

the HINESBURG Record

December 3, 2015

Hinesburg Artist Series Christmas Concert

BY MELINDA MOULTON

I have had the most amazing couple of months singing with the South County Chorus under the leadership of Rufus Patrick and I cannot wait for our Christmas Concert. I hope you will come out and bring your family and friends and your children. We will be singing at the St. Jude Church on Sunday, December 13 for our annual Christmas Concert, which starts at 4:30 p.m.

Along with selected movements from Handel's Messiah, the South County Cho-

rus will delight young and old alike by taking the audience through the twelve days of Christmas in various musical styles throughout the centuries. And of course there is always the audience carol sing-along to keep the kids involved.

The concert is FREE, with donations gratefully accepted. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

I promise it will be a memorable evening and we all look forward to helping you feel the Holiday Spirit.



The Hinesburg Artist Series Christmas Concert will be held on December 13. Photo Credit: David Yandell

CVU Football Plays Under the Lights

BY MARY JO BRACE

On Friday October 16, CVU football had it all: Senior Night, lights, and an enthusiastic crowd as they played host to Middlebury. It was a huge night, especially for the twenty-one seniors playing their final regular season game in the first ever night game under the lights at home. Unfortunately, after four unanswered touchdowns from Middlebury, they lost 13-40. The lights, which were rented locally, and the bleachers, brought in from Connecticut, were paid for by the Football Boosters club. "They're a huge fundraising group and we couldn't sustain our program with-

out the work they do, both in raising extra funds not covered by the budget and the support they give the kids, the coaches and the program" noted Activities Director Dan Shepardson. "The night game was an incredibly positive atmosphere. Great crowd, the student section was packed, a couple of students put together a music and light show for halftime... just a really great community event."



CVU football hosts Middlebury in the first home game played under lights.

Kevin Riell Memorial Basketball Tournament

BY MARY JO BRACE

The First Annual Kevin Riell Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held at CVU December 3 through December 5. These games will be the first of the season for all teams involved. There will be two games each on Thursday and Friday and four on Saturday. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m.: CVU Girls vs. BHS Girls. At 7 p.m.: Rutland Boys vs. BFA Boys.

Friday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m.: Mt. Abe Girls vs. Burr and Burton Girls. At 7 p.m.: CVU Boys vs. Burr and Burton Boys.

Saturday, December 5 at 12:00 p.m.: Girls Consolation. At 2 p.m.: Boys Consolation. At 4:00 p.m.: Girls Championship, and at 6 p.m.: Boys Championship.

T-shirt sales and the 50-50 raffle proceeds will go to the Kevin Riell Scholarship Fund. MVPs and all-tournament teams will be named.

Kevin Riell started at CVU in 1986 as a physical education teacher and coach and became Activities Director/Athletic Director in 1988. He passed away unexpectedly on December 15, 2014 after nearly 30 years of overseeing the school's large and successful athletic program and touching the lives of students, coaches, officials, parents, community members and fellow teachers and administrators not only at CVU but all of Vermont.

Please come and watch some exciting games, remember Kevin and support this great cause.

Plans in the Works to Renovate Former Police Station

BY CATHY RYAN

When the new police station was built in 2014, there was much discussion about what to do with the former police station building and land. The Town could keep the property and either tear down or repair the building, or the Town could sell the property with the new owner either tearing down or repairing the property. The latter option – a new owner with plans to renovate the building – is now working its way through the approval process.



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Little Red Schoolhouse

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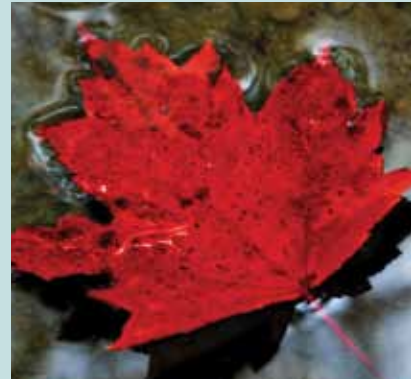


Diaper Drive

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

Re: The 14th Vermont Company G

Thank you for publishing this most interesting article by Sue Roberts. The article was well written and insightful.

These veterans made a real difference to the history and growth of the United States.

Colin McNaull

South Burlington Requesting Help

South Burlington is very happy to share our roads with our neighbors to the south as they commute or otherwise drive to or through South Burlington. However, on our major feeder roads such as Spear Street, Dorset Street and Hinesburg Road, all too often drivers fail to stop for pedestrians and bicyclists trying to cross our streets at crosswalks. Vermont state law mandates that “vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.” This is true whether crosswalks are freshly

painted or have worn down through traffic use. This is also true whether or not there is a yellow flashing RRFB crossing light (a “Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon”) activated by the pedestrian/cyclist. Even if the RRFB crossing light does not work or shuts off prior to the pedestrian reaching the other side of the road, all vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing the roadway within a crosswalk. In addition, drivers must yield right of way to pedestrians when they are making a “right-on-red” turn at an intersection. Too often, drivers glide through these turns without coming to a full stop and with no regard to pedestrians that may be crossing. Even when you have a “right-on-red” arrow, please check for pedestrians as you make those turns.

Please watch for pedestrians and cyclists trying to cross our streets and please drive at or within the posted speed limits. Thank you for helping make South Burlington a safer walkable and cyclable community.

The South Burlington Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

A Letter from Dr. Marv Greenberg

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my retirement as of January 1, 2016. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to care for your pets all these years. I have enjoyed caring for your generation of pets as well as getting to know all of you. I will miss meeting your new puppy or kitten and knowing when it’s time to say goodbye to your elders. It has been a joy to watch your families grow and, as you know, to meet your children and watch them “grow up”. I want you to know that I feel confident that your pets will continue to receive the best of care in the hands of my colleagues here at the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg.

My wife, Diane, and I are not moving away and I hope that you’ll come up and say “hi” when you see us around town.

There will be an open house at the Animal Hospital of Hinesburg on December 16th to celebrate my retirement from 6 -7:30. All are invited.

Wishing you all the best,

Marv Greenberg, DVM, CVA

Town

Halloween in Hinesburg

BY MARY JO BRACE

Ghosts, goblins, monsters and pretty princesses were all roaming the streets of Hinesburg on Halloween.

At the fire station’s annual Halloween party, there was lots of fun for all. The



spooky station was decorated with hanging mummies, spiders, monsters, skulls and even a coffin. Children enjoyed various games including scarecrow and pumpkin bean bag throws and a witch ring toss. Food was plentiful with cider, punch, donuts, popcorn and of course plenty of candy.

At the “haunted old police station”, guests were welcomed by a couple of friendly witches. Once inside there were skulls and body parts brewing on the stove, hanging mummies and a small haunted house.

The entrance to Farmall Drive was decorated with many carved and lit pumpkins of all shapes and sizes carved out earlier in the day by local townspeople. Beyond, many children and adults roamed the streets and went house to house to all the decorated houses within the development and throughout town.

Town Clerk and Treasurer’s Office

BY MISSY ROSS

Property Taxes

Property taxes were due on November 16 this year since November 15 fell on the weekend. Thanks to everyone who

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came in with a smile and some black humor. We really do enjoy seeing everyone during tax time, even though it is not the most beloved day in the calendar year for most taxpayers! We all need to contribute to government services including the public schools and general government operations for road maintenance, police coverage, parks and recreation, planning and zoning, etc.

The state payments for property tax adjustments for those taxpayers who qualified totaled \$1,400,651. These funds were applied to 879 different parcels for an average adjustment of \$1593.46. Approximately 50 percent of residential parcels received an adjustment for 2015. These adjustments are applied to the school portion of your tax bill, which comprises 76 percent of your total bill. The remaining 24 percent of your total bill is for the support of town services.

Elections

Though it is a bit early to be thinking about town meeting and the Presidential Primary that is coming up in March, now is the time to remind people about a few election deadlines. For anyone wishing to run for local office, you must file nominating petitions with 30 signatures of registered voters from the Town of Hinesburg. The deadline for filing your petitions at the town clerk’s office is January 25, 2016 by 5 p.m. Petitions are available at the town clerk’s office or on the town website. Please be sure people signing your petition write legibly. This election includes Select Board, Library Trustees, Delinquent Tax Collector, HCS and CVU school directors, Cemetery Trustees, etc.

Town meeting will also be the Presidential Primary this year. Please remember that this is the one election when you must declare to the check-in staff which ballot you would like; Democratic, Republican or Progressive. You may only receive one party’s Presidential Primary ballot. This is not true for other primary elections that take place in the summer.

The last day to register to vote for the March 1, 2016 town meeting and Presidential Primary is Wednesday, February 24, 2016. If you are not registered to vote or are unsure of your status, you can now register on-line through the Vermont Secretary of State’s elections website or you can come to the clerk’s office to register anytime during our office hours of M-F 8 a.m. to 4.p.m. Thanks!

Planning and Zoning

BY ALEX WEINHAGEN

Richmond Road Bike/Ped Study

On November 5, the local concerns meeting for the Richmond Road Bike/Ped Feasibility Study was a smashing success! We had standing room only in the Town’s lower level conference room! I counted 32 members of the public in attendance, but I may have missed a few folks standing outside the door to the room.

It was packed. Lots of questions and feedback were given from the audience. A lot of helpful information and perspective was presented. There was also a LOT of support for the concept even as folks recognized the difficulties of the corridor, and that the details to be worked out will matter quite a lot. The meeting started at 7 p.m., and went until 8:30 p.m. The community participation far exceeded my expectations. Clearly this is a long overdue project. Many thanks to all of those who came out to voice an opinion and provide helpful feedback to our project consultants. Special thanks to Frank Koss (Police Chief) and Andrea Morgante (Se-

lectboard) for participating, and helping demonstrate that the Town takes bike and pedestrian safety seriously.

Beyond comments at the meeting, I received comments via email from another 1215 people who weren’t able to attend the meeting. All of these were forwarded to our project consultants. Again, more good interest and perspective. Our consultants will present recommendations in April 2016, and complete a final report by May 2016. More publicity about that later. Our Town webmaster created a webpage for the project: hinesburg.org/planning/richmondroadsidewalk.

I will post the meeting summary on the website when ready, along with other information as it becomes available.

Staffing/Voicemail

Our three new Planning and Zoning staff members are fitting in quite nicely, and are settling into their respective roles: Annie Geratowski – Development Review Coordinator; Mitchel Cypes – Zoning Administrator; Lenore Budd – P&Z Administrative Assistant. It took a couple weeks to work out the phone gremlins, but Annie’s voicemail is now set up. You can call her (and leave voicemails) at 482-2281 x232.

Planning Commission

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Village Inventory

To evaluate potential revisions to the village growth area zoning, the Planning Commission has been doing an inventory of village area properties. Why? The PC is considering being more specific in the zoning as to the desired percentages of broad use categories (e.g., residential, commercial, industrial, civic). They believe that knowing what we currently have is an important factor in determining what we want from new development. Other potential zoning revisions may also be informed by the inventory – e.g., roof type (pitched vs. flat), density of dwelling units, percentage of mixed use buildings, etc.

Solar Siting/Screening

At the October 28 Planning Commission Meeting, Len Duffy (Hinesburg resident and former PC member) encouraged the Planning Commission to develop screening standards for ground-mounted solar energy installations. Pursuant to State legislation passed this year, the Public Service Board (PSB) is now required to take into consideration screening requirements adopted by municipalities – so long as the requirements are no more onerous than what is required for other commercial/industrial facilities. The PC agreed to research this, and to put it on the “fast track” based on testimony from the Energy Committee that federal tax credits are likely to drive an influx in large scale solar energy installations in 2016. The PC plans to discuss this again (potentially with a first draft) at their December 9 meeting.

Town Administrator

BY TREVOR LASHUA

FY17 Budget and 5Year Capital Improvement

The Selectboard and Town Administrator’s office are in the process of creating the budget for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). The budget process typically begins in October with the submittal of budget requests by de-

partments and concludes at Town Meeting in March with action on the budget by voters. Budget materials are available on the website (hinesburg.org) and offer a way to track the development process, showing the transition from the baseline request to the proposed document scrutinized by voters.

Keep in mind that the creation of the budget and capital plan are iterative – the proposals may only represent a snapshot of the discussion at a given moment. If you have any ideas for the budget or capital program, please share those with the Town Administrator’s office (tlashua@hinesburg.org or rmarshall@hinesburg.org) or consider participating in a budget discussion between now and March.

Digital Participation in Selectboard Meetings

Would you like to participate in Selectboard discussions but can’t always get to Town Hall on Monday nights? The Selectboard is offering digital participation in certain meeting topics. Viewers watching on public access television or streaming live can submit questions or comments to selectboard@hinesburg.org. Those questions and comments may then be read and discussed during the meeting. The topics will be noted on the agenda for the meeting, and announced by the chair during the broadcast. For public records purposes, make sure to include your name and address in the email (what is required on the sign-in sheet for those attending a meeting in person). Those enforcing the public records law may take a dim view of comments from hinesburg-guy01@gmail.com being recorded for posterity, unless of course that is your legal name...

Highway Garage Scoping Study

The project team working on the scoping study for the highway garage replacement project met this week with Brian Wright of Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD). The meeting included stormwater consultants from Milone and MacBroom, who are assisting with those planning pieces. The basic thrust of the meeting was to discuss the options related to siting both enterprises at the facility on Beecher Hill Road. With some adjustments to the initial site plan, both entities should fit and peacefully coexist in service to residents for years to come.

Friends of Families Introduces Weekend Playgroup Option

BY RACHEL KRING, HINESBURG FRIENDS OF FAMILIES COORDINATOR

Join us on the second Saturday of each month for Family Playtime at Hinesburg Community School! Family Playtime is free for caregivers and their kids (from any town), ages toddler to six (older siblings welcome!). We will be open for families to drop in from 10-11:30 a.m.

We will offer one playtime per month, on the second Saturday of the month, through the month of April - some will be in the gym, and some will be in the cafeteria. The cafeteria playtimes will include some movement, games and crafts; the playtimes in the gym will be open gym format with balls, hula hoops, scooters, mats and all kinds of other fun equipment.

Family playtimes are brought to you with the generous support of Building

Bright Futures and University of Vermont Medical Center.

Twice is Nice Store Opening Soon!

BY LAURA HOOPES, HCRC COORDINATOR

Construction has begun on the building that will be the future home of Twice is Nice, a benefit thrift store to support the programs of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. The Hinesburg Community Resource Center(HCRC) is a local non-profit organization that operates the Hinesburg Food Shelf, Hinesburg Rides, Friends of Families, Medical Equipment Lending and other programs that support our community. The build-

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ing at 10694 Route 116, the former home of Grateful Dog, sustained damage from an apartment fire last winter. The HCRC anticipates that they will be able to move into the space in March and will open for business early in April. The HCRC has been collecting donations of gently used women’s clothing and small household goods and is overwhelmed by the support of the community for this venture. They are actively seeking volunteers who would like to tend the shop during their business hours. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages who want to find a way to serve their community. A typical shift will be four hours per day and individuals can volunteer as often as their schedule allows. The shop will be open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information contact Laura Hoopes at 373-2894 or laurajunehoopes@gmail.com. Donations can be made by contacting Kathleen Paten at 482-2716.

Seven Reasons to Walk

BY STEWART PIERSON, VICE-CHAIR, HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE

Most of us have some information about the rewards of regular walking, but few know the details. Researcher Charles Matthew of the National Cancer Institute presents seven ways regular walking will improve every aspect of our life. His findings are summarized in the June, 2015 issue of *Nutrition Action*.

- 1) Build a bigger sharper brain – There is a 35% lower rate of developing Alzheimer and other signs of brain health.
- 2) Live Longer - Adding one more hour a day of activity (or one hour less of inactivity) can add seven years of life.

- 3) Ease your aching knees -Regaining mobility will lower weight and arthritic pain by 50%.
- 4) Improve your mood -Mild or moderate depression can be reduced by regular walking.
- 5) Lower your risk of cancer - There is consistent evidenced that regular walking can reduce breast, colorectal and endometrial cancers.
- 6) Strengthen your heart - Walking three hours a week lowers the chance of heart attack by 35%.
- 7) Dodge diabetes - Without regular physical activity such as walking, you could become insulin-sluggish.

Three hours a week is the general guideline. Only diabetes suggests waiting 15 minutes after each meal. If you possess a pedometer, shoot for 7500 steps a day, 3000 of them at a brisk pace.

Where should I walk? Answer: Anywhere! Sidewalks in towns and cities or shopping malls before opening are always available.

I use the Hinesburg Area Recreation Trails because I love the out-of-doors and, being retired, it is easy to find the time. Another advantage to woods trail walking is the uneven terrain which strengthens leg muscles. But sidewalks or before store hours in malls are all good.

If you are a newcomer to being a regular walker, I recommend the Geprags Park on Shelburne Falls Road. Wide trails and gentle slopes as well as beautiful views can be had in an hour. The Russell Farm trails and LaPlatte Headwater trails are longer and more challenging.

If you are ready for more, go the Hinesburg Town Forest. Be sure to bring a map (found on the trails page of the town web site - hinesburg.org/hart.html).

Look what life enhancements await us!

CSWD

Going out to Eat?

Choose Restaruants that No Longer Fork Over Scraps to the Landfill

There are many ways to keep your landfill legacy to a minimum – one of our favorites is going out to eat! But not just any ol’ place will do: We choose restaurants, cafes, delis, pizza joints, bars, hotels, and grocers that are keeping their food scraps out of the landfill. These folks are committed to being good neighbors and good stewards of our community by:

- Donating quality fresh or prepared foods to local food shelves for hungry families,
- Providing food waste to local farms to feed their pigs or chickens,
- Generating energy by sending food scraps to an anaerobic digester, or
- Sending all of their food scraps and plate scrapings to Green Mountain Compost to be turned into fabulous local compost and other soil amendments!

We’re now recognizing these food-based businesses and listing them on our website to make it easier for you to find them! Check out CSWD’s list of food waste fighters at tinyurl.com/HRfoodwaste and let them know you appreciate their efforts!

Recycle Fabric Scraps at CSWD Drop-Off Centers

Good news! Worn-out clothing and scraps of fabric are no longer condemned to the landfill.

For the past few years, CSWD has accepted fabric only if it was large enough and in good enough condition to be resold by a local charity. Now that we have begun working with the Salvation Army to wrangle your old Wranglers, we can also accept those t-shirts ripped beyond use, and scraps of fabric from your sewing projects – as well as the usual resellable, still-wearable wears. Items no longer usable are recycled into products like insulation, sound-proofing, and the like.

Last year, we kept about 128,000 pounds of textiles out of the landfill through CSWD’s Drop-Off Center program. Now that we can accept more types of fabric, we expect that number to increase.

What is acceptable: Clean, dry clothing, bedding, linens, draperies, curtains, paired shoes, hats, handbags, paired gloves or mittens, belts, towels, undergarments, bras, hats, scarves, stuffed animals, clothing, paired shoes in wearable condition, and fabric scraps.

Please bring them in a sealed plastic bag and let the Drop-Off Center operator know what you’re dropping off.

What is NOT acceptable: Rugs, carpeting, rope, or items that are dirty, musty, damp, or mildewy.

Limits: Up to a cubic yard of items and material, from households only, please. The program is not designed to manage large loads or material and items from businesses. Businesses and those with large loads should work directly with organizations that accept this material. You can find a list on our Reuse and Donation Options web page at tinyurl.com/HRclothes, or contact our Business Outreach Coordinator for potential outlets: biz@cswd.net or 872-8100 ext. 237.

\$30,000 Available to Fund Your Waste Reduction Project!

Got a great idea for a waste-slashing project at your business, school or community? Need some new recycling bins to meet upcoming recycling bin/trash can pairing requirements?

CSWD has \$30,000 in grant funding available on a first-come, first-served basis to incentivize large and small community, business, and school waste reduction projects, and to help fund the construction or purchase of new waste stations, recycling bins and food scrap collection bins.

Past funding has gone to schools, communities and businesses for:

- installing water-bottle filling stations to reduce single-use plastic bottles
- building on-site compost bins at schools and residential communities
- building and purchasing sort stations to keep recyclables and compostables out of the landfill
- purchasing recycling bins to pair with publicly accessible trash cans
- and more!

Get all the details on these funding opportunities and more on the Grants and Funding page at cswd.net/grants-and-funding, and let us know how we can help!

Single-use Batteries Accepted for Recycling at CSWD Drop-Off Centers in 2016

Here’s another new material that we’ll soon be able to keep out of the landfill: Single-use alkaline batteries! Yep, all those non-rechargeable AAA, AA, C, D and 9-volt batteries will be accepted for recycling at CSWD Drop-Off Centers and the Environmental Depot starting January 1, 2016! Currently, only button cell, lead acid, lithium, rechargeable, and nicad batteries are recyclable at those locations.

Each year, more and more states require manufacturers to step up to the plate and fund programs for managing recycling, reuse, or disposal of the products they make. This is a great incentive for manufacturers to create products that are less toxic, and are more easily upgraded, repaired, and recycled in a majority of communities. It requires more skin in the game by producers, requiring them to pay for and deal with those products at the end of their useful lives, reducing the burden on local government and taxpayers. It’s called extended producer responsibility, or product stewardship, and Vermont has seven such laws on the books.

Vermont’s Primary Battery Law (Act 139) was signed into law in 2014. It requires producers of single-use batteries to fund and manage the collection of the batteries. This program is the first of its kind in the country. It will be run by Call2Recycle, an Atlanta, GA-based product stewardship organization for the battery industry. At the start of the new year, consumers will be able to recycle their household batteries at a variety of convenient locations around the state, including retailers, libraries, municipalities, and other frequently visited locations.



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Chief’s Corner

BY CHIEF FRANK KOSS, HINESBURG COMMUNITY POLICE

The Hinesburg Police will be initiating a new program called Party Check. This program will allow parents to call in to tell us that they will be out of town for the weekend and that their teenager(s) will be home. When we are provided this information, it does not mean knocking on the door but simply driving by the house to make sure that things are quiet.

When parents are out of town and a party takes place, one of two things are occurring. One, the teenager is having a party despite the parents not approving. In the second, which is happening more frequently, the teenager asks a few friends over and because of social media, dozens of unwanted guests show up. The second scenario puts teenagers in the awkward situation of either calling the police themselves or allowing an unwanted party to continue.

If an underage drinking party is found, enforcement action may be necessary but we have a number of choices available when working with responsible parents. Finally, this program ensures complete privacy for the parents.

Incidents

Animal Hazards

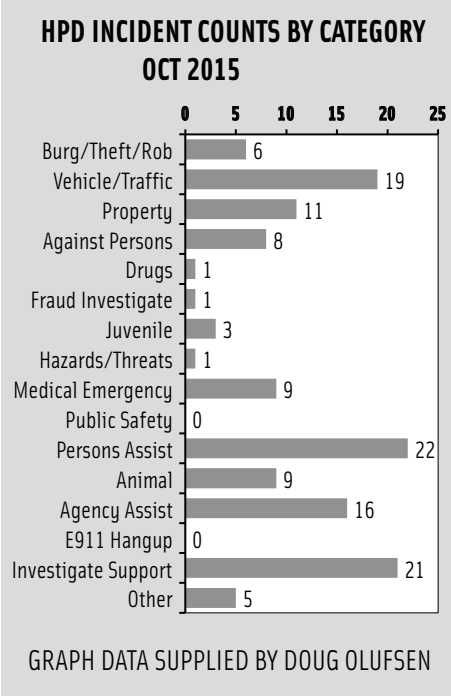
Recently a report came out via social media regarding someone leaving out cans of anti-freeze to poison animals near Iroquois Manufacturing. I was somewhat confused because no one reported this to the police department or our animal control officer. Despite the department being somewhat progressive in our Facebook page and other monitoring of social media, nothing beats a phone call to the department in actually ensuring we receive the needed information.

Burglary

On Wednesday, October 7, Hinesburg Police responded to an alarm at the Hinesburg General Store. Upon arrival, it was determined that there had been a forced entry. Officers from Shelburne and Williston responded to assist. It was determined that money and other items were taken. As a result of the investigation, 44 year old John Turner from Monkton and a 15 year old male from Monkton were cited for possession of stolen property.

Theft

On Wednesday, October 6, an officer



responded to Lyman Meadows for a report of vehicles that had been entered and items stolen. In all, five vehicles were involved.

Intoxicated Female

On Wednesday, October 13, an officer responded to the intersection of Vermont Route 116 and Charlotte Rd. for a report of a possible intoxicated female. The officer found the woman and due to the high level of alcohol intoxication, transported her to the hospital for detox.

Agency Assist

On Thursday, October 14, an officer responded to Commerce St. to assist a State Trooper who had made an arrest for criminally suspended operation. There was a small child in the vehicle which the officer transported to its residence.

Vehicle Accident

On Sunday, October 25, Hinesburg Police, Fire and First Response were called out for a vehicle into a house. There were no injuries and it was determined that the 26 year old male operator from Starksboro had fallen asleep. The house had been vacant only one day when it was hit.

Missing Juvenile

On Monday, October 26, the Hinesburg Police were notified that a 17 year old male had left his residence and his mother was concerned for his safety due to his state of mind. A search was conducted using personnel from the Shelburne Police, Williston Police, Vermont State Police, Vermont Fish and Game, a canine from the Vergennes Police Department and subsequently a helicopter from the Vermont National Guard. On Tuesday, Hinesburg Police received a call from a CVU High School parent that

she picked up the missing juvenile the previous night and he spent the night at her residence. She dropped him off at CVU where she was not aware that he left without entering the building. She was also not aware of the search efforts from the previous evening. The area around CVU was checked without finding him. Later, based on a report from a citizen, he was located uninjured near Birchwood Dr., off of Richmond Rd. He was then transported to CVU.

As mentioned in the report, we used a helicopter from the Air National Guard. The next day, we found out that it caused considerable concern to neighbors. It was said that we should have posted on Facebook what was going on. In retrospect, that is not a bad idea that will be considered the next time. It should be mentioned that we were searching for a juvenile that was in no way a threat to the public. Had we been looking for someone who did pose a threat, we would have knocked on doors to let people know what was going on. Facebook is still limited as a means for an immediate notification to the residents.

Intoxicated Male

On Wednesday, October 28, an officer on patrol in the village came across a male walking along Route 116 who appeared to be staggering. The officer made contact with the 54 year old male from Hinesburg who appeared to be seriously intoxicated. The male was taken into custody for safety reasons and transported to ACT 1 for detox. Due to his attitude, he was refused and then transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center for detox. No charges were filed.

Drug Arrest

On Thursday, October 29, an officer was parked across from a closed business in south Hinesburg. Reports had been received that drug transactions were taking place in the parking lot. A vehicle pulled into the parking lot and immediately pulled out when it was believed that the cruiser was observed parked. An enforcement stop was made on Hollow Rd. and as a result of a consent search, Kaitlin Nelson, the 28 year old female passenger from Starksboro was arrested for possession of Heroin. She was processed at the station and lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

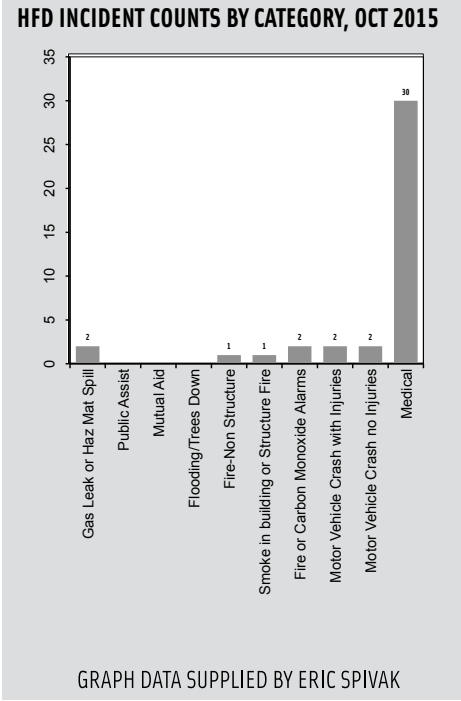
Family Dispute

On Sunday, November 1, an officer responded to Lyman Meadows for a custodial dispute. It was resolved without

Fire

issues.

HFD responded to 40 calls during Oc-



tober.

** an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.*

Not Just Another False Alarm

Just after 11 p.m. Tuesday October 27, HFD was dispatched to a report of a fire alarm sounding on Hawk Lane. The call was received at Shelburne Dispatch from the resident’s alarm company.

The first firefighter arrived within a few minutes of dispatch. The firefighter notified Dispatch he was on scene, established command, and that there was nothing showing from the outside. The situation quickly changed.

Command was met at the door by one of the residents, who stated there was a fire in the clothes dryer which was located downstairs. The resident stated he unplugged all the appliances before coming back upstairs. Command could see the residence was filled with smoke and instructed all residences to evacuate. A working incident was declared and Dispatch re-toned HFD advising responding members.

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The firefighters arriving on Engine 2 where instructed to don air packs, get tools and an extinguisher and make entry to the residence. The firefighters located the dryer in the basement. Working together, the door was opened and the fire extinguished.

One engine, a tanker and approximately twelve firefighters were on scene about two hours clearing the smoke and making sure there was no fire extension. There were no injuries. The residents made arrangements to stay elsewhere for the night.



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Holiday Safety

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Please remember to use caution when stringing and running cords for your outdoor lights. Try not to connect too many strands together and into one outlet so as not to overload the circuit. Before putting your lights up, check the strands for any splits or frayed wiring. Plug them in to make sure they are working and there is no short circuit.

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

Winter Safety

Please help us help you! Make sure driveways are well marked and clear. Please keep walkways and steps shoveled and as ice free as possible. In an emergency, this is not only your only way out, but our way in. If you cannot make it up your driveway with a car, then it is unlikely that an emergency vehicle would be able to.

Please be careful shoveling. Shoveling wet or heavy snow can lead to difficulty breathing or heart attacks. Take your time and be careful, especially if ice has built up under the snow.

Happy and Safe Holidays

The members of HFD would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and wish you a Happy and Safe holiday season.

Follow us on Facebook at Hinesburg-

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FireDepartment and be sure to visit our website hinesburgfd.org.

Dee Physical Therapy Holds Diaper Drive

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Dee Physical Therapy, located in South Burlington, Shelburne, and Hinesburg, has been collecting diapers to donate to the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) for the past eight years. The Dee PT Great Diaper Drive is a growing effort that began in 2007 when Jason Fitzgerald, Clinical Coordinator and Exercise Physiologist, met with the staff at COTS and realized the unmet demand and abundant cost of disposable diapers. Jason and Dee PT have collected diapers annually around the holiday season for families in need who are temporarily living in COTS shelters. Throughout the years, we at Dee Physical Therapy have been able to collect more than 160,000 diapers for COTS families. This year we are making every effort to increase community involvement and support from organizations statewide. This is where you come into play!

We are proud to announce The Dee PT Great Diaper Drive 2015! This will mark our ninth year collecting diapers to benefit COTS families, with a goal of 40,000 diapers! Donations will be accepted through December 22. In the past we have had donations from local



Jason Fitzgerald of Dee Physical Therapy with diapers recently donated to the diaper drive.

companies such as Healthy Living and Seventh Generation, as well as from patients, coworkers, political figures, and neighbors. With your participation, we hope to exceed last year's goal of 32,000 diapers.

We would greatly appreciate if you would consider participating in this wonderful event! Diapers can be dropped off at any of our three locations. If the drop-off sites are inconvenient, we are willing to travel to you to pick up donations. Our three drop off sites are as follows:

- Dee Physical Therapy at 23 San Remo Dr., South Burlington
- Dee Physical Therapy at the Field House, 166 Athletic Dr., Shelburne
- Dee Physical Therapy at 52 Farmall Drive, Hinesburg

Diapers can be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 865-0010, or email Jason at jasonfitzgerald@deept.com.

Recreation

Your donation helps families save so that they can move from shelters back to living independently.

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Greetings from HRD! Hopefully you've received your Hinesburg Recreation Department Winter Guide. If you missed it or it got recycled, there are extra copies at the town hall Recreation Department office or at www.hinesburg.org under Recreation. Youth Basketball is gearing up for another season, starting December 5, and promises to keep the gymnasium humming with activity for the next two and half months! The popular discounted Smuggler's Notch lift tickets, rentals and lessons return again for five different Sundays this winter giving you an affordable option to ski and ride...Think Snow! There are discounted swim lessons where Hinesburg residents enjoy a member rate. And, we have more zumba, yoga, and volleyball. The Children's Choir returns for school-age students this next semester as well as some piano lesson openings. Dare I mention the January 2016 roll out of Wendy's popular Ginger-

bread Houses and Valentine cookie decorating classes and another session of our Literature and Arts class taught by Susan Lepple? Enjoy the transition from fall to winter and the upcoming holidays.

Youth Basketball

The youth basketball program is for grades K-6 and is held in the Hinesburg Community School Gymnasium. Grades one and two focus on skills and play in-house games on Saturdays. Grades three through six practice one day mid-week and play both home and away games within the greater Burlington area through the Champlain Valley Recreation Association. CVRA games begin January 9 and continue through February 13, 2016.

Kindergarten:

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Grade one and two boys and girls:

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Grade three and four boys:

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and
Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Grade three and four girls:

Saturday 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Grade five and six boys:

Saturday 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. and
Monday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Grade five and six girls:

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ject to change. You will be notified via e-mail prior to the season regarding any schedule changes. Thanks for your patience. Please make a note on your child's registration form if you'd like to help or contact the Recreation Department.

Dates:

December 5, 2015 to February 6, 2016 for Kindergarten, first and second graders.

December 5, 2015 to February 13, 2016 for third through sixth graders.

Basketball Registration:

Cost is \$50. Deadline is 11-27-15.

Class Registration

To register for the following classes please contact the Recreation Department at 482-2281 ext. 230 or e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Family Play Group

For children from birth to five years old and their adult companion...toys, snacks, and fun activities. Start recreation at an early age and connect with other new parents and the community. This is FREE and FRIENDLY! No registration is necessary. Come play, sing, and make new friends. For questions or additional information, please e-mail hinesburgplaygroup@gmail.com

Where: Town Hall

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

Pre-School Dance with Francesca

Come join the fun of Francesca's creative movement dance class. This class offers the basics of ballet, creative movement and gymnastics. There is music and storytelling in an open atmosphere. Students should wear loose clothing that allows comfortable movement—leotards, tights with ballet slippers or footless tights with bare feet.

Who: Children 3 to 5 years old

When: Thursdays, December 3, 10

and 17.

Where: Town Hall

Time: 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10 per class.

Register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.

Gingerbread Houses

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

When: Thursday, December 17

Where: Art Room at Hinesburg Community School

Time: 2:50 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Cost: \$17

Class is limited to 18 students.

Register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.

Literature and the Arts

With a Masters Degree in Expressive Arts, Susan Lepple brings her passion for children's literature and the arts to Hinesburg. Students can count on high quality literature being read aloud. Each week there will be a new book to explore. Students will engage with the literature through arts. Art experiences may include fine art, movement, and music. Don't miss this opportunity for students to develop a love for literature and the arts!

Who: Children grades 1 through 4

When: Wednesdays—January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3 and 10

Where: Hinesburg Community School Art Room

Time: 2:50 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$105

Maximum: 10 students

Register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.

Library

Library Hours

Monday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 482-2878

Address: P. O. Box 127, 69 Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg 05461

Web Site: 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. Library Director Sue Barden also circulates books, CDs and movies to seniors on the third Friday of each month. The Area Agency on Aging Friday Meal Site is in the Osborne Hall located behind the United Church of Hinesburg on Route 116. Sue looks forward to seeing you soon!

Trustee Meetings

Carpenter-Carse Board of Trustees meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned. The December meeting has been rescheduled to December 16,

due to the holidays. All meetings are held at the library at 7 p.m. and are open to the public

Ongoing Library Programs

Youngsters' Storytime

Babies and kids ages 0-4 join Librarian Sara every Tuesday from 9:30-10 a.m. at the library's community room for stories, movement, songs and snacks.

Friday After-School Movie

Children and adults cozy into the community room for a free movie and popcorn at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, January 22. All movies will be rated PG or G. Movies will take place on the fourth Friday of every month. Children under the age of ten must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library to ask what movie will be playing (482-4139).

Crafternoons

Kids get creative with craft materials for an hour after school on Tuesdays, December 1 and January 5, 3-4 p.m. Materials and snacks will be provided. Come prepared to have fun with a different theme every month - in December: Holiday Card and Snowflake Creation - in January: Collage. This free program is designed for children ages eight and up. Pre-registration is required; sign up at the front desk or by calling 482-2878.

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Therapy Dog Charlie

Come to the library to read to therapy dog Charlie on December 9! Charlie is a standard poodle and loves to hear stories and visit with you. He will be at our library one Wednesday a month from 3:15–4:30 p.m.! This is an excellent opportunity for emerging readers and dog-lovers alike. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required (482-2878).

Lego Club

The next session starts February 4 and ends March 17. Come on Thursday afternoons from 3–4 p.m. to build with Lego blocks with your friends after school! Judy has super ideas for Lego challenges you may want to try. This program is limited to 15 children; sign up for this second six-week session at the library or by calling: 482-2878. Children ages 5-10 are welcome, with or without an adult. Snacks are provided. This is a FREE program, but parents will

be encouraged to donate their time or snacks to the club.

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers are invited to join our library's book club for adults, which meets monthly in readers' homes. The discussion on Thursday, December 3 features Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka. Come and meet the group at 7 p.m. for lively conversation and refreshments. The group has chosen Jules Verne's classic *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* for the January 7 gathering. Please phone Sue at 482-5095 for information on meeting locations and more.

Café Make

This all-ages program is yours for the making. We provide the coffee, space, and snacks to fuel your imagination. Come create, collaborate, caffeinate and converse with others or simply use the library's resources to turn your thoughts into reality. Did you know the library has a sewing machine, Wii, and scanner, all at your disposal? We want to be the catalyst for your ideas. Drop-

in anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or stay for the entirety. The next Café Make days will be Saturdays, December 19 and January 30.

Fall Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:

Brown, Sandra, *Friction*

Chamberlain, Diane, *The Silent Sister: a novel*

Childress, Ron, *And West is West*

Connolly, John, *A Song of Shadows: a Charlie Parker thriller*

Crais, Robert, *The Promise*

Fink, Joseph, *Welcome to Night Vale*

Galbraith, Robert, *Career of Evil* [in print & audio formats]

Grisham, John, *Rogue Lawyer*

Hallberg, Garth R., *City on Fire*

Hilderbrand, Elin, *Winter Stroll*

Irving, John, *Avenue of Mysteries*

James, Marlon, *A Brief History of Seven Killings*

Johnson, Craig, *Hell is Empty*

Mansell, Jill, *Thinking of You, & An Offer You Can't Refuse*

Martin, George R.R., *A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms*

McCann, Colum, *Thirteen Ways of Looking: fiction*

Mitchell, David, *Slade House*

Moore, Christopher, *Secondhand Souls*

Olsson, Karen, *All the Houses*

Slaughter, Karin, *Pretty Girls: a novel*

Smiley, Jane, *Golden Age: a novel*

Toews, Miriam, *The Flying Troutmans: a novel*

LARGE PRINT:

Albom, Mitch, *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*

Graham, Graham, *The Dead Play On: a Cafferty & Quinn novel*

Hart, Carolyn, *Don't Go Home*

Higgins, Lisa Verge, *Senseless Acts of Beauty*

McCall Smith, Alexander, *The Novel Habits of Happiness*

Parker, Robert B., *The Devil Wins*

Pataki, Allison, *The Accidental Empress*

Steel, Danielle, *Undercover: a novel*

Adult Nonfiction:

Douglas, Jim, *The Vermont Way: a Republican governor leads America's most liberal state*

Doyle, William, *PT 109: an American epic of war, survival, and the destiny of John F. Kennedy*

Goldberg, Michelle, *The Goddess Pose: the audacious life of Indra Devi, the woman who helped bring yoga to the West*

Nicholas, Kristin, *Crafting a Colorful Home: a room-by-room guide to personalizing your space*

Nutt, Amy Ellis, *Becoming Nicole: the transformation of an American family*

Nuzzi, Gianluigi, *Merchants in the Temple: inside Pope Francis's secret battle against corruption in the Vatican*

Oliver, Mary, *Felicity: poems*

Payne, David, *Barefoot to Avalon: a brother's story*

Poo, Ai-Jen, *The Age of Dignity: preparing for the Elder Boom in a changing America*

Reich, Robert B., *Saving Capitalism: for the many, not the few*

Reichl, Ruth, *My Kitchen Year: 136 recipes that saved my life*

Stewart, Tracey, *Do unto Animals: a friendly guide to how animals live, and how we can make their lives better*

Talbot, David, *The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the rise of*

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Wallace, Ginger, *A Gentle & Curious Path: through cancer to points unknown*
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Special Events
Holiday-Card Creation

Join us on December 5 for some card-making fun.We will have all the supplies needed to make your holiday cards this

season....stamps, interesting paper, stickers and more.Bring your creativity and your friends!Hot chocolate and festive snacks will be provided.This promises to be a fun family day out to kick off the holiday season.

The Volunteer Difference

We are glad to share news of contributions of time, talents and effort by generous community members.We are especially grateful for the October 10 team effort of Boy Scout Troop 690, their leaders and supportive parents; together they worked very hard and accomplished much; they removed stone, old ag-cloth, and many weeds from the front (south side) of the library.It was hard physical work to excavate two inches of topsoil, install new ag-cloth, and harvest out stone from the dirt.New stone was spread.The volunteers put in 52 people-hours to complete the project, which

would not have happened without the initiative, direction and support of li-brary trustee Jim Jarvis.Thanks, Jim and the team, and their leaders!Great job!Library trustees, staff and patrons are enjoying the cleaned up area.

By the way, our library trustees are all volunteers who contribute to the well-being of the library in many ways!

We also got some attention from the Girl Scouts this fall when carved pumpkins were delivered to the library.Thank you Caitlyn and friends for thinking of us.And we do not want to forget to thank the Hinesburg’s 4-H Club members who add a bit of autumn spirit and whimsy each year when they bring a scarecrow or two to display near the library.No doubt it takes some dedication and work to continue this wonderful tradition of decorating Hinesburg landmarks.Thanks for including the library and helping us to welcome the

change of seasons!
Those who faithfully volunteer inside the library every week deserve a mention as well:Jesse Campbell of CVU is our newest helper from CVU.Jacqueline Bartelsman and Kelly Winter perform a multitude of tasks for our librarians and clerks, and are reliable and generous with their time and talents.You are much appreciated, Jesse, Jacqueline and Kelly!

Literary Quote of the Month

“Books are companions, teachers, magicians, bankers of the treasures of the mind.Books are humanity in print.”
–Barbara Tuchman

► *Police Station Renovation, continued from page 1*

The Selectboard revisited the options on the former police station this past spring, signing an agreement with a realtor in May and accepting the offer on July 2. Two formal offers were made, and the accepted offer was for the full list price of the property, \$125,000.
The Town currently has a purchase and sales agreement with the owners of the Energy Futures Group (EFG). EFG is an existing Hinesburg-based business located at 18 Mechanicsville Road that consults on clean energy policy and programs. They are interested in renovating and relocating to the old police station building. They plan to use the building for office space (approximately 1550 square feet) and a small retail use (approximately 400 square feet).
The development plan (map below) re-

quires subdividing the existing parcel that contains both the old and new police stations. As with any other property owner who wishes to subdivide, the Town must get DRB approval. The proposed plan will divide the existing parcel into two lots – Lot 2 would be very small (60 by 60 feet), limited to barely more than the land under the former police station. The Town will retain ownership of the surrounding land (Lot 1, 0.76 acres).
Lot 2 (the former police station) will not have its own curb cut (vehicle access) to Route 116. Vehicular access will be via the existing curb cut near the new police station. This entry point will be expanded into a road that connects to Farmall Drive. Additional parking spaces will be created along this connector road, and Lot 2 would have dedicated parking spaces there. The project’s Act 250 permit requires this connector road, so that left turns onto 116 can be eliminated from this access point. Cars wish-

ing to turn left will have to go around to the Farmall Drive intersection where there is a traffic light.
The DRB reviewed the Sketch Plan application for this two-lot subdivision at the Nov. 3 meeting and approved the Sketch Plan with a vote of 5-1 at the Nov. 17 meeting. The Town will now hire a surveyor and engineer to prepare the final plans. Final DRB review will occur later, after this work is complete.
At the Nov. 3 meeting, Alex Weinha-gen, Director of Planning and Zoning, explained that the Select Board still hopes for future community use for re-maining green space behind the former police station, which explains the odd shape of the subdivision (small Lot 2 with Town retaining the land behind it). Weinhausen said that it would be nice to see the proceeds from the sale used to help pay for the future infrastructure of the proposed connector road.

State law requires the Town to follow a certain protocol when selling property, which includes posting and publication of the terms of the sale in a prescribed number of locations. Once the terms of sale are posted, a 30-day appeal period begins, where a petition could force a vote on the sale.



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Education

Back to the Future – Tech Integration at CVU

CVU SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

“Hey kid, thumb a hundred bucks will ya, help save the clock tower?” So says Terry, a local citizen, to Marty who has traveled to the year 2015 from 1985 in the film *Back to the Future II*. The as-yet-not-invented handheld tablet computer held in Terry’s hand uncannily anticipated this year’s launching of the CVU 1-1 program, in which all ninth graders were given their own HP Stream laptop computers for their use over the next

made. From an educational perspective, technology is used by teachers in the classroom to support learning goals, as tools that help students and teachers track learning outcomes and develop clear post-graduate plans, and to help students master technology skills that allow them to pursue these goals.

The rapid pace of technological change and questions regarding its real impact on learning and engagement are some barriers to its incorporation in the classroom. Supporting teachers in understanding the learning opportunities offered by technology is one of the many jobs of CVU Tech Integration Specialist, Charlie MacFadyen, who - through workshops and classes, one-on-one support, collaborations with teachers and students, and coordination with sending schools to ensure that students arrive at CVU with similar

to capture and analyze data, and to think “out of the box” about how to express ideas. In a Current Issues class, students were tasked with creating an ad - video, audio, or animated - for a political campaign, using tools such as PowToon and Audacity. The ability to flexibly use a variety of digital tools is increasingly important immediately post-graduation, as their use in evaluating and communicating with individuals who are transitioning to college, gap year and career settings is growing.

Of great interest is the relatively new use of technology by students to regularly tackle some of the big questions in their lives like where am I headed and how am I doing; this is done by providing them with open access to progress in their courses (through the newly adopted web-based standards tracking software, JumpRope) and developing personalized learning plans or PLPs (through the expanded capacities of Naviance).

Naviance has long been used at CVU to help students and families make informed decisions about college choices and track the status of supporting application documents. As one of the tools for PLPs, students will use Naviance to identify, trace and reflect on the variety of school and community-based experiences in which they participate (i.e., “multiple pathways” including traditional academic work, volunteer, part-time jobs, conferences, workshops, internships, coursework that is online or at other educational institutions, or individual independent study) to learn more about their own capabilities, strengths, and interests as they prepare for their post-secondary endeavors. Naviance is now being used to record this information and related artifacts (school work, journal entries, advisor notes, etc.) and serve as the focal point of conversations between students and their advisors, teachers, parents, and school counselors that provide continuity throughout a student’s school experience. CVU’s goal is to graduate students who are excited about their futures after high school among other things.

So, what is coming up? CVU is in the process of creating graduation standards that address technology skills. Rather than specifying technology standards and skills per se, however, CVU’s approach will be to house these standards within the process of learning. For example, one of the ways in which students are expected to demonstrate the standard of “clear and effective communication” is through the use of technology - the specific application isn’t specified, but the ability to use technology to clearly and effectively communicate is. Given the rapidly changing nature of technology, such an approach prevents

the standards from becoming quickly obsolete. It should be noted, however, that CVU also has courses in the business and practical arts departments, as well as computer programming, where students dive heavily into technology itself. The Engineering, Robotics and Computer Clubs also provide opportunities for those students who want to extend their use of technology.

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Good News

A Voter Registration Drive that was organized by the Social Studies Department registered 150 students to vote.

Upcoming Community Events at CVU

Winter Clothing Drive:

The CVU Refugee Outreach Club is teaming up with the Vermont Interscholastic Council to collect new or gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, or boots for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program. Please drop off contributions to the main office at CVU or the lobbies at local elementary schools in our district by December 10.

Students Work for Substance Abuse Prevention

BY LYNN CAMARA, HCS
SAP COUNSELOR

Prevention Day was a huge success! Prevention Works! VT hosted the fifth annual Vermont Substance Abuse Prevention Day at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, VT. Students and staff from CY-Connecting Youth in CSSU were excited to participate in this wonderful opportunity to support substance abuse prevention and health and wellness initiatives in our state. CY was able to bring 37 students to Prevention Day and five staff members. Seven students came from the HCS Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) group!

Prevention Day placed a huge emphasis on empowering youth voices. In fact, a former HCS Vermont Kids Against Tobacco student (now at CVU) Alyssa



The 1-to-1 laptop launch was a big success. Here, students are opening theirs for the first time.

four years. This is just one of many ways in which technology is being used to advance teaching and learning at CVU.

From a management perspective, of course, choices in technology impact day-to-day organizational tasks and the ability to track school information from which data-driven decisions can be

tech experiences and skills - does a lot to make this happen.

Technology is also used in a variety of ways by students to show evidence of student learning. In Spanish classes, students use VoiceThread to speak about paintings in Spanish, and to practice a variety of skills. In science classes, students use probes and video

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Members of the HCS VKAT group welcome Students and busses during Red Ribbon Week.



The merry band from Prevention Day pauses from their efforts to keep their peers and their community drug free.

Lemay, was a youth emcee for part of the day. The event included a place for youth prevention groups, coalitions and health prevention focused organizations to display their work, as well as special activities and presentations for middle and high school students to encourage and embrace living “Above the Influence” of drugs and alcohol. The CY-Connecting Youth display shared information about E-cigarette Poisoning. The display was made by CVU student Ashley Larrabee, also a former HCS VKAT student.

The keynote speaker, Officer Jermaine Galloway, was not to be missed. Officer Galloway focused his adult presentation on prevention of substance abuse in relation to the new and increasing trends in marijuana and alcohol. He shared with adult attendees challenges to be aware of and offered tools to be a part of the solution. In the student presentation he had all the students play his version of “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire” and students were encouraged to answer increasingly difficult questions.

All of the students had fun while learning from Officer Galloway. He has been a driving force in this field. He recently won the 2015 Fraud Prevention and Detection – Law Enforcement Individual Award from AAMVA (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) and the 2010 National Mickey Sadoff Award by MADD for efforts in underage drinking prevention as well as the 2009 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award.

Prevention Day was a great opportunity for our CSSU CY-Connecting Youth students to connect with other students from around the state and learn from each other. Students created ac-

tion plans in their groups. They will return to their schools ready to tackle the issues most important to them. High school students were able to be introspective and ponder how they choose to “be above the influence”.

Hinesburg Community School Vermont Kids Against Tobacco student Evie Miller stated “Prevention Day was a huge success! We had fun and learned a lot about drug and alcohol prevention!”

Young Mathematicians Hard at Work

BY NANCY POLLACK, HCS MATH COORDINATOR

On Monday evening, November 9, the Hinesburg Community School cafeteria was once again filled with many families rolling dice, designing patterns, sorting, creating bumpy or fuzzy numbers and much, much more. These families were participating in “Family Math Playtime” a program developed for parents and their children (ages three to five years old).

The event was truly one of food, fun and learning. Following a pizza dinner, the participants had the opportunity to work with any of 38 activities and “Make and Take” stations.

These activities are designed to help create a foundation for future success in mathematics. Parents and guardians learned about mathematical language and discovered ways to help their children meet the Early Learning and Common Core Standards in mathematics.



Math is both fun and easy to incorporate into your young learner's day.

They also learned how to maximize everyday opportunities to build mathematical sense-making using simple materials from home. Everyone who attended was given a resource book filled with directions to recreate the activities at home, literature supports for mathematics, and more. This truly was an evening abuzz with laughter, the clatter

of dice, counting voices and cheer.

We look forward to seeing even more families in the fall of 2016!

Reverse Trick-or-Treating at Kelly's Field

BY DIANE BARBER

On Friday October 30, Mrs. Barber's Kindergarten Class from Hinesburg Community School walked to Kelly Field's to participate in Reverse Trick or Treat. The students made homemade cookies with the help of a parent volunteer and bagged them up for delivery. Deb Lavalette, the school secretary, asked faculty and staff for candy donations and the students also delivered the candy to the residents to hand out on Halloween. The residents and Kindergartners were excited about the visit!



Lily Cathcart and William Murtagh deliver cookies to Grandma Dee.



Mrs. Barber's Kindergarten students and parents.

HCS Spelling Team Wins Annual Bee



After winning the CSSU Spelling Bee, the HCS 7th and 8th grade Spelling Bee Team advanced to the Regional Competition against 3 other amazing schools. For 12 rounds, HCS fought with Tuttle Middle School for 1st place, only to place second at the very end of the competition. It was an intense competition and everyone on the team did a great job!

Our Men Grow Beards for a Good Cause



This group of burly HCS staff have joined a larger CSSU “Movember” (also known as “No Shave November”) team to raise awareness of men's health issues. For the entire month of November, these fine gentlemen will be growing (to the best of their ability) full beards or mustaches. If you'd like to show your support, please donate by visiting moteam.co/mr-moustachios.

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knowing I'm here to stay.

Who Am I?

BY ERIN ZUBARIK, AGE 15,
CHARLOTTE (CVU HIGH SCHOOL)

[Prompt: 35: Who will you be when
you're 35?]
Who will I be when I am 35?

Will I stand before them,
Held in the light,
And as I speak
Those broken lines
The people hold on to every word
Of something that is more than human
And less than a being?

When I bend to take my bow
Red roses might be thrown at my feet.
How strange to think
They will never be for me.

How to know
What you'll be
When you don't know who you are.
I guess it's easier
To just be a star.

Or maybe
The room will be dark
And in my hand
I will hold the light,
The room so clean,
Hiding the smell
of death

Spending my days
Closing wounds,
Holding hands.

But life is so fragile
I would rather not meddle
Where hands might tear
Something so delicate

Or perhaps I will be ripping them apart
And watch blood trickle down the earth
As bullets fly at my brothers,
A pawn for my country.

But I don't know
Because taking lives isn't all that inter-
esting to me.

Will someone stand by my side
Who holds my hand when life is cruel
And sees me as beautiful
And worthy of love?

Will I hold a person in my arms,
A person that is a part of me
In a way no one has ever been before?

But this fantasy,
These dreams,
Seem like nothing more

Because all I see right now
Is a puppet,
Hollow,
And an exterior that seems so different
From what is inside

And each scene of this act,
A jumble of arbitrary events
That seem to be greater in telling.

So who am I?
I guess I don't really know.
Maybe 20 more times
Around the sun
Will shine through
The clouds
Which seem so grey
And reach me where I sit today.

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Spanish Program
Explores Day of
the Dead

(Note: It's Not an 'Aztec
Halloween')

BY AINAKA LUNA, HCS
PROFESORA DE ESPANOL

Year after year, it is becoming more
common around Halloween to see peo-
ple with their faces painted like skulls,
decorated with flowers and other color-
ful, elegant and graceful details. The
origin of this style is not a new trend for
trick or treating but an ancient tradition
from the Aztecs, the Native Americans
from Mexico and part of Guatemala.

Aztecs believe that death is not an end-
ing, but a beginning to a new life, and
instead of sadness, they celebrate this
change with joy. The Day of the Dead
tradition started around 3,000 years
ago and used to last one month of the
nine months in the Aztec calendar year.
When the Spaniards and the Catholic
Church arrived in 1492 they tried to
forbid this tradition which they saw as

pagan. However, the Aztecs refused to
give it away.

Finally, the festivities were reduced to
two days and moved to November 1 in
order to coincide with the Catholic Day
of All Saints. Aztecs believe that our
loved ones who have died are allowed
to visit their relatives during this time
of the year, and for this reason families
get together to celebrate their lives.

Houses get cleaned and altars with of-
ferings of favorite food are prepared at
home.

At the cemeteries, graves get cleaned,
painted and decorated with flowers and
a big feast of offerings welcomes the
family who gathers in a night-long vigil
filled with love, memories, music, and
food.

The Day of the Dead is a time to remem-
ber with love and respect the life of
the loved ones. Sadness is not allowed;
for this reason, festive and exuberant
decorations are part of this tradition
which is getting more and more atten-
tion within the young generations. It
is important to understand its history
and cultural background and keep its
distance from Halloween, which is close
in date but very different in origin and
purpose.



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The Evolution of the Graveyards in Hinesburg

BY THE HINESBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The earliest known burial in town is 1793, in the Mead Cemetery on Silver St. This is a triple stone with three daughters of William and Esther Marsh: Amanda, died 7 Dec. 1793, aged 3 months, Sally, died 28 Sept. 1803, aged 3 months and 17 days and Maria, died 5 Sept. 1806, aged 1 year, 3 months and 9 days.

Churchyards were the most common burial place in America in the 1700s but Hinesburg didn't have a church building until 1811. By that time, family burial plots had already been established. Some of these are what evolved into the neighborhood cemeteries we know today (Tracy, McDonough, Gaffney Ray...). We also know of seven family burial plots located throughout town that remain on private property (earliest burial 1806). Do you know of any other hidden burying grounds or discarded headstones in town? Email us at HHS@gmavt.net

Jedediah Boynton donated land in the heart of the village around 1820 and designated it as a burying ground. At the same time he donated land on which to build the Academy (where the old Sarah Carpenter Library is) and the Baptist Church (United Church of Hinesburg). He also built and lived in the Russell house, two doors north of Lantman's.

The movement to create "garden" cem-

eteries spread from Europe to America; the first here was in Cambridge Mass and was consecrated in 1831. They were built on the outskirts of cities, planned as parks, with winding paths, beautiful views and shaded places to sit and maybe even have a picnic. By the early 1900s, the rush to move graves from the middle of town to these new cemeteries was in full swing, and the spaces vacated by the old burying grounds made room for new urban development. (Interesting side note - the Spiritualism phenomenon that swept America, inadvertently started by the Fox sisters in 1847 in upstate New York, kicked off a period of time when people became preoccupied with death. The popularity of séances and the rise in the mortality rate - due to war and urban overcrowding - probably fueled people's desire to spend time with their departed loved ones in these garden-like settings. Google Spiritualism and the Fox sisters; it's a very interesting story).

The Hinesburg Cemetery Association was formed in 1865 and the deed for the Hinesburg Village Cemetery is dated the same year, from A.H. Post to the town. The Post family later provided the land for the "new" town hall, built in 1901 and they owned the Russell house after Jedediah Boynton died in 1848.

The old burying ground in the heart of the village was moved soon after 1888. There are several hundred graves in the Village Cemetery with death dates that predate the 1865 deed, but not all are necessarily graves that were moved there from the old village burying ground. Some could be buried someplace else but the name was included on a family monument; some are military veterans who died at war and are either buried elsewhere or their body

was never recovered; and there is a theory that there was already a family burying ground on the site and some of these earlier deaths could have been originally buried there. It's interesting to note that Jedediah Boynton is buried in the "new" Village Cemetery, but since he died in 1848, we can assume that he was originally buried in the old village cemetery that he donated to the town, and his was one of the graves moved 40 years later.

Throughout the 1900s the neighborhood cemeteries in Hinesburg filled up, so that the only cemeteries in town currently with available space are the Hinesburg Village Cemetery (Mechanicsville Rd), Barker/Rhode Island Corners Cemetery (Richmond Rd), and the new Bissonette Cemetery (Gilman Rd), which was donated to the town in 2008 by Wayne Bissonette.

See our Facebook page at facebook.com/HinesburgHistoricalSociety for a map of the Hinesburg Cemeteries.

4-H Members Attend Sheep Shearing Clinic

BY TREVOR HOBBS, 4-H ADULT VOLUNTEER

On Sunday November 1st, Vermont 4-H members aged 12 and over gathered in Addison to attend a State 4-H Sheep Shearing Clinic. Andy Rice (professional shearer and owner of Hoggett Hill Farm) served as instructor for the 2016 class.

Andy introduced the youths to standard practices of shearing: a shepherd's own body awareness and conditioning, proper maintenance and sanitation of equipment, placement of comb and cutter on the clippers, cutter lubrication, templates for the Australian stroke pattern, as well as tips and hands-on guid-



4-H Shearers (L-R): Caroline Hobbs (Hinesburg 4-H Club member), Siri Swanson, Jarod Bushey, Raymond Bushey, Willa Shakeshaft and Rebecca Moriarty. Instructor/Professional Shearer Andy Rice (in back). A newly shorn Romney (in front)

ance for control of the sheep during the shearing process. Andy gave demonstrations on shearing different breeds and sexes. He encouraged and guided members through the process as each youth first took a turn practicing a safe "seating" of the sheep, and then as they one by one worked the electric clippers on their own.

After the clinic, hosts Terri and Neil Metcalf invited everyone into their home to share a meal and stretch out tired muscles.

Little Red Schoolhouse Update

BY GINGER ISHAM FOR THE ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL AND CONSERVATION TRUST

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The St. George Little Red Schoolhouse will soon be ready to host events.

event. We welcome suggestions for other events, etc. This March the residents of St. George, for the first time, will be able to have their town meeting in their own town. At the present time we are working on a contract to include a user's fee.

We are grateful for all who helped us this year realize our goal with generous donations. We still need to add storm windows and skirting for the foundation.

We have completed our kitchen, handicap bathroom and have established a small historical room. There is another small room which may evolve into a small library perhaps in the future.

A plaque is being made to recognize our financial donors and will be put on display in the schoolhouse as well as a chart listing those who have given volunteer hours.

We hope anyone who attended the Little Red Schoolhouse in the past will write down their memories of going to a one-room schoolhouse that can be put into a booklet and shared with others.

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SCHIP Announces Grant Awards

FROM THE SCHIP PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

SCHIP (Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Projects) has announced its fall grant awards. Recent monies in the amount of \$14,000 were awarded to several non-profits in our towns who met the criteria of serving the people of our communities in a variety of ways. Since the first grants given in April 2005, more than \$565,000 has been distributed. These awards are made possible as a result SCHIP's mission to raise funds through the sale of donated, gently used clothing and household items, accessories, art, and collectibles at SCHIP's Treasure Re-sale Shop at 5404 Shelburne Road in Shelburne Village next to the town offices.

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

- Champlain Valley Union High School - Home School Support
- Charlotte Central School - Sustainability Garden Program
- COTS - Housing Resource Center
- Burlington YMCA - Membership Satellite Program
- Hinesburg Community Resource Center
- Hinesburg Community School - Afternoon Scholarship Program
- Shelburne Food Shelf

The deadline for the next round of grant applications is January 31, 2016. The maximum grant size is \$3,000. Application forms are available by emailing schipgrant@myfairpoint.net.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering/Charlotte Congregational Church/Hinesburg United Church/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church/Shelburne United Methodist Church/St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church/St. Jude's Catholic Church/Trinity Episcopal Church/Vermont Zen Center.

Arts & Leisure

Hinesburg Artist Participating in Gallery Exhibit

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents GEMS, an exhibit of 135 small-format artworks by its gallery members – including Fiona Cooper Fenwick of Hinesburg. An annual event, all members of Bryan Memorial Gallery are entitled to submit two small-format works to this exhibit which encourages the gift of art for holiday giving.

Paintings range from landscapes to abstracts, from florals and still lifes to drawings and a selection of sculptures.

Artists are primarily from northern and central Vermont.

Interspersed among the paintings is A Festival of Wreaths, an exclusive installation of hand-crafted-wreaths by local artists. The wreaths are constructed from traditional holiday objects such as bulbs and holiday figures, to hand crocheted figures, and dried flower arrangements, made by artists and community members available in a Silent Auction setting.

Both exhibits opened November 6 and run through Wednesday, December 30.

Bryan Memorial Gallery is at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT., 644-5100. A preview of the exhibit can be seen at bryan-gallery.org. Gallery hours are Thursday – Sunday, 11 – 4, and by appointment.



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Health & Safety

Breathing Through the Holidays

BY LAURA WISNIEWSKI, DIRECTOR OF BEECHER HILL HEALTH

The holiday season presents us with challenges and gifts. The best gift we can give ourselves this season is one we already have: our breath. Breath is the link between our conscious and autonomic (unconscious) nervous system. It's the link between our everyday, material consciousness and our more spiritual consciousness. And it's a powerful tool for regulating our bodies and minds. Here are 8 things to know about the breath.

1. The English word "spirit" comes from the Latin word "spiritus" which means breath. Getting in touch with our breath can shift our awareness from the nerve-wracking logistics of holiday preparation to the spirituality and peace of the winter holiday season.

2. Breath is life, our vital spirit. Creation stories from cultures all over the world parallel the creation story from the Old Testament: Genesis: "Then the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

3. Research suggests that when practiced consistently, controlled breathing will result in lower blood pressure and heart rate.

4. Our nervous system has two settings: ready for action or rest and relax. During our out-breath, the rest & relax setting gets switched on. By lengthening the out-breath, breathing out really slowly and fully, we can get our nervous system to switch into the relax mode.

5. Regular sessions of focusing on breath, as is done in many forms of meditation and prayer, can train our minds to let go of anxious or upsetting thoughts. Try counting your breaths from 1 to 5.

6. Research suggests that deep breathing may actually stimulate the expression of certain genes that improve energy production in our mitochondria, the energy 'factories' in each of our cells. Deep slow breaths can be energizing as well as relaxing.

7. Shallow breathing can create painful

muscular tension in neck, shoulder and back. Slow, full breathing that uses the diaphragm can reduce that muscle tension and pain.

8. Every time we breathe in, we take in the world, receiving. Every time we breath out, we extend ourselves out into the world, giving. With every breath we take, then, we are practicing the receptivity and gratitude of receiving and the grace and generosity of giving... which is what this season is all about. Right?

Laura Wisniewski is founder and director of Beecher Hill Yoga. If you would like to learn more about working with your breath, contact Laura at bhy@beecherhillyoga.com or 482-3191. You can also learn more at beecherhillyoga.com.

New Report Emphasizes 049: Zero Alcohol for Nine Months of Pregnancy

FROM VT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

Two years ago, the Vermont Department of Health launched an informational outreach campaign called '049' that asked women and health care providers to become more aware of how alcohol can cause health problems for babies.

A new report from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) identifies prenatal exposure to alcohol as the leading preventable cause of birth defects and intellectual and neurodevelopmental disabilities in children.

The report, "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders," stresses that no amount of alcohol should be considered safe to drink at any time during pregnancy. Women who drank in their first trimester were 12 times more likely to have a child with developmental issues, according to the report, compared to women who didn't drink at all.

The Health Department works with health care providers to promote the 049 message by advising women to drink zero alcohol during 9 months of pregnancy. If a woman was advised at a prenatal care visit not to drink alcohol,

she was significantly less likely to drink during the pregnancy.

About one in four women in Vermont reported that their health care provider did not advise them to abstain from alcohol during pregnancy, according to Health Department data. Women who are trying to have a baby should also not drink alcohol, yet about 70 percent of Vermont women who were trying to get pregnant drank alcohol in the three months before pregnancy.

"No alcohol is safe during pregnancy, and we applaud the American Academy of Pediatrics for reminding the nation of that fact," said Breena Holmes, MD, director of Maternal and Child Health for the Vermont Department of Health.

For the full AAP report visit: tinyurl.com/HRhealth1.

For more information about 049, visit healthvermont.gov/adap/049 or dial 2-1-1.

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Consumers Susceptible to Holiday Giving Scams, AARP Survey Shows

FROM AARP PRESS RELEASE

With the holiday giving season approaching, a new survey from the AARP Fraud Watch Network found that 70% of consumers failed a quiz about how to stay safe from common holiday scams, and many are regularly engaging in risky behaviors which could leave them at risk of being victimized by con artists.

A report, "Beware the Grinch: Consumers At Risk of Being Scammed During the Holidays," details AARP's polling of consumers regarding the most common holiday scams, including those related to charitable giving, gift cards, package deliveries, and use of public Wi-Fi. The survey included seven questions about scams, with 70% of the survey participants answering four or fewer of the questions correctly.

"While most of us focus on family and friends during the holidays, fraudsters are zeroing in on our wallets and bank accounts," said Nancy LeaMond, Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer, AARP. "We're encouraging consumers to elevate their awareness of some emerging and popular scams, and to also share the information with their families to help keep them safe this holiday season."

Prompted by the survey results, the Fraud Watch Network has launched an education campaign, including a new web page, designed to educate the public about the top five holiday scams:

Charitable Giving? Ask and Check

Last year, Americans gave \$358 billion dollars to charity according to the National Philanthropic Trust. Government officials who regulate charities and fundraisers say that while most charities are legitimate, there are many fundraisers, especially telemarketers, who keep 85-90% of the money they raise.

AARP's survey found that 70% of the people who donated to a charity or fundraiser in the past 12 months did so without asking any questions about how that donation would be spent, and 60% made donations without verifying that the charity groups were legally authorized to raise money in their state.

About a third of consumers don't know (15%) or aren't sure (18%) that, in most

states, professional fundraisers must be registered with the government and report how much they raise and how much goes to the charitable purpose. Less than one in ten (8%) could correctly name the government agency they should contact to verify the legitimacy of the charity or fundraiser (the Office of the State Secretary).

Gift Cards: Skip the Rack

Fraud experts report that thieves sometimes hit store gift card racks, secretly write down or electronically scan the numbers off the cards, then check online or call the toll-free number to see if someone has bought the cards and activated them. As soon as a card is active, the scammers drain the funds. By the time you try to use the same card, the money is long gone.

Fifty-eight percent of respondents in the FWN survey report they will buy gift cards from a rack at a big box store, pharmacy or grocery store this holiday season. Only half (54%) know that gift cards purchased from a gift card rack at a grocery store are NOT safer from hackers or thieves than gift cards purchased online.

Consider Swiping that Other Card

Consumer protection experts recommend the use of credit cards rather than debit cards for most purchases, to better protect consumers from fraud and theft. With credit cards, you are liable for only up to \$50 of fraudulent use. But in the case of a lost or stolen debit card, financial losses to the consumer can be much more significant.

Almost two-thirds of the holiday shoppers surveyed (64%) say they will buy holiday gifts this year using a debit card.

Public Wi-Fi: Surf Safely, or It Could Empty Your Account

Many holiday shoppers incorrectly believe that it is safe to access sensitive information via free Wi-Fi networks as long as websites are secured by "https." In fact, online security experts warn that consumers should never use public Wi-Fi to access bank accounts or to buy products online.

The survey indicates that 52% of internet users in this survey say they will use free public Wi-Fi. Many of them, while using public Wi-Fi, will make purchases (42%), access their bank accounts (28%), and check their credit card accounts (16%).

Require a Package Delivery Sign Off

More than 40% of holiday shoppers are unaware that package delivery companies are not responsible for stolen packages that are left at your front door without requiring a delivery signature. A large majority of survey respondents (79%) say they ship packages to friends without requiring a signature at least some of the time. Seventy-three percent say they receive home deliveries without having to provide a signature "some" or "all of the time."

The FWN survey also asked participants if they have experienced a recent stressful life event – which fraud experts say can make it more difficult to spot and resist holiday scams. Nearly two-thirds (65%) of consumers have experienced at least one life stress event in the past six months, and almost four-in-ten (39%) have experienced two or more.

For information and detailed tips on how to avoid all manner of holiday scams, including those detailed above, visit AARP's holiday fraud web page at tinyurl.com/HRscams. Consumers may also visit the Fraud Watch Network at tinyurl.com/HRfraud to receive timely fraud alerts for their local area.

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People

Vermont Medical Society Foundation Awards Scholarship to UVM College of Medicine Students

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Medical Society's Education and Research Foundation has awarded \$5,000 scholarships to University of Vermont College of Medicine students **Hillary Anderson** (Hinesburg, Vt.) and Kyle Concannon (Springfield, Vt.). The recipients were honored at the Vermont Medical Society's annual meeting held Saturday in Stowe.

Each year the Vermont Medical Society Education and Research Foundation gives one or more scholarships to medical students who are committed to practicing medicine in Vermont and caring for Vermonters. The scholarship program was created to encourage young doctors to return to Vermont after completing their residency training.

Anderson is a native Vermonter and University of Vermont College of Medicine student who is currently considering practicing family medicine or pediatrics in a rural Vermont setting upon her expected graduation in 2017.

Prior to entering medical school, Hillary earned a certificate in pre-medical science at Bryn Mawr College's post baccalaureate premedical program, and a Master's of Public Health at the Boston University's School of Public Health. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Community Health, with honors, from Brown University, where her senior thesis studied the reproductive intentions of HIV-positive men and women in Cape Town, South Africa.

She has worked in several roles at the Boston-based National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality and interned at the Management Sciences for Health in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Lilongwe, Malawi.

Concannon is a native Vermonter and first-generation college student from a family of seven in Springfield, Vermont. Kyle's passion for medicine was largely guided by growing up with an older brother suffering from a terminal liver disease. Coupled with his love of molecular biology, Kyle's family's experience has led him to pursue a career as a clinical oncologist and cancer researcher.

While not expected to graduate from the UVM College of Medicine until May of 2017, Kyle has already engaged in numerous research experiences, including as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Medical Fellow at the Oregon Health Science University Cancer Center, and a research technician at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center. While an undergrad at the University of Vermont's Honors College and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Kyle worked as an orderly at the Medical Center for an average of 15 to 20 hours per week.

After completing his training, Kyle



Hillary Anderson of Hinesburg receiving her award from Vermont Medical Society President James Hebert, M.D.

hopes to offer Vermonters his clinical expertise as an oncologist, while also working to promote the field of oncology through translational research at the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

The scholarship is funded through generous contributions from the University of Vermont Medical Center, members of the Vermont Medical Society, and the Chittenden County Medical Society.

Obituaries

Nancy Ann Gunnerson

Ann Gunnerson of Hinesburg, VT died peacefully on October 30, 2015.

Nancy was born November 25, 1944 in Bath, NY and lived her childhood in the Corning, NY area. She graduated Practical Bible School, now Davis College, Binghamton, NY.

On graduation she married Douglass Gunnerson and moved to Vermont in 1969. Nancy is survived by her husband, daughter Diane Miller of Chesterfield, VA, and brother, James Knapp, with his wife, of Lyndonville, NY.

Nancy loved volunteering and gardening: UVM Medical Center Hospital-Plant lady, Local church-teaching 9-12 yr youth group, Hinesburg Community Resource Center and Foodshelf-secretary.

Most of all she loved frogs. They were a companion, inspiration, encouragement and gave a big smile to life. FROG, Fully Rely On God, expressed her faith and trust in God through the many trials of her prolonged illness. She had a long battle of up and downs with BiPolar, Hypertension, degrading Kidneys, Cancer, Parkinsonism, Stroke and Sleep Apnea.

She gave a valiant effort to overcome multiple chronic conditions and spent her remaining days at the Vermont Respite House in Williston, VT. She crossed over to her restored body in heaven joining many loved ones singing in the heavenly choir to God's great symphony.

Special thanks to the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Vermont Respite House for their care in her last days. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 05492 and/or the Hinesburg Community Resource Center-Foodshelf, 51 Ballards Corner Road, PO Box 444, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

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BY BILL SCHUBART

How does a tiny state with a \$5.5 billion budget – half of which is allocated to help struggling people and communities, a philanthropic community that contributes almost \$3M to the non-profit-sector for community reinvestment, and a business community that spends significant time and money addressing shared socio-economic problems fail to substantially solve the problems of our 70,000 poor of whom 1600 are homeless, 83,000 hungry, 21,000 medically uninsured, and 20,000 jobless? If we assume that 25,000 Vermonters are in dire need and divide that number into \$3B we get \$120,000 per needy Vermonter. Where is all this taxpayer money going and why is our progress so incremental?

I would suggest that statewide and with the best of intentions, we simply don't know what we're doing, how we're doing it, what results we're achieving at what cost, or how we're measuring our successes and failures. Results-based accountability is all the buzz but we have yet to agree on common standards of measurement, an implementation strategy, or a shared commitment to apply them across state, non-profit and business initiatives to compare how each is doing.

The problem may simply be cultural. Each of the three sectors sees problems and solutions differently. The state is responsive to politics and public opinion, tends to evade budget detail, measures results its own way, reacts rather than plans, cuts budgets across-the-board instead of strategically, and is hemmed in by a two-year election cycle and a one-year budget process. Too often leadership appointments reward political fealty rather than a record of professional competence, and agency management failures are tolerated for too long.

On the positive side, while the non-profit or mission-driven sector has its own challenges, our best non-profits are extraordinarily effective at delivering on mission and increasingly at collaborating to achieve a collective result.

Vermont's philanthropic community is generous and holds recipients to high standards of transparency and accountability for mission and results.

In turn, our business community understands the correlation between healthy communities, education, and a vigorous economy and funds initiatives to enhance both.

If these three sectors were ever to align intelligence and resources, agree on setting priorities for solving socio-economic problems, quantify the challenges, and apply their best resources towards finding solutions, we might make real progress. We could eliminate redundancy and competition and invest in those solutions that deliver results.

Within the three sectors, we have thoughtful leaders and adequate resources; they're simply not pulling in the same direction.

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Other News

Health Commissioner Warns of Dangerous Leftovers

FROM VT DEPT. OF HEALTH
PRESS RELEASE

Prescription drugs are Vermont’s most dangerous leftovers, warns Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD in a new 30-second ad.

“Most people who abuse prescription painkillers got them from friends or family,” said Dr. Chen, who practiced emergency medicine in Rutland for more than 20 years. “Often, these drugs came straight out of the medicine cabinet. Every one of us can take action to keep drugs out of the hands of those who should not have them.”

Safe use begins with asking: ‘Do I really need this,’ and ‘How much do I really need?’

Dr. Chen emphasizes that you can get addicted, even when prescribed by your doctor and used as directed.

A second ad promotes the use of a drug called naloxone (or Narcan®) that can be used to easily reverse an opiate overdose. Emergency medical responders and some police carry naloxone, “and you can too,” Dr. Chen says in the ad.

In the event of an overdose, anyone who calls 9-1-1 or gives naloxone is protected from liability and certain kinds of prosecution under Vermont law. Call 2-1-1 for sites where overdose rescue kits containing naloxone are available or visit healthvermont.gov.

The PSAs, which were created in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice, will be posted on the Health Department website, and local stations will be asked to air the video and audio ads as public service announcements.

“We are facing an opiate crisis in the state right now, and making sure leftover prescription drugs do not contribute to this epidemic is one way we can prevent addiction and the necessity for treatment in the future,” Dr. Chen said.

United States Attorney Eric Miller added, “Arrests and prosecutions alone will not solve the opiate crisis. That is why we are proud to partner with the Vermont Department of Health to help prevent addiction in the first instance and to promote life-saving interventions such as nalaxone.”

To view the videos, and for health news, alerts and information, visit healthvermont.gov.

Drive Time – Safety Tips

Lights on for Safety

We are safest on the road when we can see and be seen, day or night. In fact, studies have shown that using low beam headlights during the day reduces the risk of head-on collisions by over 20%. Automatic daytime running lights help, but don’t illuminate tail lights and should not be confused with headlights, nor should parking lights, which are for parking, not driving. The law requires headlights to be on a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, and whenever snow, rain or fog limits visibility to less than 500 feet, but the best practice is to always drive with low beams on, even in the daytime.

Night driving is more dangerous because the range of your lights limits visibility, and you may risk a collision when you cannot stop within the space you can see. Vermont law requires headlights that illuminate at least 150 feet ahead of a moving vehicle and 200 feet of a vehicle at rest. You should always be able to see at least the distance you will travel in four seconds, which is normally at less than 40 mph with low beams, and somewhat faster with high beams, but still slower than safe daytime speeds.

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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, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

Parish Council Chair: Allan Monniere 578-8572

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff: 482-3066

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Andrew Driver, 802-324-1193.

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.

The 9th and 10th 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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is held the first Friday of each month following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude.

Food Shelf Weekend: Every third Saturday and Sunday. 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.


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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: 9:30 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 10:00 with children's programming during the service. For more information, call the church office at 482-2132, or visit hinesburgcma.org.

Williston Federated Church

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495
Phone: 878-5792.
Website: steeple.org
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.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482
Church phone: 985-2269
Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org
Website: trinityshelburne.org
Worship service:



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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

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NATURAL GAS SAFETY

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

USE YOUR SENSES TO DETECT A GAS LEAK



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

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK


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

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG — IT'S THE LAW!

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Look here in our next issue for back stories on a variety of interests, including youth and seniors, volunteers, artists, community events, local employees and you name it. Who knows? Maybe you will show up here? **Got an idea? Send it to news@hinesburgrecord.org.**

Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

First Day of Chanukkah.
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society meeting. UVM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hinesburg Lions Club Meeting. Papa Nick's Family Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Conservation Commission meeting. 2nd floor, Town Hall.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Recreation Committee meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Land Trust meeting. Interested parties call Ann Brush at 482-5656 or email annbrush@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training.
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Planning Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Hinesburg Artist Series Christmas Concert. St Jude's the Apostle Parish, 10759 VT-116, Hinesburg.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Last Day of Chanukkah.
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. HCS Budget Meeting - Decision Packets. HCS room 16.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Village Steering Committee meeting. Town Hall.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CSSU School Board
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Business and Professional Association meeting. Papa Nick's.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. CVU School Board meeting. CVU.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. HCS Board meeting. CVU.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Development Review Board. Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CVU Budget meeting - Decision packets. CVU room 140/142.
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Fire Station.
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting. Town Hall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9am - 1:00 p.m. Farmers' Market.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Winter Solstice.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Town Hall.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hinesburg Lions Club Meeting. Papa Nick's Family Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502.
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Conservation Commission.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Fire Training.
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Planning Commission. Town Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society meeting (Call for alternate date due to the holiday). Hinesburg Town Hall, lower level conference room.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Kwanzaa Begins.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. HCS Budget Meeting - final approval?. HCS room 16.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society meeting. UVM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Ads and news deadline for the January 21 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Development Review Board. Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CVU Budget Meeting - final approval?. CVU room 140/142.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Village Steering Committee meeting. Town Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hinesburg Lions Club Meeting. Nick's Family Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Conservation Commission meeting. 2nd floor, Town Hall.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Planning Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Selectboard Meeting. Town Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CSSU School Board mtg. CVU.

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Business and Professional Association meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. CVU School Board meeting. CVU.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. HCS Board meeting. CVU.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Development Review Board. Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Fire Station.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall lower level conference room.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m., Town Hall. Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer, mross@hinesburg.org 482-2281 ext. 223.

Town Administrator Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment, Town Hall. Trevor Lashua, Town Administrator tlashua@hinesburg.org 482-2281 ext. 221.

Town Planner Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m, Town Hall, 482-3619. hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Alex Weinhausen, Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail, hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net. Peter Erb, Administrator.

Assessor's Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to noon, other hours by appointment, Town Hall. Marie Gardner, Assessor 482-2281 ext. 228, mgardner@hinesburg.org.

Hinesburg Recreation Office – Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Coordinator Town Hall. 482-2281 ext. 230. Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Hinesburg: Beecher Hill Road at the Town Garage; Sat., 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 482-4840. Williston, Redmond Road; Mon., Weds., Fri., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 872-8111. South Burlington: Land-fill Road (off Patchen Road), Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 872-8111. CSWD website: cswd.net.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Weds., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Leave a message for Laura Hoopes at 802-373-2894. Rachel Kring (482-4667) is the contact for Friends of Families.

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00-4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 a.m-6:00 p.m.

WEB PAGES:

hinesburgrecord.org. The Hinesburg Record news, contact information, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town calendar.

HCS: hcsvt.org. Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

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

CCL: carpentercarse.org. Library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Town: hinesburg.org. Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

hinesburgbusiness.com – FREE. POST NOTICE OF JOB OPENINGS. POST RESUMES. Sponsored by HBPA.

seewhy.info: Official website Connecting Youth (CY), the Chittenden South community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people.

facebook.com/connectingyouth. Connecting Youth (CY) Fan Page: for parents and teens to connect with others in the CY community!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN HINESBURG

Make a Difference

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 an 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. Volunteer duties include repairing nets and lining fields, help with registration, or coaching during May and June. Contact Zoe Dawson at zdawson@hotmail.com or **571-533-5928** 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 are openings on town committees. Here are some of the recent ones.

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agency Request Review Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Committee
- Recreation Commission
- Town 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

Help publish your community newspaper which is produced by volunteers who write, edit and lay it out each month. The Record needs people to write and edit copy, take photos, and help with distribution and mailing. One-time or occasional submission of articles is more than welcome.

If you are interested contact us at therecord@gmavt.net.