hinesburg.org

#### **Town Clerk And Treasurer**

BY MISSY ROSS

own Meeting Day is just around the corner! Petitions for those people running for elective office were filed and the proposed Town budget is completed and awaiting discussion and voting on Monday, March 3rd at Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS). This year, for the first time, the CVUHS, Hinesburg Community School (HCS) and Town meetings will be held on the same evening. The CVUHS meeting is at 5 p.m., the HCS meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with the Town Meeting at 7 p.m. The only budget to be voted on Monday night is the municipal budget. Both the CVUHS and HCS budgets will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4th as will the election of both Town and School District officers. The polls are located at Hinesburg Town Hall and will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., as always. The last day to register to vote for this election if you are not already a registered voter in Hinesburg is Wednesday, February 26th at 5 p.m.

There are no contested races for town or school officers this year. Both incumbent Selectboard members who are up for reelection are opting to run again, Tom Ayer for a 2-year term and Michael Bissonette for a 3-year term. I am running for another 3-year term as Town Clerk & Treasurer, as well as another 1-year term as Delinquent Tax Collector. Joseph Fallon is running for another term as Moderator and E.M. Bud Allen is running for another term as both Town Agent and Grand Juror. Glenn Place is running for a 3-year seat on the Cemetery Commission; Gill Coates for a 3-year term as a Peck Estate Trustee; and Katherine Kjelleren, Susan Abell and Paul Lamberson for three open 3-year seats on the Library Board. On the School District Officers side of the ballot, Kathy Beyer is running for re-election to the HCS Board for a 2-year term; newcomer Stacy Riley for a 3-year term on the same Board; and Lia Cravedi for re-election to a 3-year term on the CVUHS Board. As I mentioned earlier, the HCS budget will also be on the ballot, while CVUHS will have a separate ballot for their budget vote since those ballots will be co-mingled with those of the other towns in the union high school district before counting.





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Dog licenses are due by April 1, 2014 and are required annually. The fee for licensing your dog is \$8.00. After April 1, the fee increases to \$12.00. If we have a current rabies certificate on file, you don't need to bring anything with you in order to obtain a license. If your pet has gotten a new rabies vaccination since you last obtained a license, please bring a copy of the rabies certificate with you. Feel free to call us to find out if we have a current certificate on file. I often get asked what the purpose of dog licensing is and why the Town requires this. It is a State, not a municipal law, and the purpose is to insure that all dogs are vaccinated against rabies. Four dollars of the \$8.00 fee goes to the State for rabies eradication efforts and a free and reduced spay and neutering program. Feel free to bring in your dog when you come for your license as we have treats! See you soon!

#### **Planning News**

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING

#### Haystack Crossing

n February 18, the Development Review Board began its review of the Haystack Crossing project proposed by Black Rock Construction. This project was described in the January issue of the Hinesburg Record, and more information (plans, project description/narrative, information on review process, etc.) can be found on the Town website at hinesburg. org. This first step of the subdivision review process will focus on conceptual-level plans and big-picture items such as lot layout and road access, mix of proposed uses, proposed development density, greenspace and adequate accommodation of future community facilities. This conceptual-level review (i.e., sketch plan review) will undoubtedly take multiple meetings given the size and scope of the proposal. Stay tuned to Front Porch Forum and the Town website for updates and future meeting dates. Also, feel free to contact the Planning & Zoning Office with questions!

#### Route 116 Corridor Recommendations

he Route 116 Corridor Study is wrapping up. A presentation of possible future strategies was held on February 11, with additional community input in the works. What does the future hold for cars, bikes, and pedestrians in and around Route 116 in the village? Are roundabouts on the way? Bike lanes? Intersection improvements? Another traffic signal? Final recommendations will be presented at a Selectboard meeting in March - tentatively March 17. For more information see the Route 116 project link on the Planning and Zoning page of the Town website.

#### Energy Efficiency

ublic input DOES matter! After a public hearing on December 11, the Planning Commission decided to shift gears with regard to Hinesburg's energy efficiency requirements for new homes. Based on recommendations at the hearing, and advice from the new Town Energy Committee, the Commission is now considering an energy efficiency standard that is a bit better (i.e., more efficient) than the statewide minimum. The Commission is exploring requiring that new homes meet the Energy Code Plus standard promulgated by Efficiency Vermont. This level is a higher standard than the statewide Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES), but is not as rigorous as the Energy Star standard that previous Hinesburg zoning required. The Commission has not forwarded a proposal to the Selectboard yet, but hopes to do so soon. They are still investigating the Energy Code Plus

standard, and possible opt-out provisions for owner-built homes and manufactured homes. Interested? Give the Planning & Zoning Office a call for more information. Not to worry, the Selectboard will discuss any proposed zoning changes and hold a public hearing prior to taking any action.

#### Development Watch

otices 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:

- 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. Application WITHDRAWN.
- · 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, November 19, December 17, and APPROVED on January 28.
- Conditional Use Review for development in a flood hazard area for future development - 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, November 19, December 17 and APPROVED on December 17.
- 38-unit + Subdivision Sketch Plan Review - 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, November 19, December 17. Application WITHDRAWN to be resubmitted pending revisions.
- 4-lot Subdivision Sketch Plan Review - south and east sides of Charlotte Road near Leavensworth Road intersection and Baldwin Road intersection (undeveloped 181 acre parcel) - Landowner: David Carse - Agricultural Zoning District. Reviewed on December 3 and AP-PROVED on December 17. First step of a 3-step subdivision review process.
- 24-unit Planned Unit Development Preliminary Plat Review - west side of Route 116, opposite Buck Hill Road West Applicant/Landowner: Alan & Nancy Norris - Residential 2 & Agricultural Zoning Districts. Reviewed on November 5. November 19, December 3, December 17 and APPROVED on January 28. Second step of a 3-step subdivision review process.
- Site Plan Revisions (revised parking & landscaping) - 10600 Route 116 (Optimal Energy building) - Applicant/Landowner: EPJ Properties LLC - Village Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED on January 7.
- Hinesburgh Public House Conditional Use Revision (allowing live music) - 10516 Route 116 - Applicant: Hinesburgh Public House - Landowner: Catamount-Malone/ Hinesburg LLC - Village Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED on January 7.
- Subdivision Revision (boundary line change) – 492 Hayden Hill Road East - Applicant/Landowner: Daryl Miller Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED February 4.
- PENDING Subdivision Revision (boundary line change), Commerce Park Subdivision - east side of Route 116, south side of Commerce Street - Applicant: Hannaford - Landowner: Giroux Family Trust - Village & Commercial

Zoning Districts. Reviewed on January 21 and continued to March 4.

- PENDING Subdivision Revision (boundary line change), Giroux Subdivision - east side of Route 116 - Applicant: Hannaford - Landowner: Giroux Family Trust - Village Zoning District. Reviewed on January 21 and continued to March 4.
- PENDING Site Plan Revision (Firehouse Plaza, new entrance) - corner of Route 116 and Commerce Street - Applicant: Hannaford - Landowner: Aubuchon Realty Company -Commercial Zoning District. Reviewed on January 21 and continued to March 4.
- PENDING Site Plan Revision (Automotion parking & circulation) - east side of Route 116 - Applicant: Hannaford Landowner: Giroux Family Trust - Village Zoning District. Reviewed on January 21 and continued to March 4.
- PENDING CVU Turf Fields Conditional Use Review - 369 CVU Road - Applicant/Landowner: Champlain Valley Union High School - Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. Reviewed on February 4 and continued to May 20.
- PENDING Home Occupation Conditional Use Review - 1088 Texas Hill Road - Applicant/Landowner: Rob Farley - Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed on February 4 and continued to March 18



#### **Progress on Trail Kiosks**

BY JANE SHELDON

he HART system has many trailheads, most of which have informational kiosks that provide maps and trail facts such as difficulty, conditions, permitted usage, trail etiquette guidelines, contact information, credits to other organizations that have conserved the land, etc. This information is important to those who are not familiar with the trail. The Trails Committee tries to keep up with maintaining them in good condition and filled with up-to-date information. However, Mother Nature (and in some case, vandals) requires completely replacing them from time to time.

This past year we have been very lucky to have a committee member who has dedicated many, many hours of his time pro bono to building new kiosks and helping to install them. Ray Mainer has saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars by our not having to pay approximately \$3400 to an outside contractor for each one. Thank you Ray!

The first kiosk which was completed and filled with the information material was the Russell Trail system. It is located at the path entrance behind the backstop at the Lyman Meadow athletic field. The second one was installed at the Gilman Road entrance to the LaPlatte Headwaters system and is awaiting the map and other informational fillers. Three additional kiosks will be placed at each of the entrances to the Old Town Forest.

The number of hours that Trails Commit-



The new information kiosk at the Russell Trails

tee members and other volunteers donate in tracking new trails with GPS coordinates, updating and printing maps, working with other committees to finalize the text for the information signs, and actually setting up the kiosks is considerable. Too many workers are involved to thank them individually here, but we do appreciate their being so generous with their time.

And even though Ray has saved the labor cost, the expense of materials is still substantial and comes out of the town budget. Whenever a kiosk is vandalized and has to be replaced, the money comes out of your taxes!

#### **Another** Volunteer Making a **Difference**

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

Joseph (Joe) ladanza moved to Hinesburg in January of 1990. Joe and his family chose Hinesburg because it fit their criteria -reasonably close to work, they could buy property with a little land and they wanted the services the Town offered: a good grocery store, a hardware store, and at least one or two places to eat out.

Joe was appointed to the Hinesburg Zoning Board in approximately 1995 or 1996. There were zoning issues in the neighborhood so he was sensitized to those and a neighbor encouraged him to apply.

In 2002 the Town chose to establish two separate boards, a Development Review Board and a Planning Commission. Joe offered his services to either and the Selectboard appointed him to the Planning Commission. Joe said when he joined the Planning Commission he felt a little unsure as he did not understand as much of what the Planning Commission did, compared to the Zoning Board, but subsequently came to the conclusion that it was a good fit. He served as Vice Chair for a few years and was elected Chair February 22, 2012.

Joe said that he likes serving in the community first, because he thinks it is a responsibility and secondly, because it was a great way to learn a lot more about the Town he had chosen to live in. He said that he has driven just about every road in the Town and has met a lot of people he would not have had the opportunity to meet otherwise. Joe said he really  $continued\ on\ page\ 6$ 

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likes serving on the Planning Commission, he likes the conversation and the back and forth of the various opinions. He finds it is good conversation between people who care about the community. In particular, Joe says he enjoys the community forums, listening to community members' comments and the discourse.

Joe mentioned that growing up in New York State he didn't see a lot of citizen involvement in government. What he found in Vermont was a citizen government with lots of volunteers and a Town Meeting where people could express their opinions.

Joe started coming to Vermont during college through a cooperative program. He loved the area and it was always his intention to live here permanently. He transferred to Vermont because of his employment with IBM. Despite work taking up a majority of his time, Joe does find time to enjoy the outdoors. He loves to hike, downhill and cross country ski and participate in alpine touring. He enjoys working around the house, particularly cooking and baking. The Planning Commission can vouch for his expertise in making some outstanding cheese cakes the members have enjoyed. In the fall, he volunteers to help clear trails. In addition to his work as a design engineer, Joe also volunteers on a board that looks at new invention disclosures coming in for IBM. Joe has filed more than 130 patent applications and currently has 75 patents. He enjoys creating.

Joe and his wife, Ann, a native of Essex Junction, have been married for 25 years. Their daughters, Katie and Lisa, are both Champlain Valley Union High School graduates. Katie graduated from Colgate University with a major in astrophysics. She accepted employment in the State of Washington working in a support position at a community college. Lisa is in her second year at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania.

Joe is an example of another volunteer making a difference in our community through service on a municipal commission. THANK YOU.



Planning Commission Member Joseph (Joe) Iadanza

## CSWD News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

#### Creative ReUse Showcase Open House February 22

You've heard about the Creative ReUse Showcase, and all the stunning artwork student competitors create. Here's your chance to see it all before a select group moves on to Frog Hollow!

WHAT: Creative ReUse Showcase Open House

WHEN: Saturday, February 22, noon - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Adams Farm Market (986 Old Stage Road, Williston)

Enjoy light refreshments, see the category winners, and cast your vote for the overall winner!

The CSWD Creative Reuse Showcase is an art competition for Chittenden County students in grades 9 through 12. The purpose is to encourage students and the community in general to reduce waste by reconsidering what we consume and discard. Creative Reuse Showcase art is made from items and materials that have been used for their original purpose and then discarded either as landfill-bound trash or as recycling.

Other Upcoming Dates:

March 7-March 28: Showcase art exhibit opening at Frog Hollow (85 Church St., Burlington), Grand Opening during First Friday Art Walk.

March 28: Closing Awards Bash at Frog Hollow. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Awards at 6:30 p.m.). Light refreshments, a final chance to vote for the overall winner, and to meet the students behind the work.

Got questions? Contact Johnny Powell: jpowell@cswd.net or 872-8100 ext. 211.

Please let our sponsors know how much you appreciate them for helping make this event possible: Frog Hollow, Renewable NRG Systems, Adams Farm Market, Advance Music Center, Bolton Valley Resort, Boutilier's Art Center, Burlington City Arts, Outdoor Gear Exchange, Battery Street Jeans, Casella, and ReSource!

#### Material of the Month: Metal household objects

Raise your hand if you think of guitar strings, bent nails, or strands of burnt-out Christmas lights as trash. Hmmmmm – it looks like some of you might want to read on to keep from missing out on an opportunity to recycle small, metal household items rather than tossing them in the trash.

Just because a product or material can't be recycled in your blue bin doesn't always mean it can't be recycled at all. At each CSWD Drop-Off Center, we have a scrapmetal bin where you can toss items made

mostly of metal for recycling. It's free!

Besides those items listed above, you can also recycle power cords, lawn mowers (after you have drained out the fluids), metal exercise equipment, old keys, rusty hardware... anything that's at least 80% metal, we'll be happy to help you keep it all out of the landfill.

We're often asked why metal lids and caps cannot be put in the recycling bin. Here's why:

For recycling to work, there has to be a company out there that wants to buy a particular item for recycling. That's mainly how we pay for the recycling system. The buyer specifies exactly what they will accept. The plastic and other non-metal coatings, inserts and rings on metal lids are a contaminant to metal buyers – they don't want that material messing up their clean metal stream.

What's more, those metal bottle caps are too small for the recycling center to be able to handle them. They literally fall through the cracks in the system. That's why when it comes to plastic and metal containers, we have a "Rule of 2" which means we can only recycle items BIG-GER THAN 2 inches on any 2 dimensions (such as length, width, and height).

Good thing we have those handy scrap-metal bins as an alternative!

TIP: Keep a small container in a handy spot in your kitchen, garage, or other areas where you find yourself with metal to dispose of. When it's full, bring it to any CSWD Drop-Off Center and check in at the booth. The Drop-Off Center operator will let you know where to leave your items.

DID YOU KNOW...? It is illegal in Chittenden County to put scrap metal items larger than 1 cubic foot or weighing more than 25 pounds into the trash.

BONUS TIP: Trade your scrap for cash! Go to the construction & demolition recycling page at tinyurl.com/HRconstruction and scroll down to "scrap metal" for a list of local dealers who will pay for large amounts of high-value scrap metal.

If you have any questions about keeping anything out of the land-fill, we're here to help!

Call 872-8111, Email info@cswd. net, or visit cswd.net.

#### Beauty may be skin-deep, but toxins in beauty products go much deeper

In 2011, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration found traces of lead in 400 lipsticks, according to an article in The New York Times (tinyurl.com/HRcosmetics). Other undesirable materials were found as well. According to the story, the FDA doesn't consider the materials in such small amounts a concern. It's the constant application over time, however, that can result in accumulation in your body.

How can you tell if your health and beauty products contain harmful ingredients? Check out the California Safe Cosmetics

Program Product Database (tinyurl.com/ HRcasafe). The searchable website allows you to see whether the products you use have been reported to contain toxic chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive harm. As of last November, about 475 companies have submitted product information on about 30,000 products.\*

So what's a girl to do if her lipstick is on the list? How's a guy supposed to manage chemical-free manscaping? There are many products available that keep you looking your best without filling your body with toxins. Another great resource is the Environmental Working Group's Consumer Guides at ewg.org/consumer-guides. Many of the products they mention can be found in local health-food stores. Due to rising demand, many of these safer products are now carried in major grocery and drug stores.

If you are getting ready to dash to your bathroom to purge your countertop of products listed in the database as containing undesirable ingredients, please DO NOT throw them in the trash. Instead, bring them to the Environmental Depot (1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington; open Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.), available free to Chittenden County residents only. Chittenden County businesses must call 865-4663 to make an appointment for disposal.

\*Inclusion in the California website does not necessarily mean that a product has been shown to cause cancer or other harmful health effects because products that contain even low levels of potentially harmful chemicals must report to the program. The website does not list the amount of the reportable chemicals in products.

## Pilot program gets agricultural plastics out of the landfill

If you're a farmer, sugar maker, greenhouse tender or another of those folks who measure the year by sap rising and soil warming, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, AgriMark/Cabot Creamery Cooperative and Casella Resource Solutions have announced a new free pilot program for recycling all that ornery agricultural film, tubing and wrap that comes along with your craft.

The pilot collection will run from February 1 through April 30, 2014, and recyclable items include:

- Silage Wrap/Bunk Covers
- Nursery Pots, trays, flats
- Maple Tubing
- Greenhouse Film
- Bale Wrap
- Drip tape/irrigation tubing

Casella's collection locations include Middlebury, Montpelier, Highgate, Hyde Park and Bennington, VT.

Plastic that lives in, around, and on the ground can get mighty dirty, so prospective recyclers must follow specific requirements for film preparation and storage; likewise for maple tubing.

For all the details and contacts for more information, see the flyer posted at tinyurl.com/CSWDplastic.

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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

The Hinesburg Police Department moved into its new building at the beginning of February. As an eventual fixed-income retiree, I will always be comfortable that all the participants did everything possible to bring in a cost efficient project consistent with the current and future needs of the police department.

Like the Academy Awards, there are numerous thanks to be given. Thank you to the 50 voters who pushed us over on the approval for the bond. However, since I am not sure who you are, thanks to everyone who voted yes. Thank you to the Selectboard and the Town staff for the hundreds of hours spent seeing the project through to its conclusion. Thank you to the Public Safety Committee for the weekly meetings to help with the details.

Thank you to the Williston Police for getting rid of six nice desks and to the State of Vermont and their surplus warehouse in Waterbury. Thank you Nancy and Bill Ross who, within hours of a Front Page Forum request, allowed the free storage of the above items. On the day of the move, thanks to the volunteers of the fire department, our employees and volunteers and several others who helped make the move at no cost to the town.

Being a Chief of Police is not an 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. job. Being a member of the fire department and first response requires considerable time commitment for training and calls. When people ask me why I do it, this is why.

Thanks again.

## Driving Under the Influence

On January 17 an officer responded to a business for a report of a driver who stumbled when he exited his vehicle. As the officer arrived, the subject ran to a neighbor where he was found by the officer with the help of the residents. Trenton Gay, 21 years old of Starksboro was subsequently arrested and taken

to Shelburne PD for processing. Due to the level of intoxication, he was transported to ACT 1 for detox.

#### **Under Age Drinking**

On January 1 an officer on a special detail in Shelburne assisted the Shelburne Police with multiple individuals under the age of 21 who had been drinking. After processing at the scene, they were transported to Shelburne PD to await their parents who had been called.

#### Out of Control Juvenile

On January 6 officers responded to a residence on North Rd. for an out of control juvenile. The juvenile agreed to go to school and was transported by the officer.

#### Suicide Attempt

On January 6 police and Hinesburg First Response responded to a residence off Texas Hill for a reported suicide attempt. The individual was found in a garage with the door closed and the motor running. The individual was transported to Fletcher Allen.

## Under Age Possession of Alcohol

On January 6 a vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation. It was determined that the under-21 year old driver was in possession of alcohol. The driver had not been drinking and was cited and released. The driver was also cited for possession of marijuana that was found in the vehicle.

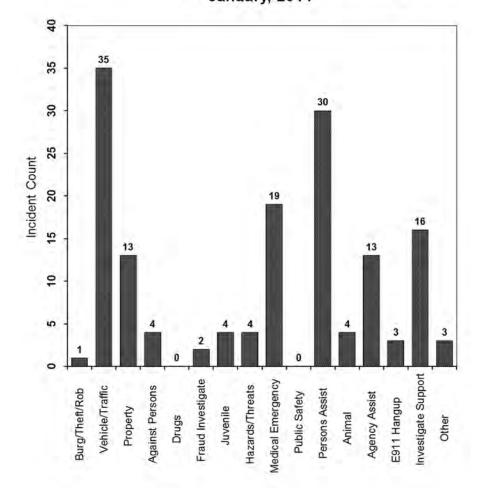
#### Citizen Dispute

On January 8 officers responded to Jourdan St. for a citizen dispute. Upon arrival, there were multiple people in the street and the argument was only verbal. One couple was transported away to catch a bus to Burlington.

#### Felony Vandalism

On January 9 an officer responded to North Rd. for a report of vandalism to a mobile home. The two previous residents completely destroyed the mobile home as well as taking the furnace, hot water heater and other items. Warrants for their arrest have been submitted with the investigation.

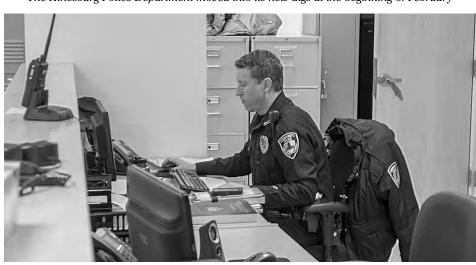
### Hinesburg Incident Counts by Category January, 2014



Graph Prepared by Doug Olufsen



The Hinesburg Police Department moved into its new digs at the beginning of February



Officer Cameron Coltharp at work at one of the four workstations for officers in the new building



Surveilance cameras around and in the building feed to a monitor on this desk



A small kitchen is among the amenities



conference room



a glimpse of the austere accommodations for "guests"



They're not visible in the photo, but the locker room has a shower and a changing room



The Chief's favorite area: garage accommodates 4 cruisers along with tires and other supplies.

## Fire

#### BY ERIC SPIVACK

HFD responded to 40 calls in January.
Medical
Motor vehicle crash, no injuries7
Motor vehicle crash with injuries 3
Fire or CO alarm
Gas leak
Smoke in building or structure fire 1
Fire, non-structure

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

#### Have You Ever Wondered....

....about what kind of supplies are inside an emergency medical jump bag or oxygen bag? It is a lot more than band aids and oxygen tanks. The cost of a fully stocked jump bag is approximately \$1,000. What about an Intravenous (IV) bag which contains specialized supplies for medical interventions? As everyone knows, medications are expensive, and expire.

Did you know that wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) adds about 40lbs to the weight of a Firefighter? An SCBA needs to be checked regularly and the air bottle lab tested every five years. PPE must be inspected on a regular basis for compliance with National Fire Protection Agency standards. In the event a coat or bunker pants become excessively worn or ripped, they cannot simply be repaired, but must be replaced. The cost to outfit one firefighter with PPE which is coat, pants, helmet, gloves and boots is in excess of \$2500.

We will have a full display of this equipment, and more, at town meeting. Stop by and say hello.

#### Test your knowledge

ow well do you know your Fire Department? Below are questions about the Department and our history. How many can you get correct? The answers can be found on page 18.

- 1. Are the members of the Hinesburg Fire Department full time or volunteers?
- 2. What year was the first organized fire department?
- 3. What is the current number of volunteers on the Department?
- 4. Where was the first Fire Station?
- 5. In what year were the current apparatus bays built?
- 6. What was the cost to taxpayers?
- 7. When was the second addition built and what rooms were added?
- 8. When was the meeting room area built and how was it funded?

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## Recreation

#### BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

It's February! The days are getting longer and we're on the downside of winter, looking toward sugaring and mud season. There's a lot of planning that goes into our six-week Spring Sports season. So, think Spring. Prompt registration for our Spring Sports is much appreciated. Interested in coaching or assisting? Please contact the Recreation Department. Speaking of snow (well, of course, we Vermonters still think about "snow" in February, March, and April), there are still two Sundays left for discounted Smuggler's Notch lift tickets. Take advantage of the snow and bargain prices of \$20 for youth and \$25 for adult lift tickets. Be sure to register and pay by noon on Thursdays prior to your Sunday Smuggler's fun. Call or e-mail the Hinesburg Recreation Office for information at 802-482-2281, ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. Enjoy the longer days and the promise of another season.

#### 2014 Spring Sports Tentative Schedule

Spring sports start the week of April 28.

Please note schedules are subject to change due to coaches' availability and enrollment. Final practice times and locations will be e-mailed to players prior to start of programs. Please contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 802-482-2281, ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

#### Lacrosse at Lyman Park and CCS (Charlotte Central School)

**Co-ed Kindergarten, first, and second grade:** Scheduled for Saturday mornings at Champlain Valley Union, Field D. 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. starting May 4 through June 8.

**Grades three through eight:** Plan on two or three weekday practices and games on Saturdays (boys) and Sunday afternoons (girls). Specific practice dates will be forthcoming.

#### Tee Ball

#### for Kindergarten and First Grade

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Champlain Valley Union, Field D, April 29 through June 5.

#### Farm League Baseball

**Grades two and three** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hinesburg Community School, April 29 through June 5.

#### **Spring Sport Fees**

Tee Ball costs \$30 by March 28 and \$40 after. Payment deadline is April 11.

Farm League costs \$40 by March 28 and \$50 after. Payment deadline is April 11.

Kindergarten/One/Two Co-ed Lacrosse costs \$40 by March 28 and \$50 after. Payment deadline is April 11.

Grades Three through Eight Girls Lacrosse costs \$100. Payment is due by March 7.

Grades Three through Eight Boys Lacrosse costs \$100 and includes US Lacrosse membership. Payment is due by March 7.

All forms and information may be found at www.hinesburg.org

#### Smuggler's Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

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

**Youth Age 6 to 17:** Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$20 each.

**Adults:** Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$25 each.

When: Sundays - March 2 and 9.

Register and pay: Make checks payable to the Hinesburg Recreation Department by Thursdays at noon for each skiing Sunday. All forms are available on our website, hard copies are found at the Hinesburg Recreation Department at Town Hall or email hinesburgrec@gmavt.net for copies.

Lesson time is 1:00 p.m. Children must be at least 6 years old for a lesson through this program.

Meet group leader between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Bella Riggo Pizza in the Village Center. Look for "Hinesburg Recreation" sign to pick up lift tickets.

#### Dance for Pre-Schoolers with Miss Jeanne

Who: Children ages 3 and 4

Where: Town Hall
When: Fridays

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$40 per month. Checks are payable to the Hinesburg Recreation Department.

Please register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-2281, extension 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

#### Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

Bring your family to swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge, located at 10 Wellness Drive in Williston. Enjoy indoor heated pool activity with your family this winter.

Who: Hinesburg residents

**When:** February 23 and/or March 30

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per family

Please sign up at the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 802-482-2281, extension 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt. net by Thursday at noon. Make payment at the Sports and Fitness Edge

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

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

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See Staff List Online

Web Site: http://www.carpentercarse.org E-mail: carpentercarselibrary@gmavt.net

#### We Deliver

Free delivery of materials is available to Hinesburg residents who find travel or physical access to the library building difficult. The library also circulates books, movies, music CDs and audiobooks to seniors on the third Friday of each month at the Seniors Meal Site in the Osborne Hall behind the United Church of Hinesburg. Occasional schedule changes may be expected.

#### **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, March 4 and 18 from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.; walk-ins are welcome.

#### Preschool Storytimes

Kids ages three to five are invited to Preschool Story Time with Sara every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Each week we enjoy stories, songs, snack and a craft. No pre-registration is required.

#### **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. On Thursday, March 13 readers will discuss The Thread by Victoria Hislop. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments are a bonus! Watch for posters or phone Shelli at 482-2269 for meeting location and upcoming discussion details.

#### **Special Events**

#### HNS Art Show on Display!

At Hinesburg Nursery School children are encouraged to explore their own creativity and one way they do that is through visual arts. Community members can check out some sweet examples of student art projects at the library during the month of February. The vibrant artwork includes watercolors, tempera paintings, sand art, collage in the style of Henri Matisse and more. It's inspiring to see the earnestness that young children bring to their artwork and fascinating the way each child interprets projects individually. Stop by and check out the community room if you want a bright, sunny feeling

on one of these cold winter days! The show will be up through February (see photo in the HNS article, page 11).

#### **Author Event**

We're Excited for Mud Season!

Mud Season—How One Woman's Dream of Moving to Vermont, Raising Children, Chickens, and Sheep amd Running the Old Country Store Pretty Much Led to One Calamity After Another—By Ellen Stimson

In 2003, after a getaway in rural Vermont, former bookseller Ellen Stimson and her family decided to embark on a lifechanging journey: to pursue the dream of the endless vacation by packing up life as they knew it in St. Louis and moving to their favorite place on earth, Vermont. Why? Well, why not? So they went to the "Life Store"—Stimson's happy euphemism for the time to do something fresh, punch up the tempo, change things up and pick something, anything new, in a big way and traded city life for country living. The reality, they quickly learned, is a little muddier than they'd imagined, but, happily, worth all the trouble.

Now, Stimson shares her early adventures (and misadventures) getting back to nature in her hilarious, self-deprecating and heartwarming memoir.

Join us for this lively library event on Friday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Book signing and refreshments will follow. This program is co-sponsored by Brown Dog Books and Gifts.

Free! Call 482-2878 for more information.

#### Library Staff Update

We are delighted to share the news of several new roles at Carpenter-Carse for one of our Library Staff. Hinesburg resident Sara Armstrong Donegan, previously a substitute at the library, has started in her new position of Youth Services Librarian. Sara brings enthusiasm and strong abilities to the position. We know families will welcome her and enjoy getting to know her. In addition, Sara is the library's Community Room Coordinator, works at the circulation desk and helps improve and maintain the library's web and Facebook pages. Do you think she will be busy??!

We are also happy to announce the hiring of Hinesburg resident Suzanne Richard, who is working with Adult Services Librarian Jane Racer on planning and carrying out programs for adults. Suzanne is a familiar face at the library and has many talents; she has

done excellent art, local history and other library presentations, as well as helping with our silent auction. Patrons will also see Suzanne at the circulation desk working as a Library Clerk. Please join us in welcoming her! We are very fortunate to add two hard-working, dedicated and friendly staff members.

#### **Book Acquisitions**

#### **Adult Fiction:**

Allen, Sarah Addison, Lost Lake

Beah, Ishmael, Radiance of Tomorrow: a novel

Bradley, Alan, *The Dead in Their Vaulted Arches: a Flavia de Luce novel* 

Doctorow, E.L., Andrew's Brain: a novel

Heivoll, Gaute, Before I Burn: a novel

Hoffman, Alice, *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* 

Kidd, Sue Monk, *The Invention of Wings: a novel* [in print and audiobook]

Ozeki, Ruth, A Tale for the Time Being: a novel

Payton, Brian, The Wind is Not a River

Pynchon, Thomas, Bleeding Edge

Quindlen, Anna, Still Life with Breadcrumbs: a novel

Riggs, Ransom, Hollow City: the second novel of Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children

Scott, James, *The Kept* [hardcover and audiobook]

Todd, Charles, Hunting Shadows: an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery

**On Order February 1—**the latest by Colleen Coble, Doug Dorst, Ken Follett, Isabel Allende, Robert Harris, Nancy Horan and Samantha Power.

**New in Large Print**—Novels by Elizabeth Graver and Frank Leslie

#### **Adult Nonfiction:**

Belfort, Jordan, The Wolf of Wall Street

Bradlee, Ben, Jr., The Kid: the immortal life of Ted Williams

Cope, Tim, On the Trail of Genghis Khan: an epic journey through the Land of the Nomads

Crane, Peter R., Ginkgo: the tree that time forgot

Darling, Lynn, Out of the Woods: a memoir of wayfinding

Dean, Jeremy, Making Habits, Breaking Habits: why we do things, why we don't,

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## Education

#### Common Core State Standards At CVU

s many of you know, Vermont, along with 45 other states, adopted a common set of educational standards called the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This set of standards articulates what we expect our students to know and be able to do in grades from pre-K to 12. It replaces Vermont's current Framework of Standards, which were used along with standards from other top-performing countries and states to inform the new standards.

One important reason the CCSS has been adopted by so many states is that it standardizes learning across the country, so that students moving from one state to another are not at risk for developing learning gaps due to differences in educational practices. Another is that it allows for the comparison of educational performance across states using a common standard. The changes in standards are also intended to increase both academic rigor and higher-order thinking skills, and emphasize skills to make all students "college or career ready." The National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) led the development of these standards.

The Common Core was adopted by Vermont in 2010. Since that time, educators have been undergoing training related to its implementation and evaluation and are developing 'Core' aligned units of study that cut across English Language Arts, Math, Science, and History and Social Sciences subject areas.

In spring 2015, CVU and schools across the state and country will begin formal testing of student common core competencies in math and literacy for students in grades 3, 8 and 11 using a new testing protocol referred to as the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium), which replaces NECAP testing in these subject areas. (The development of new science standards is currently in the works.) SBAC tests will be administered and taken on a computer and will allow for both formative assessments (used to monitor student performance and allow for timely instructional feedback) and summative assessments (used to evaluate student learning against a benchmark).

The SBAC will also make use of new computer adaptive technology. In computer adaptive testing, grade level students will start with a common set of questions, but subsequent questions will depend on the results of the initial set, and so on. In this way, the test will evolve (adapt) to each learner, yielding rich assessment data that can be used to drive and differentiate student instruction, thereby better meeting the unique needs of each student. As a result of the new testing platform, SBAC test results are also expected to be available more quickly than NECAPs.

In order to meet some of the goals de-

scribed above, the CCSS is bringing about several significant shifts in high school educational practices. Here are a few:

- Increasing student experience with informational texts in English language arts classes as well as history, social studies and science classes. According to CCSS, 70% of reading at the high school level should be information (non-fiction) in preparation for college level reading.
- Teaching with complex text, instructing students at all grade levels, including high school, to use 'close reading' strategies to better comprehend challenging text.
- Increasing student understanding of effective discourse. Specific standards articulate the need for evidence-based argument, defense, and student-tostudent interaction in all subject areas.
- Use of multiple text types. Where one text was once used in a lesson, now teachers should use 3 to 5 different texts—one an article, another online, another a different point of view—teaching students to read with flexibility and to use multiple sources to develop an argument.
- Teaching students to develop evidence-based persuasive writing.
- In mathematics, there has been some shifting of mathematics content from grade to grade. In addition, new math standards also include eight "Standards of Practice" that influence pedagogy. The practices cultivate a math environment in which students are taught to tackle challenging math like a mathematician, with perseverance, analysis, trial, evidence, generalizing...etc.

ne last important point: the Common Core is a set of standards for what students should know at each grade level. It is not a curriculum. With the support of the CSSU, CVU teachers will still decide how they want to teach and what curriculum they use. The standards provide schools and teachers with the framework for outcomes.

Do you have questions about your CVU high school? The CVU School Board welcomes your suggestions for topics in this forum.

Hinesburg Representatives to the CVU School Board:

Lia Cravedi – 482-2060

Ray Mainer - 482-3134

## **CVU Scholars Bowl Teams Excel**

anuary 10 at CVU was one of the biggest Scholars Bowl events of the season. Over 150 students comprising 36 teams from 14 schools met at CVU for the Addison Super Regional, and CVU's four teams again did very well.

In the varsity bracket, CVU's "A" team finished with a perfect 5-0 record, tying with South Burlington for the best overall record and giving it a 26-7 overall record this season. In the JV bracket, CVU's "B" team continued its winning ways with a

5-0 record to tie two other teams for the best record. CVU's "C" and "D" teams each finished with 2-3 record. The 14-6 overall finish gave CVU an 82-30 record in all varsity and JV matches this season.

Nineteen students played for CVU, including: Will Keve (Shelburne), Fiona Higgins (Charlotte), Bennett Cazayoux (Charlotte), Charles Yarwood (Hinesburg), Owen Hudson (Williston), Ian Campbell (Shelburne), Brendan Murphy (Charlotte), William Hodgson -Walker (Charlotte), Peter Roy (Hinesburg), Sarah Nelson (Hinesburg), Henry Mohn (Shelburne), Cameron Harris (Shelburne), Trent Smith (Hinesburg), Wes McEntee (Hinesburg), Jacob Parker (Williston), Emily O'Brien (Williston), Alex Merrill (Shelburne) and Mary Rutenbeck (Williston).

#### CVU Cyclist Makes the Cut

Cooper Willsey of Hinesburg was selected for the USA Cycling team at the UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships held in Hoogerheide, The Netherlands at the beginning of February.

#### CVU Wrestlers compete at Mike Baker Classic Tournament

BY JENNIFER OLSON

On January 17 and 18, 2014, CVU Wrestlers competed at the prestigious Mike Baker Classic Tournament at Essex High School. With more than 30 teams represented from New England and New York high schools, the competition was tough, in both skill level and depth of weight classes. With four competitors securing spots on the podium, CVU wrestlers delivered the highest team placing in recent history, along with a "personal best."

"This tournament is always a favorite." sited Coach Gunnar Olson. "The breadth of competition and out-of-state opponents really gives our guys the opportunity to test themselves on the mat. I am extremely proud of how our wrestlers performed."

Grant Poston, 170 pounds, 2nd Place

Kienan Kittredge, 195 pounds, 4th Place

Alex Legg, 132 pounds, 6th Place

Jarett Legg, 106 pounds, 6th Place

CVU finished the tournament in 8th place as a team.

#### Young Writers Project

About the Project

oung Writers Project is an independent nonprofit that engages students to write, helps them improve and connects them with authentic audiences through the Newspaper Series (and youngwritersproject.org) and the Schools Project (ywpschools.net). YWP is supported by this newspaper and foundations, businesses and individuals who recognize

the power and value of writing. If you would like to donate to YWP, please go to youngwritersproject.org/support.

#### An Epic Journey

BY SIMONE EDGAR HOLMES, GRADE 10

To have an epic journey Sturdy boots tied tightly Treasure map on hand The expectation of excitement.

Sturdy boots tied tightly Raincoat zipped up halfway The expectation of excitement Pockets stuffed with provisions.

Raincoat zipped up halfway Flashlight ready when darkness falls Pockets stuffed with provisions Extra magnifying glass for starting fires.

Flashlight ready when darkness falls Recording adventures in a notebook Extra magnifying glass for starting fire Field guide for reference.

Recording adventures in a notebook Umbrella for rain and shelter Field guide for reference Protected with a pocket knife.

Umbrella for rain and shelter Setting out at sunset Protected with a pocket knife With hope for a new day.

Setting out at sunset Treasure map on hand With hope for a new day To have an epic journey.

#### Mondays

**BY NOA URBAITEL, GRADE 11** 

"Forty-seven!"

I blink, turn my head to the front of the classroom and see my teacher staring down at me. Half the class is staring at me too, actually. My classmate behind me, I don't know his name, nudges me slightly, and I gulp and repeat,

"It's – er – forty-seven."

"Correct. And no more dawdling, Mr. Baxter."

I nod obediently and look down at my desk, feeling the heat in my face turning something red. But after awhile, I just can't help it. I glance casually (longingly) at the girl seated near the window, her attention so detached from the classroom I wonder what world she is in this time.

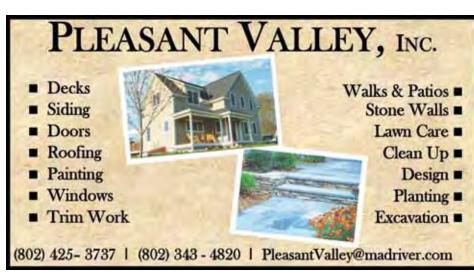
I do this every Monday. I know I'm being annoying. I've known it since the moment I started, in the winter of our sophomore year of high school. I would have started freshman year, truly I would have, but it took me a little while to get over the fear of her. Get over the fear of girls in general, their mystique, their bouncy curls and pink lips and dainty wrists and the way their bodies fold and curve under their pastel blouses in ways I just...

Oh, I'm a teenager, all right? She's at her

Oh, I'm a teenager, all right? She's at her locker, almost posted there as if waiting to take flight. I figure she just waits for me now, eager to get it over with.

"Hi."

"Hello."





"It's Monday."

"I'm aware."

"Would you like to go steady with me?"
She slams her locker with such force that her ponytail bounces like a spring on a board. She turns to me, a tight smile on her lips, and says, "Not this week, Kenny."
"Next Monday, then?" I call to her retreating figure and her circle skirt that sways, sways, sways against the back of her calves...

Read the complete story at youngwritersproject.org/node/89198

#### I'll remember the day

BY KIMBERLY CRIBARI, GRADE 10

I'll remember the day I first saw love His hand fit in hers and they fit like glove But now I've seen death and sadness and hate

And I've seen how hearts aren't so great And the old lies feel like a painful shove

I now forget what hearts are made of And hope has flown away like a dove And even as I'm in this state I'll remember the day

I envy the man with his lady love
Has my heart turned black like an olive?
I feel my soul held down by some weight
My heart may be blocked by a metal plate
But when my heart feels love and flies
above

I'll remember the day

#### Nature Haiku

**BY SHANIA BUNBURY, GRADE 10** 

First winter morning – cuddled up to the bed sheets, sipping hot choc'late

The springtime arrives, the grating insects fly by another bite? "die"

Summer days begin – hot, humidity sets in, tank tops and shorts worn

The beautiful autumn – colorful trees all over, peaceful sight, dark nights

Wet, wild, rainforest, where great animals lurk – be careful, they bite

#### Hydrated, Healthy, Happy, and Green

BY PHOEBE DENNISON, HCS FOURTH GRADER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

ust a few weeks ago, HCS got some pretty cool and techy water bottle fill-up stations and water fountains with donations from CSWD, Riley Electric and PIE funds. It's great to actually have cold, filtered water and not warm, yucky water.

HCS got three stations: one in the cafeteria, one in the middle school, and one in the gym. The fill-up stations are aiming



Students and staff alike are enjoying our three new water-bottle fill up stations, purchased entirely through donations. Healthy and green, they are one more thing to love about HCS.

at reducing the school's plastic waste because plastic is not all recyclable. That means less trash for the landfills. At the top of the machine is a counter of how many plastic bottles we have saved. So far we have saved 2749 plastic water bottles (as of January 28). The stations have a place where you fill your water bottle by a sensor and then you have a place where you can drink from the water spout. Remember to bring a reusable water bottle to HCS and use reusable water bottles instead of plastic ones outside of HCS.

Everybody is pleased to have some nicer water stations. I asked some fellow students what they think about the water bottle stations. Daemon said, "The water is delicious and cold!" Elizabeth said, "The water is cold and refreshing!" Here at HCS we are all glad to have great, cold water!

#### Middle School Students Devote Weekend to Substance Abuse Prevention

SUBMITTED BY LYNN CAMARA, SAP COUNSELOR

In late January, students from seven middle schools in Chittenden County attended a weekend retreat for youth committed to living above the negative influences of drugs and alcohol. The Hinesburg Community School Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) group had three representatives participate in the retreat. The students were eighth graders Ashley Aube and Dakota Rougier, and seventh grader Alyssa Lemay.

Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey data shows slowly increasing rates of marijuana use and a reduction in the perception of harm related to regular marijuana use among youth in Vermont. State and federal funding for youth substance abuse prevention efforts has continued to dwindle in recent years, leaving youth with few local opportunities to receive training and learn leadership skills to support community prevention strategies and activities. Professionals in Chittenden County working in substance abuse prevention recognized the urgent need for youth in Vermont to connect with and get encouragement from other youth choosing to live substance free lifestyles. Four substance abuse prevention coalitions from Chittenden County (the Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community, Connecting Youth in Chittenden South, Essex CHIPS, and the Milton Community Youth Coalition) have pooled their funding, time, and resources for the second year in a row to bring this important opportunity to tweens in Chittenden County. What better way to reduce the costs of substance use and the harmful effects on youth than by engaging them in creating the solution!

31 students registered to attend the twoday Chittenden County Above the Influence Retreat. The retreat used messaging, images, and activities created by the National Above the Influence campaign, a well-respected and recognized media campaign that encourages teens to stay true to who they are and live life substance free. Over the weekend, students got to know each other, learned about leadership and how to promote healthy lifestyles. They engaged in activities to demonstrate their commitment to living "above the influence" led by students from Essex High School's Above the Influence group who were nationally recognized for their prevention efforts on MTV's Unwasted Weekend. Kids also heard from media literacy consultant Rob Williams about the influence of tobacco and alcohol advertising on perception. They practiced public speaking as a way to promote their messages, as well has had time for open discussion of the issues middle schoolers face and practiced techniques for stress management.

Mariah Sanderson, Coordinator for the

Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community, observed that "We see preventing substance use among our youth as a community responsibility. We connect people from all sectors–parents, youth, public health agencies, law enforcement, businesses, etc.–to address substance abuse in our communities. And youth are one of our most valuable resources in this effort. Providing opportunities and support for youth leadership in community issues is proven to reduce negative outcomes for youth related to substance use, truancy, criminal behavior, and more. When we empower our youth to lead, we all benefit."

#### HCS Art Room Needs Your Bottles

BY MRS. KATIE O'BRIEN, ART TEACHER

Plea from the art room:

We are looking for materials for the art room that may be things that you recycle every day. We are in need of clean baby food jars and containers with their lids. We are also looking for clean recyclable water bottles and one and two-liter clear plastic soft drink containers with their caps. We will be using the plastic bottles for an upcoming recycle art project in the spring. We will need hundreds of them. A box has been set up in the hallway outside the main office of HCS. I would really appreciate any donations you might have.

Thank you.

#### Family Literacy Night at HCS

BY AUDREY WALSH, PRESCHOOL TEACHER

ur annual Family Literacy Night for three- to five-yearolds and their Parents/Guardians will be held on Tuesday, March 11 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hinesburg Community School Cafeteria.

Come explore early reading and writing activities, and play games to help create the building blocks for your child's success in literacy! You and your child will make games and books to take home.

RSVP to Audrey Walsh by calling 482-6236 or e-mailing awalsh@cssu.org. Please let us know how many will be joining us for pizza and if you need childcare. Childcare is available only if you request it by March 4.

Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Hope to see you then!

## Art Show and Beyond at HNS

BY SUSAN DRIVER, HNS PARENT

Reading books such as *When Pigasso Met Mootisse*, by Nina Laden, students at Hinesburg Nursery School dived into artistic exploration during the month of January, comparing the work of artists including Picasso, Monet, and Matisse as well creating pieces in the style of the artists.

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HNS students' show their artwork at Carpenter-Carse this month.



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gated as well. The culmination of the unit was the first-ever HNS Art Show at the Carpenter-Carse library during the month of February.

Teachers Wendy Frink and Liz Russell collected samples of the children's work to display at the event in mediums including watercolors, tempera paints, and cut paper.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to our parent volunteer and curator, Rachel Kring, for organizing the show, as well as the other parent volunteers who compiled and put up the work at the library. We also would like to thank the Carpenter-Carse Library for hosting the show. We hope you had a chance to see this amazing display of student work.

During the cold days of January when opportunities to go outside were limited, students stayed active by pretending to be circus acrobats swinging on the indoor double trapeze swing and jumping on mini-trampolines. When the winter weather has cooperated, zooming down the hill next to our playground on sleds has been a favorite activity.

Hinesburg Nursery School began enrolling new families on February 1. We are a STARS-rated parent cooperative preschool for children ages thee to five. Our program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and students can attend two or three days, Monday-Friday. Enrollment forms and more information are available at www.hinesburgnurseryschool.com. If you have additional questions about enrollment or want to learn more about being part of a parent cooperative, contact us at 802-482-3827.



Students at the Hinesburg Nursery School find plenty of ways to play, despite the cold weather.

#### Being Green Has Big Payoff for the Littlest Sprouts

BY ANDREA SAMBROOK, DIRECTOR/ OWNER ANNETTE'S PRESCHOOL

e protect our children from the winter winds with warm coats, from the burning rays of the sun with hats and rash-guard suits, and from risk of accidents with safety car seats. But what children smell, taste and touch in everyday lives can also have negative impacts on their nervous system and physiological growth.

Pesticides are implicated in an array of harmful effects to wildlife, people and pets. Idling of cars causes pollution and harms young children's airways as well as our atmosphere. Broad ranging green initiatives have historically worked long and hard in Vermont to improve the health of our environment and the health of our state residents.

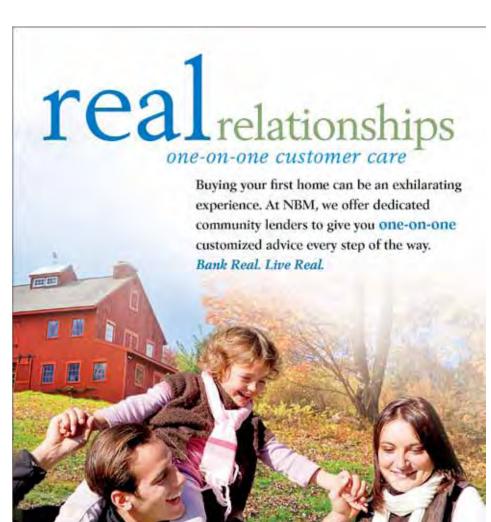
Annette's Preschool and The Clubhouse Camp in Hinesburg are proud to be recognized as an environmental advocate in early care and education by receiving the Eco-Healthy® Childcare certification from the Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN). This certification recognizes high standards for environmentally healthy program practices in and outside of the classroom, use of materials that are sustainable and safe, and a commitment to educating children and families about choices to preserve and conserve natural resources. The criteria for certification include committing to no pesticide or insecticide use, reducing lead exposure, fewer plastics and minimal use of household chemicals. Annette's Preschool is one of only seven early care and education programs in Vermont to be recognized for their commitment to

reduce children's exposure to environmental health hazards. The Clubhouse Camp is the only Vermont afterschool Camp program to be Eco-Healthy® certified.

"Young children's bodies absorb more toxins per minute than do adults' because their heart rate is faster, their body mass is smaller, and children naturally engage in a lot of hand to mouth behavior" says Angela Record, Business Director and Ecocoordinator for Annette's. "Using natural, healthy materials reduces the risk overall, and is often easier to clean up, too!" Annette's has exceeded the minimum number of standards for this important certification, and continually strives to improve using their commitment to sustainability in their mission as a guiding philosophy.

But the ability to effect change in children's attitudes can go deeper than a checklist. As part of a commitment to creating an awareness around being environmentally conscious, the afterschool Clubhouse Camp has started a recycling club. Tricia Pawlik, the Director of the Clubhouse afterschool program notes, "Our kids collect recycling once per week from the preschool classrooms and properly dispose of it, but also think imaginatively about how they can be used for creative art projects in the Clubhouse Camp." It's an initiative wider than saving valuable resources. Last summer the Clubhouse Summer Campers made bracelets out of aluminum pull tabs, sold them and donated the proceeds to a local animal charity.

Healthy choices for classrooms need not be difficult. For example, the program staff at Annette's has refrained from using shaving cream for sensory activities because its fragrance and chemicals are not proven to be safe to young bodies and developing brains, and instead choose to use natural products like rainbow rice, acorns or dried beans. In addition, staff are encouraged to check on the safety of products and materials before planning curriculum. Angela



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Record adds, "Babies are now being born with over 600 chemicals detected in their cord blood. How is this natural? Children only have one chance at a healthy childhood, and as early educators, it's our job to ensure it is the best one they can get."

#### **Pancake Breakfast and Basket Auction**

KATE DODGE

The Partnership in Education (PiE) group at Hinesburg Community School will host a Pancake Breakfast and Basket Auction on Saturday. March 15 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast of fresh, homemade pancakes with local maple syrup, sausage, bacon, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and juice.

In addition to good cheer and great food, there will be a basket auction and homemade pie raffle. Teachers and students have worked together to fill creatively themed baskets packed with useful and fun items to enjoy yourself or give as a gift. Sample themes include Vermont Products, Gardening, Fun and Games, Chocolate Lovers, Italian Dinner, Pamper Yourself and Kitchen Fun.

This exciting community event is fun for the whole family, with donations generously provided by many community businesses. All proceeds benefit teachers and students at HCS. Tickets available at the door: \$6 Adults, \$4 Kids Under 12, Free for ages 2 and younger. More information at www.hcsvt.org.



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## Organizations

#### **Cub Scouts Pack 691** Has Fun **Pine Wood Derby Race**

BY JAMIE CUDNEY, PARENT VOLUNTEER FOR CUB SCOUTS PACK 691

he boys of Cub Scout Pack 691 were eager to race at the annual Hinesburg Pine Wood Derby held at St. Jude's on January 18. Boys carefully constructed cars in the weeks before the race making sure to meet the five ounce weight limit to be eligible for race day. A team of parent volunteers, led by Cub Master, John Ferrara, made sure race day went off without a hitch! Fun was had by participants and spectators alike. The top three finishers from the Pack were Tom Roberts (third), Ronald Spivack (second) and Cody Potter (first). Top finishers from each Den are eligible to race their cars in the Three Rivers District race in St. Albans to be held on April 12.

Pack 691 invites community members to our Third Annual Cake Auction on Friday March 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Hinesburg Community School. Bring a cake to be auctioned off or stroll in to see what the fun of scouting is all about. Funds raised at the event go directly to The Big Change Round Up in support of Vermont Children's Hospital. Donations and money raised impacts the vitality and health of our community by raising funds to purchase life-saving equipment, support pediatric programs and find cure for childhood diseases.

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

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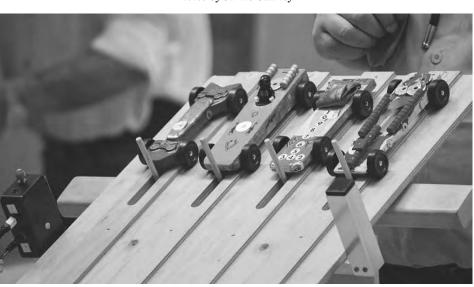
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Cub Master John Ferrara hands out the first place Pine Wood Derby trophy to Cody Potter. Photos by Jamie Cudney.



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Wolf Den Scout, Noah Silvia, with his car at the Hinesburg Pine Wood Derby.

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## Free Gardening Classes

BY JEAN KIEDAISCH

There's still time to sign up for the free gardening classes that begin on March first at the Community Alliance Church in Hinesburg.

The six classes will be held on alternate Saturdays from 10:00-11:30, March 1 through May 10 at the Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road. The instructors are Extension Master Gardeners Jean Kiedaisch and Enrique Peredo

No prior gardening experience is necessary. The course will cover such topics as planning your garden, why garden organically, starting seeds indoors and out, reasons to garden in raised beds, and more

The course will include readings from the textbook The Vegetable Gardener's Bible, by Vermonter Ed Smith. The books are now available at Brown Dog Books for \$12.50.

If you have questions or want to sign up for classes, call Jean Kiedaisch at 482-3382 or email her at jkiedais@UVM.edu.

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#### Red Cross is Looking for Heroes

FROM PRESS RELEASE

s there an unsung Hero in your community? The Red Cross needs your help, so it can tell their story.

At its first ever Heroes Breakfast, the Vermont & New Hampshire Upper Valley American Red Cross will honor community members who have demonstrated heroism through extraordinary acts of courage or kindness. The Heroes Breakfast is a celebration of spirit and community. Whether it's helping someone escape a burning building or changing a life through acts of generosity and caring, heroism happens in our community every day.

You can nominate someone to receive an award in any of the following categories: Armed Forces/Military Hero, Animal Hero, Youth Good Samaritan, Adult Good Samaritan, First Responder, Community Impact, Blood Services/Gift of Life, and Spirit of the Red Cross. Honorees will be recognized at the celebration on April 29, 2014.

The heroic act or activities must have occurred in the past 16 months, occurring September 2012 or later, to be eligible for an award at the April event. Nominations will be accepted through February 24, 2014. To nominate a Hero and for more information, please visit:

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## SCHIP Looking to Give a Discount

BY MARY CANDON

s part of our tenth anniversary celebration, February is Hinesburg month – all Hinesburg residents get 10% off in the SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop located on Route 7 in the heart of Shelburne Village.

SCHIP (Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg

Interfaith Project) is in need of two things....donations of jewelry to replenish its stock after the holidays and some volunteers to help us fill in some spots left open by loyal volunteers who have temporarily left for some warmer temps!

Training is provided and if you can give just a couple of hours a week to help at the shop please call 985-3595 as soon as possible. Through the efforts of our volunteers and wonderful shop staff, SCHIP is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and has granted more than \$450,000 to other non-profits in our three communities.

## Health & Safety

## Safety Tips for Vermont Drivers

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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.

## Are you driving impaired by your medicine?

hile most drivers think of alcohol when they hear the word impaired, drinking is not the only road to impairment. Drugs, including prescription and over the counter medicine or herbal supplements, can seriously affect your ability to drive safely. Medication can cause impairment that is just as deadly as alcohol, due to hazardous side effects such as blurred vision, confusion drowsiness, dizziness, fainting, nausea, inability to focus or muscle weakness. Any of these conditions can make you more susceptible to injury or death on the highway, or arrest for driving while impaired. And a DUI conviction can lead to a suspended license, large fines, increased insurance payments and even a jail sentence.

Medicines are intended to keep us healthy, not get us into trouble. And we can keep it that way if we remain fully focused on driving and always follow these simple tips:

- Make sure your doctor knows about all the medication you are taking, including over the counter drugs, herbal supplements, and alcohol use, to identify interaction risks.
- Ask your doctor and pharmacist about side effects that may affect driving whenever you start taking a new medication, and notify your doctor if you experience any.
- Read drug information carefully for

warnings about side effects and driving.

- Observe your reaction to new medications and make sure you are free of unsafe side effects before driving.
- Take all medicine exactly as prescribed, and don't change or stop without your doctor's OK.
- Never take medication prescribed for someone else.
- Never take medication past its expiration date.
- Carry a list of your medications with you.
- Ask your doctor if there are safer alternatives, like lifestyle changes, another similar drug or an adjustment to dosage or timing.
- Ask friends and family to help you get around, or check out public transportation options.
- And always buckle your seat belt!

#### Thinking Like a Cell

BY LAURA WISNIEWSKI, BEECHER HILL HEALTH

his month, images of the heart are everywhere. We often talk of opening the heart, taking things to heart, letting people into our hearts. Finding a balance between being open hearted and having healthy boundaries is important... and challenging. See below for more...

Our cells have wonderful wisdom! Each cell is surrounded by a membrane which is "selectively permeable." It's a little like a bouncer at a club. Some substances get to enter the cell; others get turned away at the door because they are toxic or unhelpful to the cell. Our membrane also 'knows' what substances to escort out and which to keep in as part of the cell-scene.

The cellular mantra is: I take in what I need. I release what I need to release.

Our health depends, to a large degree, on our ability to think like a cell, to take in what we need to function and flourish, to reject, eliminate or excrete what is toxic or unnecessary. This applies to how and what we eat, how we navigate our relationships, even to thoughts and ideas.

Here is a nice practice for cultivating cellular awareness: Come into child's pose (on the bed or floor, face down, knees bent, bottom to heels, forehead to floor) or curled on your side. As you breathe in, recite silently "I take in what I need." As you breathe out, recite silently, "I release what I need to release." Just like our individual cells, we can learn to distinguish between toxic and nourishing and bring that awareness into our daily lives.

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## Arts & Leisure

#### **Meet Author Kristel Smart**

In Stone: A Terrifying True Tale

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Come to Brown Dog Books & Gifts on Saturday February 22 at 7:00 p.m. to meet Author Kristel Smart, author of In Stone.

A Haunted House in Hinesburg! "The house looked innocent enough. There was nothing to distinguish it from any other quaint, older home nestled within the rural Vermont landscape. For Liz, Charlie, Donna and Willa it was a dream come true; exactly what they needed. Each of them had escaped hardship longing for the comforts of loved ones, hearth and home. The spacious house, the location and the timing all seemed so perfect. But none of them could imagine the horrors that awaited them as the house revealed its secrets."

This event is free and open to the public. Free refreshments provided. For more information please call 802-482-5189.

#### Annual Sugar Makers' Tour in Huntington

FROM PRESS RELEASE

or a quick cure to those "Mud Season Blues", join your neighbors and friends for sweet treats during Huntington's Annual Sugar Makers' Tour. On Saturday March 22nd, from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., many Huntington sugar mak-

ing operations will be open to the public. Sugar makers from one end of town to the other will be boiling that day (weather permitting) and invite people to check out their facilities, sample this year's crop, enjoy sweet treats and purchase a variety of delicious maple products. Maps with directions to participating sugar makers will be available after March 6 at the local store. Or contact Margaret Taft at 434-3269 for more information.

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

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## People

shley Larrow and Daniel Farren were married on September 1, 2013. The outdoor ceremony took place at The Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, with the reception following. Ashley is the daughter/granddaughter of Beth and Christian Beary and Karla and George Munson of Louisville, KY and Hinesburg, VT. She graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School, Bellarmine University and is presently enrolled in the Master's Program at Norwich University. Ashley is currently employed by Norwich University.

Daniel Farren is the son of Patrick and Laurie Farren of Marion, MA. He graduated from Bishop Stang High School, Community College of Vermont, and attended University of Vermont. Dan is presently employed by Lowe's Home Improvement Company.

Kelly Munson Kimball, (cousin of the bride) was the maid of honor. Kasi Major, Dani Wellman, Suzzana McVey,



Daniel Farren and Ashley Larrow

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Jennifer Farren, and Laura Farren (sisters of the groom) were bridesmaids. Ayla Kimball and Evie Kimball were flower girls. Dave Andreini was the best man. Paul D'Onofrio, Andrew Coleman, Andrew Sandford, Brent Evansen, and Bruce Larrow were groomsmen.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun.

Ashley and Dan reside in South Burlington with their dog, Lucy.

#### **Campus Honors**

The following students (with their majors in parentheses) have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2013 semester at the University of Vermont:

Andrew Giroux (Electrical Engineering)

Alyssa Guyette (Environmental Studies)

Nikolas Kotovich (Wildlife & Fisheries Biology)

Tasha Kramer-Melnick (Anthropology)

Tegan Mahoney (Spanish)

Geoffrey Matthews (History)

Seamus Mawe (Mathematics)

Catharine Parker (Elementary Education K-6)

Henry Sinkula, (Business Administration)

Mary Washburn (Global Studies)

To be named to UVM's dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Ashton Alvarez, Adam Anderson, and Amanda Lacaillade were named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List at the Community College of Vermont. The Dean's List includes full-



time students with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99.

Sara Stancliffe was named to the Fall 2013 President's List at the Community College of Vermont. The President's List includes full-time students with a 4.0 grade point average.

Carly Svetlik, Sarah Patten, Amy Quaglietta, Scott Barrett, and Matthew Sacco, have been named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Champlain College. Kristy Miller has been named to the Champlain College President's List as a full-time student achieving a fall 2013 semester grade point average of 4.0. Miller is majoring in Paralegal Studies.

Katherine Pelletier, a sophomore Business Administration major in Ithaca College's School of Business, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester.

Chelsea Beaulieu has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Salve Regina University. Beaulieu is a senior majoring in Global Studies. To qualify for the dean's list, full-time undergraduate students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.6 with no grade below a "B" in that semester.

Katherine Ford has been named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Ford is an architecture major. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Benjamin Francis has been named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Hofstra University. Students who began their studies before fall 2012 must earn at least a 3.4 grade point average to qualify. Those who entered the university after fall 2012 must earn a grade point average of 3.5.

Cassandra Warren was named to the Dean's List at Lyndon State College for the fall 2013 semester. For inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least 12 graded credits with no incomplete or failing grades and a minimum grade-point average of 3.50. Cassandra is a junior and is majoring in Human Services.

Briana Dattilio and Anna Dooley have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall semester of the 2013-2014 academic year. Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance.

Rachel Lalumiere has been named to the University of Albany's fall 2013 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement.

## Other News

#### CCTA Embraces Green Initiatives to Advance Mission

FROM PRESS RELEASE

he Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) strives to incorporate green practices into its daily operations as it helps residents, employees, and visitors in its service area make sustainable transportation choices.

The mission of CCTA is to operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative and sustainable public transportation services in the Chittenden County region that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development and enhance the quality of life for all.

CCTA actively works to fulfill this mission through a variety of ongoing green initiatives, including:

Solar Lighted Passenger Shelters - Following passenger requests to install lights at bus shelters, CCTA began installing solar lighting at new and existing shelters. The initial capital cost of \$3,000 is half the cost of connecting to the electric grid. The only operating costs are replacing batteries every few years. Solar lighting is now available at half of CCTA's 90 bus shelters. CCTA plans to upfit another 12 shelters with solar lights in 2014.

Low VOC Waterborne Paint - VOC's are chemical compounds commonly used in paint coatings and cleaning products. When released into the atmosphere, they help contribute to ozone depletion and smog. By using low VOC paints to paint its buses, CCTA reduced basecoat sourced VOC emissions by 80%.

Efficient Lighting Upgrade - CCTA cut elec-

tricity usage by over 25% in the first two months following a conversion to modern lighting systems at its Burlington administrative and maintenance facility. CCTA will make additional upgrades by installing high-efficiency exterior lighting in 2014.

Waste Oil Burner - CCTA uses waste oil burners that use discarded oil from CCTA operations to heat the bus garage, reducing energy costs and reusing the product.

Tire Changes – CCTA now uses a tire tread designed to produce better fuel mileage and the CCTA Maintenance Department checks the tire pressure on every bus daily. The change of tire tread and active tire pressure monitoring produced an annual savings of about \$25,000 and increased the miles per gallon by 0.14 miles per gallon per bus. In 2013, CCTA received a green initiative award from the NorthEast Passenger Transportation Association for its successful tire tread and tire monitoring procedures.

Mini Hybrids - CCTA has installed minihybrid systems on 12 buses, which convert engine mechanical energy to electrical energy for the engine cooling system. The system uses small cooling fans rather than a single large fan and is variable based on cooling need. These systems have increased fuel efficiency by 5-10% depending on bus size. CCTA has plans to install these systems on an additional nine buses in 2014.

#### Special Snow Goose Harvest Opportunity

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ment action referred to as a "Conservation Order" allowed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and adopted by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board.

The measure was adopted at the recommendation of federal and state wildlife scientists in response to concerns about a growing number of snow geese across North America. Eight states in the Atlantic Flyway (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Vermont) will hold a Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order in 2014.

The Vermont 2014 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order will occur statewide from March 11 through April 25. The daily bag limit is 15 snow geese, and there is no possession limit. Waterfowl hunting regulations in effect last fall will apply during the 2014 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order with the exception that unplugged shotguns and electronic calls may be used, and shooting hours will be extended until half an hour after sunset.

A 2014 Spring Snow Goose Harvest Permit is required and is available at no charge on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Department's website (vtfishandwildlife. com) under "Items of Special Interest." Hunters may also call the Essex Junction Office (878-1564) to request a permit.

In addition to this permit, hunters will need a 2014 Vermont hunting license (residents \$25, nonresidents \$50), 2014 Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification, a 2013 federal migratory hunting stamp (\$15), and a 2014 Vermont migratory waterfowl stamp (\$7.50). Hunters can register with the Harvest Information Program by going to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department website or by calling toll free 1-877-306-7091 during normal business hours.

The populations of snow geese, blue geese and Ross's geese in North America, collectively referred to as "light geese," have grown to record levels over the past three decades.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the overabundance of light geese, which nest in far northern regions of North America, is harming their fragile arctic breeding habitat. The damage to the habitat is, in turn, harming the health of the light geese and other bird species that depend on the tundra habitat. Returning the light goose population to sustainable levels is necessary to protect this delicate habitat and every species dependent on it.

Greater snow geese make up a large share of the light goose population in the Atlantic Flyway.

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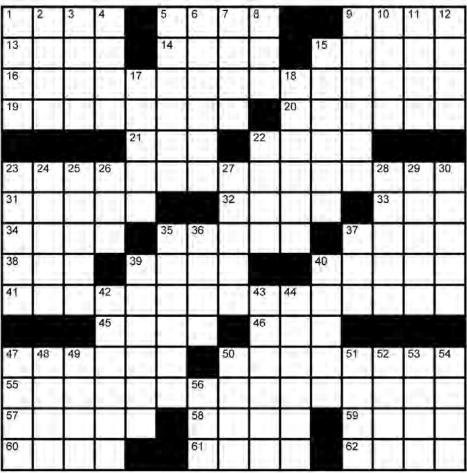
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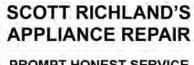
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- 26. Not dis
- 27. Kind of jack
- 28. Candidate's concern
- 29. Standards 30. Reached
- 35. Unaccompanied compositions
- 36. Passage
- 37. Lookout point
- 39. Aggravation
- 40. Harsh Athenian lawgiver 42. King Mark's bride
- 43. January's birthstone
- 44. Old calculator 47. Does something
- 48. Dirty coat
- 49. Cut down
- 50. Coconut fiber
- 51. African antelope
- 52. Play thing
- 53. Capital near the 60th parallel
- 54. Adult-in-waiting?
- 56. U.N. workers' grp.



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and how to make any change stick

Delozier, Kim and Carolyn Jourdan, Bear in the Back Seat: adventures of a wildlife ranger in the Smoky Mountains

McMahon, Darrin M., Divine Fury: a history of genius

Paul, Caroline, Lost Cat: a true story of love, desperation and GPS technology

Redmond, Marybeth Christie and Bartlett, Hear Me See Me: incarcerated women write

#### Fire Department Quiz

Answers (see page 8 for questions)

- 1. Volunteer.
- 2.1943.
- 3. We average 24 active members. Some volunteers are Firefighters; some are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Approximately half of the volunteers are certified and trained as both Firefighters and EMT's.
- 4. The first station was a single bay garage at the corner of Mechanicsville and Rte 116. The second bay was added in the late 50's when the Department took delivery of a tanker truck. The building is still in use by the Department.
- 5. The ground breaking for the existing station as in 1971. It was completed in 1972. The original building consisted of the six apparatus bays.
- 6. Zero tax dollars. The concrete was mixed and poured by hand. The lumber came from trees cut in the town forest. The trees were taken to Clifford's Lumber for milling.
- 7. The first addition was in the late 70's. The addition consisted of the hallway, a kitchen (now the medical supply room)

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#### **Quotation of the Month**

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." The Next Whole Earth Catalog (1980), p 331

-Anne Herbert, an American writer and a past assistant editor of Coevolution Quarterly, a precursor to the Whole Earth Review.

#### ► Sidewalk, continued from page 1

for the entrance and one for the exit of the school parking lot. The School Board decided to write an official letter to the Selectboard objecting to the sidewalk project. The letter can be read here: tinyurl.com/HRwalk1. The meeting can be viewed at tinyurl.com/HRwalk4.

At the Selectboard meeting on January 27, (which can be viewed, along with the meeting on December 9, at vermontcam. org) the Selectboard was scheduled to consider signing the grant agreement with the State of Vermont. School board member Bill Baker spoke extensively at the meeting, in opposition to the project. He argued that the school board does not have the money to pay for more crossing guards. He also expressed concern that having pedestrians in the area would make traffic worse for drivers, saying, "Frankly, as someone who travels down Silver Street every day, the traffic's backed up half a mile as it is. So what's it going to do to us when we put in a cross walk and kids are crossing?"

#### Selectboard decides to proceed

electboard Chairperson Jon Trefry said, "In spite of the school board's and school management's strenuous objection to the project, I think that they have a narrow view of what this project does for the community. I think that it does a lot more than just funnel kids to a dangerous intersection at 8 o'clock in the morning. In my mind, we, I anyway, have been supportive of trying to create a walkable village area over a number of years, and will continue to do so until I feel that we really have a sidewalk network and this, I think, is one more part of that network."

Morgante agreed, saying, "I appreciate that the school board walks a tight line

## Religion

#### **Teens from Neighboring Towns Celebrate Public Servants**

**BY: TRICIA SULVA** 

On Saturday evening, November 9th, Confirmation candidates from St. Jude's Church in Hinesburg and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Charlotte honored both towns' fire and rescue volunteers and police department by hosting a lasagna dinner.

Father David Cray, Pastor at both Parishes, started the evening off with a word of thanks and a special blessing for those community servants who keep us safe in their respective areas of expertise.

Marie Cookson, Director of Religious Education for the churches, designed and organized the event. Works of Mercy are one of the defining components in the Catholic faith, so as part of the two-year preparation to become adult members of the Parish, Confirmation candidates reach out to serve their communities and Parishes.

"This is very nice to get together with the fire and the police; in fact we are very appreciative about the thoughts that were given tonight for the dinner," said Hinesburg Police Chief Frank Koss.

"This is awesome, that a youth group was wanting to do this," agreed Charlotte Fire Chief Chris Davis.

Senior Firefighters from Hinesburg, Tom Boivin and Steve Aube, summed it up by stating that the meal was excellent, the kids did a great job, with great leadership by Cookson.

Neighboring towns' fire and rescue departments meet throughout the year to train and drill together, and so they already know each other. Charlotte Rescue Chief Meg Modley acknowledged, "This is a really nice opportunity for us to get together, to have a nice warm meal - I thank the kids for pulling this together."

In response to the teens show of appreciation, Chief Davis emphasized that their

there about what safety is, but I do think that parents can assume some responsibility here, and if they feel it's not appropriate for their kids to cross there, they will direct their kids to cross at another place." She added, "I think that there needs to be a recognition by the school board and parents that a lot of the traffic that is generated in that area comes from people dropping their kids off."

As part of the packet of meeting documents, a letter was distributed that was written in 2007 by then-school-boardchair Paul Lamberson in support of the project. Baker stated that he spoke to Lamberson recently and that Lamberson has no recollection of writing the letter. Lamberson's letter can be read here: tinyurl.com/HRwalk2.

The motion to authorize the town administrator to sign the agreement with the state passed 4 to 1, with Ayer being the Selectboard member voting against it.

Several Selectboard members emphasized that even if the Town moves forward with the project as designed, it doesn't mean that we (Selectboard, school board and administrators, parents, and the community as a whole) can't work to make that intersection safer for pedestrians.

Cathy Ryan's commentary on the crosswalk safety issue appears on page 4.

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Lasagna dinner at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in November.

expression of goodwill is exposing them to the value of different types of community service, which will prepare them well to give back as adults. He offered to the teens the hope that they will consider serving in a fire or rescue capacity, or certainly on the police force. As if to sweeten the deal, Cookson noted that there is a plan to make this an annual event, broadening it to include members from adjoining towns that serve in these important capacities.

"One of the best things about living in a small community is that, if you want to get involved, you almost always can... someone can make a difference in their small town," Davis stated.

## **United Church** of Hinesburg

An Open, Welcoming, Affirming and Reconciling Church

Pastor: Rev. 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 8th 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

Finance Council Chair:

Doug Taff: 482-3066

Barrett, 453-3087

**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 2/15 & 2/16) 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 January 28th, February 11th & 25th 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, January 26th and February 16th 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

Deacon: Rev. Jackie Arbuckle

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 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 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 hinesburgema.org.

#### Williston Federated Church

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**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

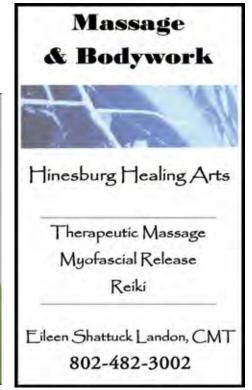
**Phone:** 985-3819

**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!)







#### THU FEB 20

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#### SAT FEB 22

Washington's Birthday

10:30 a.m.: Genetic Genealogy - Part I. VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester.

#### TUE FEB 25

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

7pm Conservation Commission

#### WED FEB 26

7pm Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting. Carpenter Carse Library7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission. Town Hall

#### THILEER 27

7pm Hinesburg Historical Society meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall, lower level conference room.

#### SAT MAR

10:30 a.m.: Genetic Genealogy- Part II. VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester.

10:00 a.m.: Free Gardening Class at Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Rd.

#### MON MAR 3

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

5:00 p.m.: CVU Annual Meeting (Informational only). CVU.

6:00 p.m.: HCS Annual Meeting (Informational only). CVU.

7:00 p.m.: Town Meeting. CVU.

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

#### TUE MAR 4

7:00 a.m.: Voting. Town Hall.

7:00 p.m.: Conservation Commission meeting. Town Hall second floor.

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

#### WED MAR 5

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

#### SAT MAR 8

Hinesburg Record News & Ad Deadline, March 27 Issue.

#### SUN MAR 9

Day Light Savings Time begins.

#### MON MAR 10

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

#### TUE MAR 11

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

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

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

7:30 p.m.: Land Trust meeting. TBD. Interested parties should call Ann Brush at 482-5656 or emailannbrush@gmail. com

#### WED MAR 12

5:00 p.m.: CSSU School Board mtg.. CVU 6:30 p.m.: Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training

7:00 p.m.: CVU School Board meeting. CVU

7:00 p.m.: HCS Board meeting. CVU 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall

#### THU MAR 13

7:00 p.m.: Iroquois Soccer Cub Monthly Meeting. Lower Meeting Room Hinesburg Town Hall.

#### SAT MAR 15

8:00 p.m.: Partnership in Education (PiE) at Hinesburg Community School. Pancake Breakfast and Basket Auction.

#### SUN MAR 16

4:30 p.m.: HAS concert, St. Jude Church, see article on front page for details.

#### MON MAR 17

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

#### TUE MAR 18

6:30 p.m.: Business and Professional Association meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Mathews at 496-8537 for information or tomake reservations.

7:30 p.m.: Development Review Board.

## Calendar

Hinesburg Town Hall

#### WED MAR 19

7:00 p.m.: Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Fire Station

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

#### THU MAR 20

First day of spring

#### SAT MAR 22

Sugar Maker's Open House in Huntington.

#### THE MAD OF

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

7:00 p.m.: Conservation Commission

#### WED MAR 26

7:00 p.m.: Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting. Carpenter Carse Library 7:00 p.m.: Fire and Rescue/Fire Training 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission. Town Hall

#### THU MAR 27

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

#### SAT MAR 29

10:30 a.m.: Major Improvements to AmericanAncestors.org. VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester.

#### **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. 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 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. Alex Weinhagen, 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. Peter Erb, Administrator.

Listers' Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon, other hours by appointment. Town Hall, Contact Alex Weinhagen at 482-5594, hinesburglister@ gmavt.net.

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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.

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. Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

CVU: cvuhs.org. Learn about CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.

CCL: carpentercarse.org. Learn about library hours, services, and online resources. Hinesburg Town: hinesburg.org. Official

Town of Hinesburg web site.

Hinesburg Record: hinesburgrecord.org.

Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication deadlines, sub-

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.

missions guidelines, town calendar.

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!

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#### 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 **therecord@gmavt.**net. 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 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. Call Jane Gage at **482-6096** for more information.

#### **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.

#### **Town Committees**

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

Affordable Housing Committee

· Conservation Commission

- Agency Request Review Committee
- Energy Committee
- $\bullet \ \textbf{Planning Commission:}$
- Recreation CommissionTown Forest Committee:
- Village Steering Committee

Check the town web site hinesburg.org for the most current committee openings, descriptions and instructions on how to apply. For more information contact Renae Marshall 482-2281 x227 or rmarshall@hinesburg.org.

#### The Hinesburg Record

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#### BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

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

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