

The Hinesburg Record

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Town of Hinesburg Annual Meeting Ballot Information

The following Articles and Offices will be under consideration by the voters of Hinesburg on March 1, 2005.

Article VI:

Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15 appropriate \$16,221,325.00 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006?

Article VII:

Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15 authorize the Board of School Directors to apply \$150,000 of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2005-2006 operating budget and apply the remaining balance as revenue for future budgets?

Article VIII:

Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15 authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of \$164,000 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) school buses?

Board of Selectmen

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
Lynn E. Gardner
Howard E. Russell

Board of Selectmen

Two year term—Vote for not more than one:
Jonathan S. Trefry

Town Clerk

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
Melissa "Missy" Ross

Delinquent Tax Collector

One year term—Vote for not more than one:
Jan Bedard

Auditor

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
(Write-In)

Lister

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
Mary Mills

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Snow Returns in Time for Winter Carnival 2005



Rob and Ellie Farley's October Siberians repeated as one of the year's most popular attractions.



Even a long line couldn't keep Hinesburg's children from experiencing a trip around the park with the Iroquois Snow Beavers.



Owen McCuin takes a spin with the Iroquois Snow Beavers.

New Recreation Director Jennifer McCuin delights in a successful Winter Carnival.



Vermont artist Ginny Joyner shares her illustrations from the book M is for Maple Syrup.



Thursday's storm dumped just enough snow for the annual snowman making contest to go off without a hitch.

PHOTOS BY JEN BRADFORD



Harrison Mead and Owen McCuin, both kindergartners at Hinesburg Community School, hide out in a snow fort of their own creation.

Lions' Egg Hunt to be Held March 26

In what is now an annual tradition, the Hinesburg Lions will hold their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 at the recreation field behind the Hinesburg Elementary School. Children up to the age of eight are invited to participate, including those children who are visiting Hinesburg families over the Easter holiday.

The children will be divided into three age groups: infant to age 2, ages three to five, and ages six to eight. Children are asked, wherever possible, to bring their own baskets to collect the eggs. Every child will have his or her basket filled.

Promptly at 9:00 a.m., at the sound of the whistle, the first contingent of youngsters will be off and running to collect their share of the hidden eggs. Whether there is rain, snow or shine, the race is on!

Following the Hunt there will be a drawing for children's prizes. Assisting the Lions will be members of the Hinesburg Venture Scouts, a program that runs under the auspices of the Boy Scouts but is geared toward older teenagers of both sexes who take part in predominantly outdoor activities.

Annual Meeting Ballot Information

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Lister

Two years remaining of a three year term ending 2007)—Vote for not more than one:
Andrew R. Dennison

Town Moderator

One year term—Vote for not more than one:
Joseph D. Fallon

Town Agent

One year term—Vote for not more than one:
E.M. “Bud” Allen

Grand Juror

One year term—Vote for not more than one:
E.M. “Bud” Allen

Cemetery Trustee

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
Leon Place

Peck Estate Trustee

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
Gill Coates

Library Trustee

Three year term—Vote for not more than three:
Cynthia Ballas
Katherine Kjellerin
Jane Starkweather

Article 2:

Shall General obligation bonds of the Town of Hinesburg in the amount not to exceed \$145,000 be issued for the purpose of financing the purchase of a new tanker truck for the Hinesburg Volunteer Fire Department, such purchase estimated to cost \$145,000?

School

School Moderator

One year term—Vote for not more than one:
Dena Monahan

H.C.S. School Director

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
James Gelber

H.C.S. School Director

Two year term—Vote for not more than one:
Mary Crane

C.V.U. School Director

Three year term—Vote for not more than one:
Gianetta Bertin

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Editors' Note: We received a virtual landslide of letters this month, most of which concern the candidacies of incumbent Lynn Gardner and challenger Howdy Russell in the upcoming Selectboard election, March 1. John Trefry is running for an uncontested seat on the Selectboard.

Trefry Announces Reelection Bid

I'm writing to announce that I'm a candidate for the Selectboard for the election to be held this Town Meeting Day. I've been a member of the Board for the last six years and have enjoyed working for the people of Hinesburg in overseeing the business of the Town.

In the past year I've negotiated a union contract with the Town highway crew, helped bring the recreation path through the design process, taken part in the creation of a new organizational structure for Town employees, participated in bringing a new Town Plan to reality, and discussed and considered the many other matters that come before the Selectboard.

I'm interested in seeing the recreation path through to its completion, creating a pedestrian friendly village, contributing to updates of the Zoning Bylaw, working towards an expansion of the sewer capacity, and continuing to work with the people of the Town to help keep Hinesburg an interesting and pleasant community.

Development pressures have increased dramatically in the past few years. Only a few dairy farms remain active in Hinesburg. I believe that property owners have a right to develop their land. I believe that the community has a right to plan for responsible development, and I believe that with the appropriate communication those two rights are compatible.

I would appreciate your support in the March election.

—Jonathan Trefry

Contested Election Signals Need for Change

It's not often that there is a contested election for a Selectboard position in Hinesburg. We have one this year and it matters.

Both Lynn Gardner and Howdy Russell have significant name recognition, with Lynn having the incumbency advantage.

While experience in the job is often a good thing, it can also contribute to a tendency to maintain the status quo when improvement is what the community needs.

Howdy Russell has a wealth of valuable experience regarding doing what is best for our community. He is not just familiar with our history, he and his family have been part of it for generations. He has consistently demonstrated his willingness to listen carefully and respectfully to everyone and he has shown excellent judgment in working with others to do what's best for Hinesburg. We need him to help revitalize our local government.

So take advantage of this valuable opportunity to serve Hinesburg by casting your vote for Howdy Russell. You'll be glad you did.

—Bruce Cunningham

Lynn Gardner is Impartial, Even-Handed

I urge Hinesburg voters to re-elect Lynn Gardner to the Hinesburg Selectboard. Presently he serves as board chair.

Hinesburg is currently restructuring its town departments and reformatting town employees' job descriptions and personnel policies. The stability of the present Selectboard is important as these changes take place and Lynn Gardner's leadership has helped maintain this stability.

In addition to internal changes, the town faces a growth spurt in business and home building plus an increase in local and commuter traffic through our village. Other important

issues are pedestrian safety and the conservation of open space, natural resources and recreation areas.

By returning Lynn Gardner to the Selectboard we can rely on his continued impartial and even-handed style while new policies are put in place and growth issues are dealt with in a fair and balanced fashion.

As a young adult in neighboring Starksboro, Lynn worked on both family farms and in the family lumber business (in Hinesburg) which he now owns. His son Peter and wife Marie also work in the business. Besides this “hands on” experience Lynn earned a business degree from Champlain College.

With his background of experience, study and work with town government, he understands the complex issues that face a community in the midst of growth and change. We need that combination on our Selectboard.

Lynn Gardner keeps his door open to all citizens to discuss issues, problems and suggestions. He is approachable and Hinesburg will find him an honest listener. He gives his time way beyond the hours allotted to the Selectboard sessions on Monday nights.

We need this reliable leadership in Hinesburg. Re-elect Lynn Gardner to the Hinesburg Selectboard. His steady and experienced voice is important if both progress and controlled growth are to keep in balance within our community.

—Margery Sharp

Gardner Sets Tone of Respect

One of the enduring strengths of town government in Hinesburg is the willingness of citizens to give their time to service of this community. I note a number of very responsible and capable neighbors who have stepped forward to run for office, including one race for a seat on the Selectboard.

This is my second stint on the Selectboard after a break of about five years. I have been pleased to see, on my return to the board, that a good balance of perspective and a lack of partisan approach to problem solving remains the rule. Differences in the board reflect different senses of how government ought to be managed, or whether it is an appropriate participant in a problem solution. The balance of perspective reflects Hinesburg well. The respectful and thoughtful approach of this board serves Hinesburg well.

Leading the board, and maintaining that respectful interaction as Chair has been Lynn Gardner. To me, he has to do two things well: First, he has to run a fair and inclusive meeting which, many times, means that his opinion has to be set aside in a debate. Second, when he does enter a discussion, his contribution has to offer more than opinion, it has to offer a perspective or relevant example sufficient to add depth to the debate and subsequent decision.

Lynn has learned how to do these things, and his perspective or anecdote, as the case may be, often makes me think about the issue at hand differently. I often do not agree with him, but as with the rest of the board, I know that he has the best interests of this town in mind, has an open mind, and will make decisions on the basis of common interest, not self interest. I know Lynn takes great pride in serving on the board and, equally important, enjoys the work. I support his re-election.

I hope that voters in Hinesburg will appreciate the quality of the candidates who are offering to serve, and will reflect on what each one brings to a particular role. I am looking forward to working with them all in the coming year.

—Rob Bast

Gardner Led Effort to Keep NRG

NRG Systems would like to thank the whole community of Hinesburg for its support and hard work in helping us stay in town and complete our new building. It has been a number of years in the making and many town officials have pulled together to make our new building dream a reality.

The defining moment was in June 2002 when we found out the soils in Commerce Park were not suited to support our new building. I had started to look for land in other towns but Select board Chair Lynn Gardner led the effort to keep NRG in Hinesburg. As an experienced businessperson with years of local government service, Hinesburg needs his continued leadership on the Selectboard.

—David Blittersdorf

Gardner is Balanced, Tireless in Dedication

For well over a decade I have had the pleasure to serve on the Selectboard with Lynn Gardner. Lynn has been chairperson of the board for ten years. His perspective as a life-long resident and small business owner in this town has always been



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Gardner for Select Board

The job of a selectperson involves long hours, hard work, tough choices, and little appreciation. We should be thankful that people like Lynn Gardner are willing to continue providing leadership for the efficient operation of our town. Lynn has served Hinesburg well over many years as a selectman and chair of the board. He has put in the time and effort necessary to keep our town running efficiently and has proven to be an open and fair minded public servant, without pushing any personal political or social agenda.

It is important to keep Lynn Gardner on the board so that the focus of our town remains local, practical, balanced, and independent from political causes.

—Leonard Duffy

Support Lynn

I am writing this letter in support of Lynn Gardner's running for re-election to the Selectboard. Lynn is a very valuable member on the current Board and has many years of experience helping run the Town.

As a small business owner, he is well aware of the balancing act between cost and benefit. He uses that knowledge to provide balance on issues that come up in the Town.

Please join me in voting for Lynn Gardner on March 1 so he may continue his outstanding work for the Town.

—Tim Casey

Howdy Russell Will Bring Compassion, Common-Sense to Job

I met Howdy Russell over 25 years ago as I explored the pastures and woods adjoining my home in the village. Discovering the sugarhouse overlooking the village, the trails, and most especially the generosity of the Russell family was a wonderful introduction to the Hinesburg community.

Working with Howdy every sugaring season since our first meeting in the sugarwoods, I have come to know his commitment to his family, friends, and the community. Whether teaching a youngster the basics of tapping maple trees or listening to landowners' concerns about zoning regulations, he is always thoughtful, patient and respectful.

Howdy will bring his belief in stewardship of the land, compassion for people and animals, and a common sense approach to problems to the diverse issues brought before the Selectboard. With his experience as the director of a nonprofit he knows how to prepare budgets, manage people, implement new policies, and provide focus within a group. Howdy has a thorough understanding of the issues facing Hinesburg through his current service on the Development Review Board, previous tenure on the Hinesburg Community Resource Center board and as a life long resident.

Hinesburg voters have the opportunity to vote for Howdy Russell and know that he will encourage a thoughtful and inclusive decision making process that will preserve Hinesburg as a vibrant, diverse and proactive community.

—Andrea Morgante

Russell Balances Needs of Residents, Good of Community

I am pleased to add my support to Howdy Russell's candidacy for the Selectboard. Howdy has been a lifelong resident of Hinesburg and an involved community member.

As Hinesburg moves forward with the reorganization of town employees, Howdy's experience as a co-director of the Addison County Parent/Child Center will provide guidance in the continuing process. He recognizes the importance of retaining our highly qualified personnel and providing an operational structure which supports that goal and thus benefits the community as a whole.

With Hinesburg facing the pressures of development, his thoughtful consideration of all the issues affecting our Town will be an asset. His background with the agricultural community and long time residency in the Village add to his understanding of the desire of many residents to preserve Hinesburg's rural character. He will work toward this goal in a manner that balances the needs of residents with the good of the community.

I feel that Hinesburg is very fortunate to have someone of Howdy's ability running for a position on the Selectboard. I strongly urge you to give him your support.

—Jean Isham

welcomed by the board.

Lynn's leadership and balanced approach have seen us through many changes over the years. His tireless dedication to this town is exemplified by his willingness to serve for the betterment of this entire community. I have witnessed his common sense approach to issues and ability to communicate with the citizenry by listening and responding to community needs. Lynn's leadership style has been to build consensus on issues and move forward toward resolution.

It has been my opinion, and one that I hope you share, that your Selectboard has served you well over the years, responding to community needs and planning for our town's future. I urge you to continue Lynn's public service by voting for him on Election Day.

—Randy Volk, Hinesburg Selectboard

Gardner Balances Community's Needs

I would like to urge Hinesburg voters to vote for Lynn Gardner's continued service on the Selectboard this March. My reasons for voting for him are:

Experience
 Service that has balanced town needs with the ability of the less wealthy to pay for these services

Recognition that small business interests are important to the town and that Hinesburg is more than just a bedroom community for Burlington

Assistance in the preservation of land for hunting and community use.

I hope that you share these reasons and more and will also vote for Lynn Gardner's reelection to the Selectboard in March.

—Colin McNaull

Gardner Works to Keep Taxes under Control

I am writing this letter in support of Lynn Gardner's candidacy for another term on the Selectboard for the Town of Hinesburg.

Lynn has served our town for more than 25 years, mostly as a member of the Selectboard, with many of those years as Chairman. Having served on the board myself, I can attest to the dedication it takes to serve for this period of time, for it can be a thankless job.

Lynn's experience and knowledge of our town government has guided him over the years in making forward-thinking decisions. He has always strived to keep the tax burden as reasonable as possible, even though it meant not having the funds available at times to achieve some of his goals.

Lynn is a businessman. Running his own business in our town helps him to understand and experience the pain of our tax burden. His decisions and actions reflect this understanding in his efforts to find the most economical path to obtain results. We must remember that the town is a business, and hard business decisions must be made on a daily basis to keep the multi-million dollar budgets under control. Lynn's prudent use of our Town's resources has provided our town with many benefits we never dreamed possible.

Lynn Gardner's business sense and Selectboard experience are essential at this time of change and development in our town. Please join me and support Lynn's efforts to guide our town through the next three years of change and beyond.

—Brad Wainer

Gardner Serves Interests of All Residents

I am pleased to write a letter in support of our Chairman of the Selectboard, Lynn Gardner. During his tenure in Hinesburg Town Government, Lynn has shown good judgment, fair impartiality, and the common sense for which Vermont is most respected. He has brought to the table a deep caring for our community and has been willing for all viewpoints to be heard.

This is the type of government that a town such as ours needs, because Hinesburg has a diverse population with sometimes diverging needs and interests.

Lynn has amply demonstrated that he is able to serve the interests of all town residents. Neither liberal nor conservative, his centrist position and willingness to listen to us all, serves the town well.

Fairness, and a good understanding of the town's values and requirements under the law, are vital to have our community function in a manner that serves its citizens well. Lynn has shown us all that he deserves to be re-elected.

—Jane Starkweather

Support Howdy's Vision of Hinesburg's Heritage

I would like to strongly express my support of Howard Russell's candidacy for the Hinesburg Selectboard. As Chairman of the Hinesburg Development Review Board, I have worked with Howdy in reviewing proposed developments in Hinesburg for the past three years.

Howdy has impressed me as an extremely thoughtful and balanced board member. He carefully considers both interests in proposed development fairly and expresses his views in a persuasive and non-confrontational way. With so many aspects to consider in reviewing proposed developments, some of Howdy's unique perspectives have afforded me, and I believe the rest of the Board, some critical points to consider. Some of his insights have involved the preservation of agricultural soils for future generations, pedestrian access to the village core as it grows, and public access to some of the unique geographical features that make Hinesburg a distinctive place to live and enjoy for all of us. He is always well prepared for our public hearings and considers this volunteer commitment a deep responsibility to all citizens of Hinesburg.

Howdy has also brought to the DRB a deep understanding of Hinesburg's heritage and sense of place. As development pressures increase on Hinesburg, Howdy's points of view have been invaluable for me. He has supported responsible development in keeping with the irreplaceable character of Hinesburg. His family has lived and farmed in the village of Hinesburg for many generations. Howdy and his family have given back to the residents of Hinesburg by allowing unrestricted access to their land and consider it their responsibility as stewards of their land.

Howdy's years of experience on the DRB will be invaluable on the Selectboard as they approve the new Town Plan and Zoning Regulations that will shape the growth of Hinesburg for years to come. I know that Howdy will bring to Hinesburg's Selectboard the same dedicated, thoughtful and balanced approach that he has had on Hinesburg's DRB and would encourage you to vote for him.

—Tom McGlenn, Chairman,
Hinesburg Development Review Board

Russell Brings Sense of Community, Fairness, Perspective

We are very supportive of Howdy Russell's effort to run for Selectboard this March. The concerns that Howdy will bring to Town Hall are critical issues for Hinesburg at this point in time.

As a town, not unlike most towns in Chittenden County, Hinesburg is experiencing development and growth pressures and Howdy will bring a fair and balanced approach to the many issues this type of growth can bring. He has also expressed an interest in developing a town wide trail system, which we enthusiastically support.

Howdy, a lifelong resident of Hinesburg, appreciates the need to preserve open space, farm land and our natural areas, as well as the need to develop and grow in a reasonable way. As Co-director for the Addison County Parent Child Center, he was responsible for budgets, personnel and program planning. With this experience he will bring new energy and a fresh look at how Town Hall can be managed.

It is our experience that Howdy is a thoughtful and fair minded individual and will consider all aspects of an issue. He will also bring with him a real sense of community and how we can continue to make Hinesburg a wonderful place to live. We hope you will join us in supporting Howdy for Selectboard on March 1.

—Chuck and Sally Reiss

Russell Has Balanced Approach to Development

I am writing in support of Howdy Russell for Selectman. I have had the pleasure of knowing Howdy for quite some time now and am impressed by the intelligence, fairmindedness, and caring he brings to everything.

As a retired dairy farmer with an interest in preserving prime agricultural land in Vermont, I feel that Howdy has a good balanced approach to planned development, the need for low income housing, and cluster housing, while preserving prime agricultural land. I personally believe that down the road when a supply of water is going to be more important than a supply of oil, Vermont and other New England states may be called upon to help supply the food and other commodities for

the Eastern United States. I think Howdy has this kind of long range thinking.

As a lifetime resident right in the center of town, His Community Involvement and Business Experience make him qualified for Selectman from every point of view. We are very fortunate to have someone of this caliber running for office. I hope you will vote for Howdy !!

—Marian Welch

Russell is No-Nonsense, Understands Community's Broad Needs

I am writing to support candidate Howard "Howdy" Russell for a position on the Hinesburg Selectboard.

I have known Howdy for many years, first through my work in early childhood and then later as a Hinesburg neighbor. Howdy and I worked for many years on "Early Childhood Day at the Legislature." The purpose of this annual event is to provide information for legislators about the needs of young children and families throughout the state of Vermont. Early care and education professionals and parents stream to the legislature on this day to talk with policy makers and bring messages from families and children in their towns.

In planning for this event, Howdy always impressed me with his thorough consideration of issues at hand and his "no nonsense" expression and approach. He has a special talent for clearly articulating the essence of situations, while others are hopelessly hung up in details which muddle the process of decision-making.

More importantly, though, Howdy is knowledgeable about the broad range of needs in communities, from the very young to the most senior members. He is skilled at listening to the perspectives of others and then advocating on their behalf. He is ever-mindful of the unique needs of various groups within the community and often reminds groups that he is working with to keep those needs in mind. This suits Howdy particularly well for a position in which important decisions are made concerning the future of our community.

Hinesburg continues to grow. Each day, we are weaving new history; we must take care to tend to the needs, present and future, of those who live here. I feel that we can trust Howdy to help guide Hinesburg into the future. What's more, I know that during the process of helping Hinesburg to grow, he won't allow anyone to forget what's really important in Hinesburg: Hinesburg's people.

—Cheryl Farnum Rendino

Howdy is a Natural Leader

I have known Howdy since our days at CVU where it became clear to me and my classmates that he was a natural leader. Ever since those days, he has continued to lead with dignity and humility. He is a man who listens well, is compassionate and has shown he is willing to stand up for what he believes. Howdy has spent the better part of his adult life helping others, whether it is in his professional life or as a volunteer in our community.

Howdy has always been interested in and dedicated to our town. As a lifelong resident he has demonstrated an understanding of Hinesburg's need to change while remaining dedicated to retaining its character and sense of community. He is a clear thinker who is interested in what others have to say.

I am confident in Howdy's ability to serve our community as we engage the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. We are lucky to have someone of his caliber willing to run for and serve on the Selectboard.

—Chuck Ross

Town Meeting Resolution to Provide Forum for Iraq War

Our trust has been blown asunder by the present administration feeding us fraudulent reasons for going to war in Iraq. We initially trusted the call-to-arms based on repetitive propaganda that included (1) our troops will be greeted as liberators, and flowers will be strewn in their pathway, (2) the threat of a mushroom cloud from the arsenal in Iraq, (3) Sadaam has and is manufacturing weapons of mass destruction, and (4) Sadaam was the ring leader of 9-11. This last bit of fantasy was repeated so frequently and injected into the minds of our citizens that even now 40% are still fully convinced that this is true.

Our misplaced trust in an administration to act only on fully verified facts has to date resulted in more than 1,400 military personnel killed in action and thousands severely physically and mentally wounded, which has altered and will continue to alter their lives and the lives of their loved ones far

into the future.

We lost 58,000 service personnel during a protracted eleven years of war in Viet Nam.

How many years will it take and how many dead, mutilated and psychologically damaged will succumb to achieve the ever changing war objective promulgated by this untrustworthy administration?

The hoped-for outcome for Iraq to trust the United States and the achievement of democracy for their country are remote expectations given the exposure of torture, the death of 100,000 civilians, the vast destruction of homes, cities and infrastructure and the attempt to impose democracy at the end of a loaded rifle. Any attempt to nurture democracy in this environment is pure self-delusion.

A thoughtful and compassionate discussion on this war is overdue. I hope that Town Meeting on March 1 will provide a forum for the airing of what we as a community can endorse as a course of action concerning the war in Iraq.

At the Town Meeting, those attending will have an opportunity to vote on a resolution to bring the troops home.

—Karl J. Novak

To read a copy of the resolution to be discussed at Town Meeting, please see the related item on page 7.

HCS Annual School Budget Meeting

On behalf of the Hinesburg School Board, I urge all Hinesburg voters to read the School Report, (which will be delivered soon), to attend the Annual Meeting at the School at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, and to approve the school budget.

The Board has just finished work on the budget. The details are in the Annual Report, but it does not contain dramatic changes. The school is having another productive year; while there is plenty of room for improvement, we think we are heading in the right direction. The evidence of improvement is in the Report and it is also evident in the halls of the school, on the playground, and even on the buses. Last year we added School Climate to the school's Action Plan. The changes in behavior, supported by new discipline procedures, a new curriculum, and more training, have been substantial.

The actual budget changes include a cut of one third-fourth grade section which, due to student numbers, we think will have very little effect on learning and still leave us with reasonably sized classes at that level. We are also proposing to add one day per week for the Literacy Coordinator and a half-time position for a Math Intervention specialist for the primary grades. We are also adding one day per week for a Speech Language pathologist, a few days per summer for the Special Education Coordinator and secretary, and an extra training day for our paraeducators.

All the budget changes are in line with our long term Action Plan for math and literacy, particularly early literacy. We have also continued our outreach with the Community Early Educator, a half-time person who assists at Annette's Playschool and now helps at least seven home day care providers to get kids better prepared to be learners when they reach school age.

The budget contains less than a 5% increase. Unfortunately, because our property values have continued their steep rise (the State says we are only appraised at 71% of market value), the State will probably translate our tax rate of about \$1.63 to an actual rate of about \$2.29. All these numbers are subject to change as we finalize details and as the State changes its procedures. However, I cannot hold out hope of significant change.

Nonetheless, the Board has done what it can both to provide our kids with an education comparable to that received by their peers at the other schools sending students to CVU, and to contain costs. I ask that you come to the meeting, ask us lots of questions, and support the budget.

—James Gelber,

Chair of the Hinesburg Board of School Directors

Death with Dignity is Humane Choice

If I become terminally ill and my life is miserable because of pain or loss of natural life functions, I should have the legal freedom to end my life peacefully with the aid of a physician.

The Vermont Death with Dignity Act which the Vermont Legislature will address this year will give citizens the freedom to make this choice. This proposal is based point by point on the existing law enacted by Oregon in 1997.

When my mother was terminally ill and in great pain her physician suggested that she could be made comfortable with morphine. The resulting treatment rendered her unconscious

for the last 24 hours of her life. If that is a legal treatment, then why shouldn't a physician be allowed to prescribe a life ending medication within the safeguards of the proposed law.

Some people opposed to the Death with Dignity proposal say that palliative care is a preferred alternative. When my uncle was recently terminally ill for over a year with cancer he suffered endlessly even with increasing doses of pain killing medications. When the pain was somewhat alleviated with medication, the side effects became very uncomfortable to bear. While his hospice care was welcome, he didn't escape serious discomfort, except when mind-numbing levels of morphine were administered.

If I become terminally ill why shouldn't I have the right to end my life peacefully and in a humane way? Why is it right for others to deny me if my short life expectancy will be miserable?

—Norman Pellett



Town Meeting— “An Annual Demonstration of Participatory Democracy”

By Missy Ross

Town Meeting and the election of officers for various positions in town are almost upon us. This annual demonstration of participatory democracy is a Vermont tradition which many of us have taken part in for most of our lives. It is always gratifying to hear people stand up and express their opinions, make suggestions about the town budget, and vote on various articles at Town Meeting. If you have never come to an annual Town Meeting, please consider doing so. The meeting will be held on February 28 at the CVU auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Voting for the election of officers for the Town and schools will be done by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1 at Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will also be a vote on the Champlain Valley Union High School budget the same day. Parking will be in the rear lot of the town hall, with handicapped parking available in the front of the building. Come early for coffee and donuts! Be aware that some traffic delays are possible on voting day, depending on the turnout of voters. However, it should not be as much of an issue as it was for the general election in November.

Sample ballots can be seen at the town clerk's office and at the Hinesburg post office. There is only one contested race on the ballot this year. Incumbent Lynn Gardner is being challenged for a three-year term on the Selectboard by Howard “Howdy” Russell. You will also have the opportunity to vote for candidates for offices such as cemetery trustee, library board, Hinesburg Community School board and the CVU board.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I am up for re-election as the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer this year and am running for a three-year term. I have no opposition in my quest for another term, and therefore look forward to serving the community again. I have been honored to hold this position for the last three and a half years, and have worked hard to ensure that the citizens have been well served by our office. I derive great pleasure from helping out the people who come into our office with all of their questions and occasional problems, and will continue to work toward greater efficiency and services for the coming term. I thank you for all of the visits, smiles, cookies and adorable children who stop by for a piece of candy on their way to playgroup or dance class. I thank you for your patient understanding during tax time every November. Most of all, I thank you for the opportunity you have given me in the past. It has been a pleasure to become acquainted with so many people in the community whom I might not otherwise have had the chance to know.

I look forward to going to work in our wonderful Town Hall every day, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the community again. I am always open to suggestions, and would be happy to hear from you in the future. Please stop by and visit, ask questions, research the history of your house or simply say “hi.”



Lynn Gardner Seeks Reelection to Selectboard

Lynn Gardner, long-time member of Hinesburg's Selectboard, is running for reelection. During Lynn's 25 plus years of involvement with town government (21 of those years as a member of the Selectboard) Hinesburg has been through many changes but continues to be a great place for people to live and work. In most recent years, Lynn has worked hard trying to maintain balance in dealing with issues such as development, land conservation, town infrastructure, and transportation.

Issues that Lynn has been and continues to be actively supportive of are:

- land trust projects to protect farm, forest and ecologically sensitive areas for future generations;
- creation of home occupations and cottage industry which are now a major source of jobs and income in our community;
- keeping NRG Systems in Hinesburg along with other existing businesses that create jobs for so many people (keeping jobs in the community supports not only the economic vitality of Hinesburg but also the pool of volunteers who serve our fire and rescue squads, recreational programs and other community efforts);
- understanding the need for housing and allowing development that falls within the rules of our Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws;
- improvements to the village center for both pedestrians and motor vehicles in the areas of safety and better traffic flow;
- reorganization of Town government to make it a better place to work and more responsive to citizens' needs;
- recreational projects throughout the town such as expanding playing fields and a network of trails for the enjoyment of all residents.

Lynn and his family own and operate Clifford Lumber, a fourth generation sawmill and firewood business in South Hinesburg. He has been a resident of Hinesburg since 1974 and has been involved in town government since that time. Lynn has a proven record of leadership and a valuable historical perspective and Lynn truly values his service to the community and wishes to continue as a member of the Selectboard. He encourages town folks to call him at 482-2579 to discuss any issues or concerns and asks for your support on election day.

Hinesburg Has a New Animal Control Officer

The Town of Hinesburg has a new Animal Control Officer. Earl Dionne who is the Animal Control Officer in Huntington has agreed to work for the Town of Hinesburg as well. Dionne, who has been the ACO in Huntington for the past year, has helped rewrite the Animal Control ordinance and write an Animal Cruelty ordinance.

He has completed many training courses including classes on animal hoarding, animals in disasters, and investigating animal cruelty in Vermont. Earl was also the recipient of the Joseph Maniaci Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, which is part of a national competition, allowed Dionne to attend the National Animal Control Association Training Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. Dionne will be attending another Academy class in September, which upon completion will register him as a nationally certified animal control officer. In addition to this training, Dionne is on a list of animal control officers who can respond to areas of natural disaster to function as an animal control officer. He was on a twenty-four hour alert during this past year's disastrous hurricane season in Florida. Earl is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the Vermont Animal Control Association.

Dionne states that he is looking forward to working with the residents of Hinesburg, and hoping that he is able to bring resolution to problems as they occur. Earl works full-time as a
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Fond Memories of a Teacher

Hinesburg resident and teacher Elizabeth Hinsdale passed away on January 11. There are many people who influence our lives, and teachers seem to have a greater influence than most people. But then there are those teachers who have significant impact on who we are and the adults we become.

I truly believe this kind and gentle person had a profound impact on all who were lucky enough to have had her as a teacher.

Thank you, Mrs. Hinsdale.

—Gill Coates

Thank You to HCS Faculty, Staff

Thank you very much for the nice flowers you have sent me. They make my stay at the Fanny Allen Rehab a more pleasant one.

Sincerely, Valerie Thomas

We Can Still Stop VELCO

There are two simple steps Vermont voters can take if they're worried about VELCO's planned (and controversial) 64 mile long high voltage power line on some 70' extra-tall poles from West Rutland to South Burlington. The Public Service Board has granted VELCO their Certificate of Public Good, but there's still time to step in. VELCO still has to meet specific conditions, get permits over wetlands, and respond to any law suits.

We who fear this \$130 million project will spoil Vermont's beauty and waste both power and money, can act. To benefit the entire state, this would be a good time to ask our legislators to raise the income-and-spending cap on Efficiency Vermont, a company that has already proven it can help us conserve energy without pain. We can also urge the legislature to support the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) that examines the possibility of reducing our dependence on out-of-state fossil fuel sources and replacing them with in-state sustainable energy sources. We could join the 18 states that already have legislation supporting the RPS, hoping to help the environment and reduce global warming.

Vermont's national award winning Efficiency Vermont, in just three years, produced great economic benefit through kilowatt savings: \$85,986,000 for businesses and \$57,273,000 for residential consumers. That totals savings of \$143,259,000. If the cap were raised a little, from the 2% of our electricity bills we're now allowed to invest in it, think of the potential savings. It's one investment that gives a sure return.

If you agree, talk with your local legislators, your neighbors and friends. Let's not change the face of Vermont without more careful consideration of other possibilities.

—Louise Ransom and Derrick Senior
Shelburne

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that affect our town. Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but do reserve the right to edit based on available space. All letters must be signed. To the extent possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for discussion of statewide, national and international issues. With these cautions, please keep those letters rolling in! Mail them to either P.O. Box 304 or 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or send via email to therecord@gmavt.net, or deliver to the Record Drop Box on Charlotte Road.

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nurse at The Arbors in Shelburne. Residents can reach Dionne at a dedicated phone line for animal control 434-3267, or by pager at 350-3281. Dionne also wants residents to call if they simply have questions regarding animal control or care laws.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Hinesburg Selectboard will hold two public hearings at the Hinesburg Town Hall to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to the Hinesburg Town Plan (Adopted in 1971, most recent revision September 2002). The purpose of these changes is to make substantial revisions to the Plan to better address the community's vision for Hinesburg's future. The geographic areas affected include all of Hinesburg.

The first public hearing will be held on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. The second public hearing will be held on Monday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Both hearings will be held in the Ground Level Conference Room of the Hinesburg Town Hall.

Copies of the entire text, as well as a report summarizing the major changes, and addressing the extent to which the new Plan is consistent with the goals for municipal planning outlined in state statute, are available for review on the Town web site (www.hinesburg.org) and at the Office of the Town Administrator, located in the Hinesburg Town Hall on Route 116 in Hinesburg, Vermont. The Town Administrator's Office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information please contact the Hinesburg Town Administrator at 482-2096.

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE SUMMARY

Municipal Tax Rate for Current Year

Tax Rate '04-05

To Be Raised: \$1,833,028 \$0.6997

Surplus Utilized: \$200,000 (0.0763)

Town Tax Rate \$0.6233

Municipal Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 05 - 06 (Budget to be discussed at Town Meeting on February 28, 2005)

Tax Rate '05-06

To Be Raised: \$1,832,108 \$0.6849

Surplus Utilized: \$200,000 (0.0748)

Estimated Town Tax Rate \$0.6101 *

*Actual tax rate will be based on Grand List value for 2005, which is determined in April, 2005.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	BUDGET 04-05	PROPOSED BUDGET 05-06
Selectboard	\$ 16,211	\$ 19,465
Town Agent	5,000	5,000
Town Administrator	49,181	63,976
BCA	750	200
Elections	6,050	2,500
Auditors	12,667	13,467
Town Clerk / Treasurer	120,911	122,228
Delinquent Tax Collector	18,211	18,694
Planning Commission / DRB	118,875	164,953
Listers	55,543	52,190
Municipal Buildings	855,321 *	362,524
Community Police Department	317,006	358,983
Volunteer Fire Department	65,400	68,700
Fire Warden	1,265	1,550
First Response	21,200	21,200
Public Health	800	800
Computers / Copiers / Fax	15,400	19,475
Animal Control	3,329	4,628
Recreation Commission	61,138	49,471
Cemeteries	25,000	25,000
Fixed Costs	159,985	158,249
Conservation Commission	3,450	5,150
E-9-1-1	1,107	1,107
General Expense Total	1,933,800	1,539,510
Library	136,646	139,400
Agencies	23,529	23,656
Land Trust	5,000	5,000
Lake Iroquois Beach Commission	1,600	600
Land Preservation Fund	7,500	7,500
July 4th Celebration	2,000	2,000
Highway	825,119	722,831
	\$ 2,935,194	\$ 2,440,497

*\$760,000 of this expense will be reimbursed through grant funds for the Mechanicsville Road / CVU Road sidewalk & multi-use path project.

MUNICIPAL REVENUE SUMMARY

	BUDGET 04-05	PROPOSED BUDGET 05-06
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$ 9,400	\$ -
Property Tax, Interest	14,000	14,000
State Land Payment	3,200	3,200
Liquor Licenses	650	650
Dog Licenses & Fees	3,200	2,500
Zoning Permits & Fees	20,000	24,000
Marriage Licenses	500	320
Civil Union Licenses	100	-
Motor Vehicle Renewal Fees	1,600	1,300
Sale of Zoning Regulations	75	75
Planning Grant	-	9,590
Recreation Path Grant	760,000	250,000
Recording Fees	45,000	45,000
Record Restoration Fees	5,000	7,500
Sale of History Books	100	100
Photocopy Income	4,500	4,500
Miscellaneous Clerk Fees	1,210	1,200
St. George Contract	14,461	16,320
Police Judicial Fines	20,000	20,000
Recreation Fees & Donations	24,000	27,200
Town Hall Rental Fees	200	200
Wild Fire Reimbursements	100	100
Investment Interest	13,000	13,000
Cemetery Income	2,000	2,000
Current Use Payment	20,000	20,000
Act 60 Reappraisal Payment	10,000	10,000
Act 60 Listing Payment	1,600	1,700
Total Non-Tax Revenue	973,896	474,455
State Aid - Highway	128,120	133,784
Miscellaneous Highway Income	150	150
Total Highway Revenue	128,270	133,934
Property Tax, Town Share	1,833,028 *	1,832,108 **
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,935,194	\$ 2,440,497

*The Town utilized \$200,000 from fund balance to make the total tax dollars raised for town government equal to \$1,633,028.

**The Town will utilize \$200,000 from fund balance to make the total dollars to be raised for town government equal to \$1,632,108.

Rediscovering the Secrets of Town Meeting

RavenMark, a small publisher in Montpelier, is launching a new book just in time for town meeting. *All Those in Favor: Rediscovering the Secrets of Town Meeting and Community* is by educator Susan Clark and University of Vermont political science professor Frank Bryan. *All Those In Favor* takes a look at Vermont's town meeting tradition—its strengths, its vulnerabilities, its problems and its prospects—and then offers specific tips for citizens and local officials on how to strengthen this important democratic institution.

Frank Bryan, a nationally recognized expert on town meeting, peppers his analysis with Vermont lore and a sense of humor. Co-author Clark interviewed dozens of local officials and volunteers about town meeting. These stories shape the book's specific tips for communities, and lively quotes from Vermonters pepper the pages.

The authors emphasize town meeting's long-standing role as a true local legislature. At town meeting, citizens come face to face to discuss and create their own laws (rather than electing representatives to do so). Social scientists rank Vermont among the highest in civic engagement and in community measures such as trust and neighborliness, and Clark and Bryan make the link between these positive community indicators and Vermont's town meeting tradition.

Clark and Bryan argue that while town meeting participation remains remarkably healthy in many parts of Vermont, this cherished institution is threatened from several fronts.

In an effort to increase the number of voters, growing numbers of towns are adopting the Australian ballot, where face-to-face deliberation is replaced with a pre-printed ballot. According to Clark and Bryan, the Australian ballot "is worse than deadly [because it] takes away your right to legislate—to be a part of the lawmaking process." The authors explore the data on how much Australian ballot actually affects voting numbers, and discuss its effects on the quality, as well as quantity, of democratic participation.

The authors also address the question of town population growth, its effect on town meeting participation, and possible remedies to this increasing problem. In addition, many policy decisions that were once made at the community level have, over time, been centralized to the state and federal levels, and the authors explore ways to return decision-making power on selected issues to the local level.

All Those in Favor offers several chapters full of specific tips for strengthening town meeting. To encourage greater participation, the authors suggest techniques for highlighting the town's "hot" issues and building an agenda that encourages attendance. The authors offer tools for creative publicity, and for engaging citizens in shaping town meeting. For towns that may have grown too large for town meeting, the authors offer specific alternatives for preserving the best elements of town meeting democracy, including adopting the representative town meeting system, where members are elected at large from smaller districts.

Several new proposals come to light in *All Those in Favor*. Should voters get time off from work to attend town meeting? The authors say yes, and offer ideas on how to make it work. In addition, Clark and Bryan even propose a "Democratic Impact Statement," a series of questions whereby leaders and citizens can judge whether specific policy proposals could have unintended consequences on our local democracy.

Hinesburg Town Meeting

Your Voice and Vote Count!
Monday, February 28

Please attend the CVU Annual Meeting and the Hinesburg Annual Meeting on Monday, February 28 –
5:00 p.m. CVU Annual Budget Meeting, Room 106
7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Annual Meeting, CVU Auditorium.

Be an informed voter!
Town Meeting Day
Tuesday, March 1

Polls Open
Hinesburg Town Hall
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parking in rear
Vote for ...

Town officers
CVU 2005-2006 Budget
Make your vote count!

Iraq War Resolution Debated at Annual Town Meeting

Over 150 registered voters of Hinesburg have signed the following petition:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the Town of Hinesburg, request the Selectboard to place the following Article to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on February 28, 2005:

Shall the voters of the Town of Hinesburg vote to approve the following resolution:

"The Iraq war was authorized by Congress based on erroneous claims. Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction and was never shown to have a connection to the 9/11 attacks.

The costs of deploying troops and Vermont National Guard members for the occupation of Iraq have been substantial, as reckoned in deaths, injuries and personal trauma, as well as dislocation and financial hardship to families, businesses and communities.

We call on the congressional delegation to work to restore a proper balance between the powers of the states and the federal government over state National Guard units.

We call on the legislature to set up a commission to study how National Guard deployments have eroded Vermont's ability to respond to natural disasters.

We call on President Bush and Congress to withdraw American troops from Iraq immediately and to adhere to the mandate of international humanitarian law."

Re-Elect Lynn Gardner



Hinesburg Selectboard

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News Items: March 14
Publication Date: April 2

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HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

Selectboard Activities

January 17 – February 7

By Stewart Pierson

Proposed VTrans Improvements to Route 116 Intersections

The Selectboard has recently received information that VTrans has included funds in the 2005-2006 budget for improvements to the intersections of Route 116 with Silver Street, Charlotte Road and CVU Road. The plans are for reconfiguration of the Route 116 / Silver Street intersection to a "T" intersection, a traffic light at the Route 116 / Charlotte Road intersection, and the addition of left-turn lanes on Route 116 at the Route 116 / CVU Road intersection. This is welcome news as these improvements could significantly improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety in the village area.

Nextel Communications Tower

While the Nextel communications tower (proposed for a site at the Town's Wastewater Treatment facility off Charlotte Road) works its way through the local and state permitting process, Nextel has continued discussions with the Selectboard regarding the lease agreement for the proposed facility. Nextel is seeking approval for three additional users at the site. The Selectboard advised that the lease would need to be renegotiated for additional users, and the lease fee adjusted accordingly. It is anticipated that lease income will be applied towards improvements to or expansions of the wastewater system. It is also anticipated that the installation of this facility will improve cell phone coverage in the area.

Town Plan Ready for Selectboard Public Hearing

After an extensive process, consisting of numerous public meetings, endless work by the Planning Commission, and several reviews by the Selectboard, the Town Plan is approaching the final hurdles before formal adoption—Selectboard public hearings. These hearings are scheduled for March 21 and April 4. For more information on the public hearings, see the Town Plan public hearing notice which appears in this issue of the Hinesburg Record.

Green Community Technologies Program

The Town will be partnering with Yellow Wood Associates in the Green Community Technologies Program. The purpose of this grant project is to complete a study of alternative and standard technologies for an expansion of the wastewater treatment capacity.

Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Project

Design engineering on the Mechanicsville Road / CVU Road sidewalk and multi-use path project is nearing completion. This project will begin as a sidewalk on

Mechanicsville Road at the intersection with Commerce Street, and continue north to CVU Road. At CVU Road, a ten foot wide multi-use path will be constructed, which will continue the length of CVU Road, cross Route 116 and terminate at the Carpenter Carse Library on Ballards Corner Road. Final design modifications are being made to minimize wetland impacts and impacts to property owners along the route.

Damage to Millennium Tree

Efforts by Green Mountain Power to improve a power line location at the intersection of Gilman Road and Lewis Creek Road inadvertently destroyed the Millennium Tree. This maple tree was planted in 2000 through a grant from the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program. The Selectboard has requested that Green Mountain Power replace the tree and relocate the power line.

Renaming Commerce Street?

Leonard Duffy appeared before the Selectboard on January 24 to recommend that Commerce Street be renamed to Giroux Street. Mr. Duffy asked whether this issue could be raised at Town Meeting on February 28. The Selectboard advised that, although this is not an article on the warning for Town Meeting, an interested party could raise the issue as an advisory motion under "other business". The issue could also be acted upon at a regular Selectboard meeting; however a discussion at Town Meeting would generate more public input.

Routine Business:

- Approved minutes for January 3 – 24
- Approved warrants for bills payable
- Reappointed Tom McGlenn, Ted Bloomhardt and Howard Russell to the DRB
- Reappointed Anne Frost to the Recreation Commission
- Reappointed Carrie Fenn, Fred Haulenbeek and George Bedard to the Planning Commission
- Accepted the resignations of Kevin Francis from the Recreation Commission and Carrie Fenn as Alternate to the DRB
- Approved the annual VTrans Certificate of Mileage
- Requested that VTrans reassess the evaluation of the Silver Street bridge over the LaPlatte River
- Discussed potential residents to represent Hinesburg on the Vermont State Police Citizen Advisory Board
- Approved a wastewater capacity allocation for Alan and Nancy Norris for a nine-unit apartment complex on Silver Street
- Approved a request by Green Mountain Power to work in the Town's right-of-way on Baldwin Road for a pole replacement project
- Discussed a protocol for further tree removal on Buck Hill Road West. (The Highway Foreman will meet with a representative of the residents to reach an agreement on trees to be removed.)
- Discussed scheduling a public meeting in April on the Circumferential Highway, as well as a presentation by the Smart Growth Coalition
- Completed an Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire regarding the proposed expansion of Iroquois Manufacturing
- Discussed the process for establishing a Village Steering Committee, as well as the purpose and goals of the proposed committee
- Signed the warning for Town Meeting
- Discussed a complaint regarding speeding vehicles on Birchwood Lane

Listers Conduct Town-wide Reappraisal

By Holly Russell

It's that time of year again. The listers in March and early April, depending on the weather, will be visiting properties to update the 2005 Grand List. These visits will include properties that have obtained building permits within the last year or had unfinished projects from last year. Once these updates are completed and approved by the listers, Change of Appraisal

Notices will be sent out to landowners the beginning of June.

As most of you know, Hinesburg is also conducting a town-wide reappraisal. We have completed site visits to approximately half of the residential properties, primarily on the eastern side of the village. We hope to complete these visits by early summer so that the new data can be entered into the computer system and reviewed by the listers. The new appraised values will not go into effect until the spring of 2006.

Hinesburg, according to the Vermont Department of Taxes, is at 71% of Fair Market Value. This affects our tax rate and it is imperative that we complete this reappraisal in order to be at 100%. The listers thank all those property owners that have been helpful to the appraisers from M.P. Bailey Associates (the firm hired to upgrade the Grand List each year and to conduct this reappraisal). If they have left a green slip in your door because you were not home, please call our office at 48-3619 and Holly will set up an appointment with you. We understand that people are very busy and will try to set up a time that is convenient for you.

In summary, please remember that our office has two procedures doing on. Although your house may have been visited for the reappraisal last year, if you have since obtained a building permit, you may be visited again this spring.

Planning News

By Alex Weinhagen, Town Planner

Village Steering Committee in the Works

One of the recommendations that came out of the Town Plan revision process (still ongoing, Selectboard final hearings in March), was the need to create an "official" village steering committee. As the designated growth center for Hinesburg, and the hub for community activities, the village area demands special attention. After all, if we don't get it "right" here, the repercussions are bound to be severe with regard to traffic, pedestrian safety, economic development, etc.

The Selectboard is still developing the objectives and work items for the village steering committee. Here are some preliminary ideas of my own to give you a sense for what the committee might tackle.

Purpose:

1) Provide leadership and expertise on village issues to help elected officials, appointed commissions and boards, and Town staff address areas of concern.

2) Be a strong advocate for the implementation of village-related goals and recommendations outlined in the Town Plan.

Objectives:

1) Work with the Planning Commission on a village area planning project, which will begin in earnest in February / March 2005 and wrap up in 2006.

2) Work with public officials and Hinesburg residents and landowners to implement village-related goals and recommendations in the Town Plan - e.g.,

- "Main Street" improvements to Route 116

- Creation of a "walkable" community center

- Transportation improvements to ease congestion, offer new development opportunities, and improve safety

- Encourage the redevelopment of structures within the existing village core that are underutilized

- Make available adequate community facilities and services to facilitate village area goals

3) Work with the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA), the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC), and local business owners on economic development in the village growth center.

4) Work with village landowners, developers (for profit and not for profit), and affordable housing groups to aid in the creation of affordable housing within the village growth center.

5) Develop a Village Master Plan within two years for eventual incorporation into the next Town Plan.

Anyone interested in serving on such a committee should contact Jeanne Wilson (Town Administrator) for further information and consideration by the Selectboard. Jeanne can be reached by e-mail at hinesburgtown@gmavt.net and by phone at 482-2096. We're looking for a broad range of interests and abilities, so all residents and landowners are encouraged to apply.

HINESBURG ZONING



Nextel Seeking Approval for Tower

By Peter Erb, Zoning Administrator

One Saturday last month two bright red balloons were tethered one hundred feet above the Town sewage lagoon. Hopefully none of you went there expecting a birthday party. Nextel, a communications company, has applied to locate a one-hundred foot high, three foot in diameter tower there. The balloons were flown so that pictures could be generated which would aid the Development Review Board and townspeople to evaluate the possible visual impact of this tower.

The Selectboard, although agreeing to allow Nextel to apply for the town permit, is remaining neutral about the project until the Town as a whole has had a chance to participate in the approval process. The tower has the ability to serve up to four communications companies and all antennas would be located within the pole, which does not require guy wires or a light. There will be several low structures located on the ground near it. The Town would receive rental income from it which would be directed into a fund for the expansion of the wastewater treatment facility. The project has received sketch plan approval from the Development Review Board and requires two additional meetings before it can receive a final approval. Since the visual aspects of this proposal could not be addressed during the first meeting, they, and any other concerns may be raised at these future, not yet scheduled, hearings. The meeting dates will be posted on the Town web site or you can call this office for the dates at 482-3619.

Change in Office Hours

I have found that there is little demand for my Tuesday night office hours and since they conflict with the Development Review Board meetings every other week anyway, I am instead going to try and be available on an as-needed basis more nights of the week. This also allows me the flexibility to actually come on-site if that is better and I assume that will be more convenient for all of you. If you can't come to the office during normal office hours, please call me and we'll arrange something.

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Submitted by Hinesburg Community Police

Ferrisburg Man Charged with Bad Checks

On January 28th Officer Steve Gutierrez charged Tony Smiel, 18, of North Ferrisburg with three counts of issuing a bad check. Smiel is accused of issuing the checks to three separate Hinesburg businesses. He is cited into District Court in Burlington.

One Injured In Shelburne Falls Road Crash

A seventeen year old Shelburne woman suffered minor injuries when she lost control of her car on the snow covered highway and it ran off the road and rolled onto its side. Officer Steve Gutierrez reported that Abigail Newton suffered only minor injuries in the crash which occurred on January 6th on

Shelburne Falls Road near Crow Hill Road.

Thirteen-Year-Old Lodged After Pump House Break

A thirteen year old who ran away from a group home in Hinesburg, broke into the town pumping station on Mechanicsville Road and then hurled furniture down the stairs in the group home, was lodged at the Woodside Juvenile Detention Facility by Hinesburg Community Police Officers.

The incident began when Chief Chris Morrell took a report for a runaway. Shortly after that Hinesburg Public Works Director Rocky Martin reported a break-in at the pumping station on Mechanicsville Road. Morrell located evidence at the break-in to link it to the runaway.

Shortly after that the subject was located and returned to the group home where he began throwing furniture, including a desk down the stairs from the second floor. Officer Barbara Brisson responded to the home and took the thirteen-year-old into custody and he was transported to and lodged at Woodside.

Hinesburg Man Charged with Disorderly Conduct

On January 25th, Officers Lisa Primo and Barbara Brisson took Brian Ashley, 34, of Hinesburg into custody after causing a disturbance at a local business. Ashley was arrested and (Continued on the next page.)

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lodged at the Chittenden Community Correctional Center.

Police Dogs Making Money

Hinesburg Community Police Service Dogs, Doc and Tiger, are continuing to rake in money from area drug dealers. Tiger nosed out almost a quarter million dollars in a suspect vehicle recently and Hinesburg will receive two percent of this money. In two smaller cases Tiger located \$24,000 dollars and Doc located \$5,000 dollars. Ten percent of these seizures will be turned over to Hinesburg.

Safety Tip

Did you ever consider trying to outrun the cops when you see blue lights behind you? Most people have at one time or other. They fear being charged with operating while suspended or while intoxicated.

You might consider these facts before you even consider running.

Most people are caught through the use of radio and devices such as stop sticks which deflate your tires in a controlled manner.

If you are not caught immediately, the pursuing agency is immediately going to launch a criminal investigation into the pursuit, and in all probability you will be charged later.

The original charge will look petty compared to the number of traffic violations and criminal charges you can amass in even a short pursuit.

If someone is killed or injured either directly or indirectly in the course of the pursuit, you will be charged. Unlike driving while suspended which virtually never results in jail time in Chittenden County, criminal charges from a pursuit will result in some significant jail time.

And lastly, are you prepared to live with yourself if someone is seriously injured or killed as a result of your vehicle pursuit?

CONSERVATION



Growth in Hinesburg

By Todd Bailey

With Town meeting just around the corner, an issue we must face as a community is sprawl. The debate should not focus on whether or not to develop but how we can utilize our town's potential wisely. We have all seen open space disappear and the drastic changes that it has brought to our neighboring towns. It is now our turn to decide. We must give serious consideration to maintaining our rural lifestyle or face the possibility of becoming another New Jersey-like suburb to Burlington and Williston.

Perceptions regarding growth vary widely. While many feel that any check on development is a check on progress, others feel that protecting our rural community takes precedence. Ensuring that our town has places to recreate, in addition to maintaining farmlands, does not mean no growth. The protection of these areas holds more value than building homes and businesses on every available square inch, like we've seen in other places around Vermont. When this debate between seemingly opposing principles occurs, it inevitably turns to the lost tax revenue by not developing.

However, this argument is being disproved on a daily basis. Cities and towns here in Vermont and across the nation have seen the financial and environmental consequences to unwise growth. The Alliance for Quality Growth has studied this issue at great length and has come to some interesting conclusions. Their studies indicate that sprawl is very difficult to service and in fact, residential settings under extreme growth provide only \$.85 of revenue for every \$1.00 of expenditures—while farmland, open spaces, and forestry provide \$2.70 of revenue for every \$1.00 of expenditures. This is a perfect example of why communities must balance smart planning with smarter development.

When sprawl occurs, there are expenses a town must bear. Cost of road maintenance and building new roads, sewage treatment must be expanded, water supply, police, fire, and last but certainly not least, schools. But when we have unchecked

growth, it has been shown that only the most expensive homes are capable of providing enough tax revenue to cover the cost of the additional children entering the school system. This leads to an important question, what about affordable housing and do we as a town have a responsibility to provide such housing to a growing population?

There are valid concerns within our community that cannot be overlooked. We must not prevent individuals who are counting on their land as their 401k from realizing that investment. Farmers are the largest landowners and the people most reliant on development for their retirement income. We are all aware of the struggles small farmers in Vermont face. Even in these difficult situations there are options beyond the status quo. One program, The Qroe Farm Preservation Development, offers alternatives to the farming community. This program offers farmers the opportunity to secure their financial future while securing Vermont's farms for generations to come. Some of the benefits include the elimination of real estate tax on the farmer or landowner, housing for a range of income levels, and maintaining open space or an operating farm.

There are many decisions to be made. The important thing to remember is that we the townspeople of Hinesburg have many options and the ability to determine our own fate. We are not bound to only one way to grow. We should explore our options and make the best decisions for the entire community. The one luxury we do not have is time. Our population is growing and Hinesburg is the next logical step for a development boom, and I like many others, would like for our town to retain its rural qualities.

Please take the time to learn more about the options available to our town. For more information on the Qroe program go to www.qroefarm.com. Check out other information regarding sprawl at www.vlt.org or www.earthinstitute.org and look at the costs of growth in Vermont.



News from The Fire Department

By Steve Gutierrez and Greg Munsell

The members of the Hinesburg Fire Department want to make sure we can easily find you in case of an emergency at your home. We are offering an inexpensive way for you to help us.

With only approximately \$10 from you, we will provide a 100% reflective sign to be posted at your residence. The sign has a green plate and your house numbers are white. You may have seen these types of signs around town already. For residences with driveways, we will have inexpensive posts available. We will install the post and sign at your residence for you to guarantee it will be in a highly visible position for responding fire, police, and rescue personnel.

We feel this program will greatly reduce our response times to your home when you call for our assistance. The Hinesburg Fire Department will profit approximately \$1 from each sale. These signs will be available starting April 17, 2005 at our open house. Hope to see you there!"

HINESBURG RECREATION

DEPARTMENT NEWS



By Jennifer McCuin

Greetings from the Recreation Office! As I sit and write this article, the sun is shining and it's a balmy 30 degrees. After such a cold stretch, today the promise of spring doesn't seem quite so far away. It's amazing how much positive energy is generated with one beautiful day in February. Speaking of

sunshine and warmer temperatures, Spring Sports sign-ups are happening now.

Spring Sports Schedule

The following is a tentative Spring Sport Schedule, which is subject to change due to coaches' availability. Although it seems early to be thinking of spring sports, I encourage people to sign up. Also, anyone interested in helping coach t-ball, baseball, softball, or lacrosse, please contact me at the Recreation Office 482-4691. Recreation and youth sports are only possible due to our volunteer coaches.

I am really hoping for someone to coordinate the Little League. For the last two years, Hinesburg youths who wanted to play Little League joined the Charlotte team because there weren't enough people to form a team and we weren't able to find coaches. If you are interested in coaching, please contact me. (Continued on the next page.)

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Registrations are due March 18. After March 18, there will be a \$10 late fee. Sign up by mail or stop by the Town Hall. The mailing address is P.O. Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Registration forms are outside the Recreation Office. Simply fill out the form, and drop it in the box on the table or on my desk, along with a check made out for the appropriate amount payable to Hinesburg Recreation Department (HRD). Our Spring Season begins the week of April 25, weather permitting.

Lacrosse (Tentative Days and Times)

Registration Fee is \$30. All practices are at Lyman Park.
Boys Grades 5-6—Tuesday and Thursday, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Girls Grades 5-8—Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Boys Grades 7-8—Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

Registration Fee is \$15.
Tee Ball (Grades K-1)—Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at HCS Field.
Farm League (Grades 2-3)—Monday and Wednesday, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at HCS Field.
Little League (Grades 4-6)—Days and times to be announced.

Softball

Registration Fee is \$15. All practices are at Lyman Park.
Softball Minors (Grades 2-3)—Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Softball Majors (Grades 4-6)—Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Other Recreation Offerings

Tai Chi

A new session of Tai Chi begins on March 10, continuing on Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for six weeks. The cost is \$40.

Strength Training

We are also offering Strength Training with Lee Huselbos on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$60 for six sessions.

Jazzercise

Jazzercise continues on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, 12 classes for \$55. Call the Recreation Office anytime for information about registering or questions about the classes.

Financial Planning Workshop

This four-week workshop will give you the tools to improve and better understand your current investment program or will help you begin a new one. Some areas covered will include investments, and minimizing tax liability. Damon Kinzie of Smith Barney will instruct this worthwhile class.

When: Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m., March 2, 9, 16, and 23

Where: Community Room at the Carpenter-Carse Library
 Fee: \$15 made payable to Damon Kinzie, but please register at the Recreation Office.

Dance and Movement Class for Three to Five Year Olds

Elise Doner of Busy Feet School of Dance will offer another session of this wonderful class as a creative outlet for youngsters with lots of singing, dancing, and great music!

It will meet for six Tuesdays beginning April 5 through May 10 from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the Town Hall. Cost is \$45. Please register through the Recreation Office.

After School Enrichment classes for March and April

Cooking with Michelle Fisher

Michelle Fisher will conduct this after-school class that will explore new kid-friendly recipes, ranging from ethnic offerings, family meals, breakfast, and desserts. This will be an enriching experience for your child and maybe the whole family! The class includes all of the cooking ingredients.

Who: Grades 3-5 (Maximum of eight participants)
 When: Tuesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5
 Where: Living Arts Room at HCS
 Fee: \$45

Creating with Clay

Learn new clay techniques and improve upon those you know. You will have fun making a variety of things, from

creatures to containers. What a fun way to spend an afternoon.

Who: Grades 5-8—March 2, 9, 16 & 23
 Grades 2-4—March 30, April 6, 13 and 27
 Where: The Art Room
 Fee: \$30

Team Dance

Jazzercise introduces kids to three forms of skills—tumbling, dance, and cheerleading. They will combine these elements into a “routine” to be performed at the end of the session.

Who: Grades 2-8
 Where: Cindy Fay’s room
 When: Tuesdays, March 2 through April 5, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.
 Fee: \$50

Techno Kids with Matt Kihm

Here’s an introduction computer class that allows kids to go deep inside the computer components, have fun with games, and dabble in some internet safety.

Who: Grades 2-4
 Where: Computer Lab at HCS
 When: Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$25

T4C (Technology for Children) with Matt Kihm

Another introduction computer class, but focused on fifth through eighth graders who will have the opportunity to experience some digital photography, some basic photo editing, as well as some internet safety.

Who: Grades 5-8
 When: March 29, April 5, 12, and 26, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$40
 All registration and payment is through the Recreation Office.

American Red Cross Babysitting Course

Conducted by the Vermont Red Cross, this class offers certification for youths ten years old and over. This course offers certification in baby-sitting skills and safety. It will include a handbook and first aid kit for each student to keep. It is strongly recommended that all participants have the maturity and interest to make this a beneficial experience. There is a ten participant maximum.

Who: Grades 5-8 (must be at least ten years old)
 When: March 22, 23 and 24 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m.
 Where: The Spanish Room
 Fee: \$45. Please register through the Recreation Office, but make the check payable to American Red Cross.

Look for more spring programs in April when your Recreation Brochure comes in the mail. I hope cabin fever is not setting in yet...be patient, notice that the days are getting longer, get out for a walk and THINK SPRING!

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LEGISLATIVE

U P D A T E

Buster Visits Hinesburg Family, Gets Busted by PBS

By Hinesburg Representative Bill Lippert

Now I have to tell you, when I was called at the Statehouse by a reporter for my reaction to the news that the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) had pulled the “Vermont” episode of “Postcards from Buster,” I had no idea who Buster was or what this PBS program was all about. And I wasn’t at all sure just why they were calling me for comment.

I still haven’t seen Buster. 3:30 p.m. isn’t prime TV time for our household. Apparently it is for many families with young children. By now, however, I’ve learned that Buster is an animated bunny who flies around the country with his animated father, in an animated airplane, to visit real families, sharing live-action video footage of his visits with diverse families.

Apparently Buster made a visit to Hinesburg last March during sugaring season. Now who wouldn’t want a feature about maple sugaring, children and a Hinesburg, Vermont family to be shared with other families all across America? PBS’s national administration, and President Bush’s newly appointed Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings. That’s who!

PBS decided not to distribute the Vermont “Sugartime” episode of Postcards from Buster to about 350 stations across the country after objections from, among others, President Bush’s newly appointed Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings. She didn’t think families across America would want their children exposed to “this type of material,” and further demanded that PBS return the federal funds with which the episode was produced.

As my stand-up comedian legislative colleague suggested, “What are they objecting to? Maple sugaring?!”

No, one more time, homophobia—prejudice toward and fear of lesbian and gay people—has reared its ugly head, and this time allowed censorship to take place. All because the two Hinesburg and Charlotte families featured in “Sugartime” both had two mothers, lesbian women living together and raising their children.

Once I learned of PBS’s censorship and the Secretary of Education’s prejudicial attitudes, of course I expressed my outrage. And to learn that one of the families involved was from Hinesburg—that just burned all the worse that they would censor one of our very own families.

Was commenting on the Postcards from Buster episode the central part of my legislative work during the past several weeks? I had more than enough to do already, but I did take the time to have a letter denouncing their censorship directed to Secretary Spellings and national PBS, signed by the Speaker of

the House, the President Pro Tem of the Senate and at least 60 of my legislative colleagues. And I did draft a letter, too, to Vermont Public Television commending them on their decision to broadcast the “Sugartime” episode on March 23, on a video feed from WGBH Boston where the program originates.

This was done amidst my new legislative responsibility of chairing the House Judiciary Committee where we were reviewing a Foreign Language Interpreter’s Bill granting protection from being forced to provide witness testimony in courts, studying a bill enhancing penalties for Neglect and Abuse of Vulnerable Adults in nursing homes and residential settings, and looking for solutions to prison overcrowding.

Writing to Secretary Spellings was also done amidst chairing the Judicial Retention Committee, where we held interviews with eight district and superior court judges, and the four Vermont Supreme Court Justices (there is one vacancy)—and held two public hearings. Our retention proceedings are to determine if each judge or justice should be granted another six year term.

Interestingly, in the public hearing for the Supreme Court Justices, some members of the public were still upset by the Court’s 1999 “Baker decision” granting constitutional protections for the first time in the United States to lesbian and gay couples, and leading to the legislative establishment of Civil Unions. If you saw the hearing broadcast on Vermont Public Television last Thursday, you witnessed the fervor from some of the opposition to the “Baker” justice’s retention.

Of course, that too explains why the newspapers called me for comment on Buster and his visit to Hinesburg. Together, many of us have stood proud as Civil Unions were created for lesbian and gay couples, and homophobia was opposed. Together you and I and Hinesburg have been leading the way to the creation of a fully welcoming and fully just society. Karen, Gillian and their children have made their home in Hinesburg, and deserve to be fully welcomed here in our community.

Thanks to Karen and Gillian for their willingness to share their family with America. Thanks too for your ongoing support for me in my work in the legislature. You just never know where the next opportunity or challenge will present itself. Working together, supporting each other, we will all keep on moving forward.

Let’s all be sure to watch on March 23 and celebrate when Buster visits Hinesburg and finds out all about sugaring—and families and love for our children—all right here in Hinesburg!

Learning the Ropes, Hitting the Floor

By Representative Scott A. Orr

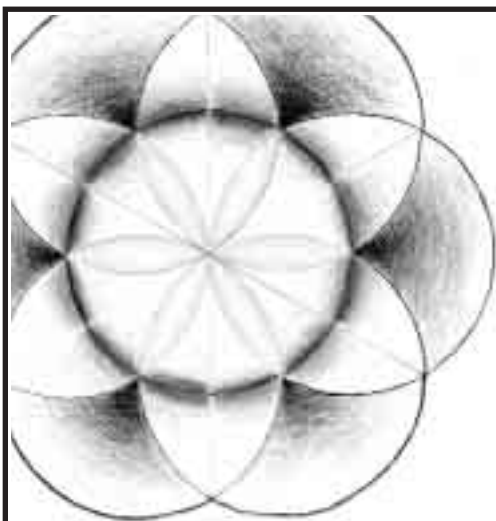
We’re now nearly to the middle of our second month of the session in Montpelier, and after weeks of working in committees, we are beginning to get a little more time on the floor of the House. As the session progresses, the balance of time shifts heavily, from the committee rooms to the House floor, but for now we are still cloistered in our respective rooms most days. In these past couple weeks, we’ve only really had three days with serious time on the floor, but the business at hand was some rather important stuff for this point in the session.

In the first major action in the House for this session, we took up the 2005 Budget Adjustment bill, which addresses what additional funding state government needs to finish out the fiscal year, ending June 30. I’m told this bill was being considered a bit earlier than most years. While the budget adjustment doesn’t have a lot of glorious parts for me to report on, it is worth noting that of the nearly \$34 million total, \$19 million of that is required to shore-up Medicaid for now. The Medicaid deficit is the one issue which looms over all others this year, and I’ll have much more to report on this matter in future columns.

On February 8-9, the House took on the issue of prescription drug costs, as we considered the Senate bill, S. 49, which would compel the Administration to enroll Vermont in the I-SaveRx program, and allow Vermonters to buy prescription drugs from Canada and Europe. This program involves a buying pool, begun in Illinois, and includes Wisconsin, Missouri, and Kansas. After several unsuccessful Republican attempts at amending the bill further, the legislation still received strong bi-partisan support passing on a 129-8 vote. This version passed by the House did include changes, recommended by the House Health Care Finance Committee, to the original Senate version. If the Senate approves of the House version, then the bill goes to the Governor, who has indicated his willingness to sign it into law. This is the first step towards effectively dealing with the state’s health care crisis and keeps the commitment made at the beginning of the session to send such a bill to the Governor before Town Meeting Day. While this is a very good move forward, it is only the beginning of the work that needs to be done on health care during this year, and next.

With both, the Budget Adjustment Bill and the prescription drug bill, I experienced my first relatively lengthy debates on the House floor. As I mentioned before, during these first few weeks of the session, legislators have been spending most of our time in our respective committees, and very little time on the floor of the House. As a new member, I’ve felt rather walled-off from many of the other members. So, while many veteran legislators, as well as some freshmen, grumbled during the floor debate at the amount of time we were spending on amendments and procedural motions, some of us new folks found the time on the floor to be a good opportunity to try and recognize several members whom we have not really even met over the past five weeks. We sat there with our Legislative Directories and House seating charts, figuring out the names of some of these faces we pass in the hallways each day. I’ve been assured, by long-time members, that we’ll have plenty of time on the floor, in the coming weeks, to get to know everyone better.

As always, you can get in touch with me most reliably by e-mail at, repsscottorr@yahoo.com, or by phone at the Statehouse, 1-800-322-5616, or at home, 425-2257.



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Village Studio Opens Its Doors

By Laura Wisniewski

The Village Studio, in the village of Hinesburg, will hold an open studio on Saturday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Village Studio is the new home of three different healing practices: EveryBody's Massage, Tree of Life Center, and Beecher Hill Yoga.

The open studio will allow visitors to meet the three health practitioners and to see their newly renovated space. Refreshments will be available and anyone booking an appointment that day will receive a 20% discount.

The Village Studio was started by Lee Hemingway, a Hinesburg resident and graduate of Touchstone Healing Arts. It is located in the lime green house on Route 116, directly across from Good Times Café. EveryBody's Massage is Lee's massage therapy practice. Lee offers exfoliation, deep tissue and relaxation massage as well as chair massage on and off-site.

Catherine Durand of Bristol is founder of Tree of Life Center. She practices Healing Touch, Energetic Medicine and Traditional-Tibetan-Mongolian Healing Techniques.

Laura Wisniewski, director and founder of Hinesburg's Beecher Hill Yoga, offers community and workplace Yoga Classes. She practices Yoga Massage, Private Yoga Instruction, and Therapeutic Yoga at the Village Studio.

Lee, Catherine and Laura will be available to meet and talk with visitors, answer questions and share information and literature about their practices. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about these three women and to take some time out in a calm, nurturing environment.

Human Hand Gallery & Studio

Human Hand Gallery & Studio located in the foothills of the beautiful Champlain Valley, on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, VT is housed in the old Ferrisburgh Depot Building. The gallery exudes old world charm combined with new world art. Our gallery is nurturing young, unknown, grassroots talent and exposing them to non-artists, people who have never picked up a paint brush! We provide a warm welcoming environment for all. We host over 30 local Vermont artists and have a personal relationship with each. This outreach to artists is extended to our community and public. We offer art which is tangible and affordable! We do this by offering the lowest commission rate and a non-juried applicant process. We give our artists the opportunity to get out of their barns and basements and onto the gallery floor! We provide classes in glass, ceramics, textiles, and paint to all ages. We have also reached out to our local schools to provide sliding scale rates for children and teens that are interested but can not afford to take our classes. Human Hand Gallery has a very busy summer ahead. We host internships for college students from around the country, thematic summer art camps for children and teens, our annual summer opening, art demonstrations, and fun filled art activities. Please join us in our efforts to bring artists and their art together with our communities and our world!

Human Hand Gallery & Studio, 5359 Route #7, Ferrisburgh, VT 05456, (802) 877-3333, www.humanhandgallery.com

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Even award winning directories make mistakes. In the new 2005 Champlain Valley Telecom directory, the Hinesburg Community page (page 10 in the green section) contains Richmond phone numbers instead of Hinesburg numbers. Along with the directory, you will receive a new page 10. Simply attach this page to the existing one. To print a new page 10, visit www.wcvt.com/newpage10. Champlain Valley Telecom apologizes for this inconvenience.

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Trustee Meetings

The Carpenter-Carse Library's Board of Trustees meet at the library at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month; exceptions to this schedule are posted in advance at the Hinesburg Post Office and at the Town Clerk's Office. Meetings are open to the public.

Book Discussion Groups

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group which meets monthly in readers' homes. The March 3 selection is *The Master Butcher's Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich.

On April 13, we will discuss Sena Jeter Naslund's *Four Spirits*. The May selection is *A Painted House* by John Grisham. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

Please phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on meeting locations.

Storytime News

Toddler Storytimes (up to three years of age) are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, March 1 and March 15. Walk-ins are welcome.

A Bread and Jam for Frances Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. for ages three and up. The book by Russell Hoban is a lovely classic. Frances sings "Jam on biscuits, jam on toast, jam is the thing that I love most" about her favorite food. She eats it to the exclusion of everything else for all three meals and snacks. However, after six servings in two days she has had enough. She finally realizes that too much of a good thing is not good. We will provide the snack: bread with jam or jam on toast and a juice drink.

Pre-registration requested.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Ahern, Cecilia, *Rosie Dunn*
Bradford, Barbara Taylor, *Unexpected Blessings*
Card, Orson Scott, *Speaker for the Dead*
Cornwell, Bernard, *The Last Kingdom*
Davies, Katharine, *The Madness of Love*
Flagg, Fannie, *A Redbird Christmas: a novel*
Gordon, Mary, *Pearl*
Gregory, Philippa, *The Virgin's Lover*
Grisham, John, *The Broker*
Haigh, Jennifer, *Baker Towers*
McCall Smith, Alexander, *At the Villa of Reduced Circumstances*

McCall Smith, Alexander, *The Finer Points of Sausage Dogs*
Robinson, Marilynne, *Housekeeping*

Adult Nonfiction

Armstrong, Lance, *The Noblest Invention*
Eisner, Thomas, *For the Love of Insects*
Gladwell, Malcolm, *Blink! The power of thinking without thinking*
Grandin, Temple, *Animals in Translation*
Husher, Helen, *A View from Vermont*
Oz, Amos, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*
Persico, Joseph, *Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour*
Schneider, Sally, *A New Way to Cook*
Sherman, Joe, *Gasp: the swift and terrible beauty of air*
**Visit the library to view a list of recent acquisitions of juvenile and young adult materials.
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Math Really Does Count!

Melissa Henson

On Saturday, February 12, 2005 select students from the 7th and 8th grades at Hinesburg Community School attended the Mathcounts competition at UVM. While most other Hinesburg residents built snowmen and went ice skating at the town's winter carnival, the students attending Mathcounts were furiously solving intricate mathematical problems and equations. This year



Hinesburg's Varsity Mathcounts team. From left to right Tom Eddy, Melissa Henson, Colleen Fairchild and Christine Piper

there were two teams and one alternate competing from HCS. The varsity team consisted of Christine Piper, Tom Eddy, Melissa Henson and Colleen Fairchild. The junior varsity team members were Tess Keller, Ben Martin, Andrew Ciroux and Seamus Mawe. The alternate was Cullen Millikin. They were worked very hard to prepare for Saturday and their efforts paid off.

Upon arriving on Saturday, students met their coaches, Ms. Duryea and Mrs. Piper, to complete registrations. They grouped together to wish each other well and review some last minute details to make sure they were as ready as possible. Shortly afterwards the students began the sprint round. The sprint round is forty minutes long consists of thirty problems and calculators are not allowed. After the sprint round, students took a short break before proceeding to the target round. The target round consists of four sets of two problems with short breaks between sets. For each set of two problems students have six minutes to solve them. Calculators are allowed during this round. Sprint round questions are worth one point each while each target round question is worth two points. After the sprint round and another short break the teams commenced the team round. Calculators are again allowed, as well as talking. The whole team works together to complete ten problems. Each correct problem is worth two points. The individual scores are based on the

School Daze

sprint and target rounds; while the team score is based on the average individual score and the team rounds.

Students who did well enough individually were accepted into the countdown round, the final event of the day. This year Christine Piper was the eighth highest scoring individual out of more than 150 and made it to the countdown round. In the countdown round the top twelve individual scorers compete against each other in a tournament format. The students compete two at a time. They sit at a table with buzzers and after the problem is displayed on the overhead projector, the first one to answer correctly gets a point. The person who gets two out of three questions correct wins. That is unless you are in the semifinals or finals. Then you have to get three points to win. This year's countdown was particularly interesting because Felix Wu - the ninth highest scorer - unseated the top scorer to win the countdown round.

All countdown participants and the four top scoring teams and those teams with top scoring individuals are asked to compete in the state competition at VTC in Randolph on March 26. Hinesburg will be attending providing the team isn't away for Easter.

Welcome Ms. Birkhimer

Cassidy Maglaris and Natasha Irish

The Students on the Infinity team are welcoming their newest teacher, Ms. Birkhimer, but they have had to temporarily say good bye to their original teacher, Mrs. Spaulding. We know that Mrs. Spaulding doesn't wish to be gone but she is gone because she has a new priority in her life. Mrs. Spaulding has welcomed a brand new baby girl to the world and the baby is adorable. Her name is Corinna. Mrs. Spaulding says that she misses the Infinity team and that she is looking forward to coming back.

The good news is that Ms. Birkhimer is Mrs. Spaulding's substitute while she is out on maternity leave. Kids on the Infinity team had the following things to say about Ms. Birkhimer being their new teacher. "She is very different than Mrs. Spaulding", Liam Brennan said. "She's different but just as good", said Nick Hart. "I like her, she's cool", Nick Race says. Kady Kilbride says, "I think she is a very good teacher". "I think she's a great teacher", says Mariah DiPasquale. Tracey Mawer, a teacher at the school, thinks Ms. Birkhimer is a wonderful addition to the middle school. "She has fresh ideas and she brings years of experience to the students." Ms. Birkhimer has previously taught in Los Angeles and in refugee camps in Bosnia before coming to Vermont.

Science Rules

By Katie Emerson and Kaity Kenyon

On Wednesday, February 2nd, Hinesburg Community schools 7th and 8th graders showed off their science fair projects in the annual HCS Science Fair. The science fair was open for parents and the community Wednesday night from 7:00 to 8:15. Younger students had a chance to visit with their class during the last two periods of the school day. The fair was set up in the middle school classrooms with a different field of science in each room. The fields



Bryden McKenna is front of his gold medal winning project

that were represented were physics, psychology, biology, earth science and chemistry.

Students had worked on their projects for several months learning about the scientific process. The students had to identify a question and develop an experiment with dependent and independent variables. Most experiments were done over a long period of time with multiple subjects teaching the importance of repetition to get the most accurate results. Once all of the data were collected and the hypothesis was proved right or wrong came the write-up. The final piece was the display for the fair. A lot of energy and artistic talent went into the beautiful display boards that were seen on Wednesday night, which made everything more festive.

At the end of the day, a group of judges, who were science teachers and scientist from Vermont awarded gold and silver medals and honorable mentions to the best projects in each field. This part is very exciting and uniqueness really counts. Winners had unusual topics that were done thoroughly, leaving no unanswered questions even after the experiments were over. The gold medal winners were Ben Martin, 'In One Ear and Out the Other';

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Tim Fournier, 'Pulling Pounds'; Tom Eddy, 'It's Not Rocket Science'; Brayden McKenna, 'Iron-Copper Battle 2 Corrode'; Katie Dooley, 'Flying Hooves' and Christine Piper, 'Give a Hoot- Don't Pollute'. These students will have the chance to go to the state science fair in Montpelier and compete against students in grades 7-12 from schools throughout Vermont.

Boy's A and B Teams Recent Basketball Wins and Loses

By Taylor Giroux

It has been a great year for the A and B boy's basketball teams. Each team has a lot of talented players



Jake Genolt goes in for a layup after a steal against Lyman C Hunt

including Dean Priest, Zeke Haskins, Nick Hart, Chris Boutin, Mike Conley, Liam Brennan, Cody Lee, and many more. One of their recent games was at home against Lyman C. Hunt from Burlington in which both A and B teams played well but finally lost. Lyman C Hunt had tough teams but Hinesburg tried their hardest.

The very next day they bounced back against Mt. Abe. The B team won by a score of 28 to 19. It was a great game. The A team also played well and came away with a win.

Then, the day after that, HCS played Frederick Tuttle Middle School from South Burlington. The B team lost by a score of 45 to 14. Again, the team played hard and tough. The A team played and lost by about 15 points.

Very recently HCS played Mt. Abe for a second time and lost by 1 point - 31 to 30.

It has been a respectable season for both the A and B boy's teams and everyone had a lot of fun.

Movie Review of "The Village"

By Justin LaPoint

M. Night Shyamalan directed a great movie, 'The Village'. The setting is an old colonial times village surrounded by woods with a very small population. The townsfolk are plagued by evil creatures in the woods surrounding the village. The creatures do not like the color red, and they bury flowers and such with that color. The men of the village paint watchtowers and poles on the edge of the town with the color yellow, the believed to be "safe color". The people and the creatures live together in harmony, the people do not stray into the woods, and the creatures stay out of their town.

The main characters of this story are a man, a mentally challenged man, and a blind woman. The man is played by Joaquin Phoenix, a popular actor. Bryce Dallas Howard plays the blind woman named Ivy Walker, and Adrien Brody plays the mentally challenged man. Most of this movie is a secret that pieces together as you watch. The village people settled in that village because they were troubled by the evils of the world, and the elders have a secret that only they know.

This movie got excellent reviews by many people, and it was a box office hit along with other amazing movies by M. Night Shyamalan. This movie is probably more suitable for older ages; it is not for kids under ten. This movie will lead you through scary moments, twists and turns, and a great love story between Lucius Hunt, played by Joaquin Phoenix, and Ivy Walker. Overall to me, this is a great movie for thrills and older ages.

Be a Buddy

Katie Longshore

Every week seventh and eighth graders are given one period to read for 45 minutes. It is required for each student to read 625 pages a quarter. This class gives the students that don't have a chance to read at home an opportunity to read and accomplish this goal. However, some students read a lot already, as many as 2,000 pages a quarter. These students obviously do not need time in class to read. "SSR is great, but I don't need this extra time to read", says Owen Smith an eighth grader at Hinesburg.

So, as an alternative some of the students get to help out with some of the kindergartners. Big Buddies help kindergartners behind in math catch up with the rest of the class. They spend 30-45 minutes twice a week with students who need the extra help. They learn basic math skills like learning their numbers from one to twenty, adding, subtracting and writing numbers. They play games to help reinforce math concepts. My Buddy's favorite game is making animals out of blocks and then

counting them to see how many she used," says one buddy. Buddies teach kindergartners math through games such as pulling blocks out of a bag then counting them, making animals out of blocks then counting to see how many blocks it took to make the animal, and also using real life situations in which counting may occur.

Everything that the Buddies do is confidential. Big Buddies are not allowed to tell their friends who their buddy is. The only people that check up on the kindergartener's learning process with the older Buddy is the classroom teacher and Nancy Pollack, the school's Math Coordinator. They look at progress and make sure every kindergartener is improving.

So far it has been a success and the program is expecting to involve more seventh and eighth graders to help kindergartners learn. To get involved students can contact Nancy Pollack for more information.

Camelot

Jacob Gevalt

On April 1st and 2nd, students grades 5 through 8 will be performing 'Camelot' in the HCS Gymnasium. The play, written by Alan Jay Lerner, is the story of King Arthur, his marital problems with Guenivere, and his friendship with gallant Sir Lancelot. 'Camelot', the castle in which the play takes place, is depicted in *The Once and Future King*, by T.H. White, about which the fantasy genre has been formed.

Tryouts, the most difficult and nerve-racking part of the Drama Club experience, were held in early January and over 50 people will be performing this year. The talent at HCS turned out to sing, dance and act, all alone in front of their peers and a panel of adults. Everyone was brave enough to make it through each area. Those who wanted to audition for a major role, chose their favorite character and practiced their lines to perfection. Although the popular roles were Arthur, Guenivere, Lancelot and Pelimore, students didn't show negative energy, and accepted whatever they got with grace.

Rehearsals have started, and students can be seen practicing lines in their spare moments, and the tune of "Camelot", a very famous ditty, will be heard often as the weeks wear on. As soon as basketball ends, the gym will be open for drama every day, and the stage will be set for large scale, full cast rehearsals. Drama is a very fun experience, but requires a great deal of work down the stretch. Sets must be made, costumes tailored and each scene must be choreographed in great detail. To organize all of these activities, Hinesburg has turned to Joanne Frymore, who has directed the HCS plays for the past two years. Pam Miller and Rufus Patrick will organize music again this year, continuing years of loyalty and hard work that have made all HCS plays entertaining and fun for all who take part.

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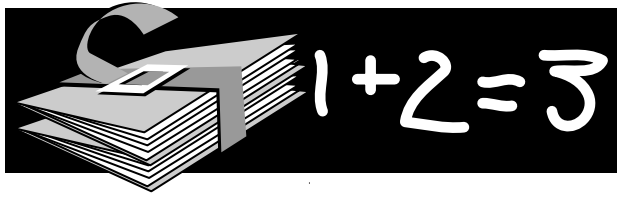
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Compiled by Denise Giroux

HCS Calendar

March

- 7: PTO Meeting, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center, Childcare provided
- 8: Math Methods for Parents, grades 1 and 2, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Music Room
- 10: Family Math Playtime, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., HCS cafeteria
- 15: Math Methods for Parents, grades 3 and 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Music Room
- 19: Annual School Budget Vote Meeting, 9:00 a.m., HCS gym
- 21: In-service, Half day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal

April

- 10: Annual Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., cafeteria
- 14, 15: Parent Conferences, Half days of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- 18-22: Spring Vacation, No school
- 25: School Resumes

General School News

by Donna Hale, Principal

Literacy Coordinator

Betsy Knox, Literacy Coordinator, has been working with students and teachers to improve reading comprehension and effective writing. We are very proud to announce that we have classes and students who have published their writing! Mrs. Smith's class published a nonfiction magazine called, *The Kids' Super World News Flash*. This magazine includes reports and illustrations from her first and second graders. The Vermont Council on Reading publishes a journal four times a year. Betsy Knox is on the Executive Board. Mrs. O'Brien, a first/second grade teacher wrote an article on writing personal narratives for this journal. Four students: Andrew Brown, Daniel Ashe, Shane Hanlon and Trent Smith have their work published in it. Mrs. Knox submitted an article for the journal titled, "Writers in Action!" in which she wrote about the writing instruction in Ms. Lass' first/second grade class. Her article was about students writing narratives. Students Taylor, Rachel and Cooper shared their stories in the journal. We are proud of all of the writing and learning going on at HCS in all grades! Thanks go to Mrs. Knox (Continued on the next page.)

Carpenter-Carse Library

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Upcoming Events

A Voluntary Simplicity Course created by the Vermont Earth Institute has begun. Join us this winter for some lively community discussion on a timely topic. The VEI course is a multi-session, small group study circle based on course book readings edited by the Northwest Earth Institute. The course is offered free of charge. A reference copy of the course book will be available to read at the library. If you are interested in joining the group mid-session, please call the library for more information, 482-2878.

Thursday, March 17, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. YA Book Selection Group. Avid readers meet to discuss and select "teen" books for the library. Newcomers welcome! Refreshments served. Contact Janet at 482-2978 or email, janetsoutiere@yahoo.co

Saturday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. Music from French-Speaking Lands presented by Vermont-based musician Samantha Moffatt. Liven up a mud season weekend with this special program. Families are welcome to join us for a spirited musical trip to France, the island of Guadeloupe and Quebec via the traditional music, songs, rhythms and dances that have animated these places for generations. Expect to hear hammered dulcimer, accordion, djembe drum and jiggling foot percussion. Audience participation is welcome! Please call the library to register: 482-2878.

Mother-Daughter Book Discussion Group

The Mother Daughter Book Discussion Group is a great opportunity for girls in grades three through six and their moms (or other important women in their lives) to read and discuss books in a casual setting.

The group will meet the first Saturday of the month (March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4) at 11:00 a.m. at the Library to discuss the following books:

The Children of Green Knowe by L.M. Boston

Love, Ruby Lavender by Deborah Wiles
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff
The Doll People by Ann M. Margaret

Please sign up by calling Janet, 482-2878. Copies of the book for each discussion will be available the previous month.

A Display Case

Patrons who have visited the library in recent weeks have passed through a warm new interior vestibule and noticed the addition of a handsome new display case near the front entrance. The beautiful new cherry case was completed in early winter by MACG Inc. and funded by our wonderful Friends of the Library group. We will now be able to exhibit art objects, collectors' items from private collections, special old volumes and more! Please contact Sue Barden at the library if you have an idea for a display. Though we are still experimenting with the best use of the case, we anticipate changing the contents more or less monthly.

We thank Karl Novak for lending us toys for the February/March Victorian Village and Military Bands display. Hurry on down to the library post haste if you have not seen these yet! We look forward to a display of all things Irish later in March.

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for her leadership; thanks also go to classroom teachers for their knowledge and teaching of good writing.

Mrs. Knox has also modeled for our fifth and sixth grade students how to read informational text and how to use the "painted essay format" to write a response to text. As a class, students read an article about Martin Luther King, discussed it and then wrote a response using the format. Mrs. Knox presented her work with these students at a Network Leaders meeting sponsored by the State Department of Education. We are pleased that our students are learning higher level skills in reading and writing and that our work is a model for others! Kudos goes to Mrs. Knox and our fifth and sixth grade students.

Science Fair

Congratulations also go to our seventh and eighth grade teachers and students for their hard work in the Science Fair. Please note a list of those students who received gold, silver and honorable mentions. While some students received special recognition, this was an excellent learning opportunity for all students. Students who did well in our school will have the opportunity to participate in the State Science Fair scheduled for this spring. Historically, our students have performed very well at the State level—we'll keep you posted.

Students winning medals were as follows: Gold: Tom Eddy, Tim Fournier, Brayden McKenna, Christine Piper, Katie Dooley and Ben Martin. Silver: Sam Parent, Liam Brennan, Tim Mitchell, Seamus Mawe, Peter Neu, Becca Donaldson, Owen Smith, Ben Soll, Hilary Whitney, Katrina Wilson, Georgia Cota, Katie Iadanza, Jared Boudreau, Leanna Muroski, Colleen Fairchild and Lindsey Desimone. Honorable Mention: Ian Lampman, Trevor Emmons, Chris Palmer, Kyle Doherty, Tess Keller, Bob Pelletier, Maria Sengle, Kristian Brownbridge, Jacob Gevalt, Meghan Lynn, Ethan Linck and Melissa Henson.

Last year, we sent fifteen seventh and eighth graders to the State Fair. Eleven of these students received medals at the state competition!

Principal Search

The Board made their decision about the next principal for Hinesburg Community School in February. However, it was not ready for announcement in time for the publication deadline. It will be announced in the next issue of the Hinesburg Record, April 2.

School Budget 2005-2006

The annual school budget meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. Babysitting is available. We hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting. The Annual School Report will be delivered to each resident in early March.

PTO News and Events

Donut Sale a Success!

The PTO would like to report that the Krispy Kreme Donut sale was a success. There were 625 dozen delicious donuts delivered fresh from Medford, Massachusetts on the morning of February 5 and then distributed to all of the local buyers. The PTO made a profit of approximately \$2,200 from this fundraiser. Many thanks go to the students, office staff and volunteers who helped to make this fundraiser go so smoothly, and to all of the community who purchased donuts and made contributions. Thank you for your support!

Pancake Breakfast

The PTO will host its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 10, from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The price for this delicious breakfast will be \$6 for

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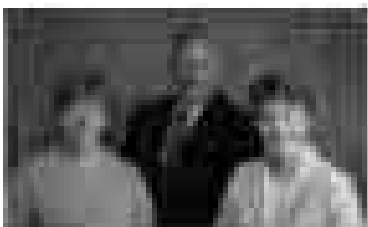
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adults and \$3.50 for children four to 12 years of age. Many volunteers will also be needed for this event. If you can help in any way, please contact Sheri Hanlon at 482-2479 or Denise Giroux at 482-3212. Come and join us for this fun family event!

Math Methods for Parents

Math Methods for Parents will continue its program on March 8 with Geometry for first and second grade parents, and on March 15 with Algebra for parents of third and fourth graders. Both sessions will take place in Cindy Fay's Music Room from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Nancy Pollack at 482-6260, ext 151.

Second Quarter Honor Rolls

Dream Team	Galaxy Team	Infinity Team
High Honors Bob Pelletier Owen Smith Jonathan Mills Leanna Muroski Honors Emily Daigle Maria Sengle Catherine Longshore Katie Iadanza Lindsey DeSimone Alex Hennessey Amber Jaro Erik Roomet Jeffrey Mercia Isaiah Cory Jake Sienkiewicz Hillary Boss Nicole Utter	High Honors Chelsea Beaulieu Ben Martin Rebecca Paskiet Anna Watts Hilary Whitney Honors Jared Boudreau Georgia Cota Rebecca Donaldson Thomas Eddy Colleen Fairchild Katherine Ford Timothy Fournier Ethan Linck Meghan Lynn Jackson Mercia Melissa Miller Cullen Millikin Hannah Turnbaugh Elias Wiczoreck Katrina Wilson	High Honors Cameron Breck Nick Hart Melissa Henson Tess Keller Tasha Kramer-Melnick Tegan Mahoney Benjamin Soll Katie Dooley Katie Emerson Honors Liam Brennan Mike Conley Mariah DiPasquale Ryan Fox Jacob Gevalt Justin LaPoint Brayden McKenna Tanner Munson Caitlin White

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 Nancy Pollack, Math Coordinator, 482-6260 ext. 151

February Reading Celebration

by Christine Varney, Library Media Specialist

During the month of February, students, staff and the families of HCS participated in the annual Hinesburg Reading Celebration. Students, with the help of their families, kept track of the amount of time they spent reading for fun. Our Hinesburg RIF Reader names were drawn from the returned tally sheets and these students won extra books! We also held a RIF Day and a week of school-wide silent reading periods. Several classes worked with reading buddies, others held RIF Teas, and many performed book skits at our RIF Reader Drawing assemblies. Students from all grades entered our daily book trivia contests and helped to build a trail of paper "book boots" marching in the hallways. It was a fun way to celebrate reading!

Book Buddies: Bringing HCS Students Together

By Betsy Knox, Literacy Coordinator

Twice a month the seventh and eighth grade students in Mr. Heney's and Ms. Duryea's classes gather together with first and second graders from Ms. Matthews' and Mrs. Barber's classrooms to share stories together. Since students have the same book buddies for two years, they have a chance to get to know each other and to form a bond of friendship. The range of literature is broad: from I-Spy books, to Magic Tree House, to nonfiction texts.

Sometimes the book buddies gather upstairs in the middle school wing. First and second graders get to see what the middle school looks like. Other times, the group meets in the primary wing. It is quite funny to see the middle school students squeeze into those primary size chairs.

Teachers see many benefits from this activity. Students get to interact with other members of our school community. All students benefit from one-on-one or small group reading time. Seventh and eighth grade students get a chance to shine, no matter what their reading level or academic challenges.

What do the students think? Here's what the book buddies say about reading with each other:

Robert Vanderheyden (seventh/eighth grader): I like teaching them to read. They know that someone cares about them.

Andrew Bortnick (first/second grader): It feels good to be read to by a middle school student. Robert helps me to read the Magic Tree House books. Robert reads most of it and I get to finish it.

Cody Lee (seventh/eighth grader): Reading with Ben is fun. He likes the I Spy books.

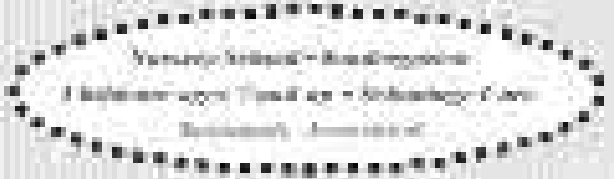
Ben Fox (first/second grader): We read fun stories. I like the I Spy books. Cody is a good reader.

Chelsea Beaulieu (seventh/eighth grader): I really like my buddy Allison. She is really nice and sweet. She is a good reader. It is fun to be with her.


Allison Henson (first/second grader): My book buddy Chelsea is funny. I know her well because she was my book buddy last year. *Baby Seal Pup* is a fun book to read.

Megan Lynn (seventh/eighth grader): It is really fun to be able to read with the first and second graders. They are good

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Book buddies Kate Ford (grade 7/8) and Hannah Martin (grade 1/2)

listeners. My book buddy Mary picks good books to read. We read *T'was the Night Before Christmas* together.

Mary LaBelle (first/second grader): We read books together. I like listening to *The Cat in the Hat*. Megan is a good reader.

I think you can see that the Book Buddy Program at HCS



Book buddies Cody Lee (grade 7/8) and Benjamin Fox (grade 1/2)

is fostering more than just literacy!

This program brings the student community together, promoting belonging, sharing, and caring. Thank you to the teachers and students who make this program so extremely successful.

When Winter Comes

By Emily Leffler,
a sixth grader in Miss Hopkin's Class

The wind blows through the trees
Sweeping away all the leaves
You can smell the frost in the air
It will sneak in through your open window
And bite you, so beware.

Dew freezes on the grass
And frost crunches beneath your feet
The weather is unpredictable:
Snow, rain, hail or sleet.

First the trees turn fiery red
The color of anger it is said
For the trees don't want to lose their leaves
When winter comes
And they begin to freeze.

Then winter comes and freezes the ground
And all the animals sleep safe and sound
But when we all go outside
We must dress heavily, for there is no place to hide

Most animals can hide
And most animals do
But I think winter is wonderful,
Don't you think so too?
Winter is beautiful, winter is fun
And when warm, wet spring comes,
Winter is done!



Book buddies Ethan Linck (grade 7/8) and Silas Crawford (grade 1/2)



Book buddies Keith Greenough (grade 7/8) and Madison Tolbrooke (grade 1/2)

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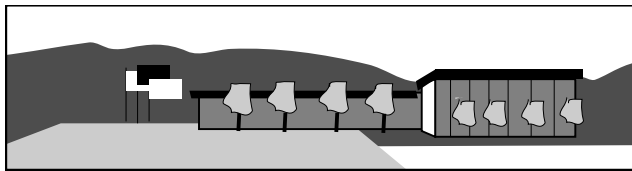
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- February:**
28: Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Room 106
March:
1: Voting – CVU Budget by Australian ballot, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hinesburg Town Hall.
3: Friends of CVU Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 130
4: Registration Deadline for April ACT
7: Access to CVU Spring Session Begins
8: Vermont IAJE Festival
10: Parents–Meet the Librarians, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
12: SAT Test Date
12: UNH Jazz Festival
14: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106
21: Spring Sports Tryouts
22: Concert—Band I, II, and III, 7:30 p.m.
23: Blood Drive
25: Registration Deadline for May SAT
28: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106
29-31: NSRE Testing
30-31: ? Day of School

CVU Annual Meeting – February 28

The CVU Annual Meeting will be held in Room 106 on Monday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. All voters in the district are encouraged to attend the meeting to find out more about the 2005-2006 school budget and the work that has been completed to address the building needs. The vote on the CVU budget will be held on Town Meeting Day, March 1, at local polling places in each of the four member towns.

Voters can also request absentee ballots from town clerks. Please be informed and vote!

Data & Dessert Evening for CVU Parents

**Thursday, March 10, 7-8:30
p.m. in the New CVU Library**

CVU Parents — please mark your calendars and join us in the CVU library on Thursday, March 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. for Data & Dessert! Tour the new library, meet librarians Jennifer Lucey and Ellen Arapakos, eat a sweet treat, and—most importantly—experience the research process in the 21st century.

We will be showcasing online information resources paid

through the school's budget and available to all CVU students (and families). Access the full text of articles from thousands of reputable newspapers, magazines, journals, and reference sources on a wide range of topics. Develop skills to support and guide your student's research in the Information Age.

Questions? Call Jennifer Lucey or Ellen Arapakos in the CVU library at 467-7125, or email to ellen@cvuhs.org or jenniferl@cvuhs.org.

Awards & Recognitions Math League

CVU's Math League finished in third place at the January meet in St. Albans. Essex and Burlington pulled way ahead of CVU early in the meet, so we were pleased with this finish. Rice and South Burlington High Schools were also ahead of us after the first three individual events. A strong showing by *Matt Koulouris*, *George Davis* and *Evan Dummit* in the last individual event put us ahead of Rice and South Burlington before the team round. Our team score was sufficiently high to hold onto third place.

Evan had perfect papers in the Geometry and Advanced Math categories and George had a perfect paper in Advanced Math.

Other team members who participated in the meet were: *Ariel Marcy*, *Nick Bohlen*, *Tom Dinitz*, *Paige Leenstra*, *Rob Delean*, *Katie O'Sullivan* and *Mairead Harris*.

Presidential Scholars

Eight students from this year's senior class were invited by the U.S. Department of Education to apply for the Presidential Scholarship. Annually 141 students are selected on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas – artistic and academic success, leadership, and involvement in school/community. Scholars are invited to Washington DC to participate in a National Recognition Week. *Jimmy Bresee*, *Evan Dummit*, *Anna Gevalt*, *Taylor Goller*, *Emily Harcourt*, *Mairead Harris*, *Averi Leahy*, and *Josh van Vliet* were invited to submit an application for this prestigious program. Semi-finalists will be selected in April and 141 scholars will be notified in May.

Burlington Tech Center

Congratulations to *Tim Marcotte*. Tim was recognized by the Burlington Tech Center as a "Student of the Quarter" at the Burlington Tech Center.

Faculty Notables


Emily Rinkema and *Chris Hood* were selected as "Unsung Heroes" by two former CVU students who are now attending St. Michael's College. They selected Emily and Chris as being teachers who made a difference in their lives and inspired them to pursue higher education.

Thanks to Relief Efforts

Thanks to all the students and adults who supported the Asian relief fundraiser sponsored by the Café. Due to everyone's generosity, the cafeteria staff will donate a total of \$2,200 to UNICEF for the children in Asia affected by the Tsunami. *Leo LaForce*, Cafeteria Manager, and his staff would like to thank everyone who purchased food from the cafeteria last week.

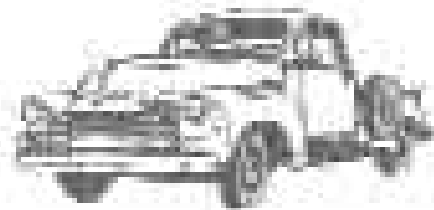
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Tryouts - Spring Sports

Spring sports tryouts begin March 21. Athletes need to have had a physical within the last two years in order to participate. Sport schedules and participation forms can be accessed at <http://www.cvuhs.org>. Students should turn in completed sport forms at the Main Office.

CVU Board Meeting January 24

By Rosalyn Graham

If the phrase "engaged learners" sounds like educational jargon, substitute "teachers and students with a passion for learning." That was the message on Monday, January 24 as a panel of students and teachers told the Champlain Valley Union High School board about the ways teachers involve their students, spark interest and encourage participation. "We want you to see how teachers present and how students respond," said Connie Metz, Director of Nichols House and co-convenor of the panel.

Emily Rinkema who teaches tenth grade English and Western Civilization with Stan Williams, said that choice was a key to involving the students in their learning. She described a recent study of the Renaissance during which the students could choose to focus on literature and arts of the period, the culture and innovation, or politics and religion. Each group did research, read books, studied Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, and took part in a presentation to demonstrate their learning to the rest of the class. "When students have choices they choose wisely," she said. "They pushed themselves to learn and make connections. They studied their subject in much more depth."

Veteran teacher Dave Ely summed up the elements of engaging learners by saying that students need to feel empowered, the study needs to be relevant to them both in the short term and the long term, they need to be challenged with low hurdles or high hurdles appropriate to the student, and there needs to be humor. He used a radio analogy as he said that he used "different frequencies to teach different children."

Ely also addressed the subject of accountability and relevance in teaching, saying that he finds ways to link the topics in his biology course to current issues such as organ donation and food banks.

With 33 years of experience in the classroom, Ely said, "some people have an innate passion for teaching. You can recognize the passionate teachers: it's like they have a big "P" on their forehead."

Kristen Hammond from Shelburne who represents the Student Council on the board said that one characteristic of the best teachers was that they are excited about what they are doing. "It's important to me as a student that the teacher is enthusiastic. It makes for a tight-knit community working to push to the next level."

Dominic Barone of Williston, a CVU senior who took part in the panel, said, "The more fun you're having the more time and effort you put in. The best teachers are the ones who can make the connection on a person to a person basis. They deliver information and you are playing your part too."

Robin Fawcett who teaches public speaking and drama said, "My self-worth as a teacher is dependent on engaging the students." She said that in the public speaking class she works with students who may want to be there, and those who would rather die than make a speech. Her goal in the class is to create a place where the students can lose their fear of feeling foolish, where she creates a culture of learning.

Student Ashley Miller, a junior from Williston, said key to being engaged in learning depended on realizing that what the student puts in is what he gets out. "The teacher's engagement is really contagious," he said. "If they are interested in what they are teaching, we will be interested too."

Sean McMannon, Director of Fairbanks House and a co-convenor of the panel, said that the foundation of having students engaged in their learning, is by designing learning that

meets basic human needs for being heard, belonging, being free, expressing imagination and succeeding. He said that a challenge is to find professional development strategies for teachers that ensure that all teachers can engage students effectively. Students Miller and Barone estimated that about 60% of their teachers are good at engaging the students.

Principal Val Gardner envisioned a strategy where master teachers, those that Ely would describe as "having a big P on their forehead" would be available to share their skills with their colleagues. Superintendent Brian O'Regan of Chittenden South Supervisory Union, said the challenge for the school board is to create a framework in which teachers can have time for such sharing. "It would involve an investment of resources," he said.

Getting the Story to the People

Representatives to the CVU board will make a concerted effort to tell the people in their towns about the successes of the high school, the progress of the construction project and the rationale behind this year's \$16.2 million budget in the weeks leading up to Town Meeting. Recognizing that attendance at the CVU annual meeting is always very low, and that there is little or no opportunity to give a substantive presentation at Town Meeting, the directors plan to make presentations at the school board and select board meetings in their towns during February.

With a 10.99% increase in the high school budget for 2005-2006, almost half of it the repayment of the construction bond for the current renovation and expansion program, the board expects lots of questions and discussion. Williston representative to the board, Jeanne Jensen said, "It will be important to also talk about non-financial things," and Principal Val Gardner said she would put together a presentation that would include the highlights of the year, program information, accomplishments and the progress of the construction.

BTC Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following CVU students for earning an A- or better in their Burlington Technical Center (BTC) programs, placing them on the Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll for the first semester:

- Richard Cabell,*
Auto Body Repair
- Izak Lazarowski,*
Design & Illustration
- Aaron Lesser,*
Aviation Technology
- Tim Marcotte,*
Aviation Technology
- Jesse Osborne,*
Auto Body Repair
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Castleton Videofest

Castleton State College, in association with Vermont Public Television invites Vermont high school students to enter the Tenth Annual Castleton Videofest.

High school students throughout Vermont are encouraged to submit videos by the April 29 deadline in any of four categories: documentary, experimental and animation, nature fiction, and public service announcements.

Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded for first place in each category. Video professionals will judge the entries on creativity, content, and execution.

A public screening of the winning videos and award ceremony will be held at Castleton on Friday, May 20.

For more information about the Castleton Videofest and contest rules, contact Tom Conroy at (802) 468-1373 or email inquiries to: thomasconroy@castleton.edu.

CSSU and CSEA Reach Agreement

From the CSSU Superintendent's Office

The Chittenden South Education Association and the school districts of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union (Charlotte, Champlain Valley Union High School, Hinesburg, Shelburne, and Williston) ratified a new three year contract in January. CSSU employs approximately 400 full and part time professionals (teachers, special educators, school nurses, guidance counselors, and other licensed educators) represented by this agreement. The supervisory union has a population of 4,500 students pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

The agreement will replace the existing contract that expired June 30, 2004. The new agreement expires June 30, 2007. The core elements of the three year agreement include:

- A single common negotiated agreement for all six school districts.
- A single salary schedule beginning in the 2005-2006 school year. Currently there are five separate negotiated agreements and five separate salary schedules.
- New money for wages of 4.55% each of the three years.
- Maintaining the current contribution rates to the health insurance program of 10% for the VEHI Dual Option Program and 10% plus the cost differential between VEHI & JY for the BC/BS JY Program.
- Increase in Dental Program contributions to 15%.
- Elimination of the Career Change Assistance Program (CCAP).
- Modifications to Tuition Reimbursement Program. Equalized with capped cost.

The above items reflect both recommendations made in the August Fact Finder's report as well as compromises reached during the work session of November 23, 2004.

The settlement maintains a level of health insurance contributions that is among the highest in Chittenden County (10%). The tentative agreement reflects a settlement lower than existing negotiated agreements in other Chittenden County School Districts for 2005 and 2006.

From a Board perspective, the elimination of the CCAP reflects the equivalent of 1% decrease of payroll on an annual basis or a 5% additional contribution to health insurance premiums. The CSEA maintains a health insurance premium contribution at a rate consistent with the past three years and higher than most districts within the county.

Any questions should be directed to Cindy Koenemann-Warren, Human Resources Director (383-1233).



PRESCHOOL

Do a Good Thing Just by Dining Out

First Ever "Hinesburg Dines Out" to be Held March 10

By Deirdre Gladstone

I have been told I am a lazy mother. I have a reputation for feeding my children a large portion of their meals and snacks at our local eateries. Laziness? Personally I prefer to think of it as excellent socialization experiences enhancing my kids' lives. When my three year old hears that Daddy won't be home for dinner, he asks me "Where, Mommy?" Busted.

Well, you can bet I am psyched for the upcoming "Hinesburg Dines Out" on Thursday, March 10.

The Hinesburg Nursery School is excited to announce our newest fund-raising effort. If you eat at Dragon House, Good Times Cafe, Koval's, Papa Nick's and/or the Trillium Cafe at any time on March 10, these restaurants will donate a portion of their pretax profits to the school. We are extremely grateful for these businesses to be willing to try out this new event. We recognize the businesses in Hinesburg are asked repeatedly to support many groups and wish to thank them for their caring. Be sure to thank these restaurants when you are enjoying your food that day (or any day for that matter).

The proceeds from "Hinesburg Dines Out" will go towards capital improvements to our space in the basement of the Masonic Hall. Most notably, we need to redesign our entryway to make it a safer and more welcoming area for all of the children who attend the school. We have lined up a local carpenter to help us to work through some of the storage constraints that come with having one's school in a relatively small space. Any alums from the school should know exactly what I'm talking about. How about joining me and the kids on Thursday, March 10? We won't be eating a bite at home that day!

While we're on the subject of food we would like to thank the Trillium Cafe (and patrons) who donated January's tips to the school. It was a wonderful gesture and much appreciated.

By the time this article is printed we will have had our Seventh Annual Valentine's Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction. More on that next time.



Special Guest Clifford the Big Red Dog with teacher Natalie Miller at the H.N.S. Annual Valentine's Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction. PHOTO BY SYLVIE VIDRINE



Parent Bill Drew enjoys the craft table at the Nursery School's recent Valentine's Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction with his daughter Lindsey Drew and her friend Rowan Dunlop. PHOTO BY

Free Childrens' Clothing

If you have kids, better mark your calendars. On Saturday, April 2, Friends of Families is planning a clothing giveaway at the Hinesburg Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to save money and the environment by sharing and reusing.

Donations of clean children's clothing, in good condition, size infant to teen, are greatly appreciated. You may drop off donations at the Town Hall on Thursday, March 31 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or call Elly at 482-3460.

Please Contribute to the Hinesburg Food Shelf

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Lions' Memory Tree Correction

The Hinesburg Lions wish to make a correction to the names listed in support of the Lions' Memory Tree that was lit during the recent holidays. The names had been printed in the January issue of The Record. On that list, the name Richard Strong, Jr. appeared. This was incorrect.

The correct name, which the Strong family had asked be printed was Roger Strong, Jr. To both Mr. Strong's family and friends the Hinesburg Lions offer a sincere apology for this mistake.

Hinesburg Blood Drive a Success

By Joe Cioffi

Thanks to the generous support of many individuals and especially the Hinesburg business community, the recent blood drive at St. Jude's Church was a wonderful success. Held on January 27, the blood drive turn-out was one of the best in Hinesburg's history (excluding CVU's blood drives). A total of 77 productive units of blood were collected from 87 individuals. With each unit capable of helping to save up to three lives, we may have touched over 230 lives.

A big thank you to all the donors who took time out of their busy schedules to give blood, so that others might have a chance to live. Appreciation is also extended to the parishioners of St. Jude Church for hosting the event and for both donating food and volunteering their assistance throughout the day. Thank you also to the two HBPA members who volunteered their time and the Good Times Café for donating homemade soup for the occasion. We are also grateful to the Hinesburg merchants who generously allowed us to put posters at their locations to advertise this event.

A very special acknowledgement of appreciation to the following businesses who donated gift certificates or items for the raffle drawing which was held at the end of the blood drive:

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- Papa Nick's
- Saputo Cheese USA, INC.
- Shear Art Hair Design
- Shelburne Country Store
- Showtime Video & Record Center
- Three Generations Shoppe
- Wild Thyme Flower & Gift Shoppe

Last but not least, many thanks to the Red Cross staff for a great job. Their professionalism and pleasant manner made donating blood a comfortable and rewarding experience for everyone.

Hinesburg Artist Series Plan Ahead

By Rufus Patrick

The 9th annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert will be Sunday May 1st at St Jude's in Hinesburg at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be dedicated to Ted White and feature the South County Chorus and Orchestra with special guests Jon Gailmor, Julee Glaub and Amy Frostman. Program and ticket information will be in the April *Hinesburg Record*. For more information, please call 482-3010.

Hinesburg Community Social Potluck

Concerned about the State of the World, the Nation, and Our Community?

Want to get together with neighbors in an informal setting to enjoy food, talk and a video?

Then please join us! This is not a meeting—it's a gathering of like-minded concerned citizens. Please bring a dish to share!

On Monday, March 21, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., the third Hinesburg Community Monthly Social Potluck will be held at the Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd. in Hinesburg.

This month's video is "An Evening with Arundhati Roy." Arundhati Roy is an author of the Booker Prize novel *The God of Small Things*, *Power Politics*, plus *The Cost of Living*, *The Checkbook & the Cruise Missile*, and *The Ordinary Person's Guide to Empire*.

These potlucks started in January when some concerned citizens of Hinesburg organized the first potluck. People came together in an informal setting at the Carpenter-Carse Library and enjoyed food, conversation and a movie. (The movie was *End of Suburbia*.)

Participants decided to make this a monthly event and held the second potluck in February at the library.

For further information contact Orin Langelle (482-2689) at the Global Justice Ecology Project or email langelle@sover.net.

Lake Champlain Waldorf School Upcoming Events

Knitting & Felting Workshop

Tuesday, March 1 and 15, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne Campus
Come to this two-part workshop to learn the art of felting knitwear. You will knit a purse or pencil pouch and then bring it back to felt and embellish two-weeks later.

Taught by LCWS Handwork teacher Melendy Comey and felter Karen Nolin-Govett. Beginning knitting skills needed; yarn provided; bring size 11 needles. RSVP. \$4. Directions: Route 7 to Shelburne Village, west on Harbor Rd about a mile, right on Turtle Lane, go to end of dirt road. 985-2827, www.lcwaldorf.org

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Join Your Local Fresh Air Volunteer Team

The Fresh Air Fund's Hinesburg area volunteer leaders are currently seeking committee members and host families to ensure that Summer 2005 is special for New York City children.

Each summer, more than 5,000 children, ages six to 18, enjoy two-week vacations with volunteer host families in suburban and small town communities across 13 northeastern states from Maine to Virginia and in Ontario, Canada. Local Fresh Air Fund volunteers recruit and interview host families, check references and coordinate Friendly Town Program activities in their communities.

Hinesburg area volunteers need your help to create another fun-filled summer for children from New York City's low-income communities. "Where I live is tough and urban," explains LeSean, a 12-year-old boy from Brooklyn. "Here, as soon as I wake up, I hear birds chirping."

In 2005, The Fund continues its 128-year-old tradition of serving children with a wide variety of special events and volunteer opportunities. For more information on how you can join your local Fresh Air volunteer team, call Karen Allen at (802)372-5324, or The Fresh Air Fund at (800)367-0003. You can also learn more about the Friendly Program by visiting The Fund's Web site at www.freshair.org.

Sports

Vermont Ski Areas Offer Free Learn to Ski/Ride Program to Vermonters

Ski Vermont's alpine ski areas are offering the twentieth year of their Discover Skiing Vermont program. The program provides Vermont residents a complimentary Sunday afternoon Learn to Ski/Snowboard package that includes a beginner lift ticket, lesson and rental at participating resorts. The program is valid Sunday afternoons by reservation only through March 20, excluding holiday periods. Suicide Six will offer the program on March 13 only. Program space is limited and must be reserved in advance.

Vermont is the third largest ski state in the country. Last year 4.2 million people skied at Vermont resorts. The Vermont ski industry contributes \$1.5 billion to the state's economy and is responsible for more than 20,000 jobs directly and indirectly. Equally important, skiing and snowboarding provide a healthy way for Vermonters to enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends.

Vermont residents must call the resort in advance to make a reservation for this program. For more information about Discover Skiing Vermont contact Heather Atwell at (802) 223-2439.

Local High School Athletes Excel in Soccer

Senior Tommy Hart of Hinesburg and Junior Steven Parker of Starksboro led the Trinity Baptist H.S. of Williston, soccer team all the way to championship game of the New England Association of Christian Schools back in November. The NEACS final four took place at Southington, CT.. Trinity took second place, losing to N.E. Baptist Academy of W. Bridgewater, MA. 2-1. The Kings defeated Emmanuel Christian Academy of Hartford, CT. in the semis 2-1. Tommy scored all three goals for TBHS on that weekend and was named to the all tournament team. Goalie Parker stopped 22 shots in the season ending tourney. Hart recorded at least one goal in every game last season, except one, the Kings were shut-out 1-0 against Mountainside of Schroon Lake, NY (Tommy missed a pk off the crossbar), for a total of 17 goals and 10 assists for the year. Steven had a total of 113 saves in the Kings (10-4) season. Congratulations on a great soccer season.

Support Us at The Greater Hinesburg Open

Saturday, June 4

Cedar Knoll Country Club is proud to hold the 2005 Greater Hinesburg Open. For \$75.00 per person, this 18 hole, 4-person scramble event includes your golf, carts, and a BBQ chicken dinner.

For \$5.00 at the sign-in desk, each participant has the opportunity to win \$150 in a chip-off - 100 yards from the 18th green. All you have to do is hit the green in regulation on the par 3, 14th and then be the closest to the pin in the chip off. You must be paid to sign up.

Everyone Has a Chance to Win

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If you or someone you know, would like to attend the BBQ dinner after the event and not play golf, they can do just that for \$10.00.

One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds will go to the Hinesburg 4th of July 2005 fireworks celebration. Additional donations will be welcomed at the sign-in desk. The tournament will be capped at 144 golfers.

To Enter ...

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NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June Giroux

Our Newest Residents

A baby girl, *Emily Nicole Reinhardt*, was born to Dan and Nina (Chmielewski) Reinhardt on January 12 at Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington.

John and Alycia (Tupper) Gant are parents of a baby girl, *Camryn Eleanor Gant*, born January 21 at FAHC in Burlington.

A baby boy, *Emerson Scott Ayer*, was born on January 30 to Tim and Lisa (Hanna) Ayer at FAHC in Burlington.

The Hinesburg Record is pleased to announce the birth of your baby. When you fill out a "Birth Notice to Media," following the birth, just add our name to the list of "Other Media" you wish notified.

Red Cross Blood Donations

The Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) welcomes blood donations at the collection center located at 32 North Prospect Street in Burlington. To be eligible to give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh over 110 pounds, and be in good health. Blood can be safely donated every eight weeks. Most medications are acceptable and there is no longer an upper age limit.

Donors hours are Monday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and the second Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donors may call 658-6400 or log on to www.newenglandblood.org to make appointments or for more information. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Donors from Hinesburg who have received their gallon pins from the American Red Cross Blood Services recently include: *Douglas Olufsen*, 69 gallons; *Leonard Nalette*, 23 gallons; *Brian Leary*, 16 gallons; and *Raymond Bouchard*, seven gallons.

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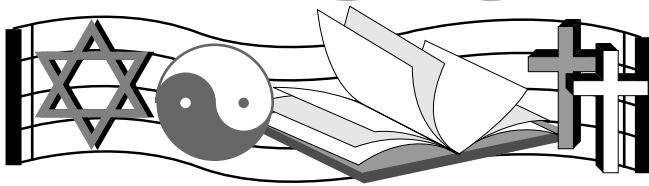
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6: Holy Communion
10: 7:00 p.m., Wellness Study Group at Parsonage
13: Soup, Salad, Sandwich Brunch after worship
15: Church Council Meeting
20: Palm and Passion Sunday
24: Meal and Service for Holy Thursday in the Parish House, 6:00 p.m.
25: Ecumenical Good Friday Service at United Church of Hinesburg, 7:00 p.m. (Richmond, Huntington, Starksboro, Williston and Hinesburg)
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Name in the News

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Fallon Named To Dean's List, Will Spend Spring Semester in China

Sarah M. Fallon of Hinesburg, a junior at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2004-05 academic year. Fallon, the daughter of Joseph and Ellen Fallon of Hinesburg is majoring in East Asian studies. She attended Rice Memorial High School.

To make the Dean's List, a junior student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.2.

She is spending the spring semester of 2004-05 academic year in China studying at the Capital University of Economics and Business in Beijing through the Associated College in China Program.

Christie and Waterman Awarded Eagle Scout

At a special January 7 Eagle Court of Honor, *Jeremiah Christie* and *Ben Waterman* were awarded Boy Scouts highest honor. To achieve Eagle Scout, both young men had to earn 21 merit badges, perform a community approved project and have demonstrated troop leadership. Jeremiah started in Cub Scouts in 1992 and crossed over into Boy Scouts in 1997. Ben started in Boy Scouts in 1996. Only 2% of all scouts achieve the Eagle rank. Jeremiah is currently attending John Brown University in Siloam springs Arkansas, where he is studying music. Ben is attending Virginia Tech majoring in Building Construction.



Ben and Jeremiah flanked by their parents and Scoutmaster Michael Pelletier.

Hinesburg Students Named to Dean's List at UVM

Undergraduate students with grade-point averages of 3.0 or better and who are in the top 20 percent of their classes, have been named to Dean's Lists at the schools and colleges of the University of Vermont. Hinesburg residents listed for the fall 2004 semester, their year, their major, and school, are:

Senior *Sheena R. Boutin*, majoring in Social Work in the College of Education and Social Services;

Freshman *Suzzana T. Guevara*, Undeclared in the College of Arts and Sciences;

Junior *Stuart B. Heinrich*, Computer Science major, in the College of Engineering and Math;

Sophomore *Courtney L. Iverson*, Undeclared in the College of Arts and Sciences;

Sophomore *Amber D. Leenstra*, majoring in Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences;

Freshman *Asa P. Parker*, majoring in Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Math;

Freshman *Evan S. Reiss*, Environmental Science major in the Rubenstein School of Environmental and Natural Resources;

Sophomore *Connor M. Smith*, Undeclared in the College of Arts and Sciences;

Senior *Susan K. Thomas*, Professional Nursing, College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

Danaher Studies Abroad

Rebecca Danaher of Hinesburg is studying abroad at Southampton Institute in England for the Spring 2005 semester. Danaher is enrolled in the Liberal Studies program at Champlain College, a career-oriented, four-year college located in Burlington.

Danaher is a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School and is the daughter of Joseph and Melody Danaher of Hinesburg.

Hausermann Named to Dean's List

Daniel Hausermann, son of Walter and Donna Hausermann of Hinesburg, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2004 semester at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. Hausermann, a freshman, is enrolled in the Roy C. Park College of Communications, majoring in journalism. He achieved a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Dan is a member of the Ithaca College crew team for the 2004-2005 athletic season, and he is a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School.

Students Make Dean's List

Allison M. Nichols, daughter of Carole McCay of Hinesburg and Claude Nichols of Williston, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York for the 2004 Fall semester. A junior, majoring in biology, Nichols is a graduate of CVU.

Castleton State College recently announced that student *Ariyel Delane* was named to the College Dean's List for the Fall 2004 semester:

Bradley C. Erling, son of Donald and Deborah Erling of Hinesburg, and a graduate of CVU, was named to the Champlain College Dean's List.

Burlington Community Choir

Burlington Community Choir meets Wednesdays, beginning in January from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Community College of Vermont in Burlington. Explore a variety of music, including spirituals, traditional and contemporary folk songs and classical melodies. No auditions required.

Beginners and shower singers welcome. Performance on April 29. Directed by Amity Baker. Semester dues \$45. For more information, contact Jody Albright at 865-4422.

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HINESBURG CALENDAR

Saturday, February 26:

February 26 edition of The Hinesburg Record published.

Monday, February 28:

CVU Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.

Hinesburg Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., CVU Auditorium.

Tuesday, March 1:

Annual Voting for Town Officers by Australian Ballot, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hinesburg Town Hall.

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

Wednesday, March 2:

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

Thursday, March 3:

Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU Student Center, All welcome.

Monday, March 7:

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

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

Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM Waterman Building, Room 413.

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

Tuesday, March 8:

HCS School Board meeting, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., HCS Wainer Conference Room.

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

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

Wednesday, March 9:

Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall.

Thursday, March 10:

Hinesburg Fire Department Heavy Rescue training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station

Monday, March 14:

News deadline for April 2 edition of The Hinesburg Record.

Ad deadline for April 2 edition of The Hinesburg Record.

CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.

Tuesday March 15:

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

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant.

Wednesday, March 16:

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

Thursday, March 17:

St. Patrick's Day.

Hinesburg Fire Department Business meeting 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Hinesburg Historical Society 2:00-4:00 p.m. Mildred Aube's home on Pond Road. Call 482-2699 for information.

Sunday, March 20:

Palm Sunday.

First Day of Spring.

Monday, March 21:

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

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

Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar

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

Tuesday, March 22:

HCS Board meeting, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., HCS Wainer Conference Room.

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

Wednesday March 23:

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

Thursday, March 24:

Hinesburg Fire Department Fire Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Friday, March 25:

Good Friday.

Sunday, March 27:

Easter Sunday.

Monday, March 28:

CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.

Saturday, April 2:

April 2 edition of The Hinesburg Record published.

Sunday, April 3:

Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring Ahead!

Monday, April 4:

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

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

Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM Waterman Building, Room 413.

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

Tuesday, April 5:

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

Wednesday, April 6:

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

Thursday, April 7:

Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 a.m., CVU Student Center, All welcome.

Monday, April 11:

News Deadline for April 30 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Ad Deadline for April 30 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Saturday, April 30:

April 30 edition of The Hinesburg Record published.

Regularly Scheduled Calendar Items

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. E-mail: hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net. Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer.

Town Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment; Town Hall, 482-2096. E-mail: hinesburgtown@gmavt.net. Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Administrator.

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

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

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

Hinesburg Recreation Director's Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Leave a message anytime. Jennifer McCuin, Director. 482-4691. Town Hall, P. O. Box 13.

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association: For information about the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and Hinesburg businesses, check out the HBPA website at www.hinesburgbusiness.com. HBPA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Eric Larson, 482-6373 for information or to make a reservation.

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Hinesburg: Beecher Hill Road at the Town Garage; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 482-4840. Williston: At the end of Redmond Road; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 872-8111. South Burlington: Landfill Road (off Patchen Road), Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 872-8111. CSWD website: www.cswd.net.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Office Hours: Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You may leave a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Stephanie Murray (453-3038) is in the contact for Friends of Families.

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Open Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Mondays through Fridays, 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Mail is dispatched from Hinesburg at 6:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, Saturdays 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Seniors Dinner: Fridays, 12:00 noon, Osborne Parish House, United Church. For reservations or transportation, call 482-2998 or leave a message at CVAA office, 865-0360.

Web Pages:

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

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

CCL: www.carpentercarse.org. Learn about library hours, services, and online resources.

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

Hinesburg Record: www.hinesburg-record.org. Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town and church calendar.



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