

The Hinesburg Record

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Ready ... Set
... Fetch ...
your dog's license
before any more
time passes.



Hinesburg resident Moses Bradford, who recently turned 11, credits his long and happy life to being a fully licensed pooch.

Licenses
were due
by April 1
Head to the
Town
Clerk's
Office
Today and
Go Get It!

Hinesburg Artist Series Concert

By Rufus Patrick

The Ninth Annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert will be May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg.

The South County Chorus and Orchestra will perform an eclectic mix of beautiful choral music with featured guest artists Amy Frostman, Julee Glaub, and Jon Gailmor. Amy Frostman is a former member of the South County Chorus and was our guest soloist for the Hinesburg Artist Series in 2002 and 2003. Julee Glaub has performed internationally and is well known in our area for her amazing voice. Jon Gailmor has entertained audiences throughout Vermont for many years with his amazing voice and creative music.

The concert this year will be dedicated to Ted White. Ted was an active member of the Hinesburg Artist Series Board, and a huge supporter of artistic endeavors in Hinesburg and throughout Vermont.

Music selections will include the "Requiem" by John Rutter, "You Raise Me Up," "O Music," "Worthy is the Lamb," "How Can I Keep From Singing," and "I'll Fly Away Medley." Julee Glaub and Jon Gailmor will also be performing selections from their CDs.

Tickets for the concert are \$15, \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets will be available at The Wild Thyme, Trillium Cafe, and Koval's Coffee. If you would like to reserve tickets by phone, please call the Hinesburg Recreation Office at 482-4691.

Debora Price Hired as Hinesburg Community School Principal

The Hinesburg Community School Board of Directors is pleased to announce it has hired Debi Price to fill the vacancy created by current Principal Donna Hale's decision to retire on June 30, 2004.

Ms. Price was selected from a candidate pool of 15. She brings over ten years of experience to the principal position, along with an in-depth understanding of young learners and early literacy. Following a lengthy hiring process, involving administrators, faculty, Board members and community members, the Board interviewed several highly qualified candidates. Superintendent of Schools Brian O'Regan notes "she is recognized for her role as an advocate for children and for her strong relationships with students, staff, parents, and community members."

Currently, Ms. Price serves as Principal of Beeman Elementary School in New Haven, Vermont, a position she has held since 1995. Prior to joining Beeman Elementary School,

she was Principal at Wardsboro Central School, in Wardsboro, Vermont and Teaching Principal at Granville Village School in Granville, Vermont.

She started her educational career at Middletown Springs School District in Middletown Springs, Vermont as a first, second and third grade classroom teacher. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Reading from Castleton State College, Castleton, Vermont, as well as a Master's in Educational Leadership, also from Castleton State College.

School Board Chair Jim Gelber observes that "Debi has big shoes to fill, following Donna Hale's very successful seven years at HCS, but we have high hopes that Debi will be able to build upon the tremendous amount of success Hinesburg Community School has demonstrated under Donna's leadership."

Ms. Price will assume the role and duties of Principal of Hinesburg Community School on July 1, 2005.

Fire and Police Departments to Hold Open House

WHO: Come one, come all! Kids of all ages!
WHAT: Hinesburg Fire and Community Police
Departments Open House

WHEN: Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m.
WHERE: At the stations, conveniently located next to each other in the center of the village.

WHY: Come meet the people who might save your life ... and they have cool trucks and gear!

Come check out our apparatus and have a chance to see the equipment up close. Join us as we demonstrate the Jaws of Life and proper use of a fire extinguisher. Doc, Tiger, and Buc, our community K-9 officers, will be around during the day, and will dazzle us with some of their skills.

We will also have several displays and fliers available: fire emergency stickers and smoke detectors, information from the Diabetes Foundation, and pertinent information from the State of Vermont Child Safety Seat Program.

Also, for the past few months we have been emphasizing the importance of having your driveway clearly marked with your street address in case of an emergency. The reflective signs mentioned in last month's article will be available for sale at the open house. The cost is approximately \$10 and we will install the sign for you.

Hope to see you there.



Camelot Comes to Hinesburg

The Hinesburg Community School will be presenting the Broadway musical "Camelot" on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Camelot was written by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe and first appeared on Broadway in 1960. The story centers around King Arthur, the one true king of England, who (with the help of Merlin the Sorcerer) establishes the Knights of the Roundtable and the perfect kingdom of Camelot. However, the king has enemies who work to undo everything Arthur has tried to accomplish. The musical was turned into a feature film in 1967, which starred the late Richard Harris as King Arthur and Vanessa Redgrave as Guinevere. Harris also appeared as the character of Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films.

Chivalry abounds in Hinesburg in April, so get your tickets soon! Tickets are available through Jeanne Wilson at the Hinesburg Town Hall on weekdays and at the box office at the performance. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$3 children.

Green Up Day Weather Report

Saturday, May 7 is expected to be
Bright, Sunny, and Warm with
plenty of Bright Smiles, Sunny
Dispositions, and Warm Hearts

By Phil Pouech

Mark your calendars for Green Up Day 2005, the 35th anniversary of this unique state-wide tradition. In 1970, (Continued on Page 3)

Hinesburg: A Plan for the Future

Because of rapidly escalating property values in Chittenden County, especially in Hinesburg, and the retirement (or prospective retirement) of some local farmers, Hinesburg is facing an increase in high-density residential development in the very near future. While a mix of compact residential and commercial development is appropriate within our village district, two- to three-acre residential lots spread uniformly across our major agricultural and forest areas will forever destroy the “rural character” we have long enjoyed in Hinesburg.

But aesthetics and beautiful views are not the only issues. Over-use and eventual paving of our dirt roads and the over-extension of our municipal services, including law enforcement, would quickly follow.

Traffic will increase significantly. Taxes will go up. But most importantly, agricultural lands for potential future farmers (e.g., of organic vegetables, forest products, sheep and poultry), forests for wildlife and recreation, wetlands and aquifer recharge areas for clean drinking water—all would be gone forever.

An important addition to the new Town Plan is a provision to consider introducing “area-based zoning” to our rural and agricultural districts.

This concept, which can come in a variety of forms, allows for a consideration of the land’s natural characteristics in determining where and what kind of structures may be situated on a particular lot. In other words, if, for example, a proposed development involves land having valuable farm land or forests, aquifer recharge areas or wildlife habitat, the Development Review Board can consider these and other relevant environmental issues in determining where proposed houses may be situated and what other restrictions or rules should apply to this particular project. Zoning of this kind normally requires the preparation of natural resource maps of the entire town so that a land owner or developer can readily see ahead of time if a parcel contains any potentially significant natural resources.

This kind of zoning allows much more flexibility than the traditional “density” zoning, which relies solely on minimum lot sizes to control development. What is important to understand about “area-based” zoning is that it works most effectively WITHOUT minimum lot sizes. In other words, a farmer who wants to cut off a piece of his land so that a child can build a house nearby, could create a new parcel much smaller than two acres—it could be one-half acre or less—so long as it provides for an adequate septic system and water supply, and otherwise meets the basic health and safety requirements of traditional zoning.

The other important proposal to our new Town Plan is to consider lowering the minimum density requirements of the rural and agricultural districts. Traditionally, Hinesburg has had two- to three-acre minimum lot sizes in its agricultural and rural/forest districts. These very small lots were allowed many years ago as a means for giving farmers the ability to break off small parcels for an adult child who wanted to continue living and working on the farm (see the example given above). Under the much more flexible and effective system of area-based zoning, this goal would be totally preserved without having to endanger the breakup of our prime agricultural and forest lands.

Many years ago, when two- and three-acre minimum lot sizes were first introduced, there was no foreseeable threat to the Town’s “rural character”. However, many things have changed. For decades, the once stringent septic regulations of Act 250 (which effectively kept new development in rural areas on minimum ten-acre lots because of the ten-acre exemption to its restrictions) and a viable dairy industry kept widespread development in check. Now, traditional family dairy farms are disappearing, land values in Hinesburg are soaring and the state has relaxed the requirements for septic systems. As a result, several two-acre lot subdivisions in the rural/agricultural districts have either already been approved or are wending their way through the town’s application process.

In view of the above, the Conservation Commission urges the Planning Commission to consider the following to prevent the gradual, but permanent loss of rural Hinesburg:

(1) Reduce the density of all rural and agricultural districts from one residential unit for every two or three acres, to a density compatible with maintaining the rural character of our community, using an area-based zoning plan. EXEMPT from this recommendation would be pre-existing smaller lots (e.g., ten acres or less). Please note: a lower density under area-based zoning does NOT mean expanding the minimum lot size. Rather, we would encourage that new housing be clustered on even SMALLER lot sizes away from important natural resource areas to minimize the amount of new road maintenance and additional taxes.



(2) Give special low-density consideration to all designated “aquifer recharge” areas (which are essentially the more elevated areas on BOTH sides of Route 116 that have steeper grades and thinner soils situated on bedrock ledges). By the way, the designated “aquifer recharge” areas are essentially undevelopable due to these natural characteristics.

While we believe these proposals will not prevent any farmers or other landowners with large tracts of buildable land from making sizeable and justifiable profits should they decide to sell their property, I want to encourage the owners, especially of the smaller farms, to contact either me or the Chairperson of the Conservation Commission, Susan Mead, so that we can arrange to discuss, face-to-face, your situation and particular concerns. Area-based zoning is innovative and a new concept to many people, but it can also provide a flexibility for maximizing land values and profits for the whole community, including farmers, that might not be available under traditional zoning.

The Hinesburg Conservation Commission wholeheartedly supports the new Town Plan and we encourage all of you to join us at the (hopefully) final hearing for it on Monday, April 4 at 7:00p.m. at Town Hall to show your support.

— Bill Marks, member of
the Hinesburg Conservation Commission

School Board Says Thank You

The School Board Directors conducted the annual school meeting on Saturday, March 19. We are pleased to report that all articles passed; the school budget was adopted by attending town members.

In order to encourage greater attendance at this meeting, the Annual School Meeting for Fiscal Year 2006 will be held on Monday, March 13, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. We wish to express our gratitude for the community’s support.

— Jim Gelber, School Board Chair

A Sincere Thank You to the Community of Hinesburg

Our family would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to many of the local businesses and residents for all your efforts to support our family during the recent diagnosis of our two-year-old daughter Kaylee Joy Moody with Leukemia.

A special thanks to the staff and parents at Hinesburg Community School and Annette’s Playschool for all of your support. We would also like to thank the staff at Jiffy Mart, Koval’s Coffee, and Lantman’s for their support.

— The Moody Family

Thank You to All Who Made Winter Carnival Successful

Another Winter Carnival has passed, and once again we owe recognition to the many community members who volunteered their time or service in one way or another. It takes a lot of small pieces to make one giant success!

Thank you to: Rocky Martin, Hinesburg Boy Scouts, Tom Giroux, Ray, Matt and Mike Mainer, Tom Whitney, Steve Utter, Mike and Alex Hennessey (for your help at the Ice Rink), Nicole Christman and Katie Waterman (face painters), Stephanie Murray (Playdough Extravaganza), Burlington Kennel Club, Rob Farley and his sled dogs, Iroquois Snow Beavers, Colin McNaull, Jeannie Wilson, Hinesburg 4-H Club, Jinny Goynes, Army National Guard, Backyard Players, Hinesburg Community Band and other artists, the Hinesburg Recreation Board Members, St. Jude Parish (for use of hall for International Potluck Dinner), and anyone else who helped make this wonderful event happen!

Thank you, thank you, thank you also to the Winter Carnival Committee Members: Lori Hennessey, Tom Giroux, Sandy White, Mary Pelligrino-Young, and Deanna Utter.

— Lori Hennessey

Summer, Fresh Air Fund Just Around the Corner

With the arrival of spring, thoughts of summer do not linger far behind. The days grow longer, nature comes alive around us, and summer plans begin to take shape. Summer provides an opportunity for us to share the sights and sounds of our community with others less fortunate. We often take for granted the wonderful things our communities offer. In Hinesburg we have Lake Iroquois to swim in as well as its wonderful hiking trails, fields full of hundreds of mini ponies and one of the best Fourth of July parades around! Just imagine sharing these simple pleasures with a child from New York City!

Since 1877, The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income neighborhoods. Through The Fund’s Friendly Town Program, young New Yorkers, ages six to 18, experience the joy of summer during visits of two weeks or more with volunteer host families. Fresh Air hosts live in suburban and small town communities throughout 13 Northeastern states and Ontario, Canada.

The Fund is looking for more volunteer families to provide an inner-city child with a two-week respite from the hot streets and crowded concrete playgrounds. Please consider how you can make a difference in the life of a child this summer by opening your heart and your home. Help us continue The Fund’s 128-year-old tradition of serving children.

For more information on how you can become a host, please call Deb Olsen at 425-2957 or The Fresh Air Fund at (800) 367-0003. You can also visit The Fund’s Web site at www.freshair.org.

— Deb Olsen

No Tolerance at the Hinesburg Community School

The no tolerance policy at Hinesburg Community School is absolutely ludicrous. Children are being suspended from school for giving each other high-fives in the hallway, for crying out loud.

Until recently, I have respected the school’s behavior policies. It all began five years ago in Kindergarten. Several episodes of so-called misconduct by my son have landed him in the notorious Hinesburg Community School Planning Room over the years. But now he has been suspended.

A full day out of school.

Eight hours with no pay.

Does the school not realize we need to keep food on the table and clothes on our backs? Considering parents have been trying to get their boys to behave since before Jesus was a baby, I have come to the conclusion, I am not alone. How many Hinesburg citizens are needlessly struggling because of our public school system’s inability to properly define misconduct and handle behavior at school?

The planning room process looks good on paper. But my question is, is it actually realistic? And is it working for us?

At five years old, after an afternoon of sitting in a room discussing his misconduct with the planning room teacher and actually writing out a plan, my son returns home to me. He sits in front of me and tries to rehash the scenario as I hold the coveted plan in my hand. A full afternoon of concentrated conversation and planning did not stop him from forgetting what was written in the plan. He says, “Something about safe bodies, Mom.” I ask, “What are safe bodies?” With which he replies every time, “No hitting, punching, pushing, shoving or touching anybody.”

I remember boys engaging in full-scale brawls at the playground when I was in elementary school. Teachers had authority back then. They would let it go to a certain extent, head in and break it up, sending each child to a different corner of the playground. By the end of recess the reason for brawling was forgotten and kick ball or tag had resumed. The teachers didn’t make a big deal out of normal childhood behavior back then. They understood growing up was a process of learning right from wrong. Schools were able to handle problems that came up in school at school.

Have teachers forgotten what it’s like to actually be a kid?



Fresh Air buddies Josh and Khalil, forming a bond that lasts well past September.

Why are we wasting time sending children to the planning room and suspending them for something completely normal that could be handled by the teacher at the time of the incident instead of dragging it out and creating a prolonged emotional drama?

It makes me exceedingly irritated that the individuals within the school system are not able to handle minor infractions with dignity and authority. Children could be learning to read and write while they are wasting precious time in the Planning Room playing games. Or suspended at home playing video games and watching T.V.

I don't need to see a document at the end of my day mapping out how my child plans to avoid poking and pigtail pulling. And I don't need to miss an entire day's wages because of it either. I also wonder what good this has done my son.

The Hinesburg Community School needs to reconsider their current no tolerance policy and handle in-school infractions to the new policy in school during the school day or the citizens of Hinesburg will soon find themselves sitting in the poor house.

Hinesburg Community School, you need a new plan.

— Lynn-Marie Monty

Return "Postcards" to Sender

Now that the drama of Town Meeting is over, I offer my humble but solid "thank you" to Mr. Lynn Gardner for his many years of public service. I didn't vote for Howard Russell but feel he's got home town rights to the Board of Selectmen and that he will ultimately keep the Town's interests in mind.

The other Town Meeting Day surprise for me was Mr. Lippert's harangue from the "Legislative" column of this paper dated February 26, 2005. If Mr. Lippert didn't know about "Postcards from Buster" as he so claims, well then I'm Bugs Bunny. I'm not sure if he was lecturing his constituents or rallying his other constituents. Nonetheless, the conventional, in this case the family and any institution that supports it, has been under attack ever since Hinesburg became ground zero for such issues.

The message in the episode in question apparently is not neutral, neither is the Hinesburg couple involved. At a minimum they are activists, and dare I say that they have cast themselves and their family in the role as "crusaders." [...] As they sometimes say, the devil is in the details, and maybe in the images. Again, "Postcards from Buster" is not message-neutral. Civil unions or homosexual marriage is not a wash, as per the recent national elections and the denominational controversies that continue to swirl around the issue.

— Roger Donegan

(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.)

Green Up Day

(Continued from Front Page)

Vermont was the first to designate a state-wide clean up day. Governor Deane C. Davis gave us all this great opportunity to give back to our community. Here in Hinesburg the tradition is as strong as ever. We have over 100 volunteers participate each year and their efforts are supported by donations from our community-minded businesses.

Green-up bags will be available starting Monday, May 2 at the Town Hall and Carpenter-Carse Library.

Green Up Day begins Saturday, May 7. Come to the Town Hall at 8:00 to get more bags, join a work group or just grab a quick donut before heading off to every corner of the town. Working with your family, local civic organizations, town employees, neighbors or as an individual you can participate in a number of green-up projects.

You'll want to work hard to build up an appetite for the community BBQ lunch at the Town Hall at noon. It's a chance to catch your breath and share the special feeling of being part of this community.

If you have any questions, want to suggest or work on a special project, or just need to get more information, you can call Phil Pouech at 482-2060.

See you there; the weather forecast looks good.



By Missy Ross

Town Meeting and Elections See Average Turnout despite Storm

Town meeting, and the elections which followed on Tuesday, went off without a hitch, despite the snowstorm. Many voters came in a day early to vote absentee in order to avoid the predicted bad weather. We had a turnout of 921 voters on Election Day, which is approximately 30 percent of the registered voters. Town meeting on Monday evening was attended by 196 registered voters. Both of these are relatively average numbers.

The only contested race was for a three-year term on the Selectboard. Howard Russell defeated Lynn Gardner by a vote of 567 to 350. Many thanks are due to Lynn for his many years of service to the community. He has contributed hundreds of hours over the years, and we greatly appreciate it. All other candidates on the ballot were elected to the positions for which they were running. Article 2, which was a bond issue for a new tanker truck for the fire department, passed resoundingly by a vote of 718 to 153. The CVU budget was approved, after co-mingling the ballots with the other communities in the district, by a vote of 2719 in favor of the budget to 1757 opposed. The article to purchase two new school buses was also approved by a vote of 2916 to 1722. As I mentioned in my last article, I was unopposed in my quest to serve another three-year term as clerk and treasurer for the town. I am thrilled to continue in that capacity, and want to extend my sincere thanks for the opportunity. Now, on to other business!

Statewide Voter Checklist to be Implemented

One of the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, a federal voting rights act, is that all states must have a statewide voter checklist up and running by January 1, 2006. The Vermont Secretary of State's office has been hard at work to implement this. All towns must be connected to the internet in order to access and update the statewide checklist when needed. This will help to insure that people are not on two checklists at the same time, thereby reducing the opportunity for voter fraud.

Dog Licenses Due

Dog licenses were due as of April 1. If you have not yet registered your dog for this year, please do so as soon as possible. You will need to bring in a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination. The fees for licensing your pet were \$7 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$11 for those not spayed or neutered. The fees increased after April 1 to \$9 and \$15, respectively. Please keep in mind that the purpose of licensing your dog is to insure that they are protected from rabies, and to thereby protect the public from this threat. A license also helps us to find the owner of a pet that may have wandered away from home. If you find a stray dog with a Hinesburg tag on, you can always call the town clerk's office at 482-2281 to find out who the owner is.

Remember Your HS-131

Don't forget to file your Declaration of Vermont Homestead by April 15. You must file this form with the state every year in order to have your property classified as residential, which will make you eligible to file for a property tax prebate. This is a requirement for all people who owned and occupied their property as of April 1, 2005. You can file this form with your income taxes. However, if you neglected to do so, you can get a copy of the HS-131 at the clerk's office.

Don't forget, the deadline is April 15. A penalty of one percent of your education tax will be levied if the form is filed after this date.

Our offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to call with any questions at 482-2281.

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Deadlines for 2005

Advertisement	News	Publication Date
April 11	April 11	April 30
May 9	May 9	May 28
June 6	June 6	June 25
August 8	August 8	August 27
September 12	September 12	October 1
October 10	October 10	October 29
November 14	November 14	December 10

Advertising Deadlines

The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, April 11, 2005.

For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-3404 or email: hrsales@gmavt.net.

News and Calendar Deadlines

We encourage you to submit news and calendar items as soon as possible. The deadline for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, April 11, 2005.

Material not received by deadline will be considered for the following issue.

Please do NOT format (boxes, columns, all capital letters, etc.). We work with Apples and PCs and any formatting is lost from one computer to the next or one program to another. Feel free to send a hard copy of your design and we will try to adapt.

Articles cannot be accepted after the deadline date. However, if the subject matter is still current, such articles may be saved for the following month's issue.

To Submit News & Calendar Info

Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 if you have questions. You may call or fax her at 482-2350. We prefer electronic submissions if possible. Please send your article as an attached file (Word document preferred; jpg files for images) to: therecord@gmavt.net. You may also use the drop box at the Giroux home at 327 Charlotte Road.

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Notice of Vacancies Development Review Board and Planning Commission

There is currently one vacancy on the Hinesburg Development Review Board and one vacancy on the Hinesburg Planning Commission.

As part of the Selectboard's Policy for Appointments to Boards and Commissions, notice of expiring terms and vacancies must be published and posted. Individuals interested in an appointment, incumbents and newcomers alike, must write or appear before the Selectboard to express their interest in an appointment. Selection of an applicant is at the discretion of the Selectboard. In the case of a Board or Commission, an effort shall be made to create or maintain a balance of views that is representative of the community. The Selectboard will also consider an applicant's qualifications, level of interest, and potential conflicts of interest as they pertain to the duties of the appointment under consideration.

To find out more about these opportunities and/or to express your interest in an appointment, please call Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at 482-2096, email hinesburgtown@gmavt.net, or write to: Hinesburg Selectboard, Attn: Jeanne Wilson, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

Hinesburg Community Yard Sale Extravaganza May 14

Are you looking for great yard sale finds? Or are you looking for an opportunity to clean out the attic and unload some of those unwanted items? Is your organization looking for a great fund-raising opportunity?

Then Saturday, May 14th is a date to mark on your calendar. The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association will sponsor the Eighth Annual Hinesburg Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 14, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This event features a community sale site at the Hinesburg Fire Hall, where vendors will sell their yard sale items. The HBPA will offer spaces and tables for anyone wishing to rent sale space.

In addition, the HBPA is encouraging Hinesburg residents to hold sales at their homes on the same day, making May 14 a yard sale extravaganza. The HBPA will distribute maps with the various sale sites throughout town listed. There is no charge for having your sale listed on the map.

This event has been incredibly successful for the past seven years, and the HBPA expects numerous bargain hunters this year. Take advantage of this community event, and help put Hinesburg on the map!

For further information on renting sale space, attending the sale, having your location included on the map, or fundraising ideas, contact HBPA Treasurer Jeanne Wilson at 482-3767.

From 116 and Charlotte Rd to Iraq: an Overview of Hinesburg's 2005 Annual Meeting

By Stewart Pierson

This year's annual meeting began with reports by three members of the Selectboard. Robert Bast reported on the restructuring of the Town administration; Lynn Gardner gave the 2005-2006 budget overview; and Jon Trefry provided a progress report on the Recreation/bike path.

Two issues confused the meeting business: The amount of cash reserve available to support the 2005-2006 budget and the relationship between the warning budget figures and the detailed budget reports at the rear of the Annual Report (pages 50-71.) Carol Bohlen's motion to increase the use of cash reserve for the 2005-2006 Budget from \$200,000 to \$250,000 was approved but only has advisory power with the Selectboard. With respect to the interface between the warning



Carl Novak proposed the Town Meeting article to remove all U.S. troops in Iraq. The article passed.

articles and the budget report, some slight changes were suggested for information within each article, referencing the actual budget in the Annual Report.

"Traffic is the biggest issue of our life in Hinesburg," one resident said. Lynn Gardner reported on extensive efforts to resolve the dangers at the Charlotte Road/Route 116 intersection. The State of Vermont has finally agreed to help and is now proposing a traffic signal. Gardner pointed out that such a signal may be activated when needed, such as during the closing and opening of school or rush hour. The rest of the time it may become a flasher, which may be preferable to a four-way stop sign. George Dameron, speaking for many village residents and parents of children, complimented the Selectboard and especially Jeanne Wilson for progress in solving this problem.

"How do the costs of our Community Police Department compare with other towns on a per capita basis?" was one of many questions addressed to Chief Chris Morrell. Others wondered about the fuel efficiency of the vehicle fleet and the usefulness of the CUSI (Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations). Morrell pointed out that police vehicles need to be high powered, which limits their fuel-efficiency to only 20 or so miles per gallon. He also spoke in favor of the CUSI allocation which removes investigations of sex-related crimes from the workload of the Hinesburg police and moves it to the County level. Between ten and 15 such cases a year come from the Town of Hinesburg. Asked how a decision might be made to increase the Community Police Force, Morrell responded, "Increasing the Police budget is your decision."

After a motion to increase funding for the July 4th Celebration to help fund fireworks failed, the original appropriation of \$2,000 for the event was approved.

At 10:30 pm the final article calling for immediate withdrawal of our troops from the war in Iraq came to the floor. It was presented by Carl Novak. An amendment to the article, asking for the charging or releasing of all prisoners, was added, and both the original article and the amendment were approved at 10:50 pm.

HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

February 21 through March 7

By Stewart Pierson and Jeanne Wilson

Animal Control Ordinance

At the February 21 meeting, the Selectboard reviewed the proposed Animal Control Ordinance. Realizing that dogs can be both a potential danger and nuisance to a community as well as great comfort and companionship to their owners, the new ordinance carefully fine tunes procedures by which lost dogs are returned to their owners, dangerous dogs are removed, and potential rabies cases are dealt with. Hinesburg's new Animal Control Officer Earl Dionne brings professional skills to the job. Mr. Dionne also serves as Animal Control Officer in the Town of Huntington. Review of the proposed ordinance will continue, with adoption at a later date.

Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Penrose Jackson, Hinesburg's representative to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, urged that the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan be adopted by the Selectboard. The plan inventories areas of possible problems in the event of a disaster (natural or otherwise) and seeks alleviation of problems. If such work is successfully completed, a community is far better able to make a speedy recovery from a disaster. The Selectboard will continue a review of the plan and consider adoption at a later date.

Resolution of State Education Funds

The Selectboard signed a resolution, prepared by the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities, to prevent the illegal use of education funds. The resolution is in response to efforts by the Vermont Legislature and Governor to utilize education funds for other programs. Although the proposed uses are somewhat related to educational functions, the uses are not in line with the specific requirement outlined in Act 60.

Annual Organizational Meeting of the Selectboard

The first meeting following Town Meeting serves as the annual Organizational Meeting of the Selectboard. As outlined in Vermont Statute, there are certain items of business which must be conducted at the Organizational Meeting. At the March 7 meeting, the Selectboard elected Robert Bast as Chairperson of the Board, re-appointed Suzanne Kneller, Pam Durda and Susan Johnson as Fence Viewers, re-appointed Norman Smith as Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood, re-appointed Stephen Russell as Weigher of Coal, re-appointed Paul Wiczorek as Tree Warden and re-appointed Stephen Gutierrez as Constable. In addition, the Selectboard welcomed newly elected member Howard Russell to the Board.

Routine Business

- Warrants for bills payable approved
- Trial Balances for water and wastewater and general fund accounts accepted
- Minutes of February 7 meeting approved
- Appointed Peter Cahn to the Recreation Commission
- Appointed Rob Farley and Greg Meyer to the Conservation Commission
- Appointed Lisa Godfrey as an alternate member of the Development Review Board
- Re-appointed Gretchen Berger as Town Service Officer
- Approved a request by Jeremy Steele to serve alcohol at the fire station for a wedding reception on March 12
- Discussed the task and duties of the proposed Village Steering Committee

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- Accepted the resignation of Gerald Dubois from the Highway Department
- As the Board of Liquor Control, approved renewal applications for first class and second class liquor licenses
- Authorized signing of the 2005 VTrans paving grant application
- Discussed a correspondence from Connie Abbey regarding a property line issue
- Accepted the resignation of Daniel Greller from the Planning Commission
- Authorized survey work on Pond Brook Road

Planning News

By Alex Weinhausen, Town Planner

Currently, the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board (DRB) each have a vacancy. Volunteering to serve on these important Town boards is an excellent way to help shape the short and long term future of Hinesburg. These boards are responsible for comprehensive planning and its implementation here in Hinesburg. But what is "planning" anyway, and what does it accomplish? The following are some excerpts from the VT Planning Information Center (VPIC) website (www.vpic.info) to explain, and hopefully whet your volunteer appetite.

What is planning?

In its most basic form, planning is the art of understanding how things are in our communities today, how we'd like things to be tomorrow, and then figuring out how to get there. It involves recognizing the gifts that we share here in Vermont, and celebrating the ability we have in our communities to create our own destinies. It is the planner's—or planning commission's—responsibility to gather and guide public perceptions and translate them into visions for the community's future. Specifically, they determine how to manage growth and seek solutions to encourage appropriate development while protecting the environment.

Why plan?

Planning allows community members to come together to make decisions about the town or city's priorities for the future. It creates an environment where residents become part of a larger whole and have the right and responsibility to decide how the entire community should develop itself. A single project can have a big impact—for the better, or for the worse—on an entire town.

Planning lays out the community's priorities, helps to guide development (in the form of housing, commercial, recreation, transportation, etc.) and helps town officials and potential developers to know exactly where everyone stands on a particular type of project and how to best implement it.

Who should be included in the planning process?

YOU! That's right, you!

Planning Commission

If you're interested in drafting and setting policy, long term planning, listening and learning about the priorities of the Hinesburg community, then you'd be a natural for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is responsible for drafting and amending the comprehensive Town Plan (broad vision) as well as Hinesburg's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations (rules of the game for development). The Commission also works with community members, consultants, partner organizations to conduct research and explore innovative non-regulatory ways to accomplish community goals.

Development Review Board

If you're interested in implementing policy and enjoy being where the rubber meets the road, then you'd be a natural for the Development Review Board. The DRB is responsible for reviewing ALL development in Hinesburg to ensure it complies with the letter and spirit of our regulatory framework. The DRB has the opportunity to review and shape projects from simple two-lot subdivisions to site plans for new businesses to large residential developments—all of which have the potential to enrich the community if well-designed.

Please take that first step to get involved and engage in your community! Consider submitting a letter of interest for one or both of these vacancies.

For more information contact the Planning/Zoning office at hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net or 482-3619. Letters of interest should be submitted to the Town Administrator at the Town Office or via e-mail at hinesburgtown@gmavt.net or via regular mail at Town Administrator, Town of Hinesburg, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.



Submitted by Hinesburg Community Police

Hinesburg Police Crack Jewel Heist

Following an intense investigation of a break-in at a Hinesburg Storage facility, Hinesburg Community Police have charged Olive Rowe, 44, of Burlington with Felony Possession of Stolen Property.



Hinesburg Community Police Officer Barbara Brisson displays jewelry and antiques recovered following execution of a search warrant in Burlington.

Hinesburg Community Police led Burlington and Williston police on a search of Rowe's home, cars and storage areas in Burlington on February 23. As a result of that court authorized search, thousands of dollars in stolen property were recovered. Items included: antiques, coins, a music box, diamonds, pearls, rings, credit cards, Lotto tickets, bracelets, and personal papers.

Hinesburg Woman Injured in Richmond Road Crash

Police report that Karen Charbonneau, 45, of Hinesburg was injured on the morning of February 21, when she lost control of her car on Richmond Road and struck a guard rail. Officer Steve Gutierrez reported that Charbonneau was attempting to descend the hill just east of Iroquois Manufacturing, when she lost control, struck the guardrail on the left side of the road, spun around and come to rest in a driveway.

Hinesburg Fire Department responded and administered first aid. Charbonneau was transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael's ambulance.

Woman Injured In Crash

A head-on crash between a van and a tractor-trailer sent a St. George woman to the hospital on the morning of February 22. Officer Susan Albert reported that Karen Duval, 43, was northbound in her 1994 Dodge minivan, when she crossed over into the southbound lane of Route 116 near the Bissonette farm.

She collided head-on with a southbound milk tanker operated by G.W. James Turner, 42, of Shoreham. The impact tore the left front end of Duval's minivan apart and spun the minivan around on the road. Duval was trapped in the wreckage and was extricated and treated by Hinesburg firefighters. She was then rushed to Fletcher Allen Health Care by Charlotte Ambulance where she was admitted.

Police praised Turner for the evasive action he took in an effort to avoid the crash. After the impact the tractor trailer went off the west side of the highway, down an embankment, through a fence, and across a drainage ditch. Turner was able to keep his rig upright. The crash resulted in a small diesel spill from the tractor that was cleaned up by Hinesburg firefighters.

Officer Albert ticketed Duval for failing to keep right, uninsured operation, and operating while her driver's license was suspended.

Fatal Crash on Pond Brook Road

A single car crash just after midnight on February 25 killed a twenty-eight year-old Hinesburg man. Officer Lisa Primo reported that Travis Bessette was headed eastbound and lost control of his vehicle. He ran off the road and struck several evergreen trees, continued down an embankment and stuck another tree. The impact spun his car around and into another larger tree.

Bessette was ejected through the passenger side window. He was found in the snow alongside his car by neighbors who began CPR and summoned police and firefighters.

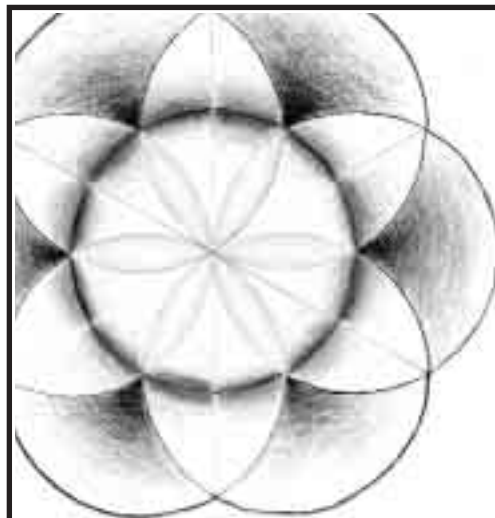
Despite efforts of fire department medical personnel, Bessette expired at the scene.

Officer Primo was assisted by members of the Vermont State Police and Williston Police.

Police stated speed was a significant factor in the crash. (Continued on the next page.)



Hinesburg firefighters work to free Karen Duval from the crushed wreckage of her van after it collided with a tractor trailer.



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Sparks Spark DLS Arrest

Late on the evening of February 25, Officer Barbara Brisson observed a Toyota southbound on north Road with sparks flying from the undercarriage. When she stopped the car to advise the driver of the hazardous condition, she found that the car had registration plates for a truck displayed on it.

When the driver exited the car she recognized him as John Palin, 24, of Huntington. She also knew that his driver's license was suspended. As a result, Palin was charged with criminal driving while suspended and will answer the charge in District Court.

Three Injured in Mechanicsville Road Crash

One person was extricated and all three occupants were transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care following an Election Day crash on Mechanicsville Road. Officer Lisa Primo reported that Tiffany Yandow, 24, of Hinesburg, lost control of her Nissan Pathfinder on snowy roads and skidded off the road, went through a fence, and then rolled over.

Yandow and her two passengers, Steven Farley, 17, and Matthew Aube, 18, were treated at the scene by Hinesburg fire-fighters and then transported by St. Michaels and Charlotte Ambulances.

Yandow had to be extricated from her vehicle by Hinesburg fire-fighters.

Officer Primo attributed the cause of the accident to speed not reasonable and prudent on snowy roads.

Pond Road Crash

An eighteen year old Charlotte woman suffered minor injuries in a rear end crash on Pond Road just north of CVU Road on Friday afternoon, March 11. Chief Chris Morrell reports that Katherine Lawlis was stopped in traffic when her car was struck from the rear by a car operated by Evan Jackson, 17, of Shelburne.

Lawlis was treated at the scene by EMTs from Hinesburg Fire Department. Neither Jackson or a passenger in his car, were injured.

Jackson was ticketed for following too closely.

Hinesburg Hosts Armorer's School

Hinesburg Community Police hosted a Sig Arms pistol armorers school on February 19 and 20. The class was held at the Hinesburg Fire Station.

Hinesburg Firearms Instructor and Armorer Wade Johnson assisted in presenting the school. There were twelve participants from northern Vermont and New York, including Hinesburg Officer Steve Gutierrez.

Each participant was thoroughly schooled in maintenance, disassembly and reassembly of several models of Sig Sauer semi-automatic pistols, including the model recently purchased by local police with grant money.

The high point of the school is the practical session which follows the written test. It is called "Shake and Bake." Every weapon in the classroom is completely disassembled. The parts are all thrown in a large box and then a few additional parts from other weapons are thrown in as well.

The parts are shaken up and then each student must completely assemble one of the pistols from the resultant jumble of parts.

The class was taught by SIG Academy Instructor Rance Deware, a retired police officer.

Despite snow, heavy winds and twenty degree temperatures, participants spent several hours testing and evaluating pistols on an outdoor range.

Sig Arms awarded a complimentary \$350 seat in the school to Hinesburg Community Police for the department's assistance in presenting the school.

The View From the Other End of the Driveway

By Chris Morrell

Recently I responded to a burglar alarm up on one of the many hills in Hinesburg. It was not one of our regular ones, so it seemed possible that it was actually a burglary in progress. I responded with lights and siren until I got fairly close to the location.

As I turned down the private road leading to the house, I was confronted with a choice. The road branched off into three separate driveways.

I chose the driveway to the right and drove up the drive which was about an eighth of a mile. Exiting my cruiser, I began a cautious check of the exterior of the house with my dog. I saw no entry on the front or the side, but when I got to the rear and checked the rear door, it popped open.

I immediately encountered a woman, who upon further investigation identified herself as the house cleaner. She quickly pointed out that I was at the wrong address.

The dog and I returned to the car and chose another even longer driveway and successfully found the source of the burglar alarm.

After I finished checking that alarm, I thought of all the things that could go wrong, simply because no one had put up a visible street number.

First, had the alarm been real, any burglar would have adequate time to escape with his loot while I was at the wrong address.

Second, suppose the house cleaner had heard me walking around the house and in fear that I was a prowler, had chosen to arm herself with a kitchen knife. She would have been anticipating a prowler, and I would have been expecting a burglar. Seeing someone with a knife as I came through the door could have had some unpleasant results.

That was the police perspective. But what about the firefighters? I could imagine several big, heavy fire trucks responding to the wrong house in the winter, and then having to get turned around in a narrow driveway to respond to the correct location.



By Jennifer McCuin

I hope that people were able to attend the Winter Carnival this year. We completely lucked out with the weather, receiving lots of snow two days before, making the day perfect for outside activities like dog sled rides, snowmobile rides, a great snowman building contest, snow golf, sliding and broomball. Many thanks go to the Winter Carnival Committee and the Recreation Commission for all of their organization and effort to make the day so much fun.

To finish off a perfect day of playing in the snow, the Dinner Theater was another enormous success. With 154 seats sold for the performance at \$15 each, generous tips, and an amazing outpouring of creativity, talent, energy and generosity of community members, the evening boasted a spectacular show and raised \$2,247.72! This amount was divided between the Hinesburg Artist Series and the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Talk about power in numbers!

Look for your Spring/Summer Brochure to arrive mid-April. If you don't receive one, please stop by the Recreation office for a copy. It will be full of fun summer activities, taking place right here in town, or at least close by. It will also feature the popular Nestech Summer Concert Series schedule. Isn't it great to imagine sitting out on a blanket with a picnic dinner, listening to great music? All we need to do now is to get through mud season...think spring!

Spring Sports Schedule

The following is the Spring Sport Schedule. If anyone is interested in helping coach, please contact me at the Recreation

Office by calling 482-4691. Remember that you don't have to be a professional to coach. We are always happy to have enthusiastic helpers. Recreation and youth sports are only possible due to our volunteer coaches.

Our spring season begins the week of April 25. Weather permitting.

Lacrosse (tentative days and times)

Registration fee is \$30. All games and practices take place at Lyman Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Boys in grades 5 and 6 will play from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Girls in grades 5 through 8 will play from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Boys in grades 7 and 8 will play from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Please note that effective this year the Northern Vermont Chapter Lacrosse League (of which we are a part) asks that all lacrosse players must be US Lacrosse members. This membership form is available at the Recreation Office or online at www.USLacrosse.com. Please call me with any questions.

Tee Ball

Tee Ball for boys and girls in kindergarten through first grade will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the CVU Upper Soccer Field. Registration fee is \$15.

Baseball

Farm League for boys in grades 2 and 3 will play on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at the HCS Field. Registration fee is \$15.

Softball

Softball Minors for girls in grades 2 and 3 will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Lyman Park. Registration fee is \$15.

Softball Majors for girls in grades 4 through 6 will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Lyman Park. Registration fee is \$15.

Tai Chi

A new session of Tai Chi begins on April 14, continuing on Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for six weeks. The cost is \$40. Also being offered is 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 continues on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Town Hall, 12 classes for \$55.

People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE)

Ellen Talbert, nationally certified PACE instructor will lead this group recreational activity program, designed specifically for people with arthritis. It includes games, range of motion, and relaxation techniques. PACE provide participants with a fun, safe exercise program, which can supplement, but not replace, exercises prescribed by a doctor or therapist.

WHO: Ideal for those with severe to moderate arthritis, multiple joint involvement, or those who are sedentary or who have limited exercise experience.

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall; April 19 through May 26.

FEE: \$60 made payable to Ellen Talbert. A physician consent form must be completed prior to participation. Register through Rec. Office.

Driver Education

Driver Education will be offered in the Town Hall this summer. Enrollment is currently open to Hinesburg residents. Please register soon, as I will assess enrollment at the end of April and open it to non-residents to fill the classes. To register, email me at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net and I will forward a registration form. Please complete form, identify which class you'd prefer and include \$625 made payable to the instructor. You can mail everything to the Rec. Office at P.O. Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461 or drop it by. If you don't have email, you can call at 482-4691. Registration forms are available on the table outside of the Rec. Office.

Driver's Education with Kevin Browne

Session I Schedule:

Classroom time is 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Driving time will be scheduled with the instructor.

June 14, 15, 16

June 29 and 30

July 5, 6, 7

July 11, 12, 13, 14

July 18, 19, 20

Session II Schedule:

Classroom time is 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Driving time will be scheduled with the instructor.

July 25, 26, 27, 28

August 1, 2, 3, 4

August 8, 9, 10, 11

August 15, 16, 17

This class is for students who already possess their State issued driver's permit. Classroom instruction will take place on the ground level conference room in the Hinesburg Town Hall. It is absolutely necessary to attend every class, which equals 30 hours of classroom time, as well as fulfill the six hours of driving time with the instructor. Kevin will be able to administer the driving test once students turn 16, either by returning to Hinesburg or meeting at a mutually agreed upon location.

Driver Education with Dave Brautigam

Session I Schedule:

Classroom time is 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Driving time will be scheduled with instructor.

June 20 to 24

June 27 to July 1

July 5 to 9

Session II Schedule:

Classroom time is 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Driving time will be scheduled with instructor.

July 25 to 29

August 1 to 5

Aug 8 to 12

This class is for students who already possess their State issued driver's permit. Classroom instruction will take place on the ground level conference room in the Hinesburg Town Hall. It is absolutely necessary to attend every class, which equals 30 hours of classroom time, as well as fulfill the six hours of driving time with the instructor.

Other Spring Offerings

Learn to Knit a Fun-Fur Scarf!

While you wait for Spring to arrive, Learn to Knit a Fun-Fur Scarf!

WHERE: Town Hall

WHEN: Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., April 9, 16 and 23.

WHO: Adults and children who would like to learn how to knit.

WHAT: Bring one or two skeins of fun fur yarn and knitting needles (straight needles may work best for children).

COST: \$25 made payable to HRD

Please register through the Rec. Office. Call with any questions 482-4691.

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.

Fun Times Enjoyed at Hinesburg's Winter Carnival

By Lori Hennessey

Mother Nature came through big time! Just when the grass was starting to peek through, and with Winter Carnival right around the corner, we got "dumped on". Due to its timing, this was probably the best snowfall of the year. With a fresh six inches of new snowfall and comfortable temperatures around 30 degrees, the conditions were near perfect for outdoor activities and events.

Back by popular demand, the day started with a three-on-three basketball tournament in the gym. About 40 kids were there to participate in this event. Thanks to referees Tom Giroux and David Eddy for calling the games and keeping it fun for the hoopsters.

Back for a second straight year was a dog show put on by the Burlington Kennel Club. The dogs demonstrated obedience, agility, and tricks. The dogs and their handlers put on a great show and were happy to mingle with the audience and answer any questions.

The Winter Carnival Committee added a few new inside events this year and all were well attended. There was a Playdough Extravaganza, which was especially entertaining for the preschoolers, and face painting which served many ages. Later in the day we were graced with Jinny Goyner, illustrator of the children's book *M is for Maple Syrup*, who did a reading for a crowd of about 50 captivated kids and adults. All these were great events and we look forward to bringing them back next year.

Outside in the sunshine, Rob Farley and his October Siberian huskies were giving dog sled rides. Such a popular event with the little folks, the line was steady for over two hours. Rob and his dogs graciously accommodated the crowd, making sure that everyone had a trip, or even two, around the field. Later in the day the Iroquois Snow Beavers also had a line forming of their own. This time for snowmobile rides. Once again a steady stream of youngsters joined the fun of getting rides around the field. Thank you, Iroquois Snow Beavers and Rob and Ellie Farley, for entertaining the youngsters.

Other activities taking place during the day included a cross country ski tour along Lewis Creek guided by Colin McNaull. And for those feeling competitive, there was a snowman making contest and snow golf. This year's winners in the snowgolf competition were as follows: Closest to the Pin: under 12, Cullum Brownbridge; over 12, Bob DiPasquale. Longest Drive: under 12, Keith Kelly; over 12, Cameron Breck. Good job, snow golfers!



Nicole Utter gives snow golf a shot.



Jessica Utter and Brittany Beaudry show off their face paintings.



The not-so-icy rink turned out to be the perfect place for rousing game of broomball. PHOTOS BY LORI HENNESSEY

The ice rink was full of activities as well. However, due to the warm weather and inches of new snowfall, the ice wasn't so good for skating (sorry, skaters). So, we improvised and played wiffle ball and, of course, the ever popular broomball! The Hinesburg 4-H Club served all kinds of goodies in the comfort of the hut (a HUGE THANKS to Rocky Martin for all his efforts in making the hut so unbelievably comfortable).

Finally, Winter Carnival was made special again this year with a second appearance of the Dinner Theatre. Put on by the Backyard Players, Hinesburg Community Band, and various other musical artists and supporting groups, this show was dedicated to the memory of Ted White. A wonderful new tradition for a great weekend, this event always serves up excellent food and fantastic entertainment.

If you missed the Winter Carnival this year, be sure to plan for it for next year. Come out and join in the fun of this community-spirited annual event.

There's No Man Like a Snowman

By Lori Hennessey

This year the Winter Carnival Snowman Making contest was better than ever. Although the snow wasn't the best for packing and rolling, Hinesburg snowman makers were undeterred. They constructed over a dozen unique and imaginative snow creatures.

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CSWD Round Ups on 2 Days!

CSWD now offers FREE recycling for tires & appliances on TWO separate days!

APPLIANCE Round Up — Saturday, April 16 from 8-3:30

Bring major appliances including washers, dishwashers, stoves, microwaves, air conditioners, and refrigerators (includes built-in style doors). **SAVE \$3.00 - \$7.00 per appliance!** (TV's accepted for a fee.)

TIRE Round Up — Saturday, April 30 from 8-3:30

Bring up to 4 car, van or light truck tires (17" tire size or smaller). Tires on rims: \$3.00 each. Up to 11 tires will be accepted at no charge at the Williston Drop-Off Center. **SAVE \$2.25 - \$6.25 per tire!**

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Snowman

The baseball field behind the school set the stage for the contest. Participants came to build, armed with whatever accessories needed to complete the snowman theme they had in mind. Soon the field was full of snow creatures of all sorts. We had a snow turtle, a patriotic snowman, several original and wonderfully done traditional snowmen; in addition, we had a Hawaiian snowman, and a beach-bum snowman, along with his dog (I think they were expecting warmer temperatures). We also had a fantastic likeness of Champ, the mascot of the Vermont Expos. Due to the unpackable snow conditions we had a couple of "horizontal" snowmen. One was a sky gazer and the other seemed to have an unfortunate accident with the snowman making sign (the red kool-aid added quite a graphic effect).

Thank you to all who helped transform the once empty baseball field to a stage full of lively, colorful, and creative snow creatures. Who knew the talent off the Hinesburg snowmakers?



Hinesburg Resident Joins NRG Systems



Hinesburg resident Phil Pouech has joined the staff of NRG Systems, Inc. PHOTO COURTESY OF NRG SYSTEMS, INC.

Phil Pouech, of Hinesburg, has recently joined the team at NRG Systems, Inc., a Vermont company that manufactures wind energy assessment systems for the global market. Pouech has joined the company as production manager.

Pouech most recently worked at General Dynamics in Burlington where he was a program quality manager. He also previously worked at Huber and Suhner, Inc., in Essex and BF Goodrich Aerospace in Vergennes.

An active member in the community, Pouech has been the chairperson for Hinesburg's Green-Up Day for ten years and coached youth hockey, baseball, basketball and soccer.

Pouech graduated from Unity College in Maine as valedictorian with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and continued his education at the University of Vermont, Harvard School of Business and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In December he completed coursework and received certification as a certified quality engineer from the American Society for Quality.

NRG Building Receives "Gold" in Green Building Design

First gold-certified building in Vermont; one of four manufacturers worldwide

NRG Systems' recently completed 46,000 square foot manufacturing facility and office building in Hinesburg has received LEED gold level certification, making it the first gold and highest LEED-certified building in Vermont and one of only four manufacturing facilities in the world to receive this designation. LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the nationally accepted standard and rating system for high performance, sustainable (green) buildings developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. The \$8 million building, located in Hinesburg, is powered primarily by renewable energy and features the latest in energy efficiency technology and green building design.

"It was our goal to build the most energy efficient and environmentally friendly building possible. When we started this process, we wanted to explore just how 'green' we could go with this kind of building," said Jan Blittersdorf, president and CEO of NRG Systems, Inc. "The result is a building that achieves new standards for manufacturing facilities."

Two-thirds of the NRG building's electricity is supplied by a 67-kilowatt solar photovoltaic installation, which will avoid the emission of up to 105,000 pounds of carbon dioxide annually. A ten-kilowatt wind turbine complements the \$450,000 solar installation, the largest installation in Vermont. The building also uses another renewable resource—wood pellets made from lumber milling waste—for its heating needs.

Conventional buildings use more than three times the energy as the NRG building. Water-saving devices, such as dual-flushing toilets and faucet aerators, save more than 100,000 gallons of water per year.

According to the U.S. Green Building Council, green building and design is a booming trend. In Vermont, two projects have been certified—ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain and Waterfront Housing. Sixteen other Vermont projects are registered and seeking certification. There are more than 1,700 new construction projects in the U.S. seeking certification—only 43 have received gold level certification. There are four progressive levels of certification: certified, silver, gold and platinum.

According to NRG Systems, the cost of building to green standards was \$13.81 per square foot or 8.21% more. NRG expects these additional costs to be paid for in five years.

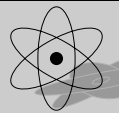
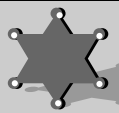
The building features dozens of skylights and operable windows designed to take advantage of natural light, allow for natural ventilation and provide employees with views of the outdoors. Laptop computers and Energy Star-rated office equipment were selected to reduce electricity usage and heat gain. Earth- and human-friendly materials were used throughout the building, including low- or no-VOC stains, paints and adhesives, stained concrete flooring, certified wood, and recycled glass bathroom tiles. The building features a first floor commons area that includes a cafe, double kitchen and 3-story stone fireplace; the third floor features an endless swimming pool and fitness area for employees.

In addition to the building's green features, the new facility includes greatly expanded space to accommodate NRG's administrative and sales offices, shipping, manufacturing, tower production and assembly areas, more than four times the area of its former facility. NRG plans to develop recreation paths around its facility and eventually throughout Hinesburg for community use.

The design team included William Maclay Architects and Planners, Breadloaf Construction, Energy Balance, Salem Engineering, Krebs and Lansing Consulting Engineers, Engineering Ventures, Erickson Consulting, and Naomi Miller Lighting Design. NRG Systems received energy efficiency services and qualified for rebates from Efficiency Vermont.

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The Public's Right to Know Is Under Assault

Editor's Note: In conjunction with National Sunshine Week, the purpose of which is to celebrate open government, the Vermont Press Association recently asked U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy to write a column. The following op-ed on freedom of information and of the press is his response to that request.

By Patrick Leahy

As the son of a printer from Montpelier, I come by my interest in press freedom honestly. And as a Vermonter I was lucky enough to grow up in a place where our culture nourishes the love of liberty and freedom of speech, which is why we held out joining the Union until the Bill of Rights was ratified.

These have been tough times for the public's right to know and for the Congress's duty to know what the government is doing. I am sorry to report that there has been erosion on both of those fronts.

Government secrecy is being ratcheted up to levels unseen in recent times. I have said before that the First Amendment would have trouble today if it were proposed as a constitutional amendment. Sadly, this rings true in a disturbing new survey, commissioned by the Knight Foundation, which found that 36 percent of 110,000 students asked believe that newspapers should have to get "government approval" of news articles before they are published.

Freedom of speech and of the press is one of the magnificent bequests of earlier Americans to the generations that follow. These rights are a fragile gift, requiring nurturing and protection by each new generation.

The enactment of the Freedom of Information Act, or "FOIA," was a watershed moment for democracy, but this bulwark of open government has been under assault.

When the public is shut out, bad things happen. Just ask Linda and Mike Raymond who live in Woburn, Massachusetts, a blue-collar suburb of Boston best known as the setting for the book and film, *A Civil Action*.

After rates of leukemia spiked upward, local industries were sued in the 1980s for polluting the area's water. Four years ago the Raymonds discovered that the city's landfill, dormant for 15 years, was bustling with truck traffic. Linda

Raymond contacted Woburn officials, but they stonewalled her. The Raymonds relied on the state FOIA law to get answers. They educated the community and held public officials accountable. The Raymonds' triumph spotlights the power of and the need for government sunshine laws.

After 9/11, we saw the single greatest rollback of FOIA in history tucked into the charter for the Department of Homeland Security. This provision created an opportunity for big polluters or other offenders to hide mistakes from public view just by stamping "critical infrastructure information" at the top of the page when they submit information to the Department. I am fighting to repeal this law and replace it with a reasonable compromise called the Restore FOIA Act, which would protect both sensitive information and the public's right to know. I will introduce this bill this month, during Sunshine Week. I am also working with Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, to enact a bill called the Open Government Act. Our bill is a designed to update FOIA and improve the timely processing of FOIA requests by federal agencies.

The Constitution reflects the Founders' confidence in open government. Our First Amendment protections and the public's right to know, backed by FOIA, are cornerstones of our democracy, guaranteeing a free flow of information that delivers on the promise of a government of, by, and for the people.

No generation can afford to take these protections for granted, because they can quickly and easily be taken away. And once gone, they are difficult to get back. The recent damage done to FOIA will take great effort to undo.

We have inherited a marvelous legacy. I hope it can always be said that each generation of Americans did all that it could to entrust the public's right to know to the next generation of Americans.

Sixth Grade Student Begins New Sugaring Business

By Denise Giroux

It all began with an idea from his Dad, Chad Hayden explained. It seemed that some money could be made from collecting and selling sap from maple trees to local, previously existing sugarhouses. This money would be a little extra to add



Photo Caption: HCS sixth grader Chad Hayden, proud proprietor of one of Hinesburg's newest sugarworks. PHOTO BY DENISE GIROUX

to Chad's saving account. So, in the late winter of 2001, Chad, his dad Arnold Hayden, mother Val Thomas, and grandfather Alfred Rivers put out 306 buckets to collect sap. Approximately 400 to 500 gallons of sap were collected and sold that winter.

The activity was repeated in the winters of 2002 and 2003. Before the sugaring season of 2004 rolled around, Chad and his dad decided to have a sugarhouse built on their property, near their home on Hayden Hill here in Hinesburg. Tim Isham was

the carpenter who helped this part of their plan to materialize. It seems Chad, who is a sixth grader at Hinesburg Community School, was ready to start boiling his own sap to make syrup, while continuing to sell additional sap as in the past.

That winter brought about an additional change. For the first time, a plastic pipeline was installed in their sugarbush to help make the collection of sap a little easier. Knowing that it took 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup, another 300 buckets were hung along with the pipeline to increase the volume of sap available to them.

When asked if the pipeline brought the sap directly to their sugarhouse, Chad said no. He described how they drive four-wheel ATVs into the woods. The ATVs pull behind them trailers equipped with tanks. Liquid from the pipeline is first drained into five gallon barrels. From there it is pumped into the tanks on the trailers and then transported to a large holding tank at the sugarhouse. Once 100 gallons or more of sap is available, they begin to boil.

Frequently, Arnold Hayden will begin a fire in the boiler around two o'clock in the afternoon. Once Chad arrives home from school, the boiling begins. Dad helps Chad to carefully monitor the temperature of the sap and then draws off the syrup once the correct temperature is reached. After being drawn off, the syrup is filtered under high pressure and then bottled into plastic jugs. Chad explains that he and his dad are still learning the ins and outs of making syrup. They are being mentored by both Tim Isham and a family relative by the name of Stony Mason.

In this first year of boiling, Chad was able to produce 35 gallons of maple syrup, most of which have been sold. Gallons were sold for \$32 and half gallons for \$18. "I know that seems like a lot to some people but making syrup requires a lot of work," states Chad. His profits are split into two-parts with half going into his savings account and the other half put back into the business to purchase supplies.

What are his visions for the future? Chad would like to continue to expand his business by making more syrup, including fancy grade which he has not yet been able to make. What does he enjoy most about this whole process? Spending quality time with his parents. Let's hope warmer weather comes around soon so the sap will begin to run and Chad can get to work!

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CSWD Announces Trash Disposal & Recycling Ordinance Changes

HOW DO THE NEW RECYCLING RULES AFFECT YOU?

In January 2005, CSWD revised the Solid Waste Management Ordinance that governs how trash and recycling are managed in Chittenden County. Below is a summary of some of the changes that may be of interest to residents and businesses. In addition to some of the new ordinance, please contact CSWD.

Did You Know...?

1. **The mandatory recycling list has expanded in Chittenden County.** Knowledge of businesses and residents is important to all of the items on the All-in-One Recycling List.
2. **Municipalities no longer offer curbside "trash only" collection.** If you have a trash collection service at your home or business, your hauler will also provide you with recycling collection service.
3. **Municipalities may no longer offer separate "trash only" collection.** If you have a trash collection service at your home or business, your hauler will also provide recycling collection service.
4. **Recycling containers provided by haulers must be clearly labeled and color coded.** Colors represent back to curb and recycling requests.

CSWD offers FREE assistance to help you comply with this new ordinance at your home or business. Call us today!




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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 April 2 selection is *Four Spirits* by Sena Jeter Naslund. The next meeting is scheduled for the May 11, when we will discuss John Grisham's *A Painted House*.

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. Please phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on the meeting locations.

Storytime News

Toddler Storytimes for children up to three years of age will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 4 (in place of the usual Tuesday) and April 19. Walk-ins are welcome.

Pajama Storytime for ages three & up. Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.

Come in your PJ's and bring your favorite stuffed animal. The theme of our goodnight stories will revolve around the moon and will include *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown and *Mooncake* by Frank Asch. Pre-registration requested.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

- Card, Orson Scott, *Shadow of the Giant*
- Cornwell, Patricia, *Trace*
- Delaney, Frank, *Ireland: a novel*
- Hill, Ingrid, *Ursula Under*
- Iles, Greg, *Blood Memory*
- Munro, Alice, *Runaway*
- Patterson, James, *Honeymoon*
- Patterson, Richard North, *Conviction*
- Rice, Luanne, *Beach Girls*
- Rimington, Rita, *At Risk*
- Shaara, Jeff, *To the Last Man: a novel of the First World War*
- Stonich, Sarah, *The Ice Chorus*
- Taylor, Sarah Stewart, *Mansions of the Dead*
- Wolfe, Tom, *I am Charlotte Simmons*

Adult Nonfiction

- Bellico, Russell P., *Chronicles of Lake Champlain: journeys in war and peace*
- Jamieson, Patsy, *The Essential Eating Well Cookbook: good carbs, good fats, great flavors*
- Jones, Claudia, *Parents Are Teachers Too*
- Kincaid, Jamaica, *Among Flowers: a walk in the Himalaya*
- Lamott, Anne, *Plan B: further thoughts on faith*
- Muir, John, *Wilderness Essays*
- Northrup, Christine, *Mother-Daughter Wisdom: creating a legacy of physical and emotional health*
- Packard, Jerrold M., *Victoria's Daughters*
- Thoreau, Henry David, *The Natural History Essays*

The library is presently receiving daily updates of the Congressional Record, Proceedings and Debates of the 109th Congress, First Session. We will not continue to offer this periodical if use is negligible. We encourage readers to take a look at this Washington publication.

Visit the library to view a list of new juvenile and young adult books.

Upcoming Events

Mother-Daughter Book Group. Saturday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Participants will discuss *The Children of Green Knowe* by L.M. Boston. Join this new group for some family fun! Copies of the book for each discussion will be available at the library the previous month.

The May discussion book will be *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff. For more information call Janet at 482-2878.

YA Book Selection Group. Thursday, April 14, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Adventures on the Road in Old Japan, a presentation by the Fleming Museum of the University of Vermont. Thursday, April 21, 11:00 a.m.

Travel the Tokaido Road to see the sights of Nineteenth century Japan. This program for ages seven and up consists of a slide show and an art activity to make a Japanese family crest called a "Mon." Pre-registration requested.

Author Visit featuring Christopher Tebbetts. Friday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Come welcome Christopher Tebbetts, Hinesburg resident and author of the Viking series of books for middle-grade readers! He will share the writing process from idea to finished book while weaving in excerpts from the novels. Learn about the main character, Jack Gilman, who time-travels from the Twenty-first Century to a Ninth century Viking land full of mystery, magic and fun. Pre-registration is requested. The library currently owns: *Viking Pride*, *the Quest for Faith*, *Land of the Dead*, and *the Viking: Hammer of the Gods*. Check them out!

Celebrate spring! Saturday, April 30, 3:00 p.m.

We welcome back musician Mary McGinniss and friends to our library for an afternoon of beautiful songs written and performed by Mary. Join us to hear this Burlington songwriter's latest music from her newly released CD. Mary's music is always thought provoking and fun. Families welcome. Free program. Refreshments served. Call 482-2878 to register.

Computer Information Session: Hints & Tips for the Everyday User

Waitsfield & Champlain Valley Telecom and Green Mountain Access are pleased to offer a free seminar on enhancing your overall Internet experience. Technology is changing at such a rapid pace and it's often hard to stay on top of it all.

We will focus on current and emerging services and concerns, such as computer performance and security, building home networks, SPAM, and spyware. We will also touch on some of the digital devices that are becoming increasingly popular, including camera and music.

The session will take place on Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Carpenter-Carse Library in Hinesburg. Space is limited so please RSVP to Jay Pompar at 1-800-496-3391 ext. 8394 or via e-mail at jay@wcvt.com.

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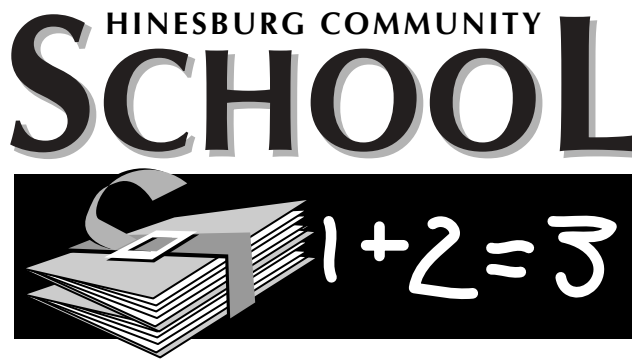
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Compiled by Denise Giroux

HCS Calendar

- April**
5: Enrichment Committee meeting, 2:50 p.m., Wainer Learning Center
10: Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., HCS cafeteria
12: School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center
14,15: Parent conferences, Half days of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
18-22: Spring vacation, No school
25: School Resumes
26: School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center
May
18: In-service, half day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
30: Memorial Day, No school

General School News

By Donna Hale, Principal

Change in School Phone System

We are changing to an automated response system for our phones in an attempt to make communication more direct and to allow our office secretaries more uninterrupted time to complete their tasks and to respond to people seeking assistance in the office. Beginning April 4, you will hear a greeting when you call the school, and several options: Press in the extension you are seeking or, press "1" for Staff Directory; "2" for Nurse; "3" for Cafeteria; "4" for Activity Line and "5" for Office.

Parent Conferences

We will be holding parent-teacher conferences in April. Students will have a half day of school on both April 14 and 15 in order to give teachers the time needed to meet with parents.



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Kindergarten Registration 2005-2006

Hinesburg Community School will be holding registration for students entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2005 on April 28 and April 29. To register, kindergarten students must be five years old before September 1, 2005. Parents are requested to bring their child, a copy of their child's birth certificate, and their child's immunization record. Call Brenda DiPasquale at Hinesburg Community School at 482-6214 to make an appointment.

Math Methods for Parents, Last Meetings

The final meetings of Math Methods for parents will be taking place this month. Parents of first and second graders will meet on April 5 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. in the Music room. The topics of discussion will be Geometry and Measurement. Parents of third and fourth graders will also meet in the Music room but on April 12 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. regarding the same topics.

The previously planned meetings for May, regarding Probability and Statistics, have been cancelled due to the instructor's maternity leave.

For questions or additional information, please contact Nancy Pollack, Math Coordinator, at 482-2106, ext 151.

Annual School Meeting Passes Budget, Thanks Donna Hale

By Denise Giroux

The Annual School Meeting was held at HCS on Saturday, March 19 with 34 voters in attendance.

Donna Hale, Principal of HCS, reviewed many of the high points of the past school year. These included grants that had been given to the school for programs such as the Supportive Classroom, RIF and Safe Routes To School, as well as for education positions such as Literacy Coordinator, Math Coordinator and Math Tutor for grades 1/2. Another grant was received to help improve the air quality in the building. New Hep Vacs will be purchased with these funds. Donna also reviewed the school Action Plans for Math and School Climate. It was noted that referrals to the Planning Room for

physical aggression as well as disrespectful behavior toward faculty and peers were significantly decreased over the past year. Angela Stebbins, Assistant Principal, reviewed the Literacy Action Plan, noting that both the Literacy Coordinator, Betsy Knox, and Math Coordinator, Nancy Pollack, have made tremendous contributions to the students and faculty at our school. Tim Bourne, Technology Educator, stated that HCS is implementing Technology Grade Expectations that the State of Vermont has put forth this year. He also noted that Hinesburg is one of the only districts in the state that collects assessment data on each student to monitor the effectiveness of its technology programs.

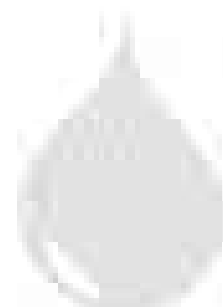
Board Member Colleen MacKinnon addressed the issue of building improvements. There are no major projects in the works for this year, only maintenance tasks for the school property. Plans regarding the improvement of the 1969 (primary) wing were drawn up in the past year and presented to the State. Vermont rejected that plan, which has now been returned to the architects for revision. Another topic that is currently being discussed is the need for revision of the playground and baseball field behind the school building. This plan will be split into three parts: replace aging playground equipment, replace the base and surface layers under the equipment, and improve the ball field. The school will likely be working towards raising funds for one of the parts of this project.

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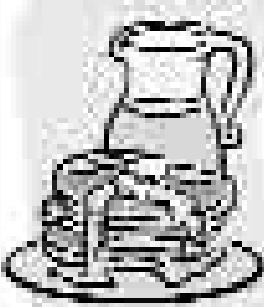
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Jim Gelber, Chairman of the Board of Directors, reviewed budget goals, changes in the budget and budget implications on the town's taxes. The one cut in the budget is to reduce one section of the third and fourth grades due to decreased class sizes. There are only minor increases in the budget and those are mostly to counteract the loss of grant money. Bill Lippert, Town Representative, also noted that Medicaid dollars which benefit some of the school programs were decreased by \$40 million in the state this year. That will certainly have an effect on some of the programs that are provided. In the end, with one cut and only small increases, the budget was held to an overall increase of 4.82%. Unfortunately, our tax rate will increase anyway due to payments for the CVU expansion bond, and the way the state bases our tax rate on the Common Level of Appraisal. Our Local Actual Tax Rate will be raised to about \$2.82. The vote was taken and the budget of \$6,802,428 for the next fiscal year was passed.

Several other topics were discussed, including changing the Annual School Meeting time to a Monday evening instead of a Saturday morning. It was hoped that this change would allow for a greater attendance of the registered voters in town. This article was passed and the next school meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!

An additional discussion was held on the subject of Enrichment Programs. One parent noted that our school seems to have an abundance of programs and assistance for children with special needs but that there did not seem to be much for Gifted or Talented students. Jim Gelber explained that in order to offer such programs, the school must first have a unified curriculum. This was not the situation at HCS until Donna Hale arrived here and worked toward this end. Once the school had a more cohesive curriculum, board members felt it was best to make the curriculum as rigorous as possible throughout the school. This meant putting funds into instruction and support for teachers so that they could differentiate their teaching to meet the needs of all the levels of children in their classrooms. "That's the best way to meet the needs of all kids," stated Colleen MacKinnon. Thus, in looking at the budget, one would not see a specific monetary value assigned to Enrichment programs. It is already incorporated in the school's general budget for various Action Plans.

Dena Monahan, Moderator, made the point that we should all recognize Donna Hale, retiring Principal, for the wonderful work and many contributions she has made to our students and Community School in the past seven years. A standing ovation followed. The town appreciates her accomplishments and thanks her for bringing numerous positive changes to HCS from which we will all benefit. Thank you, Donna, and best wishes!

New Project to Create Safer Routes to School

By Karen Akins

Hinesburg Community School is one of three Chittenden County schools selected to participate in a pilot project to get more kids biking, walking, and carpooling to school. Sponsored by the county's Metropolitan Planning Organization, the two-year Safe Routes to School project will map problem areas, recommend improvements, and encourage biking and walking through education and special events.

Over two-thirds of all children walked or bicycled to school 30 years ago; less than 10% do today. Statistics on travel behavior by students at HCS gathered this fall show how kids are currently getting to school: Biking, 1%; Walking, 2%; Car, 39%; Carpool, 4%; School Bus, 54%.

Although few students report walking to school, an overwhelming 70% of Hinesburg Community School students indicated that they would like to walk. "Over the course of the project, we hope that more children will shift to healthier

modes of travel, such as biking and walking, or start to form carpools to reduce traffic volumes around the school and in the village," said Selectboard member Andrea Morgante. Nationally, school-related trips are estimated to be more than 20% of morning rush hour traffic.

"Getting kids engaged in starting their day with a walk to school will not only benefit them in social and healthful ways, but it will ease school-rush traffic and raise driver awareness, thereby creating a safe environment in which new healthier patterns can develop," said Pam Mathews, the project's parent liaison with the school. She hopes that innovations such as the "Walking School Bus," where kids walk together along a designated route, will encourage more local kids to walk to school and ease parent concerns about safety.

To kick-start these efforts, Hinesburg Community School will actively participate in Way to Go Week, May 2-6, by launching a Walking School Bus, a "Bicycle Train," and by helping parents to form carpools for one week to show how alternatives to private vehicles can be fun and healthy options. For more information, call Karen Akins, the Safe Routes to School Coordinator, at 793-1481 or email HinesburgSR2S@yahoo.com.

Literacy is Alive and Well at HCS

How much time should students spend reading each night?

The Language Arts Committee discussed this question. Here are our recommendations. The times listed are the suggested minimums.

Grades PreK-K: Ten to 20 minutes. Of course at this age, this reading is in the form of a read aloud. Parents are reading aloud wonderful texts to their children. Once you have shared a good book together, it is helpful to talk about the book. What surprised you? What part of the story did you like best and why?

Grades 1-2: 20 minutes. At this grade level, students are beginning to read on their own. That reading should be encouraged and celebrated. However, it is equally important to share a read aloud time too.

Grades 3-4: 20 minutes. Students probably have a reading assignment for their literature group book. You may see this book come home from school. Students may also be doing research for reports. Internet resources may become part of your child's reading material at this age. It is important to remember that students at this age still benefit from listening to a great read aloud story.

Parents should be signing their child's reading contract each week.

Grade 5-6: 25 minutes. Students have required reading for their in-school literature groups. Reading aloud to students at this grade level is still an enriching experience for all.

Grade 7-8: 30 minutes. Students at this level may be reading adult novels with adult themes. The trick is to find books that are interesting, yet still appropriate! Isn't that always a challenge? Parents and their children may enjoy reading the same book. Discussing the text together is a way to connect with your child. Reading aloud may still be a shared experience.

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News from the Grades 2/3 Enrichment Reading Group of Hinsdale, Slesar, and O'Brien

By Ruth Lamberson, Parent Volunteer

I've had the pleasure of working with these seven students for an hour every Wednesday morning during their reading group time. They are a great group of kids! Here's what we've been doing with our time together:

We read the historical fiction picture book, *Letting Swift River Go*, by Jane Yolen. The book is based on the drowning of the Swift River Valley 70 years ago in order to build the Quabbin Reservoir that supplied (and still supplies) water to Boston. After the children had heard the story several times and climbed inside the minds of the characters, we had a debate. Half of the group pretended to be the folks from Boston seeking to relocate the locals in order to build the dam and the other half took on the roles of the people who lived in the Swift River Valley during the time of these great debates and town meetings.

Not only did the children learn a bit about debating (arguments and counter arguments) but they also really had to "think outside the box." They all seemed to understand, in the end, why Boston got its way. And they also were pleasantly surprised that grown ups could solve a problem without anybody getting hurt physically. I recall the children saying things such as, "It's amazing that no one started a fight! A war could have started!" What a relief for them to know that grownups can use diplomacy.

After our debates, I encouraged the students to write about anything they wanted that related to the book. Some children wrote letters to Jane Yolen and asked her some great questions. Others chose to write about what happened in the story from a child's perspective, thinking about the incident years later. One child wrote a poem about water, another chose to take on the assignment from a purely scientific perspective of what "swift water" is. And one child chose to write all three: a letter, a poem, and an account of what happened from the main character's viewpoint.

After the writing was completed (only rough copies were made) students were given the task of using pencils, crayons and watercolors to create a picture based on their writing. The only stipulation was it could not be representational art (i.e. they had to think about how to convey their writing in art form through symbols and colors to create a mood). The first day we did this almost all of them started to draw very traditional pictures of water, houses, and rivers but after I showed them some examples of modern art (a la Jackson Pollack) that hang at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and talked about "thinking outside the box", they got it and took off. And they listened to Handel's Water Music while they created. It was wonderful to watch.

Then, they presented their writing, rough copies of their artwork, final copies and the titles of their creation in front of the Enrichment group. The "panel" of students each had to ask the writer/artist at least one question about the presentation. The students asked some amazing questions of their peers! It took a few prompts for me to get them going through all of this, but it was incredibly rewarding to see how their minds took off once they got the idea. Here are some examples of their questions and comments:

"Why did you use those colors? They don't seem sad to me."

"What do the circles symbolize?"

"Before you started your picture what did you envision your artwork to look like?"

"How did you come up with the title?"

"Whoa! That was really good! How did you think of that?"

We've now moved on to *Through My Eyes*, by Ruby Bridges, who at age six was one of the first African American children to be integrated into a New Orleans public school. The book is allowing the children to continue to think critically, to question, and to support each other in their academic and emotional growth. By the end of the year, I hope to have the seven bonded even tighter than they already are, so that nobody has any inclination to hold back his or her inner genius!

I am fortunate to be working with such a great group of kids. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at home at 482-4941 or e-mail: mrpjvt@aol.com. Or feel free to contact Betsy Knox, HCS's Literacy Coordinator at 482-6260 ext. 339.

Ruth Lamberson is one of the many, many parent volunteers that support our students at HCS. One way that (Continued on the next page.)

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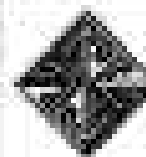
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Wrestling Rocks

Stephan Fortin

Unlike soccer and basketball, wrestling is a very challenging and intense individual sport. You stare at your opponent, shake his hand and get ready to wrestle. Once the referee blows the whistle to start the match, your goal is to get your opponents shoulders on the mat for three to five seconds. If you can do that, the referee will slap the mat, blowing the whistle to end the match.

A match starts with both wrestlers standing in the middle of the mat facing each other. Each wrestler uses different techniques like shooting in on an opponent's leg and lifting it up to take your opponent down. After you get your opponent down, you try and break him down to his belly if he is not already. Once he is on his stomach, you should try to get him on his back using a half nelson. This is when you put your hand under the arm pit and around your opponent's head to roll him. Or, you can put him in a cradle by putting your head in your opponent's side, one arm around his neck and one arm around a leg trying to bring his head to his knee and locking your hands. Both of these moves you hope will lead to a pin and a win.

The Champlain Valley Youth Wrestling team is the team that kids from Hinesburg wrestle on. They practice three times a week to get ready to go to tournaments on Saturdays. February 19th was the state wrestling tournament - the last and most important tournament of the year. This is where all your dedication and hard work really pay off. I got there really early and it was very quiet because only four people were there. Then around eight-thirty all the other teams arrived and it started to get loud. You could feel the excitement. At nine o'clock we had to weigh-in, and then all the coaches had a meeting to decide who was going to wrestle who. The matches started at ten o'clock. Tournaments usually last three to five hours but because this was the state tournament it took five to seven hours until all the champions were crowned.

The one match I remember like it was yesterday was the match that I wrestled against a wrestler from Milton. I walked onto the mat, shook his hand and the referee blew the whistle. My opponent put me in a head lock by grabbing my head and arm together and squeezing. He threw me on my back but I fought for a minute and thirty seconds to keep from being pinned. At the end of the first period I was down 5-0. In the second period, I chose the bottom position and my opponent got on top. When the referee blew the whistle, I quickly got a reversal and got on top. Now the score was 5-2. The third period my opponent had choice and he chose the neutral position, the way we started the match. This time I took him down, put him to his back and pinned him. So, I came back to win with a pin under after almost being pinned myself. I was really

School Daze

excited to win. I ended up finishing fifth out of ten wrestlers in my weight class. It was a lot of work but very satisfying.

The Parelli Method

Tegan Mahoney

On March 7, 2005, a group of horse-loving students from HCS attended a Parelli Horse-Man-Ship presentation. These students went to the presentation as a part of their 4-H club, the Midnight Riders. Kelly Westover, the host and guest speaker, is a Level 2 Parelli rider and knows a ton about horses.

Parelli Horse-Man-Ship is one of the most popular forms of natural horsemanship started by Pat and Linda Parelli. Other natural horsemanship trainers exist such as Monty Roberts and Clinton Anderson, but Pat and Linda are probably the most prominent. Parelli was started as an alternative to the conventional and sometimes inhumane training practices such as physical punishment. The Parelli system helps riders communicate with their mounts in a language that horses understand: their own!

Kelly Westover gave a lecture on Parelli, showed some brief footage of advanced riders using the Parelli method and answered questions. In her lecture Kelly spoke about what Parelli can teach horses and their riders, and what she has accomplished using natural Horse-Man-Ship. She also showed some incredible footage of riders performing intricate dressage patterns, jumping and running barrels all without a bridle! At the end of the session Kelly answered the students' questions on topics ranging from bucking to how to get involved with the Parelli method. I learned a lot and think it is a great training

Middle Schoolers Help

Caitlin White

This year there have been a lot of seventh and eighth graders helping the school in many ways. Almost every day you can walk into school and see middle school students taking out the recycling, helping with the garbage or helping a younger kid to read. They also organized a food drive at Christmas.

This is not always how adults perceive teenagers. Many think teenagers are loud, obnoxious and not very helpful. But this is not true. Unfortunately, if something happens in the halls and a seventh or eighth grader happens to be there they get the dirty look by passing adults. It is often felt that seventh and eighth graders are too immature to do anything unsupervised by themselves which seems unfair.

Yes 7th and 8th graders can be immature at times but

that is just part of being a teenager - they are still pretty responsible. They ask to take out the recycling and they hold doors for people when needed. There are a lot more good things than bad about middle schoolers. I wish everybody would step back to take in the big picture and see that middle schoolers can be trusted, helpful, and respectful. We really do care.

The Hallways at HCS

David Hebert

You may not know it, but there are some big messes in the hallways in the middle school. There is only one narrow hallway for 150 kids. When everyone is getting into their lockers, it is really crowded and people are pushing, playing and talking. When the students are not there the hallway is always messy, filled with backpacks, coats, ripped up pieces of paper and junk on the floor. There are also coats on top of the lockers, open lockers, and backpacks hanging out of lockers. I feel all of this is a real problem.

One reason why the hallway is messy is because the lockers are too small, and the students can't fit all their stuff neatly in them. Each locker is like a big locker that is split in half. One idea I had to organize the space better was to put a shelf inside the locker. You could put your coat and boots on the bottom and your hat, gloves and lunch box on the shelf. Another idea is to put cubbies in the classrooms for books and binders leaving the locker free for coats.

Even if there was enough space, students are not cleaning up their messes. When people make a mess in the hallway with all the paper and junk all over the floor, the janitor has to clean it up. I think students should give the janitor a break! I feel that people need to start cleaning up their mess and being more responsible. Maybe some signs on the walls above the lockers to remind students would help. A few ideas are:

"If you can't fit your stuff in the locker, hang it on the hooks in the hallway!"

"Close your lockers!"

"If somebody else's stuff falls off the shelf, don't leave it on the floor, put it back up."

"Don't be a litterbug. Pick up your mess."


Another idea for cleaning up the mess in the hallway is to have a fifteen minute clean-up at the end of the day once a week. All 100 kids in the middle school would be assigned cleaning jobs, like cleaning the floor, picking up trash, closing lockers and putting backpacks back on the shelves. I think that this would help kids learn to clean up their own messes. If the hallway stays clean, people won't trip over things and we will feel good about our hallway and school.

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parents support HCS is by working with groups of students. There are over fifteen Enrichment Literature Group parents that lead book discussion groups with over sixty students on a weekly basis. Thank you to all of our parents for their commitment to this program.

Writers of Small Moments

By Pat O'Brien, 1/2 Teacher

In my multi-age 1/2 classroom, I spent the first few months of school working with children on finding small moments to write about. Small moments are little events that happen to people on a daily basis and can be very interesting to write about. Many of the children are just beginning to discover the writer within and I wanted them to recognize the fact that they all come to school with great stories to tell.

I modeled for the children how to begin this process by writing about a small moment from my own life. I explained to the children that they were writing for an audience of readers, so it was important for them to try and make their own writing come alive for their readers. They could do this by first making a movie in their minds, and then writing about what they saw. We talked about how it is important as a writer to show their readers what happened instead of just telling them. I used the simile that writers are like painters but instead of using paints, writers paint their pictures with words.

We spent a lot of time in class reading great children's literature and finding examples of very descriptive writing that created a movie in our minds. It was especially exciting on the day I had a student come to me with a book and say, "Look, Mrs. O'Brien, don't you think this makes a great movie in your mind?" After that, I had many students come to me with good examples of descriptive writing.

Each child continued to work on writing about small moments and then chose a piece they felt was one of their best to publish. With the help of parent volunteers, every child published a small moment. We shared our writing with one another and the class gave constructive feedback to one another about their piece, with comments such as, "I liked the part when you said ...because I could see what was happening in my mind." We continue to paint with our words everyday, as children continue to see themselves grow as writers.

More "Writers in Action!"

By Betsy Knox, Literacy Coordinator

Several parents, the librarian, and I were invited to come to Miss Lass's first grade classroom to listen to the children read their first narratives of the school year. Students were in small groups so that each visitor heard about four stories. After the sharing, Miss Lass asked the students to talk about how they felt about writing their stories.

Miss Lass: What was your favorite part about writing your narrative?

Dana: The characters could be almost anything you want.

Carter: Thinking about what to draw and thinking about your own title. The title had to match the story.

Miss Lass: It is neat that you have so much power in your pencil, isn't it? What other thoughts do you have about your writing?

Katelyn: I liked using interesting words like "pathetic".

Rachel: I liked my pictures. I could put the things in my brain on paper.

Abby: I liked drawing my own pictures. You can use different colors.

Miss Lass: How did you want your picture to look?

Emma: Colorful! It had to match the story.

Miss Lass: Daniel, what was your favorite part?

Daniel: Coloring!

Miss Lass: Any other comments to share?

Elizabeth: I liked writing the stories. I liked how we wrote our own ideas.

Cooper: Getting to make your character any way you liked was fun.

Miss Lass: It is wonderful that you have so much power in your pencil.

The above conversation and witnessing the student sharing tells me so much! Michelle sees her students as writers, and most importantly, they see themselves as writers too!

How did the students come to this understanding? Through very thoughtful planning, modeling, and guided practice. The sequence of lessons is as follows:

- Read lots of stories in small groups and whole class.
- Discuss the elements of stories (characters, setting, plot, ending, etc.)
- Use story maps to identify the elements of stories.
- Write a class story, using the story elements as scaffolding.
- Students write their own stories, using the story elements to help them.
- Peer conferencing.
- Editing and revision
- Public sharing and celebration

I was so thrilled to see these students so excited about their writing!

A Kitty Named Fluffy

By Taylor, Grade 1

Once there was a black cat. His name was Fluffy. Fluffy was a good cat. Fluffy likes to pick berries. Fluffy lives in a house. It is a tree house. One day he got lost. He was daydreaming. First, he sees a tree house. Next, he knocks on the door. Then, a squirrel came to open the door. After that Fluffy asked the squirrel to look up and see if he can see his house. Finally, the squirrel let Fluffy in. He went up to his roof and saw his house. Fluffy went to his tree house. He went to bed.

How Hoot Got Lost

By Rachel, Grade 2

Once there was a kitten named Hoot. She loved to lick people. Her long black fur was soft. Hoot lived in a house. It was a very nice house once you got to know it. She had two couches. She had little shades on her bed.

Hoot was going to the railroad station. She was looking at the trees. All of a sudden, she was lost. She noticed that she was lost because the trees were more scarier and the sky was much darker and the leaves were now a rainbow. First she looks behind a tree for a road. Next she looks behind a bush for a path. Finally she looks behind a cave and she finds a sidewalk. She walks up the path and opens the door to her house. Hoot then gets her control and plays Sonic the Hedgehog video game. When she is done, she gets her pajamas on and goes to sleep.

The Viking Ships

By Cooper, Grade 1

Once there was a boy named Jack. Jack was eight. Jack had a sister named Annie. Annie was seven. Jack's favorite thing was pyramids. Annie's favorite thing was pretend stuff.

They have a place in the woods. There is a tree house in the woods. One day Jack and Annie got lost. They are back in the time of the Vikings. First they found a bridge. Next they went across the bridge. Then, they see the tree house. After that they climb up the ladder. Finally they wish that they could go back home. The tree house started to spin. It spun faster and faster and faster. Then everything was still. Absolutely still. Jack and Annie were home. Nothing had happened when they were gone. The sun was about to set. They saw their house in the distance.

Note: Our Chittenden South Supervisory Union, as well as the state of Vermont, requires students to learn to write in many genres: narratives (stories), reports, procedures, persuasive, response to a piece of text, and personal reflection.

The student writing displayed here are forms of narrative writing. The purpose of this genre of writing is to entertain an audience. We hope you have enjoyed these pieces. Thank you to the Hinesburg Record for allowing students to have the opportunity to share their writing with an authentic audience, outside of the classrooms at HCS.

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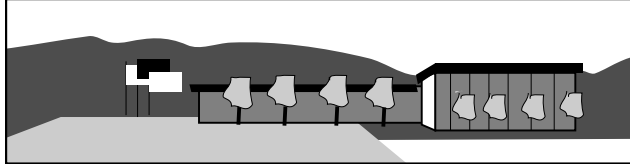
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Calendar

April:

- 4: CVU College Fair, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
- 7: Friends of CVU Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Learning Center
- 8: End of Quarter 3
- 9: ACT Test Date at CVU
- 11: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106
- 12: State Band Festival, Harwood (tentative date)
- 13: 1/2 Day Inservice. Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
- 14-26: Costa Rica Trip (AP Bio)
- 14: World Famous Count Basie Orchestra will perform in the CVU Auditorium. Cost: \$20
- 18-22: No School
- 25: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106
- 29: Grad Challenge Presentation Day
- 29: Registration Deadline for June SAT

Thank You Voters!

CVU would like to thank the members of the community for their ongoing support of the school through the passage of the 2005-2006 budget. We will continue to work to provide students with a quality education and honor the support that the community has given us. Thank you.

Sean McMannon Selected as Finalist for CVU Principal

The Champlain Valley Union Board of School Directors held a "Meet the Candidate" public forum Monday, March 28 for parents and community members to engage with the final candidate being considered for the open principal position. The vacancy resulted when long-term principal Valerie Gardner announced she would resign from the position at the end of this school year.

Sean McMannon, currently the Director of Fairbanks House at CVU is the finalist for the position. Mr. McMannon was selected from a pool of Vermont and out-of-state candidates. Three candidates were interviewed by the Board's Advisory Committee comprised of parents, community members, school board members, faculty, staff and students. Mr. McMannon emerged as the leading candidate following additional interviews with adult and student leadership groups at the school and an initial interview with the full Board. The Board will make a final decision on hiring at a yet to be determined date following the "Meet the Candidate" forum.

Mr. McMannon completed his undergraduate work at Penn State University, earned his Masters Degree in Special Education from Lesley College in Boston and continues to complete graduate work in Educational Leadership at both the University of Vermont and St. Michael's College.

He has served as the Fairbanks House Director since 2002 following his arrival as the lead teacher of the Lewis Creek Program – a program designed for students with moderate to

severe learning disabilities. He has previously taught in a range of settings in California, New Hampshire and Massachusetts following a two year Peace Corps teaching experience in Africa.

For more information, please contact: Brian O'Regan, Superintendent of Schools (383-1227) or Sandy Raymond, Executive Assistant (383-1224).

Jeanne Jensen Elected CVU Board Chair

By Rosalyn Graham

It wasn't the usual CVU Board Reorganization. In a dramatic about face from the tradition of uncontested elections and foregone conclusions, there was a contest for the position of Chair of the Board – and an unprecedented use of electronic aids to allow participation by an absent member of the board.



Jeanne Jensen of Williston, Chair of CVU School Board.

Jeanne Jensen of Williston was nominated for the position of chair as was Michael Bissonette of Hinesburg who has been chair since Bob Mason of Shelburne resigned from the position a year and a half ago to become Operations Manager for Chittenden South Supervisory Union. The contest made it imperative that all 11 members of the board be able to take part in the voting, so the 10 board members who were present trooped from their meeting room to the new administrative offices where Joan Lenos of Shelburne could participate by cell phone, speaker phone and internet from Florida where she was vacationing.

Lenos emailed her vote to Principal Val Gardner's office computer while the other board members marked their paper ballots. After the first round of balloting resulted in five votes for each candidate and one abstention, Lorna Jimmerson, newly elected to the board from Charlotte, asked that Jensen and Bissonette each tell the board what they felt their qualifications were.

Jensen chronicled her participation in matters related to the high school beginning with being on the multi-town frameworks committee that established a basis for the plans for expansion at CVU, being appointed to the board, serving on the facilities committee through the run-up to the successful bond vote for the \$17.3 million project and continuing during the ongoing construction phase, and being a member of the negotiating team for the teacher contract. "I have a passion for public education," Jensen said, explaining that the education process involves more than reading and arithmetic, but also teaching responsible citizenship and awareness of social issues.

Bissonette focused on the importance of the board as a team supporting the leaders of the school. He said, "The district is a community of towns, and as we work together and learn to work together better, we will be a stronger system." He said that with a new principal about to be chosen for the high school,

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The second vote, with Lenex again voting by email, elected Jensen by a margin of six to five.

Jeff Parker was re-elected as vice-chair and Joan Lenex was re-elected as clerk. Jensen, Parker and Lenex were elected to represent CVU on the CSSU board.

Greece and Italy Travel Approved

The board gave its stamp of approval to two international student trips planned for the spring of 2006, one to Greece and one to Italy.

The Greek trip, as described to the board by teacher Joe Greenwald, is a repeat of a trip he has led four times before, in alternating years with the CVU French and Costa Rican trips. The trip is "an addendum" to Greenwald's *Ancient Greece and You* course and involves rigorous pre-trip preparation as well as post-trip sharing of their experiences with the greater community.

The last Greek trip, in the spring of 2004, involved 31 students who prepared by learning modern Greek phrases, studying the arts, culture and geography of the country, and during the trip taking responsibility for giving lectures on the next day's sightseeing to their fellow travelers. "They get past the tourist spiel," Greenwald said. "They really understand what's going on."

The 13-day trip includes a five day cruise on the Aegean, and last time cost \$2,400 per person. The students work hard on fund raising, but the responsibility for paying for the trip rests with the students and their parents.

Leanne Doulette, in her fifth year teaching Latin at CVU, brought the board a proposal for an April 2006 trip to Italy for her Latin students and the art students of Abbie Bowker and Tim Duvernoy. Doulette explained that the interdisciplinary travel experience would give the students a chance to experience a different culture, develop expertise on the history, art and culture. Doulette said she expects the 12-day trip will cost \$2,143 for hotels, airfare, tours and two meals a day, and that she and her fellow teachers have many creative ideas for fund raising to defray the cost. They expect 24 students to participate.

Mascot Search

A committee of students, faculty, staff, community members including parents and non-parents, will begin meeting next week to find a new mascot for CVU. Principal Val Gardner said the committee will not be revisiting the debate about the former Crusader mascot, but will be asked to make a recommendation for a new mascot. The administration will then bring a recommendation to the board and the board will have the final say. She said she expects a decision by the end of the year.

Resignation and Leave of Absence

The board accepted a request for a one year leave of absence by Sarah Andronaco, the visual arts teacher who said she will use the time to explore her painting studies with studio art classes and developing her portfolio. They also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Ann B. Dutton, effective at the end of the school year.

Parent Support Group

Many students in our community are overly worried about their weight, and parenting teenagers who are dealing with eating issues can be a difficult and lonely path. A group of community parents are starting a support group to share information on eating disorders, to learn together, and to help each other through the struggles of parenting a child with eating issues.

If you are interested in joining this support group, you can

call Ann Fisher in the Guidance Department at 482-7137 for more information.

6th Annual College Fair



CVU College Fair will be held April 4 at CVU.

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News From the Direction Center Junior College Workshops

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- ACT: Register on line at www.act.org
- Test Date: June 11 - Register by May

For Seniors

Information about Scholarships Available in the Direction Center. For more information, be sure to check our website at: http://departments.cvuhs.org/Jane/scholarships/current_scholarships. Fastweb.com also provides a good search engine.

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Champlain Valley Union High School Quarter 2 Honor Roll Report Hinesburg Students

**High Honors
 Seniors**

DeSimone, Alicyn N.
 Gevalt, Anna R.
 Leenstra, Paige C.
 Newton, Abbi L.
 Ross, Halley B.
 Savage, Ronald J.
 Stetler, Katelyn E.
 Van Vliet, Joshua B.

Juniors

Bedard, Christiana
 Dunn-Morrison, Zelie
 Parker, Jefferson I.
 Place, Chelsea E.

Sophomores

Bohlen, Nicholas D.
 Francis, Kelsey M.
 Masseau, Evan C.
 Piper, Malcolm W.

Freshmen

Blumen, Kristin E.
 Hart, Robin W.
 Ross, Samuel C.

A/B HONORS

Seniors

Dunshee, James R.
 Durda, Neil
 Gelber, Luke T.
 Gingras, Jessica L.
 Hausermann, Andrew
 Isham, Daniel P.
 Kaiser, Kristin I.
 Kogge, Kathryn M.
 Miner, Devon M.
 Mobbs, Genia M.
 Neale, Steven C.
 Neu, Karl F.
 Parent, Elizabeth A.
 Pike, Jennifer T.
 Russell, Nicole J.
 Seaton, Eric D.
 Stirewalt, Ross M.

Juniors

Anderson, Alexander
 Armell, Ciara J.
 Baillargeon, Joseph
 Bayar, Ayse D.
 Brennan, Malachi T.
 Dunkling, Robbie P.
 Fields, Brittney N.
 Gebicker, Anna Jane
 Kielman, Lily S.
 Kielman, Rem S.
 King, Crystal M.
 Luchini, Krista E.
 Mainer, Michael J.
 Nye, Kara N.
 Peet, Courtney B.
 Sirotkin, Jacob G.
 Soll, Gregory M.
 Thibault, Ariana R.
 Van Sleet, Caitlin

Sophomores

Abbott, Jeffrey M.
 Barnard, Elliot C.
 Carpenter, Charles
 Castonguay, Samantha
 Couture, Taryn D.
 Dinitz, Thomas J.
 Emerson, Kevin C.
 Erling, Lindsay A.
 Francis, Matthew R.
 Keller, Anna L.
 Marks, Charles R.
 Parent, Charlotte I.
 Powden, Cameron J.
 Sengle, Jackson C.
 Smith, Lucas K.
 Volk, Lindsay B.
 Whitney, Hannah M.

Freshmen

Beaudoin, Myles L.
 Bedard, Cyrus R.
 Bennett, Kathryn A.
 Dotolo, Eric T.
 Hausermann, Luke D.
 Karge, Evan J.
 Kimball, John S.
 Leffler, Zachary S.
 Miller, Aaron M.
 Mitchell, Maureen E.
 Nielsen, Samantha J.
 Parker, Joshua L.
 Ross, Ellen C.
 Stearns, Rachel E.
 Svetlik, Carly E.
 Warren, Corey W.
 Wheeler, David B.

Rice High School Honor Roll

The following Hinesburg students made second quarter Honor Roll at Rice Memorial High School:

Tasha Thomas, Honorable Mention
 Dustin Thomas, Second Honors
 Lukas Martin, First Honors
 Benjamin Thiefsels, Second Honors

Hinesburg Nursery School



News from the Nursery School

By Deirdre Gladstone

Open House at Hinesburg Nursery School, April 14

Do you have a future preschooler who is ready to start being with other kids a couple mornings a week? Or, are you the one ready to have your preschooler practice those social skills under the care of two wonderful, nurturing professionals?

Come to our Open House, Thursday, April 14 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. (and if you can't make it then, just call the school at 482-3827 and arrange a time that is convenient for you). Bring your kid(s) with you so they can check out all the neat stuff to play with! It is cliché but it does "take a village" and the parents at HNS would all speak very highly of expanding your support, as we have, with Yvonne Epstein and Natalie Miller, our two amazing, gifted, and giving teachers.

Big Truck Day is May 14!

Mark your calendar for our most popular annual fundraiser, Big Truck Day on Saturday, May 14! Bring the kids to the parking lot at the Community School to climb on, in and around all kinds of trucks and heavy equipment. Not a truck fan? No worries, lots of crafts, activities, food and more to keep everyone satisfied. More next time.

Hinesburg Dines Out

Let me outline a near perfect day. It started with sprinkle donuts at Koval's, followed by frittata at Trillium Café, take out pizza for lunch from Good Times Café, dinner at Golden Dragon and dessert at Papa Nick's. All that and not a dirty dish to clean up at home—now that's perfect.

I am speaking of the nursery school's newest fundraising initiative—Hinesburg Dines Out. We cannot thank our local eateries enough for being willing to support us. Thanks, also, to



Kim Hazelrigg and Signy Shumway share a laugh with Deirdre Gladstone and her daughter Rose as the two families take advantage the chance "Hinesburg Dines Out" offered to support both the Nursery School and Hinesburg's restaurants.



Nursery School President Jen Bradford looks on as Harper Mead, Will Cornish, Rowan Dunlop, Anna Cornish, and Shea Dunlop pose after their first meal in celebration of "Hinesburg Dines Out".

PHOTOS BY SYLVIE VIDRINE

everyone who knowingly or unknowingly consumed food at any of our restaurants on March 10. Our goal was to raise funds to do some improvements in our school and that project is now underway.

Again, Golden Dragon, Good Times Café, Koval's Coffee, Papa Nick's and Trillium Café—thank you!

Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction

Nothing, and I mean nothing, slows down our two year old from her food. Don't even think of coming within a three foot radius—unless you are a Big Red Dog named Clifford, special guest at our Seventh Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction. It was only a brief hiatus with enough time to whisper an astonished, "Mommy, big dog." Then back to her waffle. Not so for many other youngsters who chose to abandon their plates and follow their favorite pooch all over. Clifford was a new addition to what is becoming a favorite annual tradition in town.

Thank you friends, families, past alumni, and the community for coming out to support the Hinesburg Nursery School at our breakfast and auction. It was our biggest crowd ever and everyone left with something, whether it be a full belly or some great item from the auction. We had generous donations from many (see list below), and thanks to your support we had our best auction ever!

Thank You's for the Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction

Thank you to Andrea and Mike Francis, Blackberry Hill Bakery (Wendy Frink), Curtis Kids Sugarhouse, Greg LaCroix, Heather Cobden, Hinesburg Family Health, Janice Provost, Jennifer Morin, The Bosenberg Family, The Cornish Family, The Hoepfner Family, The Rosner Family, Tom Stamp, and Yvonne Epstein who all donated beautiful items to the auction.

Thank you to Dakin Farm, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Hannaford Food and Drug #398, Kovals, Lantman's, McKee's Pub and Grill, McKenzie of Vermont ... Alison Wagner, American Meadows, Applebee's, Auggie's Island Grill, Automotion, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Basin Harbor Club, Ben and Jerry's Homemade, Biodome de Montreal, Burton Snowboards, By The Old Mill Stream, Calyx & Corolla, Catamount Family Center, Cedar Knoll Country Club, Champlain Valley Exposition, Circus Smirkus Academy, Clay Turner Pottery, Country Home Products, Curves, David Epstein Jewelry, Deborah Randall, Earl's Cyclery & Fitness, Eastern Mountain Sports, Eating Well Magazine, ECHO, Essex Outlets Cinema, Estey Hardware, Gardener's Supply, Goose Creek Farm, H&M Auto Supply, Healthy Living, Hertz Rental Equipment, Hinesburg Animal Hospital, Hinesburg Automotive, Hinesburg Community Theater Players, Honey Gardens Apiaries, Inn At Essex, Jiffy Lube, Karen Pike Photography, Kathleen Hurley, Kids Town, Killington Ski Area, Knitters Laine, Lake Champlain Shoreline Cruises, Lake Champlain Transportation Company, Lewis Creek Farm, Lisa Alther, Lyn Severance, Mad River Glen Ski Area, Magic Hat Brewing Company, Mead Bros. Car Wash, Merchants Bank, Montshire Museum, Mountain's Edge Farm, Movement Center, Oasis Day Spa, Olivia's Croutons, Once Upon A Child, Pizza Putt, ReCycle North, ReHab Gym, Rich Frog Industries, Richard Alther, Robert Hull Fleming Museum, Rocky Ridge Golf Course, Rich Frog Industries, Sarita Baker, Scribbles, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Supermarket, Showtime Video, SisterCrafts, Sleepy Hollow Lodge Ski & Bike, Smuggler's Notch, Sue Mahren, The Bobcat Café, The PajamaGram

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The Hinesburg Nursery School is a non-profit, parent cooperative preschool for three- to five-year-olds and is located in the heart of Hinesburg.

Organizations

Lions' Valentine Raffle Winners



Marlene Saunders was one of several lucky winners in this year's Lion's Club Valentine Raffle. PHOTO BY MARGE SHARP

By Marge Sharp

On Tuesday, February 8, the Hinesburg Lions gathered the stubs together and drew the names of their Valentine Raffle winners. All monies realized from the drawing will be returned to the community to assist persons who are in need.

Winners in the foodstuffs category

- Esther Johansson—two pies of any flavor from A & M Bakery
- Diane Barber—a fruit and cheese tray from Lantman's
- J.T. Collins—a case of soda from the Mobil Station
- Diane Woodruff—a \$20 gift certificate to Papa Nick's Restaurant
- Marlene Saunders—a case of cheese from Saputo Cheese

In the sports category:

- Sue Thomas—two one day ski passes to Bolton Valley
- Elaine Provencher—family day ski pass (worth \$50) at Cochran's
- Mary Fisher—ski pass to Sleepy Hollow Cross Country trails
- Gloria Barnes—four tickets to the UVM vs. N.H. basketball game

Miscellaneous category

- Mark Palmer—one month membership Curves Hinesburg

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 Raymond Wright—a \$20 Gift certificate from Wild Thyme
 Jean Bread—one gallon maple syrup from Fortin's Sugarhouse
 Diane Woodruff—Arbonne Skin Care products
 Gloria Barnes—four jars Collins' Grammy's Butterscotch
 The Hinesburg Lions thank all who contributed items to the raffle, the raffle participants and everyone who helped sell the raffle tickets. We are grateful for all the help from the Hinesburg community.

Hinesburg Seniors Encouraged to Apply for Lions' scholarship

The Hinesburg Lions Club will award a scholarship to a deserving graduating senior from the Class of 2005 who plans to continue his or her education at some type of school of higher learning such as a college, technical school or professional school. The amount of the scholarship is \$800. All members of the Class of 2005 who reside in Hinesburg are eligible to apply for the scholarship, whether they attend CVU or another high school. The deadline to apply is May 1. Scholarship forms can be obtained by calling Mrs. "Sam" Collins at 482-2152 or e-mailing her at BPMJEC@aol.com.

Senior Citizen Luncheon to be Held April 11

Senior citizens in Hinesburg are invited to join seniors from other nearby towns to attend a Senior Luncheon at Trinity Episcopal Church in Shelburne Village on Monday, April 11. A donation of \$3 is optional. After dining, stay and sing old-time songs played by Barbara Hibbits and play trivia. All seniors are welcome.

Eastern Star Shines in Celebrations

By Ellie Carpenter

LaPlatte Chapter #64, Order of the Eastern Star, in Hinesburg has had a very busy winter. In the weeks following Thanksgiving, the "Unpredictables" had eight performances at local nursing homes and senior centers, as well as one performance at the Helen Porter Nursing Home in Middlebury where we were joined by another set of "Unpredictables," a group of young ladies from Rutland High School. We also entertained at the AARP meeting in February.



The Order of the Eastern Star—with the help of their talented friends—has kept toes tapping all over Hinesburg this winter. PHOTO COURTESY OF ELLIE CARPENTER



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In December we assisted the Masons with a children's Christmas Party for children from the Hinesburg Nursery School who use the Masonic building.

In January we held our Annual Game Night, Pot Luck Supper for members and non members; the weather was not the best, but the people who were able to make it had a great time.

In February Wilma Preston and Ellie Carpenter made their spaghetti sauce and, with the help of other members who made cakes and helped serve the meal, we served over 80 people at the Annual Spaghetti Supper and Green Mountain Banjo Band. We were pleased to have many nonmembers present. It was great to see so many people dancing to the music.

Then on Sunday, February 27, a Jam Session was held by the Green Mountain Banjos with the help of LaPlatte Chapter at the Old Lantern in Charlotte to benefit the Enosburg Fire Victims. The LaPlatte River Bottom Boys and The Prairie Chickens—Rod Churchill, Dick Preston, Bob Harrington, Wilma Preston, Judy Humphrey, Ellie Carpenter and Mo Humphrey—sang two numbers for the real musicians. Rod Churchill is from Hinesburg.

Our Committee for our 100th Anniversary has been busy making plans. The date we have chosen is August 20. It will be a fun day with much entertainment and lots of festivities. This will be open to the public. More information will be forthcoming.

Hinesburg Community Monthly Social Potluck to Celebrate Earth Day

Thursday, April 21 is the birthday of noted conservationist John Muir and is also the day before Earth Day. If you are concerned about the state of the world, the nation and our community, please join friends and neighbors in an informal setting to enjoy food, talk and a movie.

April's movie "A Silent Forest: The Growing Threat of Genetically Engineered Trees," is narrated by world-renowned scientist Dr. David Suzuki. Nicknamed "Frankentrees," genetically engineered trees could be the greatest threat to forests and biodiversity in our times. The London Daily Telegraph stated, "Terminator trees, genetically engineered

never to flower, could ensure a silent spring in the forests of the future. Such trees will grow faster than before, but will be devoid of the bees, butterflies, birds, and squirrels which depend on pollen, seed and nectar." This will be one of the first showings of the video, which is produced by Hinesburg's Global Justice Ecology Project and California's Earthlinks, Raintancer Films and Three Americas.

After the potluck, weather permitting, we are planning a celebration for the Earth by planting a ceremonial (and not genetically engineered!) tree nearby.

This is the fourth Hinesburg Community Social Potluck held this year. The April 21 potluck will be at the Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd. in Hinesburg from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share. This is not a meeting; it's a gathering of concerned citizens!

For further information please phone Global Justice Ecology Project at 482-2689 or email info@globaljusticeecology.org.

recycle_yec@adelphia.net. The YES! 2005 organizers are currently seeking proposals for workshops and service learning activities. Those interested in presenting please contact Krista Harness at recycle_yec@adelphia.net.

Governor James Douglas Proclaims March 6-12, as Girl Scout Week

By Mary Beth Pinard-Brace

Over 120 Girl Scouts braved frigid temperatures on Wednesday, March 9, to attend Vermont Girl Scouts in Government Day in Montpelier as part of the state-wide celebration of National Girl Scout Week.

The Girl Scouts spent the day in Montpelier learning about how our Vermont legislature works and met with Governor James Douglas. Teen Girl Scouts met with Speaker of the House Gaye Symington, Secretary of State Deb Markowitz, and other legislative leaders to develop an initiative that would allow teens to shadow legislators.

Governor Douglas proclaimed March 6-12 as Girl Scout Week at a meeting of the Girl Scouts in the House Chambers.

Student Environmental Activists to Convene at "YES! 2005"

From May 20 to 22, environmentally minded high school and college students will convene at the Hulbert Outdoor Center in Fairlee for the eighth annual Youth Environmental Summit, or "YES!" The event is organized by the Youth Environmental Coalition (YEC) and the Association of Vermont Recyclers (AVR), a nonprofit group specializing in sustainability education.

YES is organized and run primarily by students, for students. This year, participants will spend a three-day weekend on Hulbert Outdoor Center's lakeside grounds, attending workshops on environmental issues and developing activism skills. High school and college students, as well as educators and activists, will lead workshops and service-learning activities. They will strive to empower youth to make their school and home lives more earth-friendly. The summit boasts a history of success: YES alumni have returned to their schools and communities to form environmental clubs, implement recycling and composting programs, and introduce local foods into school cafeterias.

Each year, the Summit's student organizers choose a theme to unify the different workshops and activities. "The theme this year is 'Earth Patriot Action,'" explained Robbie McKay, one of the summit's student organizers. "We hope the discussions at YES! will shed some light on what patriotism—loyalty to one's land—actually means. Could respect for the environment be the ultimate patriotism? Can we be patriotic toward the Earth? How does an Earth patriot act?" Summit discussions will not be limited to this theme, however.

YES! will be a forum for young people to consider a variety of issues and perspectives. "We'd like to focus on the relationships between environmental protection and social justice," said Bizzy Davis, another student organizer. "It's impossible to separate environmentalism from human rights issues."

YES! 2005 attendees will take part in lively discussions, workshops and outdoor activities. They will also have time to make music, play games, and forge new friendships, while becoming well-informed, responsible citizens of the Earth.

For more info on YEC, or to register for YES! 2005, visit AVR's website: www.vtrecyclers.org. For registration materials contact AVR's Youth Environmental Coalition Coordinator, Krista Harness, at (802)229-1833, or

Fast Forward to Fireworks

By Kristin Wahner

One of the high points of the Hinesburg Town Meeting this year was the spirited discussion surrounding fireworks funding, or lack thereof, per the prevailing vote. True, a \$7,000 proposal was rejected, but was close enough to require the only non-voice vote of the night.

Since Hinesburg cannot allocate money from its budget, who's willing to pay the estimated \$12,000 needed to put on the awesome July 4th display that was so missed in 2004? Through private fund raising efforts and donations from folks like you, we're well on our way—we've raised \$3,000 so far and it's only March.

We need you!

Register to play in the Greater Hinesburg Open at Cedar Knoll Country Club on Saturday, June 4. (See the registration form below.) The \$75 per person fee includes a round of golf, cart and a BBQ chicken dinner. All proceeds go to the fireworks fund. Don't wait until the last minute; field is limited to 144 golfers and the registration deadline is May 13.

Add to the fireworks fund using the donation form below. Special level contributors will be named in the fireworks "Thank You" pamphlet.

Tell friends and family in surrounding towns that the Hinesburg Fourth of July 2005 Fireworks celebration is back. Many residents at Town Meeting raised the point that people from all over the area enjoy our fireworks display, so it is appropriate to ask for their contribution.

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Fourth of July 2005

By Doug Mead

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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

First prize—\$300 in the scramble goes to the lucky number picked at the end of the round, making this fun event fair for everyone!

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.

One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds will go to the Hinesburg Fourth 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 ...

Please send your check, payable to Hinesburg 4th of July Fireworks Fund, and the completed form below:



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Human Hand Gallery and Studio, located in the foothills of the beautiful Champlain Valley on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, 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 who are interested but cannot 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! Contact us by phone at (802) 877-3333 or visit us on the web at www.humanhandgallery.com.

Hinesburg Artist Rae Harrell Helps Lead Shelburne Museum Show

By Anne-Marie Littenberg

Hinesburg Artist Rae Harrell is co-chairing the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild's 2005 show at Shelburne Museum: "Hooked in the Mountains X". A number of her extraordinary pieces will be on display at the Round Barn from April 15 through 24, as part of the show titled, "Let's Play." In addition, her work is featured on the cover of the newly published *Hooked Rugs Today*, by Vermonters Amy Oxford and Cynthia McAadoo.

Rae Harrell is shown here with her rug, "The Piano at Madison Square Garden," which won the Viewers' Choice award in 2004 and is featured on the cover of the newly published book, *Hooked Rugs Today*.

This year's show, titled "Let's Play," will include "The Art of Playing Cards," an international exhibit highlighting the works of 57 textile artists, including Rae. Artists were invited to design and hook rugs depicting cards from the playing deck. Rae Harrell hooked The Queen of Spades. The Playing Card Rugs have been traveling throughout the United States, and future stops for this exhibition include Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Wales, U.K.

The Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild is a volunteer-run, Vermont-based, non-profit. Its 750 members are dedicated to education about the art and craft of rug hooking. The Guild fulfills its education mission through a number of initiatives, including the annual exhibit at Shelburne Museum, and by teaching rug hooking. In addition, this coming summer, the Guild will present free copies of *Hooked Rugs Today* to every

public library in the State of Vermont. Rae Harrell's piece, "The Piano at Madison Square Garden" is featured on the cover. It won the coveted Viewers' Choice award at last year's Shelburne Museum show, and will be displayed again this April. *Hooked Rugs Today* showcases 625 rugs from the Guild's 2004 show, and includes the work of many other rug hookers from Hinesburg.

To support the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild's educational mission, a number of Vermont artists have painted game tables that will be auctioned off during this year's show. Rae's table is a charming chess board, and it comes complete with antique wooden chess pieces. Other artists whose game tables will be auctioned off include Warren Kimble of Brandon, and Susan Sargent of Manchester.

Rae has been working hard all year in preparation for the 2005 show. She and co-chair Barbara Held (of Tinmouth) have been recruiting volunteers to staff the show, painting game tables to auction off to benefit the Guild's educational initiatives, and hooking rugs for display. In addition, Rae will be teaching a three day workshop for experienced rug hookers during the show.

"Hooked In the Mountains X: Let's Play" will be on exhibit April 15 to 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. General admission is \$8, \$4 for members of the Green Mt. Rug Hooking Guild and Shelburne Museum. The exhibit is free for school trips, and for children under the age of 16. Half price off general admission for seniors on Wednesday, April 16.

Contact Anne-Marie Littenberg at (802)859-0287, or amwl@adelphia.net, for additional information. Or log onto GreenMountainRugHookingGuild.org.

Sports Hinesburg Youth Wrestlers Take to the Mat

The Hinesburg Youth Wrestling Club, formally known as the Champlain Valley Youth Wrestling Club, currently numbers eight wrestlers who have been competing around the state of Vermont.

Trever Emmons from Hinesburg finished second at Essex, third at Otter Valley, fifth at St. Johnsbury, third at Milton and seventh at Middlebury's tournament.

Stephan Fortin from Hinesburg finished third at Essex, first at Otter Valley and fifth at Middlebury.

Nick Race of Hinesburg finished fourth at Essex, second at Otter Valley, fifth at St. Johnsbury and eighth at Middlebury.

Charles Ring of St. George finished first at Essex, first at Otter Valley, first at St. Johnsbury, second at Milton, and third at Middlebury.

Will Sinkula of Williston finished second at Essex, first at Otter Valley, fifth at St. Johnsbury, third at Milton, and fifth at Middlebury.

Tim Simmons of St. George finished fourth at Essex, fourth at Otter Valley, fourth at Milton, and sixth at Middlebury.

Robert Vanderhayden of Hinesburg finished second at Essex, fifth at St. Johnsbury, and third at Milton, and eighth at Middlebury.

Sherman Wood of Williston finished second at Essex, first at Otter Valley, second at St. Johnsbury, fourth at Milton, and second at Middlebury.

All these wrestlers have been working very hard and deserve to be recognized. Their coach is Mr. Ring.

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VT Scholastic Chess Players Hit the Boards April 2

By Everett Marshall

The Camel's Hump Middle School in Richmond will host the John Balch Memorial Vermont Scholastic Chess Championships on Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with registration at 9:00 a.m.

Players compete in following divisions: each grade from kindergarten to grade six; Middle School (grades seven and eight); and High School (grades nine through 12). Trophies and ribbons are awarded to the top eight players in each division. Team plaques will be awarded in the Middle School and High School based on the top four scores from each school.

The entry fee was \$10 for registrations postmarked by March 26. Day of tournament registration fee is \$15. Please include the player's grade and school. Checks should be made to Vermont Scholastic Chess. For more information contact Everett Marshall, Tournament Director at vt_chess@gmavt.net or call (802)434-4872 (evenings).

NAMES In The NEWS

Math Counts for Christine

The 2005 Math Counts Northwest Regional Competitions were held in mid February at the University of Vermont. *Christine Piper* received Overall Honorable Mention. Christine and her team members from Hinesburg Community School competed at the State Finals on March 26.

Our Newest Residents

A baby boy, *Malcom Isaiah Hendrickson*, was born February 19 to William Hendrickson and Christine Curtis on at the Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington.

James and Allison (Coyne) Carroll are parents of a baby girl, *Aidan Jameson Carroll*, born February 21 at FAHC in Burlington.

A baby boy, *Alexander Martin Provost*, was born on March 2 to Christopher and Kelly (Martin) Provost 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.

Nichols Travels with College Choir to Europe

Allison Nichols, the daughter of Carole McCay of Hinesburg and Claude Nichols of Meadowrun Road in Williston, and a member of the Hamilton College Choir, toured with the choir in Europe in March.

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Leipzig and Wettin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Vienna, Austria; and Krakow and Warsaw, Poland. Under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb, professor of music and director of choral music at Hamilton since 1981, the choir and College Hill singers presented a selection of both sacred and secular works ranging from the Renaissance to the present day, including works by German, Czech, Austrian, Polish and American composers such as Handel, Brahms, and Ives.

Highlights of this year's tour included a performance at Thomaskirche, J. S. Bach's church in Leipzig, and participation in Catholic and Lutheran masses in Poland.

Allison, a junior majoring in biology, graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School.

The Hamilton College Choir boasts an uninterrupted tradition of fine choral singing that dates back for over a century. The choir travels regularly throughout the eastern half of the United States and has undertaken five concert tours in Europe over the last 18 years. This is the sixth European tour for the choir; the last was in Italy in 2001.

Clark Named to University of Nevada Dean's List

Melissa Clark has been named to the College of Science Dean's List for the Fall 2004 Semester at the University of Nevada at Reno. To be selected for this honor Melissa earned a GPA of 3.9. Melissa is a biology major and a 2003 graduate of CVU High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg and Donna Clark-Kelsey of Hinesburg.

Terry Named to Johnson State Dean's List

Ryan L. Terry, son of Wayne and Diane Terry of Hinesburg has been named to the Dean's list for the 2004 Fall semester at Johnson State College in Vermont. Terry is majoring in Business/Tourism Management and is a graduate of CVU.

Hinesburg Resident Elected to Howard Center Board

The Howard Center for Human Services is pleased to announce the election of Hinesburg resident Karen O'Neill to its Board of Trustees.

O'Neill has a background in government affairs, law, and organization development. She worked for Green Mountain Power for 12 years in a variety of roles. Most recently she served as Vice President, New Markets, for Green Mountain Energy Company.

Earlier O'Neill worked for the U.S. Department of Justice; the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia; and the Superior Court for D.C. Karen and her husband Bob have two children.

The Howard Center is a non-profit organization that serves more than 15,000 Vermonters each year—adults with mental illness, adults and youths with substance abuse problems, children and youth with serious behavioral and emotional difficulties, and individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities. The Howard Center is a United Way member agency.

Ruth Gelber Participates in ESPN Externship

Lafayette College senior Ruth Gelber of Hinesburg was given the opportunity to see how her aspirations to work in the field of marketing might look through an externship experience.

Gelber, a double major in anthropology/sociology and English, spent two days at ESPN in New York City shadowing John Gassner '88, director of event marketing and sales.

Gelber was among more than 200 Lafayette students who

gained first-hand knowledge of the professional world in January.

During her two days with Gassner, Gelber toured ESPN studios, met company executives, including the head of marketing, and familiarized herself with ESPN offices, said Gassner.



Ruth Gelber recently explored the field of marketing in an externship hosted by Lafayette alum John Gassner, director of event marketing and sales for ESPN, New York City. PHOTO COURTESY OF LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

Gelber, who is not quite sure what area of marketing she would like to work in, wanted to participate in the externship program to gain an understanding of the different types of marketing jobs available.

"I've always had my own notions about what I thought marketing and advertising was, but this gave me a real idea about what it is," she said. "It was great to speak to a number of people who do it for a living and get their take on what they do from day to day. It made me solidify the idea that this is what I want to do—and made me extra interested in ESPN!"

Gelber says the people she met with gave her a tremendous amount of information about the steps she would need to take to have a successful career in marketing.

"I learned that people often do internships ... and work their way up, and it kind of made me feel better about getting that dream job. It reduced the pressure to get that high-powered job right out of college," she said.

Gelber, a Trustee Scholar, is co-chair of the Cultural and Issues Committee of Lafayette Activities Forum. She is a writing associate, plays intramural bowling and soccer, belongs to Alpha Phi sorority, and works in the admissions office. She graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School in 2001. She is the daughter of James and Victoria Gelber of Hinesburg.

Selected from among Lafayette's top applicants, Trustee Scholars have distinguished themselves through exceptional academic achievement in high school. They receive from Lafayette an annual minimum scholarship of \$7,500 (totaling \$30,000 over four years) or a grant in the full amount of their demonstrated need if the need is more than \$7,500. Lafayette College is located in Easton, Pennsylvania.

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The Burlington Community Choir meets Wednesdays (Continued on the next page.)

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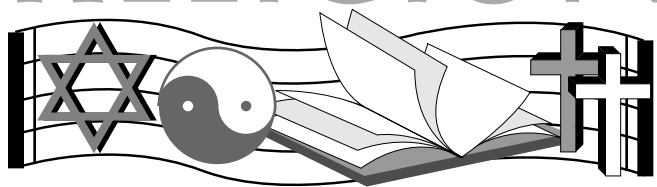
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from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community College of Vermont in Burlington. Explore a variety of music, including spirituals, traditional and contemporary folk songs, and classical melodies. No auditions required. Beginners and shower singers welcome. There will be a performance on April 29. The choir is directed by Amity Baker. Semester dues are \$45. For more information, contact Jody Albright at 865-4422.

Rice Memorial High School Spring Gala

Rice Memorial High School will have a Spring Gala honoring Robert "RJ" Noonan and the Rev. Roland Rivard; Saturday, April 9, at 6 p.m., the Sheraton Hotel. Dinner/dance, live/silent auctions. More info: 862-6521 (ext. 205), e-mail obrien@ricehs.org. Visit www.ricehs.org.

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- 24: 7:00 p.m. One Hour for God at the Parish House
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HINESBURG CALENDAR

Friday, April 1:

Hinesburg Community School presents the Broadway musical *Camelot* at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2:

April 2 edition of The Hinesburg Record published.

Friends of Families clothing giveaway, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Hinesburg Town Hall. For information, call Elly at 482-3460.

Hinesburg Community School presents the Broadway musical *Camelot* at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Sunday, April 10:

PTO Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Community School Cafeteria. Prices are \$6.00, \$1.50 for children 4-12. For information, call 482-2479 or 482-3212.

Monday, April 11:

News Deadline for April 30 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

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

Tuesday, April 12:

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's Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.
Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Wednesday, April 13:

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

Thursday, April 14:

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

Sunday, April 17:

Open House at Fire and Police Departments, 11:00 a.m. at the Fire Station and Police Headquarters.

Monday, April 18:

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

Tuesday April 19:

Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
Hinesburg Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant.

Wednesday, April 20:

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

Thursday, April 21:

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.

Friday, April 22:

Earth Day

Sunday, April 24:

Passover

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

Monday, April 25:

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

Tuesday April 26:

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's Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.

Wednesday April 27:

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

Thursday, April 28:

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

Friday, April 29:

Arbor Day

Saturday, April 30:

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Sunday, May 1:

Orthodox Easter
Ninth Annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert, 7:00 p.m., St. Jude Church.

Monday, May 2:

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, May 3:

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

Wednesday, May 4:

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

Thursday, May 5:

Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.
Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 a.m., CVU Student Center, All welcome.

Saturday, May 7:

Green Up Day, For information, call 482-2060. (See article in Town News)

Sunday, May 8:

Mother's Day

Monday, May 9:

CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.
News Deadline for May 28 issue of The Hinesburg Record.
Ad Deadline for May 28 edition of The Hinesburg Record.

Saturday, May 28:

May 28 issue 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 Weinhausen Planner.

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

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

Hinesburg Recreation Director's Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Leave a message anytime. Jennifer McQuin, 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.

Compassionate Friends: The Compassionate Friends is a support group for family members who have experienced the death of a child, sibling, or grandchild, from any cause, at any age. Meetings are held at Christ Church Presbyterian on the Redstone Campus of UVM on the third Tuesday of every month. Call 482-5319 for information.

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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